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U.S. Senators Frank Lautenberg and Barbara Boxer appeal to President Bush to continue the cleanup of Superfund sites at a press conference.

Senators Visit Cornell Dubilier to Set Precedent

By Jane Dornick

Senators Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ) and Barbara Boxer (D-CA) stood just outside the grounds of the Cornell Dubilier Electronics (CDE) site on Saturday to formally appeal to the Bush Administration, and, in particular, to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to "step up its responsibility to fully fund the Superfund program and accelerate cleanups at sites across the country."

With Mayor Charlie Butrico and Borough Council members at his side, Lautenberg said, "Our mission is to highlight these problems here and across the county. This is a great town. It's a pioneer for environmental issues, such as Hall's Warehouse with the country's largest solar energy system. Cornell Dubilier has only been a priority for nine years, but how about before we discovered the threat." He is most concerned with the two miles of sediment contamination around the site that is well above government

standards, as well as the fact that children can still access the site. "We want to know when it will be taken care of."

Lautenberg introduced a site plan calling for a fence to end all access to the site, hay bales to stop contamination from spreading, new tests for properties in the area and continued monitoring of the water. Lautenberg noted that the Republican Party failed to renew funding for the Superfund program and the money for cleanup has dried up. "The administration should fund this and the polluters should foot the bill, not the taxpayers. We need to get Superfund working again."

Boxer, who became head of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee after the Democrats gained control of Congress last fall said, "We are looking out for you," and encouraged other legislators to sign on to Lautenberg's site plan, "so we can get the attention we deserve and hold the EPA to their written promise," to clean up the Superfund sites. "I can't believe children live within one mile of this site. There are supposed to be children living in no more than four miles of a Superfund site. We will make this a priority and to the EPA, enough is enough," she concluded. Both senators signed the site plan addressed to EPA Regional Administrator Alan Steinberg to take specific steps in dealing with the access and continued contamination of the site as soon as possible.

Edison Wetlands Association environmentalist and founder Robert Spiegel thanked the senators and Mayor Butrico for "shining a spotlight on this site that has received mostly empty promises from the EPA for the last 10 years." Spiegel said, "Clearly with the estimated price tag of over

\$100 million for the cleanup, the EPA needs to be transparent with the community on where the funds will come from. If funding is truly not the issue, then the EPA needs to explain why the cleanup is moving at the speed of a glacier. Every day that Cornell Dubilier sits unremediated, the witches brew of toxic poisons continue to spread in groundwater, in the Bound Brook and in the dust and vapors emitted from the site. We are calling on the EPA to commit the significant resources necessary to get the job done instead of annually making vague excuses for the delay and setbacks. We need to make the Bound Brook safe for our children to play around and fish again, and families should not have to worry about the water they drink or the hidden dangers in the dirt where children play. It's time they start keeping that promise."

CDE was manufacturing electronic components at the 333 Hamilton Blvd. site from 1936 to 1962. PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and chlorinated solvents were used by the company and they disposed of the contaminated materials and other hazardous substances onto the facility soil which covers 26 acres. According to the EPA, PCBs have been detected in the groundwater, in the soil and in building interiors, at residential, commercial and municipal properties, and in the nearby Bound Brook. The property was declared a Superfund site by the Federal government and was added to the EPA's National Priorities List of the most serious hazardous waste sites in 1998. New Jersey is home to the largest number of Superfund sites in the country. EPA Remedial Project Manager Peter Mannino stated at a public information meeting at Borough Hall on January 18 that the first of the 18 buildings would be coming down this month.

Doc Pleads Guilty To Stealing Hand

Medical student Ahmed Rashed, 26, pled guilty on Feb. 1 to a reduced charge of third-degree theft for taking the severed hand of a cadaver, which was found in the Diana Dr. home of exotic dancer, Linda Kay, last July.

South Plainfield Police had been called to the residence on a report of a suicide attempt and found the hand in a jar of formaldehyde, along with several human skulls, during their investigation.

Kalman Geist, Rashed's attorney, said his client removed the hand in 2002 from a fully dissected cadaver that was scheduled for cremation during his first year as a medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark. Rashed frequented the strip club, Hott 22 in Union, where Kay was a dancer. Kay expressed an interest in a hand

to Geist, who gave it to her.

Rashed was a resident in the Department of Emergency Medicine at King/Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles at the time of his arrest in September. As a part of his plea bargain, he will be prohibited from seeking a license to practice medicine in New Jersey while he is on probation. Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Judson Hamlin said he will recommend five years of probation at Rashed's sentencing hearing on March 1.

A grand jury indicted Kay on a charge of receiving stolen property, which was resolved when she agreed to be enrolled in a supervision program for one year, Hamlin said. Kay's attorney, Donald DiGioia, said his client will appear in court Friday and has maintained that she is not guilty.



Lee Tran, owner of Edison Heating and Cooling, visited a Vietnamese orphanage in An Gang in December.

Business Owner Reaches Out To Help Vietnamese Orphans

By Jeanmarie Fultz

Lee Tran personally delivered 300 gift packages and "good luck money" to disabled and orphaned children and senior citizens in Vietnam this past Christmas Eve.

Tran, owner and operator of Edison Heating and Cooling in South Plainfield, along with sons Khai and Thanh Wisler and daughter Ly-Lan Wisler, visited two institutions in An Gang, a town in Vietnam located about 350 miles southwest of Saigon on the banks of the Mekong River Delta.

The children's institution houses more than 300 disabled children, some with vision and hearing impairments, half of them orphaned. The

children have no hearing aids and just one braille machine that is inoperable. The school operates with extremely limited resources, with no doctor or nurse on staff. The children each have only three sets of clothes and one pair of plastic sandals. Their daily nutrition consists of three meager meals. At night, they sleep on bamboo cots or mats.

The gift packages, purchased with money donated by Tran's employees in lieu of

their annual Christmas party, were assembled in Vietnam with items purchased from Vietnamese merchants. Each package contained instant rice noodles, cookies and candy, milk, personal hygiene products and \$4 of "good luck money."

Tran, who came to the United (Continued on page 10)

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(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 20	7 p.m.	Immediately following
March 13	7 p.m.	Immediately following

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

planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Feb. 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
Feb. 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.



Den 5 Cub Scouts of Pack 324 visited Miss Linda and Miss Mija at the South Plainfield Library to learn about recycling. The boys recycled compact discs to make decorative fish. Scouts pictured are Troy Harzula, Liam Nagel, Michael Lampasona, Caleb Kuberiet, Cody Soper, Gregory Forbes, Kevin Soper, Owen Sprigle, Shane Brophy-Knight, Douglas Veit and Zachary Wolpin. Also pictured are Olivia Brophy-Knight, Rebecca Veit and Claire Nagel and Miss Linda.

IN MY OPINION

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

Dear Editor,

I feel it necessary to make the voters of this community aware of the character and nature of their local state legislators.

About eight or nine months ago I contacted our local state legislators to try and get information on rental assistance for myself. I contacted Assemblyman Patrick Deignan's office and got a young aide on the phone and he customarily blew me off and basically told me there was nothing they could do for me!

Then I contacted Senator Barbara Buono's office and the gal who answered the phone was very polite and referred me to another girl who became very helpful and compassionate. She even went to the trouble of getting the applications from Tren-

ton and mailing them on to me. She was truly an angel, very kind and compassionate, unlike the assemblyman's staff, who were rude and condescending! I guess what they say is true: it takes a woman to get the job done!

LINDA KEHOE
SOUTH PLAINFIELD SENIOR
RESIDENCE RESIDENT

To All Business Owners,

At our request, the South Plainfield Business Association has invited Mayor Charles Buttrico to their Thursday, Feb. 15, meeting at Sherban's Diner at 9 a.m. to discuss the status of the Helen Street Project. We are urging ALL trucking companies affected by the new truck traffic route and whose best interest would be the completion of the Helen Street Project to attend this important meeting. We need repre-

sentatives from your company to show your support, ask questions and see what we can do as a united front to make sure this project continues to move forward.

So far we have been successful in garnering the support and voices of the residents of South Plainfield. We also need the support of the trucking companies and truck drivers who would benefit the most from the Helen Street Project.

Please plan on having a representative from your company attend this very important meeting. If you have any further questions you can contact the South Plainfield Observer at (908) 668-0010.

JANE DORNICK AND
DEBBIE BOYLE,
THE HELEN STREET COALITION

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Dave Street talks about his children's book at the Glitterbugs special event.

Dave Street Unveils New Children's Book For Glitterbugs At Nature Center

Children's author and performer and borough resident Dave Street unveiled his new children's book, "How The Land of Litter Became the Kingdom of Clean" at a special event hosted by the South Plainfield Glitterbugs at the Highland Woods Nature Center. Street did a reading from the book and answered questions from the audience. In attendance were Glitterbugs and friends, as well as the book's publisher, Greg Barber.

The book is about a medieval kingdom where dragons recycle and knights litter, until the dragons teach the knights about the importance of keeping the kingdom clean. The book was written as a result of Dave's experiences with the New Jersey Clean

Communities Programs. It is already scheduled to be used by various schools and programs around the state.

The book also features beautiful pictures by artist Elisabeth Chack and is printed on 100% post consumer, chlorine-free paper. The book is also listed as a resource for the state Clean Communities Program, which means that schools and libraries might be able to receive copies free of charge through their local grant programs.

At the nature center, Glitterbug members asked Dave questions about why and how he wrote the book and its content. "I've always admired the Glitterbugs," Dave said. "They really make our town proud by the way they take care of keeping it clean."

Dave is offering a "meet the author" program to schools in addition to his regular environment presentation. He was once an artist-in-residence at the Hackensack Meadows Environment Center, where he occasionally offered writing workshops with schools with environmental themes. "I'd like to do that now with students, around the theme of this book," Street explained. Teacher guides and lesson plans for the book are available online at the books website www.kingdomofclean.com.

For more information on the Glitterbugs, a children's environmental group sponsored by The Clean Community Advisory Board of South Plainfield, contact Marie Markey at (908) 755-3213.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan to Be Honored as Irishman of the Year

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Central Jersey have named Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Jr. as their Irishman of the Year for 2007.

Assemblyman Diegnan, whose parents were both born in Ireland, has represented the 18th Legislative District since 2002 and is also an attorney. Both offices are in South Plainfield.

He will be honored at a black tie

event to be held on Friday, March 9, at the Double Tree Hotel in Somerset. Tickets can be purchased from Kevin Hoagland at (732) 745-3818.

Commenting on the honor, Assemblyman Diegnan said, "To be named Irishman of the Year is truly a dream come true. I know that my mother and father will be smiling down from heaven on March 9."

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County Food Bank's Supplies Desperately Low

Officials from Middlesex County's emergency food network have issued a plea to county residents for food donations to help meet increasing demand from the county's neediest residents.

Jennifer Apostol, coordinator of M.C.E.O.D.S. (Middlesex County Food Organization and Outreach Services), said a serious supply shortage is being felt at the county food bank and at the more than 60 food pantries and soup kitchens throughout the county that are members of the county network.

"We need your help to replenish supplies and help our less fortunate neighbors," Apostol said. "Food donations tend to tail off after the holidays, but hunger doesn't."

The Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA), which operates M.C.E.O.D.S., also is asking corporations and civic and social clubs to sponsor food drives.

"M.C.E.O.D.S. collects and distributes about 115 tons of food each year, but most of the donations come during our school food drive in March, the letter carriers' drive in May and in November and December. Right now, our shelves are starting to look pretty empty," said Freeholder Blanca B. Valenti, M.C.E.O.D.S. liaison.

Nonperishable items most urgently needed include canned meats and pasta, stews, canned milk, tomato products, cereal, rice, tuna fish, vegetable, fruits, pasta, peanut butter and jelly. Personal products—such as soap, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste—and diapers and baby wipes are also in short supply.

"Our county food pantries and soup kitchens have also told us that

because of the rough economic times, they are serving more people, and they, in turn, are asking us for additional supplies," Valenti said.

Apostol said sponsoring a food drive is much easier than people may think.

"We'll provide flyers to advertise the food drive and containers for storage, and we will pick up all donations. All you have to do is encourage the people who work for your company or the members of your group to participate."

Middlesex County residents may donate canned and nonperishable food items year-round at drop-off sites which include the public libraries in Edison, Milltown, Monroe, North Brunswick, Plainsboro, South Brunswick and Woodbridge. Grocery store gift certificates are also accepted.

For more information about making a donation or sponsoring a food drive, contact M.C.E.O.D.S. at (732) 729-0880.

Environmental Commission Sets Meeting Dates

As a requirement of the Sunshine Laws (Open Public Meeting Act), the Environmental Commission's meeting dates for 2007, which take place at 8 p.m. in the conference room at Borough Hall, are as follows:

Feb. 14, Mar. 14, Apr. 11, May 9, June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12 and Jan. 9 2008.

If residents have questions they can call (908) 226-7621.

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Around Town

Knights of Columbus Italian Dinner

February 9

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual "Don't Cook on Friday" Italian Dinner on Friday, Feb. 9, at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children under 12. Dinner includes pasta, sausage, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert with coffee or tea. All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus local charities fund. Please come out, have a delicious meal and support this worthy cause.

For more information, contact Bill Butrico at (908) 561-8128.

Kennedy School Dinner and Bingo

February 9

Kennedy School will hold a scoop dinner and candy bar bingo night on Friday, Feb. 9, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.; seniors welcome 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Candy Bar Bingo starts at 7 p.m. Cost is 25 cents a scoop.

Sacred Heart Concert

February 11

The Sacred Heart Parish 2006-2007 Concert Series will present an organ recital performed by William R. Berg on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave.

Historical Society Meeting

February 13

The South Plainfield Historical Society will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Roosevelt Administration Building. Enter through "boys" entrance.

Stokes Pasta Dinner Rescheduled

February 15

A little bit of Italy in South Plainfield. Please join us for a delicious pasta dinner at Grant Elementary School on Thursday, Feb. 15. Doors open to seniors at 5 p.m.; general public from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Raffle baskets and other surprises! Seniors \$5, adults \$7, children 11 and under \$5. Dessert included; dinners to go available.

Purchase tickets in advance by calling Tree Olano at (908) 412-1757.

SP GOP Meeting

February 15

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Thursday, Feb.

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What's happening in FEBRUARY

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING EVENTS <i>Trip to Claridge in Atlantic City February 22</i> <i>"Catch Me If You Can" Hunterdon Hills Trip, March 12</i>				Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 9
12 CENTER CLOSED for Lincoln's Birthday	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am	13 Aerobics 8:45am Taj Mahal Trip 9am Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1 pm Crocheting 1 pm Tai Chi 2 pm Listening to Children 10am	14 Pathmark Shopping 9 am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 10am, 11am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	15 Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 16
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

15, at 8 p.m. at Sherban's Restaurant. All residents are invited to attend and bring their concerns and comments for a discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

AARP Defensive Driving Class

February 17 & 24 and March 15 & 22

The AARP will hold defensive driving classes on two consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 17 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Muhlenberg Hospital and on two consecutive Thursdays, March 15 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. You must attend both classes of either session to receive a three-year discount on your auto insurance. Registration is required; the cost is \$10.

To register or for more information, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Dinners

February 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church are sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners on Friday, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Dinners will be served in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria, 149 South Plainfield Ave. from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu will feature filet of fish (fried, broiled, parmesan), cheese ravioli, manicotti and linguini or pizza; fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, french fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert.

For more information please call the Parish Center at (908) 756-0633, ext. 10 or Tony Moskal at (732) 727-4841.

Actor/Writer Saverino to Speak at Library

February 25

Author Angelo Saverino will speak at the South Plainfield Library on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m.

In addition to his writing career, Saverino is also an actor with experience in film, television and theater. Saverino will speak about his life and career. Copies of his latest book, the autobiography "The Heart of the Order," will be available for purchase and signing.

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

AARP 4144 Meeting

February 26

AARP Chapter 4144 will hold their next meeting on Monday, Feb. 26, at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Maple Ave. at 12:30 p.m.

The program will be a red, white and blue review by Helen Frenick and the Hi-Steppers Dancers from the Franklin Twp. Senior Center.

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

SPHS Project Grad Auction/Raffle

March 10

The South Plainfield High School PTA will be hosting their annual auc-

tion/raffle on Saturday, March 10, in the SPHS gym. Doors open at 6 p.m. All profits will go towards Project Graduation for the Class of 2007. Tickets are \$12.

To obtain tickets, contact Sharon Miller at (908) 754-6461 or Pat Anderson at (908) 756-6512. This event has sold out in past years so please call as soon as possible to obtain your tickets. This is a great event for a very worthwhile cause. We look forward to you joining us in support of the Class of 2007.

— Out of Town —

Paper Mill Auditions

February 10

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

Middlesex East WOWs Dance

February 9

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, Feb. 9, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission is \$8 for members and \$10 for guests.

For information, call Lou at (732)

969-2228 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Basket Bingo/Raffle

February 9

Come out for an evening of fun at St. Helena's HSA on Friday, Feb. 9, for a Longaberger Basket Bingo and Raffle night. Doors open at 6 p.m.; bingo starts at 7:30 p.m. Admission \$15.

For tickets call (732) 735-2364.

Blackrose to Perform

February 10

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Connie's on Rt. 35 South in South Amboy on Saturday, Feb. 10. Visit our website at blackroserocks.com.

Philadelphia New Play Festival

February 8-18

The Philadelphia New Play Festival runs through Sunday, Feb. 18. For play descriptions, playwright bios, on-line ordering of festival passes and more, visit www.theatrealliance.org/newplayfestival. Festival passes are \$20 and provide discounts to participating theatres, restaurants and businesses.

For more information, please call (215) 413-7150.

Bible Timeline Seminar

February 10

The Diocese of Metuchen and Trenton will host "The Great Adventure Bible Timeline Seminar" on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Metlars Lane in Piscataway. Registration fee is \$45, which includes seminar materials and lunch.

Early registration is encouraged by calling (732) 562-1990, ext. 2469 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

Diocese of Metuchen White Mass

February 11

Bishop Paul G. Bootkoski will celebrate the Diocese of Metuchen's Annual White Mass, honoring health care professionals, on Sunday, Feb. 11, at noon at St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen. All involved in health care are invited to attend.

Immediately following the Mass, there will be light refreshments and a presentation on End-of-Life Health Care Decisions, lead by Fr. Tad.

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12 O'Clock Club Luncheon

February 13

The 12 O'Clock Club at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains is holding a luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from noon to 2 p.m. Enjoy lunch and hear the dynamic speaker, The Rev. Fletcher Harper. Reservations required by Feb. 9. Luncheon cost is \$5.

To make reservations, call the church office at (908) 232-5678, e-mail us at info@willowgrovechurch.org or visit www.willowgrovechurch.org.

Rutgers Free Lecture

February 13

Edward W. Brooke (R-Mass.), the first African-American elected to the U.S. Senate (1967-1979) and author of "Bridging the Divide: My Life," will be at a reception and book signing on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 4:30 p.m. at Eagleton Institute of Politics in New Brunswick. Free to the public.

RSVP to (732) 932-9384, ext. 331 or email eagleton.events@rutgers.edu.

Edison Valley Presents Glengarry

February 16

Glengarry Glen Ross begins on Friday, Feb. 16, and runs until Sunday, March 11, at Edison Valley Playhouse on 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 information go to www.evplayhouse.com or call (908) 755-4654.

Willow Grove Mardi Gras Jazz Worship

February 18

Willow Grove Church in Scotch Plains invites you to Mardi Gras jazz worship service and brunch on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 10:30 a.m. Reservations by Feb. 15.

Please call the church office at (908) 232-5678, email info@willowgrovechurch.org.

Art Exhibit

February 18-March 16

The Arts Guild of Rahway presents "Out of the East: Recent Artworks Inspired by the Culture and Imagery of the Near and Far East" from Feb. 18 through March 16. A reception with the artists, open to the general public, will be held on Sunday, Feb. 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served.

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

Ostomy Association Meeting

February 20

The Somerset County Ostomy Association will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at Somerset Medical Center, Conference Rooms C&D. No fee; no pre-registration is required. Refreshments will be served.

For information call Ed Wheeler at (908) 534-7897. To learn more about the UOAA, call 1-800-826-0826 or visit www.uoaa.org.

Jazz Series

February 23

The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St. in Rahway presents jazz trumpet player James Gibbs III on Friday, Feb. 23, at 8 p.m. Tickets \$14 in advance, \$16 at door.

Call (732) 381-7511 or email artsguild1670@verizon.net.

Charity Ball/Center For Hope Hospice

February 24

Center For Hope Hospice and Palliative Care will host its 21st annual Charity Ball on Saturday, Feb. 24, at L'Affaire on Rt. 22 East in Mountainside from 7:30 p.m. to midnight. The Center's mission is to provide terminally ill patients with the natural, humane care known as hospice.

Cost is \$75 which includes full course dinner, wine, beer, soda and dancing to the David Aaron Orchestra.

For tickets or information, call (908) 889-7780.

Winter Art Workshop

February 24-March 10

Registration is now open for three winter art workshops at the Arts Guild of Rahway: Printmaking 101 Workshop: Making Multiples (Saturday, Feb. 24, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.); Encaustic Workshop II: More Advanced Techniques (Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.); and Image Transfer Workshop (Saturday, March 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.).

Fees for the workshops vary; please call (732) 381-7511 for more information.

Auditions, Bucks County Playhouse

February 24

Adult auditions (18+) at the Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. will be held on Saturday, Feb. 24.

This is an open audition; no appointments will be taken and auditions held on a first come, first served basis. Sign-up for an audition time slot in person. Men 10 a.m.; women 1 p.m. All roles are paid positions. Bring a headshot and resume. Be prepared to dance, and sing a 16-bar vocal selection from *Godspell*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, *West Side Story*, *Crazy for You*, *42nd Street*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie* or *Pippin*. An accompanist will be provided; bring sheet music. Do not bring tapes or CDs.

Adoption Support

February 26

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 26, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit their Web site at www.wapc.net.



Special Education Middle School teacher Barbara Jewkes gets her tenure certificate from Principal Steve Novak.

Area Churches to Hold Lenten Worship/Workshops

The Association of South Plainfield Churches, which is comprised of Sacred Heart Parish, First Baptist, Nativity BVM Orthodox, Pilgrim Covenant, Rescue House of Prayer, St. Stephen Lutheran and Wesley United Methodist, is sponsoring a series of Lenten Worship/Workshops about developing your spiritual life. Each church will bring a topic from their tradition to share with the Christian community of South Plainfield. Each gathering will be held Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m., followed by a time of fellowship, conversation and light refreshments.

Worship/Workshops will be held at

the following locations:

February 28: St. Stephen Lutheran Church-Lutheran Hymnody (Hymns and Music).

March 7: First Baptist Church-Scripture Study.

March 14: Pilgrim Covenant Church-Small Group Discipleship.

March 21: Wesley United Methodist Church-Social Action as Spirituality.

March 28: Rescue House of Prayer-Prayer: Your Connection to God.

April 4: Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church-Praying the Scriptural Rosary.

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center Accepting Applications

The Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, Inc., located on Park Ave., is now accepting applications for the 2007-2008 school year. The Learning Center, a state certified school serving the community since 1971, offers programs for children ages two

and a half to six years of age. Programs include both full and part time classes, kindergarten enrichment and summer camp.

For further information and to schedule a tour of the school, please call Gina Birath at (908) 756-4879.



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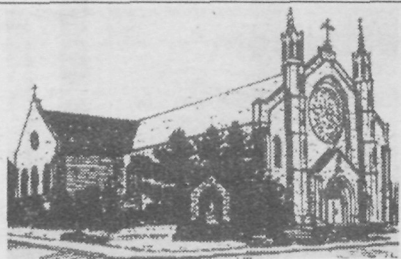
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Members of Sacred Heart Parish attended the Walk for Life in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 22. Pictured are center (L) Virginia Palmer; (C) Sharon Figuerado; (R) Rev. Andrew Wieliczko and other Sacred Heart parishioners.

Recycling Center Closed for Lincoln's Birthday, Presidents' Day

The South Plainfield Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 13, for Lincoln's Birthday. Recycling will be open instead from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 14. Both the Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10.

The complex will also be closed on Tuesday, Feb. 20, for the Presidents' Day holiday weekend, and open instead from noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 21.

Regular Recycling Drop-off Center hours are 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Regular winter Yard Waste hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

2007 Yard Waste Decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall Monday through Friday. Bring the registration of the vehicle you plan to use.

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

SPHS Genocide Studies Class to Air on NJN-TV

On Monday, Feb. 12, at 6:30 p.m., NJN Public Television's program Classroom Closeup N.J. will air the visit of Abdelbagy Abushanab of the Darfur Rehabilitation Project discussing the Darfur humanitarian crisis with Fran Flannery's South Plainfield High School's Genocide Studies class. (See the Dec. 22, 2006 *Observer*.) The class was held on Dec. 11 and also included Dr. Paul Winkler, executive director of N.J. Holocaust Education Commission; Blanche Foster, acting executive director, Darfur Rehabilitation Project. The program will also be aired on Feb. 17 and March 19 and 24.

Classroom Closeup N.J. is a seven-time Emmy winning show produced by the New Jersey Education Association and NJN Public Television.

Knights to Hold Annual Lenten Fish Dinners

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Church are sponsoring the annual Lenten Fish Dinners on Friday, Feb. 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Dinners will be served in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria, 5 to 7 p.m.

Menu features filet of fish (fried, broiled, parmesan), cheese ravioli, manicotti and linguini or pizza, fresh garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries or macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea, or cold drink, plus dessert.

For information call the Parish Center, (908) 756-0633, ext. 10 or Tony Moskal at (732) 727-4841.



South Plainfield Middle School students celebrate Dress-Up Day as a part of School Spirit Week from Jan. 29 through Feb. 2.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

February is a short month with a number of holidays. The library will be closed on Monday, Feb. 12, for Lincoln's Birthday. The library will be open on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Another of the February holidays is Valentine's Day on Feb. 14. That means love and romance, flowers and candy, and time spent with the ones you love. If you enjoy that feeling all year round, you may be a reader of romance novels. The romance novel gives readers a world of passion where women love their independence as much as their men. But can romance, independence and men go together? Yes! in fiction. 93% of romance readers are women. \$1.2 billion dollars are spent on romance books each year.

Romance fiction is 54.9% of all popular mass-market fiction sold and 39.3% of all fiction sold. We invite you to spend some time perusing the South Plainfield Public Library's collection of romance books—hardcover, paperback, books on cassette/CD. It is great fun to surf the Internet checking out the Web sites of your favorite authors or looking for books by a new author. Some web sites to look at are: www.RomanceEverAfter.com, www.RomanticTimes.com, www.RWAnational.com and www.WriterSpace.com.

The library has a new self-check out machine to check out your library books. DVDs, videocassettes, books on tape and some books on CD must still be checked out at the circulation desk because of the security cases. Come in and try it out. We will be happy to assist you if you need help.

The library needs a few physically fit volunteers to shelf read and straighten up the book shelves. Each volunteer is assigned a section to keep tidy and in order. This needs to be done on a regular basis at the convenience of the volunteer. We will teach each volunteer how to "read the shelves" and other things to look for when straightening up. If you are interested, please call the library at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Sunnie.

Children's programs will be held as usual the week of Feb. 12, except for Monday because the library will be closed. Stop by and pick up a calendar of events or check the library's Web site (www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) for what is happening at the library all month long.

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Students Celebrate Diversity at Annual Multicultural Program



Roosevelt Elementary School students participated in the school's annual multicultural program on Jan. 30.

Each year the students enjoy sharing their own cultures and learning about those of their classmates. The program culminates a month-long course of studies created by the staff to foster cultural understanding. The students studied an assigned continent with their classroom teachers and with special area teachers.

Student works on display included masks, didgeridoos, maps, compositions and artwork.

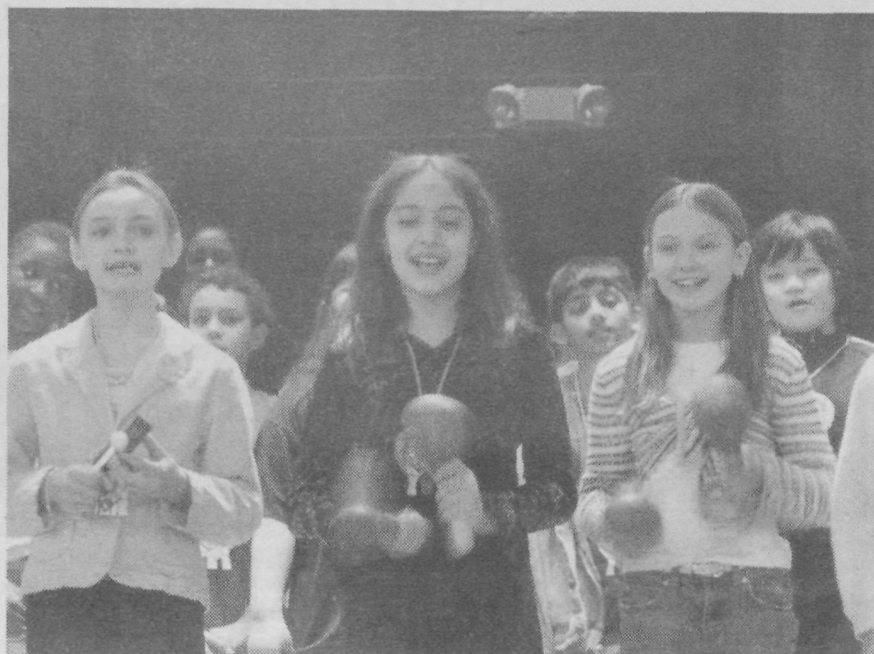
The assembly program opened with costumed Irish dancers Bridget Simpson and Kelly Simpson dancing the reel.

Bruna Duarte, Zoila Fuentes, Hao Yang and Sergey Bazuev greeted students and guests in Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese and Russian.

The program continued with the singing of songs from the continents studied. Some songs were accompanied by instruments, dancing and sign language.

The third grade concluded the program by leading the singing of the school song, "We are Roosevelt's Children."

The program was narrated by members of the Roosevelt Elementary School Student Council.



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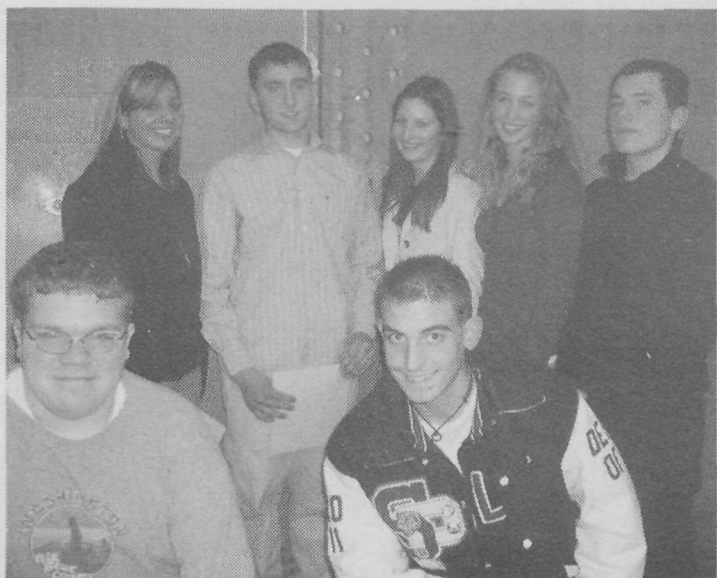
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Andrew Ohriska Leporino, Chris Pennisi, Charley Decker, Nicole Freitas, Samantha Corelyn and Mike Boyle representing the 56 students who made calls for pledges to the South Plainfield Education Foundation Telethon in December 2006 for funds to support scholarships and school activities.

BOE Extends Suspension Of Middle School Student

At an executive session on Jan. 30, South Plainfield Board of Education members unanimously voted to pass a resolution extending the suspension of one of the Middle School students involved with a gun replica found in a school locker.

School administrators seized the gun on Jan. 19 after witnessing suspicious activity around a particular student's locker and called police.

As a result, six students received 10 day out-of-school suspensions. Any student that had knowledge of the fake gun being on school property were suspended, including the student in possession of the gun. Principal Steve Novak said, "This is an isolated incident. At the Middle School, we stress the moral and legal responsibility students have to report any unusual be-

havior, even anonymously." Moral responsibility was stressed when Novak spoke to the 625 students to explain some of the facts of the incident. Information was given to students to take home to parents in writing.

Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado would not confirm whether the student in question is the same boy police believe brought the replica gun to school, but said the student is one of those involved in the incident. The student will receive an out-of-school suspension with home instruction through Feb. 28 and in-school suspension until March 30. For the next two months, the student is not allowed on school property and cannot attend any school functions.

Police also declined to comment on which child the BOE had discussed.



Mike Schroeder, third grader, with teacher Lara Kensey and Principal Althea Bowman-Williams.

Schroeder Named Junior Journalist

Michael Schroeder, Franklin School third 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.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Thank you to New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg, Senator Barbara Boxer (D-California), Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Charlie Butrico and the entire Borough Council for continuing to demand that the Federal Government clean up Superfund sites in New Jersey and beyond.

In a recent interview Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-New York) discussed a book he has written entitled, "Positively American." He speaks about bills that have been introduced in the Senate calling for college tuition to be fully deductible on income tax returns. Once again, property tax reform comes into play, with reference to the Abbott districts and the need for funding reform. Please contact your senators and voice your support on these proposed bills by logging on the school website, spnet.k12.nj.us.

Absentee ballot applications for the upcoming BOE elections, including the budget vote in April, are available at the Borough Clerk's office or the County Clerk's office. Voters must be registered to apply for an absentee ballot. Once you apply for an absentee ballot, you will not be permitted to vote at your polling place in the same election. The application must be received by the county clerk no later than seven days prior to the election, unless you apply in person. For

further information, contact the County Clerk's office at (732) 745-4202.

Thank you to Kevin Hughes for his efforts to make South Plainfield a better town to live in for our residents and our children. We are so fortunate to have him as our recreation director, and in no way are the actions of a few coaches any reflection on him. He has our support in all his endeavors. Spectators should continue to support and encourage all our children. There is no place for anyone to "boo" a child when they score, applaud a child when they miss a shot, or use profanity against anyone, especially a child.

The Middle School will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 13, from 3 to 8 p.m.

The Sacred Heart School Athletic Association will be hosting a pasta dinner on Feb. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The cost for the dinner will be \$10 for adults, \$7 for senior citizens and \$5 for children 12 and under. The fundraiser will support various activities for the school. For further information, please contact Lori Whittaker.

The Grant Elementary Stokes Pasta Dinner Fundraiser will take place on Thursday, Feb. 15, in the cafeteria at the school. Thanks to Linda Lanza

for all her efforts in chairing the original dinner. Please watch for the flyers that were sent home in student's backpack. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, contact Tree Olano or Angel Jazikoff. Baked goods are requested from the fifth grade parents and the hospitality bakers. Thanks to Michael (Shotman) Lanza for the donation of placemats.

Thank you to Donald D. Stewart, South Plainfield resident, for the donation of an exer-cycle to South Plainfield High School. The donation is greatly appreciated.

Donna Teller, our thoughts and prayers are with you, your husband and your entire family.

Surveys have been distributed to students requesting input on the subject of a high school swim team. Please return these surveys ASAP to homeroom teachers so that the information may be compiled.

The SPHS Booster Club used clothing drive to benefit the indoor SPHS bleachers will take place on Saturday, Feb. 24, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Roma Foods truck will be parked in the Grant Elementary School parking lot, circle side. The clothing drive, which took place last November to benefit the Jost Field ticket booth, netted \$736. Please support the fundraiser.

The SPHS PTA Project Gradua-

tion auction will take place on March 10. Project Graduation is held in June on the night of graduation each year for all graduating seniors. It is held at The Club at Ricochet from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. and promotes a fun-filled, substance- and alcohol-free evening. The evening is chaperoned by the local police department, fitness center employees and parents. A phone-a-thon fundraiser was held in January. Without the generous donations, Project Graduation would not be possible. Help the PTA to keep graduates off the streets on one of the most important nights of their lives.

Congratulations to the participants of the District Music Festival, held at the middle school last Saturday and the South Plainfield Wrestling Club tournament, both drawing large crowds.

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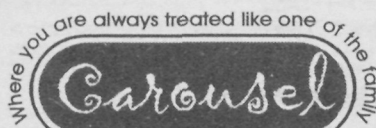
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#1 **I Can Build**
By Michael Schroeder

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I can build.
When I was three,
I had blocks;
I can build.
When I was six,
I had puzzles;
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I have two eyes,
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I can create,
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**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on **February 20, 2007 at 10:00 A.M.** prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

KITCHEN RENOVATIONS AT POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE BUILDING

Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerks office in the municipal building at the above address during

regular business hours 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check to bid bond payable to the **BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD** in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment of Public Works N.J.S.A. 10:2, EOE, ADA.

Vincent Buttiglieri,
Municipal Clerk

\$43.70

February 9, 2007

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No 1775

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

Ordinance #1775 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING FULL FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR ALL CANDIDATES FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1775

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE BY CANDIDATES FOR BOROUGH COUNCIL IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

WHEREAS full disclosure is an essential element of campaign finance reform within the State of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS under existing New Jersey law public officials including elected official are required to annually file a financial disclosure statement on a form prepared by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council believe that the citizens should be informed of a candidates sources of income and business relationships before he or she is elected to the South Plainfield governing body.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that

1. Any candidate for election to the South Plainfield Borough Council or for the office

of Mayor of South Plainfield, shall file the same financial disclosure statement required of elected officials prescribed by the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey before the 20th day following the last day for filing a petition to appear on the ballot for that office.

2. The statement must be filed with the Municipal Clerk

3. The financial disclosure forms will be forwarded to the candidate by the Municipal Clerk within three (3) calendar days of the filing deadline for candidates

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$83.60

February 9, 2007

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No 1774

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

Ordinance #1774 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1774

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATIONS OF THE OPERATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. That the intersection of Durham Avenue/New Durham Road shall be controlled by a Traffic Control Signal in accordance with the plan bearing the date of February 2007.

Section 2. That the Traffic Signal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and the New Jersey Administrative Code, and SHALL BE OPERATED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE DESIGNATED PLAN.

Section 3. That all prior ordinances or resolutions or portions thereof of the Borough of South Plainfield inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law and upon the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

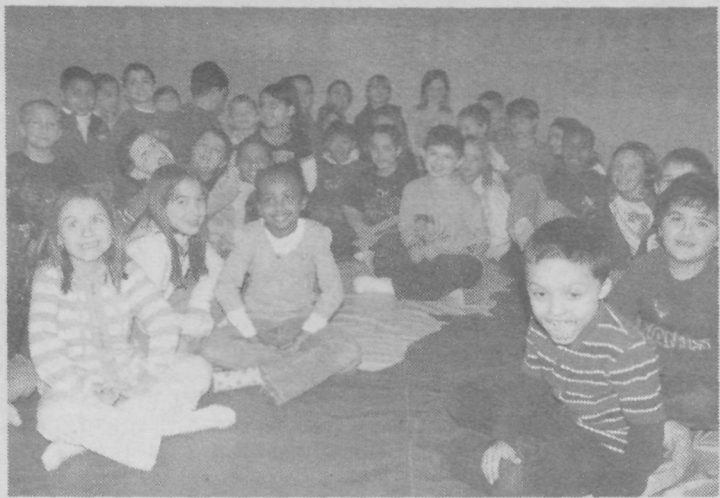
Section 5. That if any clause, section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 6. When the ordinance is finally adopted, the Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield is to send a certified copy to Douglas R. Bartlett, manager, Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Investigations, NJ Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 613, Trenton, NJ 08625-0613

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$87.40

February 9, 2007



Kennedy second graders sit inside the giant inflatable Earth Dome learning about our planet.

Kennedy Students Take a Trip Inside an Earth Balloon

By Jane Dernick

Kennedy Elementary School students gained a new perspective of our planet by visiting it inside and out at an assembly presented by Mobile Ed Productions.

The Earth Balloon, a 22-foot diameter by 19-foot high globe, is a series of photographs of the surface of the world shot from satellites on cloud free days. It is constructed from 24 panels of fire resistant dacron material. Each panel represents one of the time zones that make up the 24 hours

of each day.

Presenter Tom Barry guided students through a display of different phenomena found on Earth, including volcanic eruptions, tornadoes and lightning bolts. He also pointed out the continents, oceans, mountains, rivers, time zones, latitude, longitude, geology and plate tectonics of the planet. Even major cities in comparison to the total earth was explained. The students couldn't wait to step inside the Earth for some exciting lessons on how our planet works from places we cannot see.

Deadline to File School Board Candidacy Nominating Petitions is Approaching

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 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily. Published by the New Jersey School Boards Association, 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

Business Reaches Out to Vietnamese Orphans

(Continued from page 1)

States in 1975 and settled in South Plainfield with eight other family members, recalled that fateful day her family had the chance to escape. "I was a young woman at the time. My husband was a medical doctor, and when it was time to run, he stayed behind with his patients to take care of the sick and injured. I had to go. I had to leave him behind." Tran's family was on one of the last airlifts out of Saigon and Tran never saw her husband again. In 1980, she remarried and eventually had three children. She attended Middlesex County College to study computer science, and went on to work for Pharmacia and Midland Ross, a manufacturer of commercial HVAC equipment. Prior to purchasing Edison Heating and Cooling two years ago, Tran opened an engineering company, providing engineering and facility maintenance services for the federal government. The only woman-owned and operated heating and cooling company in New Jersey, Tran is proud of turning a \$2.5 million deficit into a \$2.6 million order backlog.

Instrumental in helping the family settle in South Plainfield was retired Lutheran Pastor Charles Mingle, along with four local Lutheran churches. Tran's family was the first Vietnamese family to settle in South Plainfield.

"I'm a real Jersey girl," Tran said, proud of her American citizenship and



Edison Heating and Cooling employees voluntarily gave up their Christmas party in favor of helping Vietnamese children.

her life in New Jersey. Yet, she never forgot where she came from, and has visited Vietnam four times in recent years. "Five million [people] from my generation are gone," Tran said, referring to the death toll in her country during the war.

Edison Heating and Cooling is currently raising money to purchase a new braille machine which will cost approximately \$7,000, and hearing aids to send to the orphanage for these children. Donations can be sent to Lee Dung Tran, Edison Heating and Cooling, 149 McKinley Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. She can be reached at (908) 753-1777, 107C.



Lee Tran runs the only woman-owned and operated heating and cooling company in New Jersey.

Tax Preparation Assistance For Seniors Scheduled

The AARP Tax-Aid program will be offered at the South Plainfield Senior Center beginning on Feb. 13, and will operate every Tuesday and Thursday from 1 to 4 p.m. through April 12. The AARP Tax-Aid program was created to meet this need and to help low- and middle-income taxpayers prepare and file their income tax returns with the IRS, free of charge. Trained and cer-

tified volunteers will prepare your federal tax return.

No appointments are needed. Assistance will be given on a first come-first serve basis. Simply bring all your tax related documents and receipts with you and a certified volunteer will prepare your tax return with you.

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

Republican Organization Mtg. Feb. 15

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. at Sherban's Restau-

rant. All residents are invited to attend and bring their concerns and comments for a discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1767

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

Ordinance #1767 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SPILLING, DUMPING OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN STORMWATER INTO THE STORM SEWER SYSTEM, AS REQUIRED BY THE NJDEP was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1767

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE SPILLING, DUMPING, OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN STORMWATER TO THE MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO COMPLY.

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit the spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operated by the Borough of South Plainfield, so as to protect health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

a. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) - a conveyance or system of

conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Borough of South Plainfield or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. "MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources."

b. Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

c. Stormwater - water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Borough of South Plainfield is prohibited. The spilling, dumping, or disposal of materials other than stormwater in such a manner as to cause the discharge of pollutants to the municipal separate storm sewer system is also prohibited.

SECTION IV. Exceptions to Prohibition:

- Water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources
- Uncontaminated ground water (e.g., infiltration, crawl space or basement sump pumps, foundation or footing drains, rising ground waters)
- Air conditioning condensate (excluding contact and non-contact cooling water)
- Irrigation water (including landscape and lawn watering runoff)
- Flows from springs, riparian habitats and wetlands, water reservoir discharges and diverted stream flows
- Residential car washing water, and residential swimming pool discharges
- Sidewalk, driveway and street wash water

h. Flows from fire fighting activities

i. Flows from rinsing of the following equipment with clean water:

- Beach maintenance equipment immediately following their use for their intended purposes; and
- Equipment used in the application of salt and de-icing materials immediately following salt and de-icing material applications. Prior to rinsing with clean water, all residual salt and de-icing materials must be removed from equipment and vehicles to the maximum extent practicable using dry cleaning methods (e.g., shoveling and sweeping). Recovered materials are to be returned to storage for reuse or properly discarded.

Rising of equipment, as noted in the above situation is limited to exterior, undercarriage, and exposed parts and does not apply to engines or other enclosed machinery.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department, the Local Board of Health, and Code Enforcement of the Borough of South Plainfield.

SECTION VI. Penalties:

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance, after being duly notified, shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00.

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$190.00

February 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1764

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

Ordinance #1764 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 308, LOT 4 TO SANDRA ERB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,300.00 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$27.30

February 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1765

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

Ordinance #1765 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FEES FOR THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL FOR THE YEAR 2007 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, February 6, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$27.30

February 9, 2007

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Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

33rd South Plainfield Invitational Tournament

The SPHS wrestlers did an outstanding job this past weekend at the 33rd Annual South Plainfield Invitational Wrestling Tournament, which is one of the oldest tournaments in the state of New Jersey. Wrestlers come from as far as Connecticut and Pennsylvania to test their skills against New Jersey's best youth wrestlers.

South Plainfield had 50 wrestlers place in the top four in four different divisions. Close to 700 matches were wrestled, with South Plainfield claiming 14 individual championships.

Winning titles for South Plainfield in the Pee Wee division were Joseph Heilmann 48, Brenden Hedden 51 and Ryan Boetcler 57. Second place went to David Loniewski 42, Joey Sacco 45, and Zach Delvecchio HWT. Third place winners were Milce

Marrero 51 and Eric Akpan 57. Fourth place winners Thomas Fierro 45 and Chris Born 51.

In the Bantam division, first place went to Desmond Santos 62 and Dan Hedden 69. Second place went to Jake Hoffman 53, William McLaughlin 62, George Pittenger 69 and Chris Gonzolez 86. Third place winners are Jacob Painton 49, Joe Penyak 59 and Ben Lundy 86. Fourth place went to Jake Smith 49, Rick Pellegrino 53; Dillion Harris 76 and Dion Pender 86.

In the Midget division, Ryan Walsh 61 and Ray Jazikoff 85 each won titles, while Max Rohrer 58 took third and Chris Maszizak 81 placed fourth.

In the Junior division, Anthony Ashnault 75, Troy Heilmann 85, Scott Whalen 90, Corey Stascenko 95 and Alex Lundy 135, all won titles,

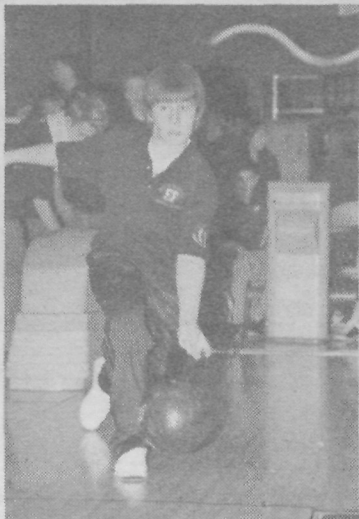
while Nick Graves 90, Antunee Adams 95, Steven Vincent 100 and Dan Bori 135 finished in second place. Third place winners were Joe Jakubik 70 and Kyle Brady 75. Fourth place went to Troy Davisson 65, Joe Pellegrino 75, Dylan Painton 80 and Randy Hurst 125.

The Intermediate division had two champions in Tyler Hunt 85 and Ryan Billich 132. Second place winners where Jeff Conroy 114 and Billy Whitefleet Hwt. Fourth place went to Kyle Pompilio 107, Randy Jakubik 114, Baciho Alverado 132 and Eric Niemeyer 160.

The future of South Plainfield wrestling looks very promising with a nice blend of good wrestlers from the top to bottom in all the weight classes. Congratulations to all the wrestlers and coaches for a job well done.

SPHS BOWLING

By Ralph Fech



Freshman Dylan Papa fired games of 187 and 183 for the Tigers in a close loss to tough South Brunswick.



Sophomore Gina Curcio bowled a high game of 190 and 496 set as the Lady Tigers edged Cardinal McCarrick.

Dandola Breaks School Record; Tigers Tumble to Cardinal McCarrick

SPHS	988	1,059	979-3,026
Cardinal McCarrick	1,058	1,080	1,011-3,149

Mike Dandola set a school record yesterday as he scorched the lanes firing games of 247-276-227 for an eye-popping 750 set, breaking the old record of 744 set by Bill Panewicz in 1991. Teammates Chris Esposito 244 and 628 set, Rob Parillo 226 and 624 set and Ryan Pauls 225-620 set helped the Tigers go over the 3,000 pin mark, but to no avail as the Tigers ran into a sizzling Cardinal McCarrick squad that posted a three game sweep.

Lady Tigers Squeeze by Cardinal McCarrick... Improve to 11-6-1

SPHS	755	741	802-2,318
Cardinal McCarrick	695	745	802-2,245

Gina Curcio led the girls bowling team to its eleventh win as they squeezed out a victory over Cardinal McCarrick in a see-saw battle. Gina rolled games of 190 and 173 for a 496 set. Katie Yon shot 188 and 472 set, Jackie Kukuch posted a solid 479 and Lyndsey Murtagh a 455 set. Also chipping in were Katie Salvatore with a 155 game and Jessica Vasquez, who bowled a 146.

Tigers Shut Out South Brunswick and Bishop Ahr

The South Plainfield High School Varsity Wrestling Team concluded their dual meet season with two shutout victories over division rivals South

Brunswick 77-0 and next door rivals Bishop Ahr 73-0. The Tigers are currently 19-4 and ranked number two in the State of New Jersey and ranked number one in Middlesex County and number one in Group II.

The Tigers are looking to win their third straight group title when sectional action starts on Tuesday with the Tigers facing the winner of JFK of Iselin and Long Branch. The finals will be held on Thursday when the Tigers will face off for the sectional title with either Del Val or Raritan.

Just some trivia for you-it's the first time in school history that the high school wrestling team had two shutouts in the same year and the first time in school history they had shutouts back to back.

Knights Free Throw Challenge Held

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held their annual Knights Basketball Free-Throw Challenge on Jan. 20, in the Sacred Heart gymnasium. This event was held for youths from the ages of 10 through 14. The object of the contest was the child who made the most free-throws from 15 attempts wins in that age category. The winners listed below now move on to the district level competition in February in Sayreville.

The Knights would like to thank every child who participated in this event. Your participation made this

youth event a great success for the Knights of Columbus. Special thanks to member John LoBosco and his team for running this event with great success.

The 2007 Knights of Columbus Basketball Free-Throw Challenge winners are: 10-year-old boy, Michael Polizzano; 11-year-old boy, Justin Marks; 12-year-old boy, Erick Colonnello; 13-year-old boy, Ryan Riccardi; 14-year-old boy, Jayson Bolton; 10-year-old girl, Evelyn Dziedzic; 11-year-old girl, Kaileigh Wright and 13-year-old girl, Alexis Cargill.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1770

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1770 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN NO PARKING ZONES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1770

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1095A ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN NO PARKING ZONES FOR MOTOR VEHICLES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD."
BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that:
SECTION 1. is hereby amended as follows:
Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40:48-2.46, person shall park a motor vehicle at any time within 30 feet of any commercial store structure, or in any area so designated as a Fire Zone, with appropriate signs posted known as:
1000 Corporate Court
116 - 136 Durham Avenue
6200 Hadley Road
7000 Hadley Road
4900 - 5000 Hadley Center Drive
2601 Hamilton Boulevard
2989 Hamilton Boulevard
3100 Hamilton Boulevard
101 New World Way
205 New World Way
4701 Stelton Road
4901 - 4999 Stelton Road
Park Avenue/Oak Tree Avenue
(Oak Park Commons)
All other provisions of Ordinance #1095A shall remain in full force and effect.
This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk
\$70.30 February 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1772

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1772 entitled: A CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$55,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1772

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$55,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:
Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Groundmaster	\$ 15,000.00
Vehicle for Building Department	22,000.00
Boiler for the Recreation Department	15,000.00
Audio Equipment	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 55,000.00

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.
Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:
A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$55,000.00.
B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by the Capital Improvement Fund
C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.
Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$1,000.00.
Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk
\$117.80 February 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1773

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1773 entitled: A SEWER UTILITY CAPITAL ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,000 FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

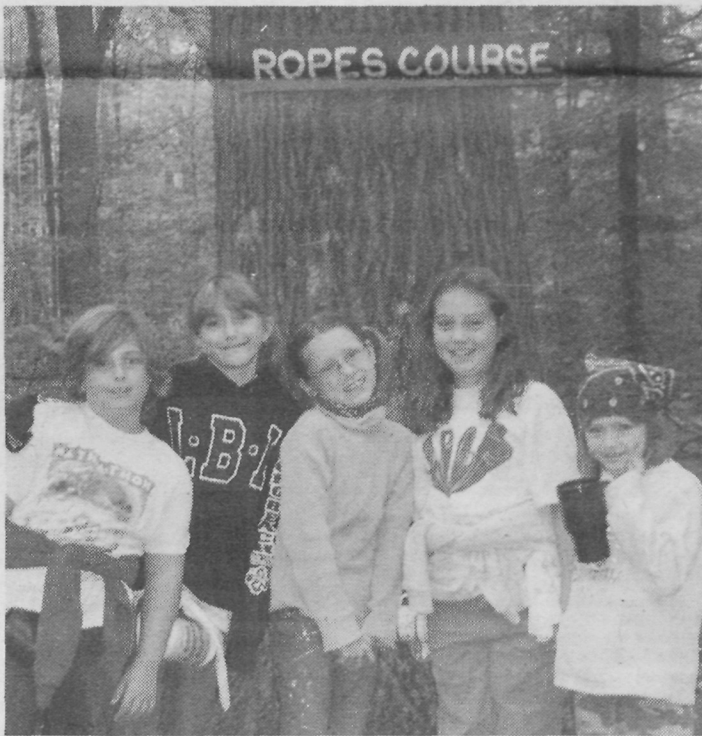
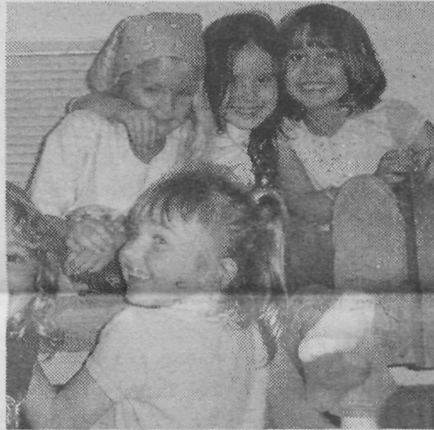
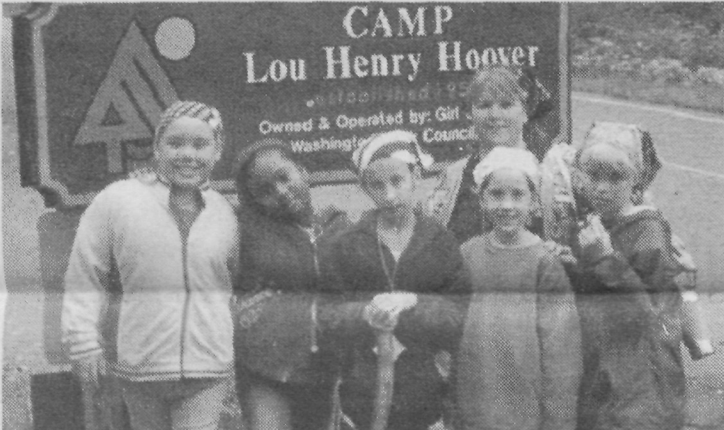
ORDINANCE NO. 1773

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,000.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY EQUIPMENT WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:
Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Purchase of a Truck	\$ 40,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 40,000.00

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.
Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:
A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$40,000.00.
B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by the Sewer Utility Capital Improvement Fund
C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.
Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$1,000.00.
Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk
\$117.80 February 9, 2007

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What's Up with Girl Scouts? Encampment!

Juliette Low, the founder of Girl Scouts, realized in her time that the out-of-doors was a fine place to learn self reliance and interdependence. Among its many goals, the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community (SPGSC) strives to provide: an enjoyable learning experience for girls of all levels; an opportunity to interact in an outdoor setting with the help of parents, dads as well as moms, and all leaders; and to encourage future camping experiences.

Last September, the SPGSC enjoyed Encampment 2006, where approximately 175 girls of all ages and 75 adult volunteers traveled to Camp Hoover for either the weekend or just a day of fun activities. New friendships were made and old friendships re-kindled.

Camp Lou Henry Hoover, owned by the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock, is a 340-acre camp in Middletown in Sussex County. The land offers a wide variety of natural terrain and habitats to explore including frontage on Swartswood Lake.

The camp offers many fun-filled activities and equipment for all seasons, including hiking trails, a sports field, a team building/challenge low ropes course, campfire settings and wintertime activities. The lakefront offers swimming, fishing, sunbathing, canoeing, rowboating and funyaking. In addition, the girls were offered a variety of other activities, including horseback riding, yoga, outdoor cooking, ice cream making and crafts. Accommodations range from modern indoor living to tent pitching.

A huge thanks goes out to the following members of the SPGSC Encampment Committee who worked diligently for many months to provide a fun and educational experience for the girls: Jane Becker, Michelle Biggs, Michele Billich, Madeline Christilles, Diane Conroy, Jeanne Gruver, Kathy Hoagland, Linda Kelly, Stacie Marish, Jenn Otlowski, Mary Otlowski, Joanne Otlowski, Carolyn Parisi, Angela Prybella, Nancy Regan and all the leaders and parents who attended and helped out. Thank you to the many volunteers, some of whom do not have a girl in scouting, who spent countless hours making this a memorable event for the girls.

It's not too late to join us! We love camping, but we are about so much more! New girls are always welcome. Adults, consider joining us as adult volunteers. No girl scout required!

South Plainfield is one of 24 communities proudly served by Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc. Founded in 1957, GSWRC provides the optimal girl scout experience to nearly 11,000 girls and adults. For more information, please call (908) 232-3236 or log on to www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1766

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

Ordinance #1766 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE, AS REQUIRED BY THE NJDEP was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1766

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to establish requirements for the proper disposal of pet solid waste in the Borough of South Plainfield, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the

meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- Immediate - shall mean that the pet solid waste is removed at once, without delay.
- Owner/Keeper - any person who shall possess, maintain, house or harbor any pet or otherwise have custody of any pet, whether or not the owner of such pet.
- Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.
- Pet - a domesticated animal (other than a disability assistance animal) kept for amusement or companionship.
- Pet solid waste - waste matter expelled from the bowels of the pet; excrement
- Proper disposal - placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container which is regularly emptied by the municipality or some other refuse collector; or disposal into a system designed to convey domestic sewage for proper treatment and disposal.

SECTION III. Requirement for Disposal:

All pet owners and keepers are required to immediately and properly dispose of their pet's solid waste deposited on any property, public or private, not

owned or possessed by that person.

SECTION IV. Exemptions:

Any owner or keeper who requires the use of a disability assistance animal shall be exempt from the provisions of this section while such animal is being used for that purpose.

SECTION V. Enforcement:

The provisions of this Article shall be enforced by the South Plainfield Police Department, the Local Board of Health, and Code Enforcement of the Borough of South Plainfield.

SECTION VI. Violations and Penalty:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00.

SECTION VII. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VIII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$122.55

February 9, 2007

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

ORDINANCE No. 1771

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

Ordinance #1771 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER - AGING AND PROVIDING FOR SAID COMPENSATION RANGE FOR THE POSITION FOR THE YEAR 2007 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE 1771

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYMENT POSITION FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION RANGE FOR SAID POSITION. THIS SALARY WILL BE ADJUSTED UPON REACHING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AFSCME BARGAINING UNIT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown:

POSITION	SALARY RANGE 2007
COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER - AGING	\$24,000 - \$27,000

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective after publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$83.60

February 9, 2007



Junior Girl Scouts study colors by mixing them with flashlights as part of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council's Junior Badge Day held on Feb. 3, at Westfield High School.



Science comes to life for Girl Scouts at Junior Badge Day. The girls are shown racing Matchbox cars.

Scouts Flock to Junior Badge Day

Nearly 150 Junior Girl Scouts (grades 4-6) from throughout the 24-community jurisdiction of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council took part in Junior Badge Day, held on Feb. 3, at Westfield High School. Under the direction and guidance of older girl troops, adult volunteers and the GSWRC program department, the girls earned a pair of badges, Science Discovery and Science in Everyday Life.

To earn their Science Discovery Badge, the girls constructed kaleidoscopes, performed some water tricks and studied the environment. To collect their Science in Everyday Life

Badge, participants learned about colors, took their own pulse after strenuous exercise and took a moment to contemplate how technology will evolve in the future. Both badges entailed the girls conducting a number of well-supervised and planned science experiments, all with the purpose of helping bring abstract ideas and concepts to life.

Founded in 1957 and in the midst of celebrating its 50th Anniversary, GSWRC provides the optimal Girl Scout experience to over 11,000 girls and adults in 24 communities. Be sure to visit the online home of the council at www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

Arts Grants Awarded

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission has awarded 54 grants to local arts groups totaling \$189,240. The 2007 Local Arts Grants, and a number of other arts programs, are made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts and by funds from Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The following received grants for 2007:

- Middlesex County Dept. of Parks and Recreation Plays-in-the-Park, New Brunswick-\$10,370.
- South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop-\$2,165.
- Metuchen Edison Woodbridge YMCA, Metuchen-\$1,700.
- South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission-\$1,350.
- Valley Playhouse Productions, Inc., Edison-\$1,875.

For more information about local arts grants, please contact the Arts Grants Coordinator at Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission at (732) 745-4489.

People for Animals Spay/Neuter Clinic

People for Animals has moved to its new headquarters. The new building is across the street and less than one block away from its former clinic and offices, and is located at 401 Hillside Ave. in Hillside. The new telephone number is (973) 282-0890. Callers to its former telephone number will be informed of the new number.

The new facility allows for additional spay/neuter surgeries in the future, has ample parking, an improved workflow and is in overall better condition than its former facility.

Donations to the new building may be made 'in honor or memory' of a friend, family member, or pet. Donations of \$150 or more will be recognized permanently in the building by a plaque. To donate, call (973) 282-0890 and ask for Diane.



The South Plainfield Middle School Students of the Month for January are (L to R) Olga Tamawska-Cyclone, Bjorn DeLaCruz-Lightning, Kathleen Vincent-Monsoon, Katherine O'Brien-Avalanche, Amanda Calvi-Thunder and Matthew Little-Tsunami.

JPMorgan Chase "Sounds of the City" Seeks Performers

JPMorgan Chase Sounds of the City, the New Jersey Performing Arts Center's acclaimed free outdoor summer music series, is seeking musicians to perform as part of its summer 2007 series of concerts in Theater Square, NJPAC's public plaza, on Thursday evenings and one Friday evening, beginning July 5.

Offering the most diverse music anywhere in the state, the series brings together thousands of people and over 30 new and emerging groups of musicians in downtown Newark.

Three groups are featured per evening, each performing one 30-60 minute set. A modest honorarium is awarded to each group that is chosen to perform. Artists are also given the opportunity to present and sell CDs and tapes and promote other upcoming area performances.

The NJPAC's Sounds of the City committee is currently canvassing the area's clubs and live music venues looking for groups for this ninth annual series. Musicians are required to submit an entry form along with a CD, DVD or cassette demo with basic biographical information no later

than March 30. NJPAC's Sounds of the City committee members will review the submissions and groups will be selected and notified by May 1. Groups are selected based on a combination of artistic integrity and NJPAC's desire to represent a variety of music.

For more information on NJPAC's JPMorgan Chase Sounds of the City 2007, or to fax/send a submission form, please call NJPAC's Sounds of the City hotline at (973) 353-8046 or download the form directly from www.njpac.org.

2007 Library Board Meeting Dates

The South Plainfield Public Library Board of Trustees 2007 meetings are as follows:

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

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1769

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

Ordinance #1769 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, AS REQUIRED BY THE NJDEP was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1769

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT CONNECTIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEWER SYSTEM(S) OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR THE FAILURE TO COMPLY.

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Borough of South Plainfield, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. The definitions below are the same as or based on corresponding definitions in the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.

- a. Domestic sewage-waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.

- b. Illicit connection - any physical or non-

physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by the Borough of South Plainfield, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit Other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141852). Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.

- c. Industrial waste - non-domestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (c), or (d) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1317(a), (b), or (c)).

- d. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) - a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Borough of South Plainfield or public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater. "MS4s do not include combined sewer systems, which are sewer systems that are designed to carry sanitary sewage at all times and to collect and transport stormwater from streets and other sources."

- e. NJPDES permit - a permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A

- f. Non-contact cooling water - water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Non-contact cooling water may however contain algaeicides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.

- g. Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

- h. Process wastewater - any water which,

during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.

- i. Stormwater - water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

- a. No person shall discharge or cause be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm system operated by the Borough of South Plainfield any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

- a. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department, Local Board of Health, and Code Enforcement of the Borough of South Plainfield.

SECTION V. Penalties

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00.

SECTION VI. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$193.80

February 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 1768

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

Ordinance #1768 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE FEEDING OF UNCONFINED WILDLIFE IN ANY PUBLIC PARK OR ANY OTHER PROPERTY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, AS REQUIRED BY THE NJDEP was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1768

AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF UNCONFINED WILDLIFE IN ANY PUBLIC PARK OR ON ANY OTHER PROPERTY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, SO AS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, AND TO PRESCRIBE PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY.

SECTION I. Purpose:

An ordinance to prohibit the feeding of unconfined wildlife in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of South Plainfield, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for failure to comply.

SECTION II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

- a. Feed - to give, place, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any edible material with the intention of feeding, attracting or enticing wildlife. Feeding does not include baiting in the legal taking of fish

and/or game.

- b. Person - any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

- c. Wildlife - all animals that are neither human nor domesticated.

SECTION III. Prohibited Conduct:

- a. No person shall feed, in any public park or on any other property owned or operated by the Borough of South Plainfield, any wildlife, excluding confined wildlife (for example, wildlife confined in zoos, parks or rehabilitation centers, or unconfined wildlife at environmental education centers).

SECTION IV. Enforcement:

- a. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department, Local Board of Health, and Code Enforcement of the Borough of South Plainfield.

- b. Any person found to be in violation of this ordinance shall be ordered to cease the feeding immediately.

SECTION V. Violations and Penalties:

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$2,000.00.

SECTION VI. Severability:

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION VII. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its adoption and any publication as may be required by law.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$140.60

February 9, 2007

Share Your Good News...
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Fax: 908-668-8819



Kennedy School's Brownie Troop #91 recently took a trip to the South Plainfield Police Department. Pictured with the girls are South Plainfield Police Officers Dave Franchak and Alan LaMonda.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
Alcoholic Beverage Notice

Take notice that WC South Plainfield LLC has applied to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield to transfer plenary retail distribution license #1222-011-003 (Bill, Diane & Amanda Inc. to WC South Plainfield LLC), (115 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield to 5016 Hadley Center Drive, Hadley Center, South Plainfield) heretofore issued to Bill, Diane & Amanda Inc., trading as South Plainfield Liquors for the premises located at 115 Hamilton Blvd, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The person holding an interest in this license is (WC South Plainfield LLC) Residing at

1. Ronda Maybaum-134 East 93rd Street, APT #7C New York, NY 10128.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately, in writing, to Vincent Buttiglieri, Borough Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

WC South Plainfield LLC
519 Route 46 East
Clifton, NJ 07011

\$94.80

February 9 and 16, 2007

United Way Offers Information on Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

Tax season is in full swing, and the United Way of Central Jersey, in partnership with the IRS, is committed to assist low wage earners by providing information about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC can provide individuals and families with substantial refunds.

Gloria Aftanski, chief professional officer of the United Way of Central Jersey, commented, "Many of the people in the programs that we support are in the low income category. And sadly, they are not always aware of the available refunds."

Free tax assistance is available to low income wage earners through a network of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites. These volunteer tax preparers are trained and approved by the Internal Revenue Service. Eligible wage earners may also be advised how to receive their EITC throughout the year instead of a lump sum during the next filing season thus enabling them to utilize these dollars to meet ongoing expenses.

The United Way of Central Jersey encourages all low income workers to consult with trained tax preparers

at a VITA site in their community to determine how the EITC and Child Tax Credit (CTC) may benefit them.

To find a VITA site in your community, call info line at 2-1-1, Central Jersey's 24-hour information and re-

ferral service.

If you want to know more about United Way of Central Jersey's outreach events concerning EITC, call John Ross, director of volunteers, (732) 247-3727 or jross@uwj.org.

police report

• On Jan. 30, Marc Lawrence Tyler, 22, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• John P. Barrios, 26, of South Plainfield was arrested for passing bad checks.

• Alicia Ann Glasper, 39, of South Plainfield was arrested at Pathmark for shoplifting a beef rib steak and six boneless N.Y. steaks worth \$52.

• On Jan. 31, John K. Ford, 52, of Woodbridge was arrested at Home Depot for shoplifting various tools worth \$314.

• On Feb. 2, Gabriel Asuncion, 32, of Hillsborough was arrested at the DMV for exhibiting a fraudulent birth certificate and social security card.

• Leticia L. Credle, 26, of New

Brunswick was arrested for hindering apprehension and driving on a suspended license.

• On Feb. 3, Tashon Scott, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving on a suspended license and careless driving.

• On Feb. 4, a Highland Park resident reported that a rock had been thrown throw the window of their vehicle while parked at Target. Nothing was taken.

• On Feb. 5, Carolle Anne McDougald, 48, of North Plainfield was arrested for speeding and two outstanding warrants.

• Rene Arenas, 27, of Metuchen was arrested for driving while intoxicated and possession of an open container of alcohol.

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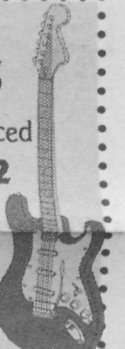
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Obituaries

Stanley Morris, 83

Stanley Morris passed away peacefully at home on Monday, Jan. 29, surrounded by his devoted family.



Born at home in Jersey City on Sept. 2, 1923, he attended PS 20 Elementary School and graduated at the age of 16 from Henry Snyder High School in Jersey City. He attended New York University School of Commerce part-time before joining the U.S. Military in 1943. A veteran of WWII, Stanley served with the Army Air Force's 583rd Material Squadron and received several service medals, including the American Service Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Service Medal, World War II Occupation Medal, World War II Japan Occupation Clasp, World War II Victory Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Bronze Service Star. After being honorably discharged in 1946, he returned to NYU full time, graduating cum laude with a BS in economics.

After college, he began his career in insurance with American Home Life of Newark, where he met the former Alice Christine Fischer of East Orange. American Home Life merged with American International Group and Mr. Morris continued to work as an executive in the New York office until his retirement in 1986.

In 1952, Stanley and Alice were married at the Church of the Holy Name in East Orange and moved to Clifton where they had their first two children. By 1956, they were expecting their third child and moved to South Plainfield where they had five more children and became involved in the community, church and school activities. Morris volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America in the 1960's. He also supported Catholic Relief Services and a number of other charities. In 1974, he lost his beloved Alice to cancer and devoted himself to raising and providing for his children. He was often heard telling others of his wife, "She is the only woman I will ever love." Through 22 years of marriage and eight children, the two shared a perfect and infinite love. After retiring, he volunteered with the American Cancer Society, and enjoyed reading, gardening and attending his grandchildren's sport and school programs.

In addition to his wife, Stanley was predeceased by his parents, Annie and Hugh Morris; a sister, Olwen and two brothers, Richard and Arthur.

He is survived by a brother, Edward and wife, Ruth of Whippany;

eight children, Alice Kalman and husband Walter of South Plainfield, Charles and wife Kathy of Clarksburg, Richard and wife Maria of Cream Ridge, Kathy Decker and husband Walter of Howell, Leslie Carlson and husband Dewey of Chester, Thomas of Piscataway, Susan Dezmin and husband Joseph of South Plainfield and John of South Plainfield and 13 grandchildren, Allison, Meredith, Michele and Laquan Kalman, Charles, Jr. and Jonathan Morris, Christina Morris, First Lieutenant William and Nicole Decker, Connor Morris, and Joseph, Jr., Keith and Michael Dezmin, as well as many other loving relatives.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Condolences may be sent to his family at his home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Catholic Relief Services, 209 West Fayette St., Baltimore, Md. 21201, the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, Ill. 60601-7633 or the American Cancer Society, 2600 Rt. 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902-5238.

Stephen Prystauk, 78

Stephen Prystauk died on Wednesday, Jan. 31, at home.

Born and raised in Newark, Stephen resided in the Ironbound Section for 76 years before moving to South Plainfield in 2004.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Mr. Prystauk enlisted in 1948 and served during the Korean Conflict from 1951-1953 before being honorably discharged in 1954. He was a member of the VFW Post #712, formerly of Newark.

Mr. Prystauk was employed by the Archdiocese of Newark as a caretaker for St. Benedict Parish in Newark for seven years. Stephen was an avid fisherman, camper and coin collector and he also loved listening to classical music.

He was predeceased by a son, Captain Gary Prystauk of the Newark Police Department who died in November; five brothers, James, Michael, Anton, Joseph, and William and two sisters, Mary Posunko and Ann Storzuk.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth (Krajczewski); a daughter Beth Prystauk-Penevolpe, and two grandchildren, Brittany and Dominic Penevolpe, all of South Plainfield. Also surviving are numerous nieces, nephews, and extended relatives, including his loving brother-in-law, Jim Leski of Lake Hiawatha.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Frederick "Fred" J. Kennedy, 89

Frederick "Fred" J. Kennedy died on Friday, Feb. 2, in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in the Ironbound Section of Newark, Fred had resided in the borough since 1952.

Fred was employed with Western Electric in Kearny for 45 years and was a member of the Pioneers of America. He served with the U.S. Army during WWII and participated in the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach in Normandy, France. He was bestowed with the Medal of Honor, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

A family man who enjoyed spending time with his wife, children, and grandchildren, Fred frequented Atlantic City and enjoyed playing the lottery.

He was predeceased by his wife, Bertha "Betty" who died in 1998; a son, James E., who died in 2003; his mother, Estelle Henning and two sisters, Helen Smith and Estelle Wingert.

Surviving are two daughters, Joyce Walton and husband Rick and Carol Smith and husband Tom, all of South Plainfield; six grandchildren, Elaine

MacLaren, Jesse, Jacob, and Rebecca Kennedy, Tommy Smith and Rick Walton; a sister-in-law, Isabella Harkey and his loving boxer, Max.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Vincent J. Wojciechowski, 86

Vincent E. Wojciechowski died on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Brooklyn, Vincent moved to the Oak Tree section of Edison at the age of 10.

He joined the U.S. Navy, serving as chief petty officer during WWII in the Philippines. Upon being honorably discharged, he returned to Edison where he has resided ever since.

In 1963 Vincent became the owner and operator of the Knotty Pine Diner on Park Avenue in South Plainfield before his retirement in 1988.

His hobbies included being an amateur boxer in the 1940's, a charter member of the Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Company and a member of their Exempt Fireman's Association. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and excelled at skeet shooting. In addition, he enjoyed trips to Atlantic City and playing craps.

He was predeceased by two brothers, Charles and Walter and a sister, Olga Harkins.

Surviving are his wife, Linda; five children, Jean Jones and husband, Kenneth of Scotch Plains, Vincent Jr. and wife Addie of Roxbury, N.Y., John and wife Doreen of Edison, Daniel and wife, Stacey of Dorlo, N.Y., and Lorry Wojciechowski of Piscataway;

three sisters, Helen Campbell, Viola Hall and Stella Creel and a brother, Edward. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, Sherry, Jeannine, Heather, Shannon, Kelly, Renee, Michelle, Patrick, Vincent III, Anina, Jackie, Justin, Christopher and Demetri and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Michael J. Mercurio, 87

Michael J. Mercurio passed away on Sunday, Feb. 4, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Hospice Unit.

Born in Manhattan, he resided in Brooklyn, Clark and Newfoundland, Pa. before moving to South Plainfield five years ago.

Mr. Mercurio was a self employed businessman prior to working in the textile industry. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who will be sadly missed by everyone who knew him.

Surviving are his loving wife of 64 years, Ann Mercurio; two sons, Michael Mercurio and wife Melinda of South Plainfield and William Mercurio and wife Mary of Princeton Junction; a daughter, Theresa M. Mangravite and husband Frank of Morris Plains; eight grandchildren, Michael, Amanda, Andrew, Eric, Meghan, Daniel, Tina and Linda; a great-grandchild, Shane and a sister, Grace Pangia of Hazlet.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

To send condolences to the Mercurio family, please visit www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com.

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