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## 101st Airborne Tree Lighting

The New York Chapter Association of the 101st Airborne will hold the annual memorial service and tree lighting ceremony tomorrow, Dec. 8 at noon on the front lawn of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals on Plainfield Avenue.



## BOE Business Administrator Tolley Resigns, Put on Leave

*George Sarnoff Hired as Acting Business Administrator*

BOE Business Administrator/Board Secretary Donna Tolley has resigned effective January 28, 2008. Tolley's resignation was the last item listed on the agenda at the November 28 Board of Education meeting. The board further approved a paid leave of absence for Tolley effective that day. No explanation was given, nor was there any comment from the public or any board member about her resignation. Tolley will be paid until her resignation goes into effect. When asked for a reason for her resignation, Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron answered that he could not comment because it is a personnel matter.

Meanwhile, at special meeting held on Tuesday evening, George Sarnoff was named acting business administrator/board secretary at a salary of



**Donna Tolley**

\$600 a day, without benefits, until a qualified replacement is hired.

Sarnoff, who has an extensive background in business administration, is presently working for the New Jersey State Department of Education as In-

terim County Business Administrator in Paterson.

Tolley began as Business Administrator/Board Secretary on Jan. 1, 2006. She was also given the titles of Affirmative Action Officer for Equity in Employment Practices, Public Agency Compliance Officer and Custodian of School Records.

Tolley served as assistant business administrator from October 2004 until January 2006 and briefly as acting business administrator/board secretary from July to September in 2004. She also served as school district accountant from September 2003 until July 24.

In 1996 she applied for the NJ School Business Administrator certification.

Tolley could not be reached for comment.

## Council Gives In on Helen Street

At Tuesday night's Borough Council meeting, Mayor Charles Butrico asked council members to offer input on the Helen Street Project. The borough is facing a looming December 31 deadline to either move forward on its own or abandon the project and wait five years to reapply for federal funding.

If the council decides to go ahead, the borough will have to repay the \$650,000 already spent and then spend at least an additional \$1M to formally apply for permits for the roadway.

Butrico also asked Councilmen-elect Ray Rusnak and Tim McConnell for their opinions.

The consensus was that the cost to continue is too high to pass on to the taxpayers without any guarantee of receiving approval to start the project.

Butrico said he will draft a letter to the NJ Transportation Authority indicating the borough's intention to abandon the project and reapply in five years. He added that he will resident Joann Graf to form an ad hoc committee to work on the project, so that we can move forward at a future date. He noted he would like a representative from a local trucking company to be included. It was also suggested that Helen Street Coalition members Jane Dornick and Debbie Boyle be included. The coalition was responsible for getting 800 petition letters in support of the project mailed to the DEP last year.

## Education Foundation Seeks New Members

The South Plainfield Education Foundation is a non-profit organization designed to seek support from the community to raise funds for scholarships for graduating seniors from South Plainfield High School as well as funds to support academic incentives for the school system.

The foundation is comprised of a group of education professionals as well as members of the business community of South Plainfield. The foundation is in need of one business member to complete their trustee membership.

If anyone from the business community is interested in becoming involved, please forward a letter of interest to Marjorie M. Reedy, president of the South Plainfield Education Foundation, P.O. Box 733, South

Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The position requires attendance at one meeting per month. The foundation meets every month on the fourth Wednesday in the South Plainfield High School library at 7 p.m. They have numerous fundraisers throughout the year. There is a golf outing in the spring and the foundation is currently in the process of working with the South Plainfield Business Association on the fundraiser. They also hold an annual telethon held the first week of December in which South Plainfield High School students call parents in the school community to solicit pledges for donations.

The foundation also holds an annual 50/50 raffle. The drawing was held on December 6, after our presstime.



## Middle School Announces October Students of the Month

South Plainfield Middle School has announced their students of the month for October. Pictured left to right are Shivan Patel-Thunder, Jade McDonnough-Cyclone, Jamie Glavich-Tsunami, Rebecca Eustice-Monsoon, Sal Esposito-Avalanche and Asia Acevedo-Lightning with Principal Steve Novak. The students are holding engraved picture frames made by Applied Arts teacher Jeffrey Spezio.



South Plainfield High School Peer Leaders Michael Boyle, Jaime Giannakis, Dan Smith, Liz Rodger, Danielle Dembia, Katie Muglia, Erica Bowden and Stephanie Penny delivered Thanksgiving baskets to less fortunate families in the borough. Not pictured is Phong Lai, Doug Porzio and Teresa Gustafson. Peer Leader teachers Marla Vandermark, Tony Encinas, Jessica Marconi, Greg Genz, Kevin Hajduk, Angela Raimondo and Tammy Zurka coordinated the program.

## Calling All Volunteers

The Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield is accepting applications for all boards, agencies, committees and commissions for the upcoming year. If interested in volunteering, kindly go onto the borough Web site at [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com) and look for the box that states 2008 boards, agencies, committees and commissions. All information may be obtained by clicking on this box, including the appropriate application, which must be submitted with all requests. The deadline for filing an application is December 14. Any questions, please contact the borough clerk's office at (908) 226-7606.

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## Tigers Fall One Game Short Of State Title

The South Plainfield Tigers competed for the NJSIAA North 2 GROUP III Championship last Sunday on a snowy day and lost to third-seeded Newark West Side (10-2) by a score of 20-0. Conditions at game time were slippery with snow covering the field.

When the Tigers returned to town, they were honored with an escort from the South Plainfield Police, Fire and Rescue Squad.

At Tuesday night's Borough Council meeting, Mayor Butrico and the council members congratulated the Tigers on their successful year and noted the number of fans on the South Plainfield side despite the fact their opposition comes from a much larger town.

The Tigers finished their season with a 7-5 record. This was the third time in their history that they had the opportunity to compete in the sectional finals, but the first time since 1988. To get to the finals, they defeated top-seeded Irvington and fourth-seeded Scotch Plains-Fanwood.





## Borough Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 74, Mondays at 8 p.m.

(Except for Holidays)

The Nov. 28 BOE Public Meeting will air on Comcast Channel 74 Thursdays at 8 p.m. until their next public meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 19. Comcast will air two hours of a meeting. To purchase a copy of a complete council or BOE meeting, contact the Observer.

### councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
December 18	7 p.m.	Immediately following

## 2008 Council Reorganization Meeting Saturday, January 5 at noon All are invited.

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

### planningboard

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

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641 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 Dec. 13.

### boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.-Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12, April 2  
Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 19.

### recreationcommission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716 Dec. 11

### taxpayersadvisorygroup

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

### siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m. Dec. 18.

### 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

### boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

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

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email: spoobserver@comcast.net or fax 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 200 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Observer. All letters must be submitted with name and phone number, for verification.

## IN MY OPINION

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

Dear Editor,

On May 2, 2007 our son Matthew was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a very aggressive cancer that is usually diagnosed in boys between the ages of 10-20 years old. Needless to say, childhood cancer is rare and much rarer still in a boy so young. Matthew was not quite eight months old at the time.

His cancer started as a soft tissue tumor in his left forearm and spread to his lung and liver. Instantly, our lives were turned upside down. Our baby was diagnosed with a disease that was unimaginable and his life was threatened. Indeed, we were told that his chance of surviving was only a 30% possibility.

After our initial shock, it became our goal to immediately do whatever possible to try to save Matthew's life. Over the past seven months Matthew has undergone intense chemotherapy to try and kill his cancer. He also had his left arm amputated and had surgery on his liver to remove any reachable tumors.

We have spent countless days in the hospital with him, between The Bristol Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

I have had to leave my job to stay home and take care of Matty, as he requires full-time care. We have relocated to my parents' home, as financially it has been difficult with only one salary and it is extremely helpful to be home with them, since we also have two other children at home; Nicholas, who is five, and Justin, who just turned two.

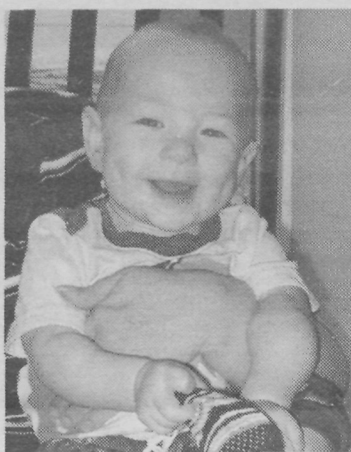
Matthew is handling treatment as well as can be expected. He has a few more chemotherapy sessions left and then he will start outpatient physical and occupational therapy to get him walking and using his arm.

Earlier this month, we received extremely good news as the doctors informed us that the tumors removed during his last surgery were dead. Matthew will also spend the next five years being rescanned since this cancer can recur.

Matthew's cancer has a 30% cure rate and because of the fighter he is, we are planning for him to be in the 30%.

We want to take the time to thank all of the people who have been praying, supporting, giving blood and financially trying to help our family. There are so many people that have helped us, many whom are anonymous to us, and I felt this is the best way to tell everyone how much we appreciate everything that has been done on behalf of Matty and our family.

When something as bad as this happens to you, it warms our hearts to know how good people can be. I want



Matthew Hannon

to thank our family, friends, co-workers, classmates and neighbor's, along with each and everyone who has helped us anonymously out of the goodness of their hearts. We can't put into words what it has meant over the past seven months to know we have such a wonderful support system. You all mean the world to us.

No child should ever have to go through what Matthew has been through, and no parent should ever have to go through what we have gone through and watched him go through.

We have a Web site for Matthew that we try and update daily on his progress. If you would like to visit, it is [www.caringbridge.org/visit/matt\\_hewhannon](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/matt_hewhannon).

**WITH MUCH APPRECIATION AND LOVE TO ALL,  
KERI O'BRIEN-HANNON, CHRIS,  
MATTHEW, NICKY AND  
JUSTIN HANNON**

Dear Editor,

It isn't often that our paths cross with many great people at one time, but the SPHS football program has done exactly that for us. Our season ended on the highest point possible with our boys playing their final high school game at Giants Stadium, but for us, this is not even close to the end. The many friendships that were made through the years of watching our sons play football will continue and for that we are grateful. The memories we have shared will last a lifetime and we have our boys to thank for that.

This particular group of boys is extra-special. They have shown genuine

care for each other, and have not only become friends, but regard themselves as a family. They have been more than just teammates; they are friends both on and off the field. This unity played a tremendous part in their achievements as a team this year, and took them all the way to Giants Stadium. We are so proud of all of them for so many reasons, but mainly for the people they have grown to be.

Although the outcome of our "big game" was not what we had hoped it would be, we are as proud of this group as we could possibly be. We hope that each and every one of them continues to pursue his dreams with the enthusiasm that we have seen this year.

Congratulations to the 2007 SPHS Tigers!

**WITH LOVE,  
KIM MCMAHON AND  
ROSEMARY PETRIELLO**

To the Editor:

Thank you to all the South Plainfield High School class of 1991 reunion attendees for making our 15½ year class reunion a fabulous night for all! It was great to see everyone enjoying themselves all evening. Special thanks goes to fellow reunion organizers Christine Vokral-Riggio and Jimmy Gustafson for all their hard work in making our reunion an absolute success.

More importantly, it was decided a few nights before the reunion that we were going to collect donations to benefit our fellow classmate and lifelong South Plainfield resident Keri O'Brien-Hannon and her infant son, Matty Hannon, who was diagnosed with a rare cancer earlier this year. I'm proud to announce that we raised \$482 that evening.

I want to thank all attendees who opened up their hearts and wallets that evening for this special classmate who has been tirelessly supporting and caring for her infant son, Matty as well as the rest of her family. Keri, all of your fellow classmates want you to know that we have you, Matty and your entire family in our thoughts and prayers and if there is anything we can do for you let us know. Christmas is a busy time of year for most and sometimes we forget the true meaning of

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**When:** Sunday, December 9  
2-4 p.m.



**PET PICTURES  
with Santa**





(L-R) Denise Sapp, Marion Dondero, Middle States Evaluation Team, Sister Nadine and Fr. John Alvarado gather during the reception for the opening of the Middle States Evaluation process for Sacred Heart School. The team visited Sacred Heart November 13 to 16 observing the full program at the school. This process was for reaccreditation for the next seven years.

## Investors Savings Bank Coming to Borough

By Libby Barsky

Investors Savings Bank will soon open its 47th location in South Plainfield.

At the November 29 South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting, builders Fox and Foxx received preliminary site plan approval by a unanimous vote to subdivide the lot at 2449 Plainfield Ave. and build an Investors Savings Bank, and a variance to build a single family residential house.

The lot is across the street from the municipal building and will be adjacent to Commerce Bank.

Architect Mark Haas noted the design of the bank building is a new architectural design with a dome, sporting an exterior design of brick and limestone panels. It will have two drive-in windows and ATM machine designed for safety, with no physical contact with the teller except through a closed circuit TV screen.

The building will have approximately 2,000 sq. ft. interior space.

Ten residents who live on Manning, Van Fleet and Pearl Place attended the meeting with concerns about possible water problems that may result from building the bank. The 35,475 sq. ft.

lot is located in an area with a stream encroachment from Spring Lake. Initially, engineer Steve Parker planned for excess water to flow into a detention basin, however CME Engineer Rob Russo objected to the plan because of potential problems with mosquitoes. Final plans call for underground pipes to move excess water to the sewer lines on Plainfield Avenue.

To buffer the back of the bank from residential housing, a fence will be installed on the property line and also 15 six-foot high evergreen trees.

The second lot will be subdivided to build a two-story center hall, four bedroom, single family home. The location of the house itself will be a buffer to residents whose homes are located behind the proposed bank.

"I don't have the power to keep the woods [located on the property] between the commercial property since the area is zoned OPA [offices and professional buildings]," William Thomas, zoning board chair, explained.

"If we deny the variance for the house, then the only thing that can go up will be a commercial building with a parking lot," Thomas said.

Before building can start, Fox and Foxx must return to the zoning board with their plans for site plan approval.

## Books to Keep Program at the Library

The South Plainfield Free Public Library is participating in the "Books to Keep" program, collecting donations of new hardcover and paperback books for distribution to needy children in the Middlesex County area during the holiday season.

A project of the Libraries of Middlesex, a consortium of public libraries, and the Middlesex County College Library, "Books to Keep" was started in 1990 to promote the joy of reading, encourage library use, and foster pride in book ownership. Since its inception, over 140,000 books have been distributed in cooperation with 49 different agencies and organizations throughout Middlesex County. Books are distributed through service clubs and social service agencies, including day care centers and Head Start programs.

New hardcover and paperback books for children and young people may be brought to the library until December 15. Monetary contributions to purchase additional books are also accepted. Donation envelopes are available at the library's circulation desk, next to the "Books to Keep" collection box.

If you would like more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's Web site at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## GPS Units, Satellite Radio Units Stolen

The South Plainfield Police were called to the Highlands Apartment Complex on Durham Avenue on November 30 on a report that nine motor vehicles had been broken into.

Apparently the suspect(s) entered unoccupied vehicles through the passenger windows, removed GPS and satellite radio units.

The investigation is continuing. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Shaun Clifford at (908) 226-7664.



Alexandra (right) and Kimmy (left) Petronko had their dream come true during Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade this year when they met the Jonas Brothers. The sisters have participated in the parade for the past six years.

## NEWS FROM THE Suburban Woman's Club

Thanksgiving has passed, but this is certainly a time for the members of the Suburban Woman's Club to give thanks to the many people for their help and support we have received.

The Mad Hatter Tea held recently was very successful. We are now able to report to the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs at our spring meeting that we have done our part in the program against domestic violence. The funds raised will be donated to the local shelter for victims of violence. The tea party was not only a financial success, but was also a social success. We all enjoyed our many guest speakers. The prizes donated were awesome and the winners were excited and pleased.

Our appreciation goes out to

Christine Sienkiewski, NJSFWC literacy chairman, for her very interesting and informative talk at our November meeting. This work of the federation is most needed and appreciated.

We give our thanks to Grace Fari-nella for a very successful yard sale at the American Legion. Her ability to organize these events is most admirable. Of course, we must thank all the people who donated the items to be sold and the people who came and bought the articles.

And last, but not least, the women who gave their time and energy to man the sale. As usual we were able to give to the Social Services Department of South Plainfield beautifully decorated baskets for distribution during the holiday season.

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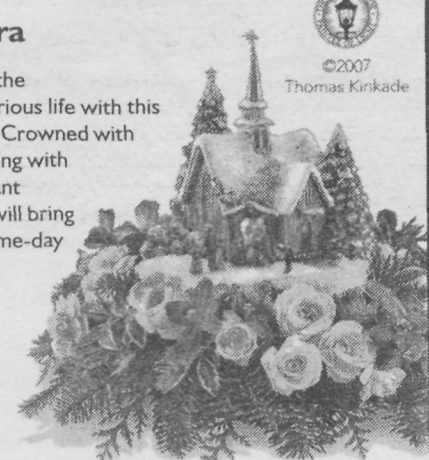
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# Around Town

## Blackrose to Perform

December 8

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Kerwins Pub, located on Rt. 28 in Middlesex, on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

## Holiday Craft and Vendor Fair

December 8

The South Plainfield Elks #2298, 1254 New Market Ave., is hosting a holiday craft and vendor fair on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 to 4 p.m. One-stop holiday shopping with jewelry and other crafts. Well-known vendors will be represented. Baked goods and are lunch available.

Limited space available. Contact Sharon at (908) 791-1214.

## Tree Lighting at McCriskin-Gustafson

December 8

The annual holiday tree lighting ceremony at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 at noon. The McCriskin tree is lit every year in memory of the 248 members of the 101st Airborne Division who lost their lives in a plane crash. All are welcome to attend.

For information call (908) 561-8000.

## Breakfast with Santa

December 9

The South Plainfield Elks, located at 1254 New Market Ave., will host a breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 8 a.m. until noon. Come and enjoy pancakes, French toast, bacon, sausage, eggs to order, coffee, tea, milk and juice. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for children 5-12, free for kids under 5. Bring your camera! Santa will be on hand.

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## LET'S REMEMBER

# Together

Facing the holiday season without a loved one who has passed away can be one of the most challenging and difficult experiences one can go through. During a season when everyone is expected to feel joy, you may be feeling sad, lonely or even resentful.

No one has to suffer passively through the season. Whether your loss occurred a week ago or many years ago, this seminar may help you cope with the emotional pain that often accompanies the holiday season.

We invite you to join us and learn about helpful steps that may be beneficial to you in making this holiday season a better one.

All are welcome.

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## YOU'RE INVITED

**What:** Coping with Grief during the Holidays Seminar

**When:** Saturday, December 15  
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** South Plainfield  
Elks Lodge #2298  
1254 New Market Ave  
South Plainfield, NJ 07080

**Who:** Certified Grief Specialist  
Jessie Flynn will speak  
and pay tribute to families  
who have lost a loved one  
during this year.

REFRESHMENTS  
will be served.

**RSVP:** to McCriskin-Gustafson  
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by Monday, December 10

What's  
happening at the  
South Plainfield

## SENIOR CENTER

DECEMBER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

UPCOMING  
EVENTS

Sunday, Dec. 16  
Christmas Luncheon from noon-2 p.m.  
Caroling in the Park at 3 p.m.

January 10

Foot Health for Diabetics with Dr. Ben Gurjal

Crocheting  
9:30am-11:30am  
Yoga 10:30-11:30am  
Art Class 11:30am  
Strokes program 1pm  
Hunterdon Hills Trip

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Bingo 10am-2pm  
Ladies Social  
Group 10am

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Aerobics 8:45 am  
Line Dancing 10am  
Computer Classes  
10am, 11:30am, 1pm  
Crocheting 1pm  
Tai Chi 2pm

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Pathmark  
Shopping 9am  
Practical Crafts 10am  
Computer Class 10am  
11:30am, 1pm  
Exercise Class 1:15p

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Bingo  
10am-2pm

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## Soccer Club Breakfast

December 16

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is hosting a breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 16 at the Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue from 8 a.m.-noon. Menu includes eggs to order, French toast, pancakes, toast, bacon, sausage, pork roll, orange juice, coffee and tea. Adults \$6, children ages five to 12 \$4, children under five free.

## Pancake Breakfast

December 16

American Legion Chaumont Post 243, located at 243 Oak Tree Ave., is holding an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 16 from 8 a.m.-noon. Adults \$5, children \$3, children under three free. Everyone is welcome. All profits go to our scholarship fund.

## Longaberger Basket Open House

December 16

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will be holding a fundraising sale of baskets from Dresden, Ohio at the Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue starting at 8 a.m. This is an open house sale of new collectible and highly prized hand-crafted Longaberger baskets.

## Caroling in the Park

December 16

Everyone is invited to join the annual "Caroling in the Park" on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. at Spring Lake

Park. The high school chorus will be there to lead us in holiday songs. Refreshments at the senior center after caroling.

## AARP #4144 Holiday Meeting/Luncheon

December 18

AARP #4144 will hold their annual holiday meeting/luncheon at the Victorian Manor on Tuesday, Dec. 18. Entertainment will be provided by Jack McDade, singer/entertainer/radio show air personality (WDVR-FM 89.7). Guests are welcome; \$25. Call Sylvia at (908) 561-1899.

Needlecrafters meet Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. Call Georgie at (732) 968-3128. They are currently knitting 130 lap robes for the Highlands, preemie hats for DYFS and Muhlenberg Hospital. Refreshments served. New members and guests welcome.

## — Out of Town —

## Cleo Mack Dance Project

December 7 & 8

The Rock Theater, 31 Washington Ave. in Dunellen, presents Cleo Mack Dance Project (CMDP) "All Voices In: Being Everything," a mixed medium performance of dance, set design, text, music and film on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7 and 8 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general admission; \$15 students. For tickets, call (201) 927-7208.

## Healing Body and Soul at Willow Grove

December 8

Medical Qi Gong, a course of meditation exercises, is being offered free at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains on Saturday, Dec. 8, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Margo Mann at (908) 757-2495 or E-mail jermar107@themannfamily.org.

## Christmas House Tour

December 9

Plainfield's Van Wyck Brooks Historic District is having a Christmas house tour on Sunday, Dec. 9 from 2 to 7 p.m. Eleven homes will be open. Tickets are \$25 on the day of the tour at 935 Central Ave. in Plainfield at 1:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$20 and available at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield.

For more information visit www.2007christmastour.blogspot.com.

## Holiday Luncheon

December 11

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church,

1961 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains, is holding a Christmas program and holiday luncheon at noon on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Luncheon is \$5. Reserve by December 7.

For more information or to make a reservation, call (908) 232-5678 or E-mail info@willowgrovechurch.org.

## Singles Dinner and Game Night

December 11

A Christian singles 35-55 dinner and game night will be held at Panera Bread in Fair Lawn in the CVS strip mall on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is whatever you order. Bring your favorite party or board game.

RSVP to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

## Psychiatrist to Discuss Bipolar Disorder

December 12

On Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 7:45 p.m., the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Michael Giuliano, M.D. at its monthly meeting at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 in Morristown. The public is cordially invited.

For information, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at (800) 367-6274.

## NAACP to Celebrate Kwanzaa

December 13

The Metuchen-Edison Area Branch of the NAACP will celebrate its 12th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13 at the Edison Job Corps Academy, 500 Plainfield Ave. in Edison. There will be vendors, entertainment and refreshments. Admission is a new unwrapped toy for our holiday toy drive.

For information, call (732) 549-7936 or visit www.naacpmcab.org.

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# southplainfieldpeople Milestones

## Loenser Top NJ Winner in Half Marathon

Michael Loenser of South Plainfield was the top runner for New Jersey in Philadelphia's Half Marathon held on November 18. Mike covered the 13.1 miles in one hour, 14 minutes and 21 seconds (5:40 mile pace), placing 12th out of the 4,333 runners who finished.

Mike also ran for South Plainfield High School, as well as all four years at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. He currently runs for the Runners High Running Club out of Metuchen. He is currently teaching physical education, health and drivers ed at Elizabeth High School. He is also the assistant cross country/track and field coach at Kean University. Congratulations Mike on a great run!

Mike's training partner, Tim Morgan Jr., also of South Plainfield, ran the 8,000 meter race in Philadelphia on the same day. He finished 16th out of 1,275 runners in a personal best time of 25 minutes and 24 seconds. Tim also ran for South Plainfield High School as well as all four years at St. Thomas Aquinas College in N.Y. Tim recently joined the Runners High Running Club in Metuchen.



Veronica and Raymond Noonan with Metuchen Bishop Paul Bootkoski.

## Noonans Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Veronica and Raymond Noonan celebrated their 50th renewal of wedding vows on September 30 at the Cathedral of St. Francis in Metuchen with Bishop Paul Bootkoski officiating.

They were married at St. Mary's Church in West New York on October 26, 1957.

Raymond worked for Eastern Airlines for 30 years and Veronica worked in secretarial positions.

Veronica and Raymond are members of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Center and AARP #4144.

They are the parents of three children, Kathleen, Michael and Diane. They have seven grandchildren, Samantha, Lindsey, Jackie, Katie, Melissa, Chelsea and Chad.

In celebration of their 50th anniversary, their children hosted a dinner in their honor.

## Aboosamara Begins Third Year at Valley Forge Military Academy



Master Sgt. Lee Aboosamara

Lee Aboosamara returned to Valley Forge Military Academy and College for his third year. His first two weeks consisted of leadership training, given to selected cadets who then form the chain of command over others attending the school. After a rigorous training period, which included physical training as well as classroom instruction, Lee was awarded the rank of Master Sergeant/Platoon Leader in Charlie Company. The following day Lee and his chain of command met all new cadets in his platoon of 61 young

men. All new cadets graduated and were awarded shields of new cadets.

For the third year in a row, Lee played varsity soccer. The program consists of playing prep and private

schools in the area, some with players from all over the world. Lee scored three goals against Woodlawn School. He also received a silver star which is given for academic achievement.



"What are you waiting for?" Rarely does this question invite an answer. Usually, it's spoken impatiently, and demands action. "Make a decision," "Get over it!" "Just do something!" But if someone really and honestly asked, what would we say?

In answering, we might first check our calendars. The new month has revealed a whole new set of days, tasks, appointments and deadlines. Flipping the calendar may mean trading in a sense of accomplishment for a feeling of being overwhelmed. Or, maybe it means dread about the empty, lonely times ahead. Either way, the calendar itself, may demand: "What are you waiting for!"

The calendar of the Christian church is new, too. With December comes the season of Advent unlike a new month of fresh demands—"Do this. Endure that. Buy something else. And look good in the process"—Advent is completely different. Advent asks, patiently, and with honest curiosity, "What are you waiting for?"

For millennia, Christians have entered Advent waiting for Jesus. Waiting for Christmas and the birth of hope. Waiting for God to act, beyond what we can control or make happen even a little bit. So Advent invites us to wait, watch and listen in a way that is free from endless worry-driven working, beating ourselves up and cracking the whip on others.

Probably your answer to the question "What are you waiting for?" isn't Jesus. Mine isn't. I'm waiting for everything from a new cell phone to see-

ing dear friends again to things I can't even begin to put into words. Advent doesn't force us to give up everything else and wait only for Jesus. Instead, Advent reminds us that only when Jesus comes can we experience the joy, love, peace and hope that make everything else worthwhile. And this changes *how* we wait, if not *what* we wait for.

So, whatever we're waiting for, instead of waiting like we deserve it or can earn it or control it, Advent frees us to wait for it as a gift *freely offered*, confident that it's in *God's hands*.

God knows so little is up to us or within our grasp. God doesn't demand, "Get over it!" or "Do something!" Instead, in Advent, God invites us to wait. For Jesus. For loneliness to end. For rest. For new cell phones.

We wait together, knowing it's all in God's hands, given to us as a totally free gift.

*LifeLines* is a monthly Observer column, written by area churches. This article comes from Pastor Clark Olson-Smith, St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

## Pictures With Santa

Santa will be on hand for pictures and a visit (newborn to 10 years old), on Saturday, Dec. 15 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the senior center. Each child talks to Santa, gets a picture taken and receives a gift. You must register at the PAL. Cost is \$5 per child.



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## All About Pets....

By Dr. Anthony Loomis, DVM  
Plainfield Animal Hospital

As the winter months and holidays approach, you need to take time to ensure that your pets enjoy a happy, healthy holiday season.

Cold weather can affect our pets just as it does us. It is best to keep pets indoors during the winter months, but if this is not possible, outdoor pets must be provided with warm shelter. Dogs and cats can suffer frostbite, hypothermia and can even develop colds from being left outside too long. Snow salt can also harm dogs and cats. It is abrasive and may irritate their skin or if ingested can lead to many intestinal problems. Make sure you clean and dry your pet's paws when bringing them back inside.

Holiday decorations pose several risks for our pets. Holiday lights mean more electrical cords for kittens and puppies to chew. Be sure you have cords secured and out of the way. Lighted candles should never be left unattended and is even more important if a mischievous pet is around. Anchor candles securely and away

from curious faces, paws and tails. Pets, particularly cats, love to chew ribbons, bows and tinsel. If ingested, these items may lead to intestinal obstructions requiring emergency surgery to repair. Many holiday plants are also toxic including holly, mistletoe, ivy, and poinsettia. If ingested these plants may lead to intestinal problems.

Pet-proof your Christmas tree by making sure it is secure. An adventuresome cat or dog may find it a fun place to climb, so consider anchoring the top of the tree to the ceiling using a hook and rope to prevent it from toppling over. It is a good idea to place breakable or valuable ornaments up high on a sturdy branch. Also, keep your pets away from the tree stand, as many preservatives used in the water are potentially toxic.

Do your best to continue your pet's daily routine. So often this is forgotten during the busy holidays, but keeping to your pet's feeding and walking schedule will help keep your pet's world consistent and avoid them feeling the holiday stress.

Have a happy and safe holiday.



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## SPHS First Quarter Honor Roll - Grades 9 & 10

## Red Rascals Visit AristaCare at Cedar Oaks

The Red Hat Society of AristaCare at Cedar Oaks hosted a fashion show on November 27. Models from the Red Hot Rascals, a neighboring Red Hat Society from Edison, walked the catwalk, wearing lovely outfits provided by Bon Worth's of Princeton. Through the efforts of Debbie Annaguey, manager of Bon Worth, and Margie Nocerino, queen of the Red Hot Rascals, a stylish and entertaining afternoon was enjoyed by all. The Red Hat Society of Cedar Oaks meets once a month, where members, led by their queen, Irene Steinberger, socialize with each other, indulge in luscious desserts and beverages, and plan various activities for future meetings. AristaCare at Cedar Oaks (formerly Cedar Oaks Care Center) is located at 1311 Durham Ave.



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(See next week's Observer for Grades 11 and 12.)

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## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

If Chase's Annual Events is accurate, the holiday season is certainly jam-packed. We're in the middle of Hanukkah, and, between now and January 1, there's Christmas, Kwanzaa, New Year's, Festivus and the anniversary of Elvis meeting Nixon (that's December 21 folks). You're probably busy observing or preparing to observe any or all of these. But, it would be nice if you could take a moment to check on the latest news from the South Plainfield Library.

We'll follow our usual schedule of children's programming next week. For those of you who don't know the schedule better than you know your own names, here it is again: our storytime programs for children ages three and over are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three, is held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And "Books & Babies," for children ages three and under, is held on Friday mornings at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and, for older kids, a craft activity. For further details, please call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

The Library Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and learn more about the library's current and future plans, including the proposed new library building and important matters of library policy. There will be a public comment time early in the meeting, so please arrive on time.

There's still time to contribute to the "Books to Keep" program. It's a collection of new books, both paperback and hardcover, for needy children and

young people. The books will be distributed throughout Middlesex County. Just bring in your donations and put them in the collection box at the circulation desk. Monetary donations for the purchase of new books are also accepted, donation envelopes may be found next to the collection box. We'll be accepting donations until December 15.

By the way, don't forget about the collection box for the food drive for the Middlesex County Food Organization & Outreach Distribution Services. Non-perishable food items and other necessities may be left there. Check the posted list for more information. And there's also the Lion's Club collection box for used eyeglasses and hearing aids. We appreciate any help you can provide.

We've added a number of new selections to our DVD collection. New titles include "Spider-Man 3," "Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer," "Ratatouille," "Shrek the Third," a new volume of "Looney Tunes," and full-season sets from "30 Rock," "CSI," "Desperate Housewives" and "Smallville." And, for the holidays, we've added "Santa Clause 3" and new DVD editions of several holiday favorites, including "Frosty the Snowman" and "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town." DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

And, in order to make the best possible use of our available space (and to keep you on your toes), we've made a few changes. Classic paperbacks are now found alongside the regular paperbacks. Our entire non-fiction collection is now found in the upstairs area. And back issues of newspapers are now located on the windowsill in the main room. Adjust your GPS systems accordingly.

That's about all for now. For more information, check our Web site at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) or call us at (908) 754-7885. And we hope you're all enjoying your holiday season.

Oh, and you're making sure to celebrate National Tie Month, right?

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

Congratulations to the varsity football team on an exciting championship game held at Giants Stadium last Sunday. There were plenty of fans who braved the miserable weather. The bus ride home was accompanied by a personal escort by the South Plainfield Police, Fire and Rescue Squad.

Project graduation baskets are needed for March 8, 2008. Contact the PTO to volunteer.

Coach Shannon Dabrio and the varsity swim team attended their first meet last Friday at Wardlaw-Hartridge in Edison. They placed fourth out of six teams, just three points shy of third.

The senior citizen concert and luncheon will be held at SPHS from 12 to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 18.

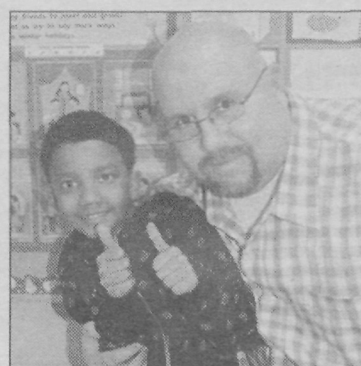
The middle school winter concert takes place on Thursday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., Roosevelt School on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m.; Grant School on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at SPHS at 7 p.m.; Kennedy School on Friday, Dec. 14 and Riley School on Monday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m.

The high and middle school peer leadership groups worked hard preparing and delivering Thanksgiving baskets to less fortunate families in the borough. Thanks to Mr. Encinas, Ms. Vandemark, Miss Marconi, Mr. Hajduk, Ms. Raimondo, Ms. Zurka, Ms. Schwartz, Mr. Scalzo and Ms. Schocklin and student leaders.

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## JUNIOR JOURNALIST

### Isiah Feely-Sudeall Named Winner!



Roosevelt third grader Isiah Feely-Sudeall and teacher Michael Burtram.

Isiah Feely-Sudeall, Roosevelt third grader, is this week's winner in the Hometown Heros- and South Plainfield Observer- sponsored 2007-08 Junior Journalist Contest with his poem, "Chores."

Isiah will be the recipient of a dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros. He will also receive a t-shirt. At the end of the school year, he will be honored at a banquet, along with all the contest winners.

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By Isiah Feely-Sudeall

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# Sports

## Eagles Pee Wee Cheerleaders Soar High at Eastern Region Competition

The 2007 South Plainfield Eagles Pee Wee Cheerleaders took fifth place at the Eastern Region Cheer competition. Although the girls won't be traveling to the National Competition in Orlando, they will be using the money they raised to help offset the cost of new uniforms for the Eagles.

The girls would like to extend a huge thanks to those who helped them with their fundraising endeavors: Alfonso's Pizzeria and Restaurant in East Brunswick, Baja Fresh, Blockbuster Video, Buy-Rite Liquors, Carmen's Trattoria, Commerce Bank, CVS on Oak Tree Road, CVS on Plainfield Avenue, D'Italia Restaurant in Avenel, Downes Construction, Dunkin Donuts on Maple Avenue, FGF Heating and Cooling, Hollywood Video, Jo-Ann's Dance Studio, Kim LaCross of Arbonne International, McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, McDonald's, Midco Residential Services, Mei Haus, Dr. Brant Mozo, Our Town Deli, James Parker, Pathmark, ProCare Physical Therapy, Quick Chek on Durham Avenue, Quick



Eagles Pee Wee Cheerleaders

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## Junior Pee Wee Cheer Squad Complete a Great Season

The South Plainfield Eagles Jr. Pee Wee Cheer Squad has just completed a successful season of games and competitions. This group of 23 cheerleaders in grades three through five have

been practicing six hours a week since the first week of August to learn cheers, stunts and a half time routine for the Eagles football games. The squad then began learning jumps, dance moves, gymnastics and partner stunts, as well as a "crowd involvement" cheer for a halftime competition routine in early September.

The JPW squad placed second in the large novice division in mid-October, allowing them to move on to the Eastern Region Qualifiers on October 28. There they competed against nine other squads and performed a flawless routine in front of hundreds of spectators.

The 2007 squad is comprised of Tumblers and Stunters: Amanda Cav-

### SPHS VOLLEYBALL

## SPHS Volleyball Team Holds Awards Dinner

By John Ferguson  
Head Coach SPHS Girls Volleyball

South Plainfield High School Girls Volleyball Team held its annual awards dinner on November 30. The team competed in 22 varsity and 20 junior varsity contests. The varsity team had a final record of 3-19 which was the highest win total in all the years of the program, and the junior varsity was 2-18. There were 26 girls who participated in the program, with 11 receiving varsity letters and a total of 15 who experienced varsity competition. The varsity team once again had very little varsity game experience with only five returning letter winners, but with a lot of hard work this team was very competitive, playing seven of the 22 matches to three game conclusions.

The team excelled at playing defense as seen by a huge increase in the number of digs the team made. They also won the "GMC Sportsmanship Award" for volleyball. Volleyball senior

captains are Jamie Ensel and Kayla Quadrel. The statistical leaders were: best server, sophomore Bianca DiDolce at 87%; most serving aces, Jamie Ensel with 39; most digs, sophomore Brittany Alvarado with 87; most kills, Bianca DiDolce with 69; best hitting percentage junior, Jackie Kukuch at 17%; most blocks junior Toni Hudak with three and most assists, Jamie Ensel with 138.

The most effective passer was Kayla Quadrel with 58% passing percentage. The team MVP was senior captain Jamie Ensel and the Rookie of the Year was junior Jackie Kukuch. Three team members were listed as honorable mention in the *Home News Tribune* and *Courier News* volleyball reviews: senior Jamie Ensel, sophomores Brittany Alvarado and Bianca DiDolce. The coaching staff would like to thank the board of education, high school administration, the athletic department for their support as well as the sup-

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### RECREATION WRESTLING Submitted by Joe Sacco

## Rec Wrestlers Crown Four Champs

This past weekend the South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling team participated in both the Bridgewater Novice and Bridgewater Battle for the Belt wrestling tournaments.


In the novice division the young Tigers struck gold winning four championships. Taking home first place medals were Alex Amato, Ryan Boettcher, Tommy Fierro and David Loniewski.

South Plainfield also had a strong

showing in Bridgewater's Battle for the Belt. This is one of New Jersey's most highly regarded tournaments with wrestlers coming from as far away as Kentucky to participate. Michael Marrero led the way for the Tigers with a second place finish followed by Danny Hedden's fourth place finish at 75 pounds.

Also wrestling for the Tigers were Brenden Hedden, Kyle Bythell, Joe Penyak and Christopher Maszczak.

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Here are some things for kids to do during the Holiday break between Christmas and New Years!


**DAY CAMP OPTIONS:** TBSA Will be open from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM for Working Parents on Thursday & Friday, December 27 & 28! The cost is \$50 per day per child. Drinks are available and Pizza (\$2.00) lunch is an option or bring your own. Day camp is available to boys & girls ages 6 - 14.

**SHORT TERM CAMP OPTIONS:** Drop your child or children and their friends off anytime that we are open and pay just \$10 per child for a two hour time block! Children may play on either the Turf fields or basketball courts, depending on availability or play any of our recreation games including Air Hockey, Foosball, Rod Hockey, etc. They can pass time with their friends or make new friends while they are here.

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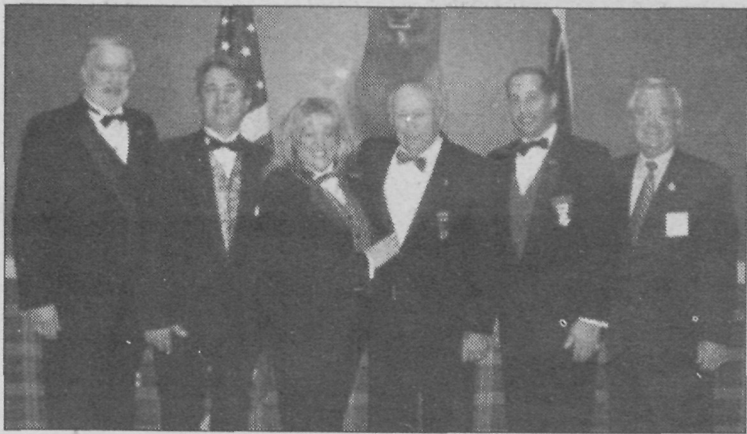
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## Elks Celebrate VP Homecoming

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 celebrated the homecoming of Central District Vice President Peter D. Smith, PER on November 17. The night was dedicated to honoring the vice president for all his work during the fraternal year out at the district.

The evening began with the performance of the Initiatory Ritual by the lodge officers. Exalted Ruler Debra Czech gave the welcoming speech commending Vice President Peter Smith for the hard work he has done for the Elks at the district level. Additional speeches were given by several dignitaries, including District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Steven Ray, Past

State President and Grand Lodge Ritual Chairman Robert Mauro, Past Grand Lodge Committeeman and Past State President Francis J. Decibus and Past Grand Lodge Committeeman and Past State President Stephen J. Terrible.

Grand Lodge officers for the evening were Grand Exalted Ruler Jeffrey Dvorin, PER; Grand Esquire Raymond Horvath and Grand Inner Guard Nicholas Chupko. Members and guests enjoyed a buffet dinner following the program.

—Submitted by  
Debra Czech, Exalted Ruler

## We Have a Winner!



The Mini Chopper raffled off by the Old Timers Motorcycle Club was won by South Plainfield resident Jeremy Cortese. The winner was selected during Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation's Casino Night. The raffle raised over \$2,000 for the foundation. The Old Timers hope to raffle off a bigger bike next year during their annual run.

## Volleyball Awards Dinner

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port of the volleyball teams' parent and numerous fans who attended all of our matches.

The team would also like to thank

the South Plainfield Booster Club for all their help and support as well as the South Plainfield Elks for allowing us to use their facility for our annual awards dinner.

## Junior Pee Wee Cheer Squad

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liere, Lindsey Diamant, Jenna Karcher, Carly Miceli, and Sarah Walsh; stunt bases: Wiktorja Blazejowicz, Danielle Bowbliss, Gina Cummings, Brittany DellaSalla, Jamie Donato, Brianna Leonard, Jessica Ortiz, Nicole Timmerman and front/back stunt

spotters: Hannah Arntz, Brooke Barry, Alexa Gentile, Danielle Hurst, Yvianna Lipke, Alliana Makowski, Stefanie Melchiorre, Taylor Parajon, Sydney Shaw and Jennifer Teece.

Congratulations to the cheerleaders and their coaches for a great season.

—Submitted by Terry Housel

## School Board BRIEFS

- Jennifer Gill received tenure.
- Revised curricula for the 2007/2008 school year was approved.
- The board accepted the following resignations: SPHS Spanish teacher, Yolanda Pazdera; Grant School part-time phys ed teacher Melissa Geoghan; part-time preschool instructional support aide Kari Ann Krihak and Business Administrator/Board Secretary Donna Tolley.

- Fredrik Oberkehr was appointed assistant superintendent of instruction and operations and affirmative action officer in educational programs.

- Anthony Massaro was appointed Kennedy School interim principal.

- As recommended by the superintendent, the BOE approved the appointment of Grant School special ed (autistic class) contractual teacher Kristin Valentino, Grant School part-time phys ed teacher Elena Buccino, Debbie Czech, SPHS (12-month) secretary to the assistant principal, replacing returning Paula Dick; Rudolph Coleman as Grant School instructional support aide (autistic class), Kavita Sinha, M.D., EAAP as related service provider for neurological evaluations and extra curricular staff Alissa Pecora, activity fund treasurer and Joann Plate, activity fund treasurer.

- The BOE approved hiring a temporary computer technician from E-Plus for eight hours a day, for a maximum of 40 days.



All About U Salon & Spa raised \$1,500 for "Metuchen Pulls Together" Holiday Fund. All of the proceeds go directly to purchasing gifts for underprivileged families in Metuchen.

## Cut-A-Thon Raises \$1,500

All About U Salon & Spa, located at 285 Central Ave. in Metuchen, raised \$1,500 during their Holiday Cut-A-Thon held on November 19.

All About U Salon stylists put their combs and cutters to work to help the Metuchen community. 100% of their

proceeds went to help "Metuchen Pulls Together."

Their donation will provide gifts to area children who would otherwise go without.

For more information, contact Danielle or Ana at (732) 516-0155.

## Knights Free Throw Championship

The Knights of Columbus #6203 will sponsor the annual youth free throw championship. Boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate at the local level for the 2008 Free Throw Championship.

Registration will be held Saturday, Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. in Sacred Heart

School. Competition starts at 1:30 p.m.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent.

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## TBSA Basketball Team Tryouts Dec. 13 and 14

TBSA, 76 Carter Drive in Edison announces plans for basketball team tryouts for children ages 11 through 13 for boys and girls. Be aware that ages are not necessarily what they appear to be. Your child may in fact be 14 years old, but for travel team purposes may in fact be playing on the 13U team. To check your child's age eligibility go to [www.scoresand.schedules.com/auage/](http://www.scoresand.schedules.com/auage/) and put in your child's birthdate to see what team they are eligible to play for.

Mike Allocco, owner of TBSA and director of the team programs for TBSA, states that "TBSA is looking to be an innovator in the area of basketball team play and we are looking to make a difference in how children learn and play the game of basketball. Practices will be twice a week and our

focus will be on individual skill improvement and not just winning basketball games. If you are looking to compete in a national tournament in Las Vegas or Orlando or Chicago, then this might not be for you. If you are looking to have your child or children learn basketball correctly and to enjoy the experience of playing well and competing against other children of similar ages then our program is the correct one for you!"

"I look to make this a delightful experience for all that participate. Players will all get to "play" on the teams that they play for and most games will be held at our facility in Edison or within close proximity to the area. If you care about your child's basketball education and learning the game of basketball and if you are not overly

concerned about winning and losing, then you are encouraged to participate!"

TBSA team tryouts are open to eligible players and will be held on Thursday, Dec. 13 and Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. for boys and girls ages 10U and 11U. Tryouts for boys and girls 12U and 13U will be at 7:30 p.m. Remember to use the age calculator to determine your child's age group. Practice schedules will follow a pattern of one day on weekends and one day during the week. The TBSA team season will be January through mid March.

For more information, please contact Mike Allocco at (732) 650-1224 at TBSA.

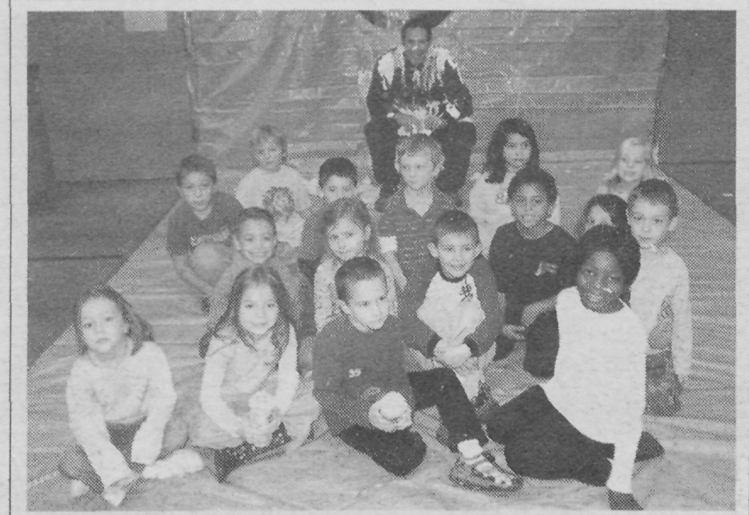
### police report

• On November 20, a Windrow Avenue resident reported the theft of a set of keys from their vehicle, as well as gasoline.

• On November 21, an Edison resident reported the theft of a Guild electric guitar and case while performing at Galaxy Cafe on Plainfield Avenue.

• On November 22, Paco G. Guantagsi, 34, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Dejean Gathers, 28, of Horsham, Pa. was arrested for driving on a sus-



After losing the Market Day pie selling contest to Roosevelt School, Riley School Principal Al Czech and the teaching staff had the pleasure of throwing whipped cream pies at gym teacher, Eugene Clapsis, pictured above with Mrs. Bohl's first grade class, which sold the most pies in the school (37), and had a pizza party courtesy of the PTSO.

## IN MY OPINION

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it. The gift of giving is what is important and we, as a class, are happy we were able to do so.

God bless you Matty. We'll be praying for you and standing strong behind you every step of the way in your fight against cancer.

**KRISTINE NEWMAN-CRAGGAN,  
SPHS CLASS OF 1991**

Dear Editor,

Last week's letter to the editor from Robert Spiegel was an insult to the leaders and citizens of South Plainfield.

The premise of the entire letter is clearly at fault. The goal of the Helen Street Project is to provide the best and safest truck route in South Plainfield—not totally eliminate trucks from South Plainfield roadways. The leaders, political parties and residents of our town are in complete agreement that this is the best solution. We owe it to our children, truckers and all who drive in our town the superior truck route that the Helen Street Project affords; to do this we must move forward and oppose any EWA efforts and influence against it.

Mr. Spiegel's letter would lend one to believe that we are totally helpless to take care of problems in our own town. The South Plainfield leaders are the ones that engaged the EPA and addressed the Cornell-Dubilier and ball field soil issues. I suppose in a funny logical way the EWA can claim involvement by not opposing these projects and influencing the DEP to shut them down. He mentions his efforts on the Talmadge Road extension that includes not only a road, but acres of high density housing through and abutting to the protected Dismal Swamp. That effort was successful in restricting Edison trucks on Talmadge Road and directing them into South Plainfield onto Helen Street so they can travel onto Durham and Hamilton! Don't forget what the "E" stands for in EWA—Edison. For the record, I do have the opportunity to work with and communicate with some of South Plainfield leaders and not once have I heard any of them "lie" regarding EWAs opposition to the Talmadge project.

The consultants hired by South Plainfield performed an Environmental Assessment (EA) and together with our leaders presented this and other reports to the NJDOT, FHWA and NJDEP. The reports were reviewed and comments incorporated with these agencies. I would like to take Mr. Spiegel up on his offer "to work with the citizens of South Plainfield" and come up with a mutually acceptable Helen Street plan and address any supposed deficient areas with regard to the NJDEP and NJDOT rules. This indeed will reduce the risk of harm to our children and others, while also improve the health of all with the realization of reduced exhaust emissions.

Citizens of South Plainfield, please support our leaders in the efforts to move this project forward and take on

the opposition to the Helen Street Project. Let your representatives in Trenton and Washington know of your desire for this project. It will likely cost us a couple million dollars to do this, but like many things that are worthwhile there is a cost.

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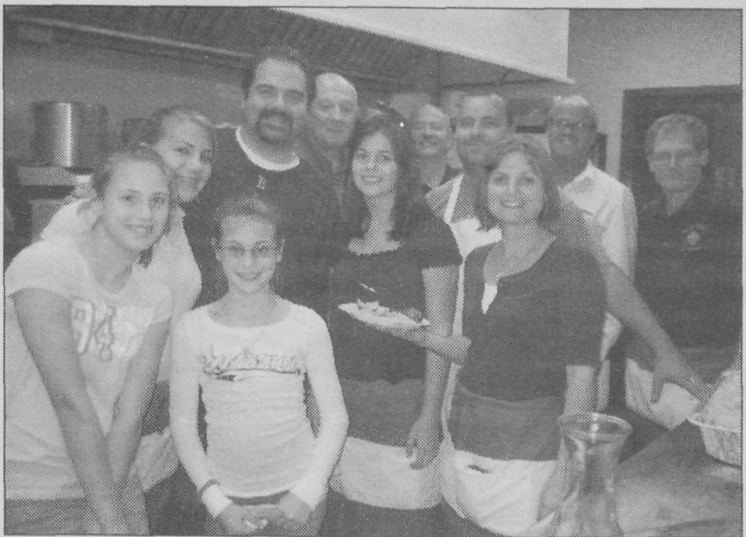
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Helping run this event were the following Knights: the maitre'd for the event was Grand Knight Billy Butrico; the kitchen was run by Head Chef Joe McGeehan and Joe Scrudato. Servers were Sharon, Alyssa and Rachel

Scrudato, Joelle Butrico, Jeff Pauls, Kimmy Petronko and Alexis Cargill. The bartender was Lenny Kleczkowski.

Selling tickets at the door was the newest Knight, Frank Rainer. Helping set-up and clean up were Neil Towey and Bill and Kathy Thomas. Salad and bread prep was handled by Brian Cargill.

The Knights would like to thank all the residents of South Plainfield who attended this Italian dinner. Without your support this event would not have been as successful. Please look for more "Don't Cook Friday" Italian dinners in the future.

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Kennedy School Cub Scouts honor local veterans.

## Cub Scouts Celebrate Veterans

By Jane Dornick

Kennedy School Cub Scout Troop 324 paid a special tribute to the veterans in their lives with a ceremony held in the school gym.

The program began with the singing of "God Bless America" with music teacher Barbara Habeeb accompanying on piano. Scout Leaders Scott

Waters and Ken Wolpin introduced the scouts, who each escorted the special veteran they brought with them. The troop color guard presented the American and Scout flags while leading the audience in the "Pledge of Allegiance" and the singing of the "National Anthem."

Students had been asked to bring in photos of family members or friends who had served in the military and they were presented in a slide show. Classes were also asked to write letters to veterans to be distributed at U.S. Veterans Hospital in East Orange.

The program ended with the school singing along to an acoustic guitar version of "Proud to be an American." Also attending were South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 members Rudy Poczak and Metro Kopchak, along with resident and Army Specialist Jeff Heine.

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## Obituaries

### Elwood M. Terry, 81

Elwood M. Terry died on Thursday, Nov. 29 in the Haven Hospice unit of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Piscataway, he had resided in Plainfield for many years before settling in South Plainfield in 1964.

An Army veteran of WWII, he served in the 778th Tank Battalion with General Patton's 3rd Army before being honorably discharged in July of 1946. Elwood and his wife had attended several of the 778th Tank Battalion reunions over the years. In addition, he was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763, the American Legion Chaumont Post #243, both in South Plainfield and was a charter member of the WWII museum in New Orleans.

Elwood had been employed by the South Plainfield Board of Education in the maintenance department as an electrician for 20 years before his retirement at age 62 in the late 1980's.

He was predeceased by his parents, William H. and Emma (Garretson) Terry and four brothers, Alfred P., William, John Francis and Arthur Terry.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Margaret M. (Mingle); two nieces and two nephews, Alfred "Bud" Terry of Concord, N.C., Marilyn Terry of Califon, Douglas Terry of Hudson, Ohio and Suzanne Damberg of Downingtown, Pa. Also surviving are two sisters-in-law, Eileen Mingle and Beda Jody Dupras.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

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### Andrew J. Forgash PhD, 84



Andrew Forgash

Andrew J. Forgash, PhD died on Thursday, Nov. 29 at home.

Born and raised in Dunellen, Mr. Forgash resided in South Plainfield for 53 years. He graduated from Holy Trinity High School in Westfield in 1941. Following high school, Mr. Forgash enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served until his honorable discharge in 1944.

An entomology professor at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, Andrew graduated from Rutgers University in 1949 with a B.S. degree in chemistry. A year later in 1950, he earned his masters degree in entomology and in 1952 he earned his PhD in entomology both from Rutgers University.

In 1948, while seeking his B.S. degree, Andrew started his career at Rutgers as a research fellow. After earning his doctorate and over the course of his 36 year tenure, he held various positions within the Entomology Department at Rutgers University.

A member of the Middlesex County Mosquito Commission for 35 years, Mr. Forgash served as treasurer before retiring in 2006.

An avid gardener, Giants and Yankees fan, Andrew was also a member of the American Legion Post 243 and the VFW Post 6763 both of South

Plainfield.

He was predeceased by a son, Drew Forgash, who died in 1982 and by a brother and two sisters.

Surviving are his wife, Cassie (Snyder); two daughters, Davida Sacco and husband Joe of South Plainfield and Stephanie Albury and husband Bruce of Lake Ariel, Pa.; a son, Richard (Bonnie) of South Brunswick; a daughter-in-law, Sherry Forgash of Long Island and his six grandchildren, Joseph and Todd Sacco, Andrew Forgash, Jill and Drew Forgash and Dylan Albury.

Also surviving are four great grandchildren, Joseph, Jordan, Jenna and Alexandra Sacco, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held in the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Donations in his memory can be made to the Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St. Edison, N.J. 08818.

### Pierini Aquino, 77

Pierini Aquino of North Plainfield passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at Robert Wood University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Funeral services were held at The South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

### Raquel N. Covas, 74

Raquel N. Covas of Middlesex passed away peacefully on Monday, Nov. 26 at Harborside Nursing Home in Bridgewater.

Funeral services were held at The South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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

November 30, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on November 29, 2007.

A. Case #59-06/S/U/V-Chuan Wei Liu and Justina Liu, Block 528; Lot 46.10; 685 Hadley Road. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit the expansion of its office/warehouse use, amended preliminary and final site plan approval together w/waivers was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #28-07/M/Site-Joseph Tedesco, Block 401; Lot 1; Hamilton Blvd. and Hillside Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance and subdivision was hereby DENIED.

C. Case #41-07/Use-Zaremba Group, Block 523; Lots 2.01, 3, 4 and 5; 124 McKinley Street. The applicant's request for an interpretation that a proposed insurance claims center is a permitted use the OPA-1 Zone was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

D. Case #42-07-David Franchak, Block 245; Lot 8; 412 Joan Street. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to construct an open porch w/roof was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

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December 7, 2007

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

November 28, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on November 27, 2007:

A. Case #693/N/S-JSM @ Tingley, LLC, Block 517; Lot 1; South Avenue and Coolidge Street. The applicant's request for (4) variances as they relate to the number of signs as well as preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$00.00 December 7, 2007

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

**ORDINANCE No. 1629A**

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

**Ordinance #1629A entitled: A ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1629 PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 276, LOT 5 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO WAYNE AND JANICE DIANA FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00 was adopted on first**

reading and advertised in The Observer of Friday, December 7, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 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. 1629A**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1629, PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 276, LOT 5 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO WAYNE AND JANICE DIANA FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500.00.**

Be it Ordained that the following be amended:

**WHEREAS** the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 276 (incorrectly referenced as Block 279), Lot 5, said property being situated on Lowden Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS** the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body, has deemed that Block 276 (incorrectly referenced as Block 279), Lot 5 is not needed for public purpose or use;

All other provisions of Ordinance #1629 shall remain in full force and effect

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

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December 7, 2007

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