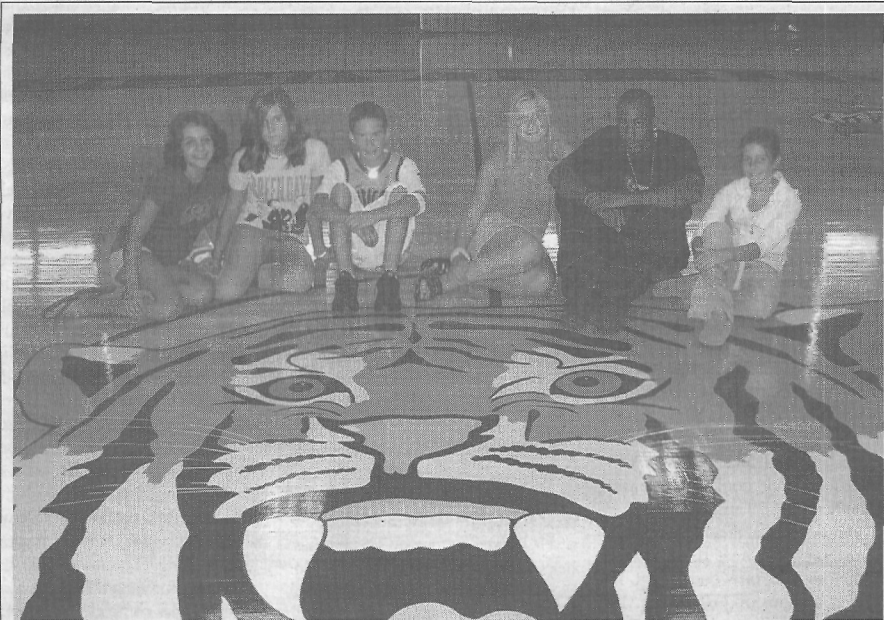


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Middle School student athletes admire their newly restored gym floor. Pictured from left are Brittany Alvarado, Jenna Heckel, Mark Benak, Elizabeth Martin, Dontae Johnson and Carly Ashnault. The two-week summer project included sanding and repainting the surface, and installing new lettering and Tiger mascot designs. It took four coats of varnish to bring back the floor's original luster. Principal Steve Novak commented, "I want to thank the Board of Education for making this possible. I am very proud of the way the floor looks, because the students here deserve the best."

Tenure for SPHS Principal Uncertain

By Libby Barsky

Will Dr. Kenneth May receive tenure as high school principal from the South Plainfield Board of Education?

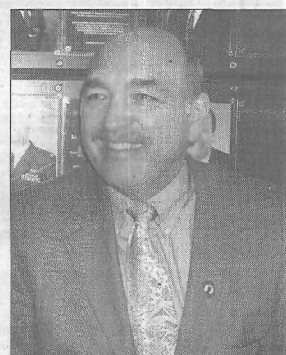
That was the question posed during a special public hearing held before the Board's agenda meeting held Tuesday, Sept. 13, however, the answer to that question won't be immediately known. When Anthony Massaro became assistant superintendent of schools in November of 2003, South Plainfield High School Assistant Principal Dr. May, who was then assistant principal, was appointed principal by the board as of Jan. 1, 2004.

Since the position began in the middle of the school year, Dr. May will be up for tenure as principal.

According to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, because tenure comes with 60 days notice, discussion of Dr. May's tenure can't wait and must take place this month, and the decision has to be made by the board's October meeting.

Dr. May received notice on Sept. 9 that his tenure would be discussed this month. When he received notice, he requested an open meeting by the board, and in doing so, waived his rights of confidentiality.

Over 50 people, mostly high school staff supporting Dr. May, attended the meeting. During their public



Dr. Ken May

statement, board members didn't specify what objections or reasons they had for not giving tenure to May, but parents did bring up at least two incidents: the replacement of Mark Twined as high school band instructor and director and the June graduation when the heavy rainfall cut off the opportunity of the valedictorian and salutatorian to give their speeches. "I wasn't happy with what I've heard about the decisions that he made," said Board member Jeff Seider. Adding, "Dr. May was the high school assistant principal for many years. Some of his decisions should not have occurred."

"I don't agree with every decision he made, but it doesn't rise to the level of (affecting) tenure," said Board member Patrick Kelly.

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Police Chief Leads Stolen Truck Chase Gun Toting Suspect Arrested With 20 Rounds of Ammo

A disgruntled employee of Swift Transportation on Kennedy Rd. led the South Plainfield and New Jersey State Police on a stolen truck chase which began on Rt. 287 and ended up in Woodbridge on the NJ Turnpike last Friday.

Early on Friday afternoon Michael Soucy, 33, of Lincoln, Rhode Island was terminated from his job at Swift and took off in a \$100,000 2005 Volvo company truck. Swift was able to track the truck which was equipped with a GPS system and located it near Exit 4 at Rt. 287 on Durham Ave.

South Plainfield Police Chief John Ferraro was in an unmarked police vehicle and spotted the truck as it entered onto Rt. 287 from Durham Ave. Soucy continued onto the NJ Turnpike at Exit 10 and was traveling northbound in the truck lanes. The suspect finally stopped the truck on the turnpike in Woodbridge and

fled on foot. Chief Ferraro pursued Soucy on foot across the northbound lanes of the Turnpike and continued up an overpass where he lost sight of the suspect.

A short time later, Soucy emerged from underneath a nearby bridge overpass and was arrested by South Plainfield Police Lt. Kevin Murtagh and Col. Joseph "Rick" Fuentes of the NJ State Police, who along with Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Ceravolo, arrived at the scene to assist.

A check of the stolen truck revealed a 20 round box of 257 magnum hollow point ammunition. The suspect admitted to possessing a gun during the incident which was loaded with five hollow point rounds missing from the box found in the truck. Soucy had discarded his weapon during the chase, but later led police to a Smith and Wesson 357 magnum revolver alongside the overpass ramp to

Exit 11 on the Turnpike. The suspect was also in possession of additional quantities of 32 caliber ammunition.

Soucy was transported to the NJ State Police Barracks in Cranbury where he was charged with theft of (Continued on page 7)

Middle School Pays Tribute to 9/11



Middle School gym teacher Nick Scalzo reads a prepared statement to students around the 9/11 courtyard memorial.

By Jane Dornick

Since the fourth anniversary of the September 11, 2001 tragedy fell only a few days into the new school year, Middle School Principal Steve Novak decided to have the gym teachers take their classes out to the courtyard

memorial on Friday, Sept. 9 to commemorate the event.

Each gym teacher read a statement prepared by the Social Studies teachers which said, "Four years ago this Sunday, the United States was attacked by terrorists bent on changing our way of life. They used airplanes

as vehicles of destruction, striking at the heart of America's military and economic centers.

"At 8:46 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 11, an American Airlines jumbo jet that had been hijacked from Boston was flown into the North Tower of the

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Update on **CAUTION:** Borough Construction

SPBA Updated on Hamilton Blvd. Construction

The South Plainfield Business Association received the latest updates on the construction along Hamilton Blvd. at last Thursday's monthly meeting held at Sherban's Diner.

Councilman Charlie Butrico, Rob Russo from CME, Lt. Kevin Murtagh of Traffic Safety and Police Chief John Ferraro were on hand to explain the latest updates on the construction and answer questions.

So far, there have been no major

complaints from businesses along Hamilton Blvd. Where construction is taking place, police have been on hand to direct traffic and have apparently been a great help for businesses on Ryan St. and St. Nicholas Ave., which have always had trouble accessing Hamilton Blvd., even in the absence of construction. Construction will be ongoing for 12 to 18 months.

Work is still ongoing by Elizabeth-

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council meetings

Borough Hall Council Chambers - Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
October 4	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
October 18	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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.

planning board

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

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

Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 29, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.
Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 4.

taxpayers advisory group

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.

site plan sub-committee

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

Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

recreation commission

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

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

Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 7 and Dec. 13.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

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

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 6:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave. Work session. No public comment

Tuesday, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3.

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Letter to the Editor:

Grant School had their first PTO meeting on Sept. 13. We had a great turnout of fifth and sixth grade parents. Karen Steingart, president, hosted a well-rounded meeting along with Diane Zekas, Susan Murtagh, Diane Hunt-Rton and Beth Bors, all our board members. We discussed many upcoming events, along with fundraising plans for our fifth grade Stokes trip next year. I will be chairing the Stokes Committee for fifth grade and am looking forward to a \$0 out-of-pocket expense. So anyone with any type of fundraising ideas, please contact me. Also, a \$25 activities fee per student will be in affect this year to defray the cost of the many events at Grant School. The Cultural Arts programs, chaired by Mrs. Wilson, school play, class picnics and other activities can only happen with your contributions. Our book fair will take place Sept. 28, 29 and 30.

Our South Plainfield High School Booster Club "Meet the Coaches" night took place on Monday, Sept. 12, with a turnout of 110 people. Dr. Rosado, Athletic Director Mike Buggey and Athletic Booster Club President Kevin Lykes opened the meeting and each coach gave a presentation on their sport. Thank you to Flanagan's and April for the wonderful buffet dinner. We need a strong membership of parents to join in and help. Our sports auction is coming in November.

A note to Scott Horowitz, teacher and coach at the high school, sometimes unpleasant things happen to great people, but you are one of the BEST and it shows in everything you do and what you are all about. The children admire and respect you and you need to revel in that notion along with the recent birth of your daughter.

Michael English, your presence on the Board of Ed will truly be missed.

To all of our many South Plainfield school teams, remember that individuals play the game, teams win championships; play hard, tough and together, it's all about you as a team player.

Best wishes to Leo Whalen, Rob Richkus, Steve Novak, Kelly Panuzzo, Ralph Errico, Charles Ford, Al Czech and Bob Dichl on your new positions. The greatest achievement is knowing you made a positive difference.

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

I'm writing this letter on behalf of my good friend, Rob Bengivenga. Rob's running for borough council, and while he had my vote the day he decided to run, I want to explain why I think voters should elect him in November.

I can't think of anyone more suited for public office than Rob. He cares about people and he always wants to do the right thing.

He's also a hard worker. I can't believe how much time he devotes to making our community a better place. He's a member of the Historical Society, the Cultural Arts Commission, the Business Association and UNICO National (where, among other things, he co-chairs the Columbus Day celebration in South Plainfield). These are just some of the things he's involved in. And with all this, he still somehow found time this year to help restore the Edison Valley Playhouse on the South Plainfield-Edison border. He's put in over 100 volunteer hours on that project!

If you want someone who will be a great councilman, vote for Rob Bengivenga. You won't be sorry.

JOSE MERCADO

To the Editor:

In this year's race for Borough Council, the proof really is in the numbers. Just look at all of the county and state grants that the Democratic team of Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas has helped deliver to South Plainfield. In the last two years they have secured \$1 million in grants, including grants of \$200,000 for the work on Maple Ave., \$170,000 for the widening of Durham Ave., \$50,000 for the footbridge at Monument Park, \$140,000 for the lighting to be installed on Hamilton Blvd. and \$390,000 for property tax relief. This is a great accomplishment that every taxpayer should know about. The Democrats have been able to make significant improvements to the borough while still keeping our municipal tax rate of the lowest in the county.

On Election Day, vote for the Democratic team of Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council.
FRANK MALECKI, JR.

Dear Editor,

When I heard that Matt Anesh was running for council, I could not have been more pleased. South Plainfield needs some new blood on the council, and I think Matt has just the right background and experience for the job.

Matt was born and raised in South Plainfield, so he has the perfect background to be a member of the council. In addition, his experience in finance (he's a VP at Merrill-Lynch) is sorely needed.

In short, Matt Anesh is the perfect choice to be a council member. He has the right balance of work experience, background and judgment to help get our town going in the right direction.

I'm proud to support him.

SCOTT BECHTOLDT

Dear Editor,

I am writing to support the Democratic team of Councilman Ed Kubala and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas. I believe that we need to have representatives who do exactly that—represent the taxpayers viewpoint. Both Ed and Kathy have done just that, and they deserve to be re-elected on Nov. 8.

Under the leadership of Ed Kubala, the borough's finances have never been stronger. We have experienced the largest increase in grants received ever in the borough. Through his work with our hometown Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and with our Freeholder John Pulomona, Ed has been able to secure grants from the State of New Jersey and Middlesex County. These grants have been used for new curbs and sidewalks along Maple Ave., a footbridge that will connect the municipal complex with Monument Park, the fireman's memorial and the senior center, decorative lighting along Hamilton Blvd., improvements to Putnam Park, the football and soccer complex and Ponytail softball complex as well as a new classroom at the Highland Avenue Woods Preserve. A job well done Ed!

As for Ed's running mate, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, she has done a great job working with the library board and the various professionals who are designing a new state-of-the-art 16,000 square foot library on Plainfield Ave. It is going to have a large children's room, increased computer lab and an arts and crafts room for children and much more. As a longtime borough resident, I say thank you to Kathy for her devotion to this project. Under her leadership, I know the new library will be the crown jewel of the borough.

As you can see, we have great and innovative leaders serving us on the borough council. We must go out and vote to re-elect Councilman Ed Kubala and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas on Nov. 8. They deserve nothing less.

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ATA Blackbelt Academy, located on Maple Ave., held a walk-a-thon in Spring Lake Park last Saturday to help raise money for the victims of the Hurricane Katrina. Pictured are some of the walkers as they gathered to participate in the fundraiser.

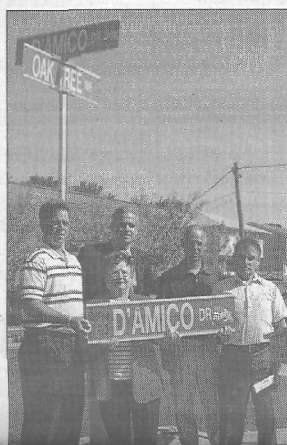
Borough Dedicates D'Amico Drive

Editor's Note: There were some errors in last week's story of the naming of D'Amico Dr., so we are rerunning the corrected story.

The family of Major Marcel D'Amico proudly watched by as D'Amico Drive was officially dedicated in his name on Saturday, Sept. 10. Members of both the D'Amico and Panzarella families attended the ceremonies, along with many dignitaries.

On hand were Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, Councilmen Ed Kubala, Charlie Butrico and Bob Cusick; Mike Santoro, U.S. Marine (retired), Police Chief John Ferraro, members of the American Legion, VFW, U.S. Marines Corps League-J.J. Gardner attachment and Rev. Charles Mingle, who opened the ceremonies with a prayer.

Guest Speaker Mike Santoro spoke of both the history and mission of the Strategic Air Command (SAC), which is the unit Marcel was assigned to at the time of his death. Actually, Santoro spearheaded the drive for the street naming after talking to Marcel's sister, Micki Panzarella. He collected the numerous papers and documents which



Holding the D'Amico Drive sign are Donald, Micki, Phillip and Paul Panzarella and John D'Amico.

are needed in order to name a street after a veteran and then lobbied everyone he could find to make it happen. With a lot of help from Assemblyman Diegnan, the street naming finally became a reality.

Speaking of the love of a sister for a brother, Diegnan commended Micki Panzarella for her determination and

dedication in getting a street named after Marcel. She never gave up!

Captain Philip Panzarella, U.S. Army (retired), spoke on behalf of the family. Phillip is the son of Micki Panzarella and Marcel's nephew. He explained how big the naming of the street was for the entire family saying, "Freedom is not free. There is always a cost to be paid for our freedom."

D'Amico served in World War II. He earned the Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star, Philippine Republic Presidential Unit Citation Emblem and the Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with one Oak Leaf Cluster.

He was recalled to duty during the years of the "Cold War" and assigned to the Strategic Air Command, where he was killed in an air crash on Dec. 16, 1958.

D'Amico Drive is located off Oak Tree Ave., at the driveway entrance to the post office.



All About Pets....

By By Anthony Loomis, DVM



Being overweight is as big of a concern for our pets as it is for us. Approximately 60% of pets are overweight. Often our pets get a little pudgy because we love them and want to give them the attention they desire.

Sharing table food, feeding them whenever they seem hungry and giving them snacks or treats throughout the day maybe kind, but it is a dangerous way of showing affection to your pets. An extra five to ten pounds on a dog or three to five pounds on a cat is as significant as an extra 25 to 50 pounds on us. Just as with us, obesity is associated with heart, respiratory and gastrointestinal complications, as well as bone and joint stress.

Animals carrying a heavy load have an increased risk of tearing ligaments and wearing down joints. When this occurs it becomes painful for our pets

to get around and they do not want to exercise, which only adds to their weight problems. A common misconception is that there is an ideal weight for each breed or species. As you know, all pets are unique, so talk to your veterinarian about develop-

ing a proper diet and exercise program for your pet to reach an ideal body condition. He or she can also teach you how to judge your pet's body condition at home.

Remember our pets love us unconditionally, even if they only get dog or cat food.

Anthony Loomis, DVM grew up in Scotch Plains, attended St. Joseph's High School, the University of Georgia and Oklahoma State University for veterinary school. He practices at Plainfield Animal Hospital with a special interest in exotic animal medicine and surgery.

SPSDW Receives Award For "The Pirates Of Penzance"

Wayne Mallette and Paul McCullen received a Perry Award for Outstanding Musical Direction for their work on the 2004 South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Production of "The Pirates Of Penzance" at the 32nd Annual Community Theatre Awards ceremony held Sunday night by the New Jersey Association of Community Theatre (NJACT).

The SPSPDW production was nominated in seven categories, including Outstanding Production of a Musical.

Cast members performed in two numbers during the event, which was held at the Somerset Doubletree Hotel before nearly 800 attendees. They took part in a short medley of the Outstanding Choreography nominees and presented a short excerpt from the show as a nominee for Outstanding Musical Production.

Christopher Baron, a nominee for Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical, also performed with other indi-

vidual nominees in the evening's opening number.

Other nominations the show received were Outstanding Direction of a Musical, Outstanding Costume Design and Outstanding Sound Design.

NJACT is a statewide organization that had representatives attend over 250 shows last year, evaluating each production for acting, creative, and technical achievements.

Almost Famous Players Auditions

Almost Famous Players is auditioning for two lead roles for the Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour; A female tour guide with stage and combat experience and a male, 18+ to play the villain, stage and combat experience a must.

You must be available Oct. 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, plus weekends for rehearsals. If interested email: angel-only@aol.com.

The Almost Famous Players are also seeking items for their 2005 Haunted Woods Tour. Needed are an old wedding dress and tux jacket, chef's hat, meat cleaver, lab coats and items that might be found in a laboratory, tavern and diner. They also need donations of building and paint supplies, batteries, fabric, costumes or cash donations.

For more information, check their website at: www.devoted.to/almost-famousplayers or call (908) 346-2290.

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Events

VFW Dinner

September 23

South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, located on 155 Front Street, will host their monthly dinner on Friday, Sept. 23 from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Call (908) 668-9751 for more information.

Knights Of Columbus Mums Sale

September 23-24

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual mums sale at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24.

All proceeds go to two Knights scholarships.

OLC Spaghetti Dinner

September 24

Our Lady of Czestochowa plans to hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the OLC Parish Hall on Hamilton Blvd. Cost for adults is \$7, seniors \$6 and children from 5 to 12 are \$3.50. Children under five are free.

OLC Blood Drive

September 30

Our Lady of Czestochowa is having its Annual Blood drive on Friday, Sept. 30 at the Parish Hall, located at 807 Hamilton Boulevard. For information call Mary at (908) 757-4490.

Spaghetti Dinner at Elks

October 1

The Elks will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 4 to 8 p.m. sponsored by National Foundation. Menu includes spaghetti, meatballs, sausage, salad, garlic bread, cake, coffee and tea. Cost is \$8 per person, children under five are free.

VFW Breakfast

October 2

South Plainfield VFW Post #6763, located on Front Street, will hold a breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 2 from 8 to 11 a.m., for all to enjoy. For information call (908) 668-9751.

Conquer Clutter and Chaos Program

October 2

The library will host "Conquer Clutter and Chaos for Good" on Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m.

What's happening in SEPTEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS



Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am
Yoga 10:30-11:30am
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Ladies Social 10am
Lunch Available

Exercise 8:30am
Line Dancing 10am
Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm
AARP Crafts Group 1pm

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Practical Crafting Program at Library

October 3

The latest in a series of "Practical Crafting" will be held at library on Monday, Oct. 3.

"Practical Crafting" instructor Ron-da Wisniewski will lead participants in making pouch cards. There are two sessions: 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Participants are requested to bring a pair of scissors and a glue stick. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There's a \$2 materials fee.

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South Plainfield Buddy Walk Returns

October 8

The Second Annual South Plainfield Buddy Walk will be held in Spring Lake Park on Oct. 8. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the walk will

follow at 1 p.m.

The Buddy Walk is a one-mile walk in which anyone can participate without special training. After the walk you and your family will enjoy entertainment for everyone, including face painting, games, music and much more.

Columbus Day Ceremonies

October 10

On Monday, October 10 at 9 a.m. the Plainfields' Chapter UNICO National will host the Annual Columbus Day Ceremony at the South Plainfield Municipal Building.

The ceremony will include remarks by dignitaries representing state and local governing bodies commemorating this national holiday, the presentation of a wreath in honor of the occasion and a flag-raising ceremony honoring the discovery of America. Refreshments will be served following the festivities for all who attend.

Everyone is invited to attend this brief exercise marking an event which charted the course for the entire civilized world.

VFW Dinner

October 21

The South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post No. 6763, located at 155 Front Street, will be holding a dinner for all to attend on Friday, October 21 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Columbiettes Plan Trip to Reading

November 5

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will sponsor a trip to the outlets at Vanity Fair in Reading, Pa. Saturday, Nov. 5. Bus leaves the the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. at 7:45 a.m. and returns approximately 7 p.m.

Cost of trip is \$25 and includes the bus, driver's tip, coupon book, shopping bag and lunch voucher. A stop will be made at the Cracker Barrel on the return trip, with dinner on your own.

Reservations may be made by calling Kathy at (908) 756-3772. Space is limited and payment must be received by Oct. 5.

SPHS Class of 1980 Plans Reunion

November 26

The 25th Reunion Committee is seeking classmates. If you know of

anyone that has recently moved, married or otherwise be difficult to contact please call Jackie Vill at (908) 757-0204 or Andrea/Ken Pesta at (908) 595-1994. The reunion will be held on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2005. More information will follow.

— Out of Town —

Parker Gardens Fall Planting Seminar

September 24

Join us at Parker Gardens on Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 1 p.m. for our Fall is for Planting seminar! Janine of Parker Gardens will discuss what you can plant during the Fall season. Learn about ornamental cabbage and kale, Proven Winners Fall Magic Line and beautiful pansies. Pre-registration is not required but is appreciated. Call (908) 322-5555 ext. 204 for more information.

Blackrose to Perform

September 24

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at the Bound Brook Hotel, located on Main St. in Bound Brook on Saturday, Sept. 24.

Concert at Commerce Ball Park

September 24

Macy Gray and Ruben Studdard will appear in concert at Commerce

Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the Somerset Patriots Box Office at Commerce Bank Ballpark, online at www.ticketweb.com or by calling TicketWeb toll-free at (866) 468-7619, or may be purchased over the phone at the ballpark box office at (908) 252-0700.

For more information prior call the Park Commission at (908) 722-1200.

CHATS Meeting

September 26

CHATS, Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support, will be meeting at 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 26, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church on Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. "A Story of Adoption: A Birth Mother's Retrospective" will be led by author Lynn Franklin. Open sharing of adoption-related stories; light refreshments. Check our website at www.chatnj.com or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for more information.

Starlight Socials For Christian Professionals

September 28

The Starlight Social will hold a happy hour for singles in their 30's and 40's on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Bennigans on Rt. 1 South in Metuchen.

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

Depression and Bipolar Support

September 28

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship on Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. Free literature is available. The public is invited to attend.

For information, call (973) 994-1143.

Singles Social

October 1

The Starlight Socials For Single Christian Professionals in their 20's and 30's will hold a dinner and dancing social on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at Jimmy Haunt in Morristown. Cost is \$3 surcharge plus whatever you order for dinner, tax and tips.

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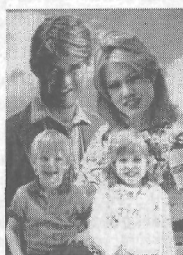
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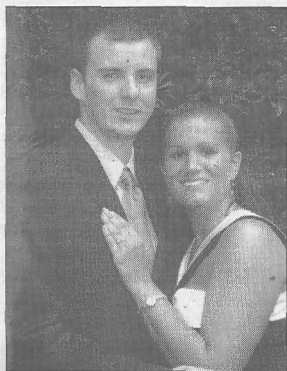
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Congratulations to long-time South Plainfield residents John (Wes) and Emma Murray, who recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Theresa Lamastro Engaged to Randy Kuhn



Theresa Lamastro and Randy Kuhn
Bill and Kathy Lamastro along with Harry and Dominique Kuhn, both

of South Plainfield, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Theresa Lamastro and Randy Kuhn.

The South Plainfield High School sweethearts both graduated from Saint Peter's College in Jersey City, NJ. Theresa is a kindergarten teacher at Soaring Heights Charter School in Jersey City. Randy is a real estate investor with the Seventh Street Real Estate Group.

The happy couple has been together for over eight years and commenced their engagement in Paris at the Eiffel Tower on May 7, 2005. The wedding is planned for July 20, 2007 at the Ocean Place Resort and Spa in Long Branch.

Temple Promoted To 9th Degree Black Belt

Ernie Temple of South Plainfield was promoted to 9th Degree Black Belt in the Okinawan martial art of Isshinryu Karate in Bayonne on Sept. 17.

Temple has been involved with the martial arts for 40 years. His school, the largest in Central Jersey, is located in the Dunellen Knights of Columbus and he and his students celebrated its 30th anniversary this year. Temple was promoted by the head of Isshinryu Karate in the United States, 10th Degree Black Belt, Ed McGrath of Sayville, Long Island. McGrath indicated at this promotional that Temple is to succeed McGrath upon his retirement as the next American Grand



Ernie Temple (left) with 10th degree black belt Ed McGrath-Head of Isshinryu Karate in the United States.

Master of Isshinryu Karate. It was McGrath's instructor, Don Nagle who first brought Isshinryu Karate to the United States in 1955 from Okinawa.

For more information on Ernie Temple's School of Karate call (908) 561-6464 or visit his website at www.temple-school-of-karate.com

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

It's back-to-school time and the perfect opportunity to remind both parents and students of some of the on-line databases available through the South Plainfield Public Library website: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Probably the biggest request we get when students are doing projects is for magazine articles. Anyone who has done a Google search knows that you cannot generally get them online without paying a fee. However with your South Plainfield library card you can access EbscoHost through our website. This will give to access to thousands of periodicals ranging over a wide variety of topics and *Punk and Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia*. Most of these articles are full-text which means you get the full article, not just a citation. Another important database for school reports is *Opposing Viewpoints*. This series looks at major topics in modern American society (abortion, gun control, etc.) and gives the views of each side in the debate. *CountryWatch* is the database to turn to when doing reports on other countries. Not only does it give the standard information (location, size, population, etc.) but it also gives links to various websites within the country as well as to newspapers in that country (great especially if you are taking a class in a foreign language and are researching both the country and the language). Finally, when you need to know background information on a particular recent author you can check *Contemporary Authors*. The site will give you everything from biographical to bibliographical information as well as how to contact them. These are just a few of the online

resources available through our website. You will need a current South Plainfield Library Card to access these databases which are grouped under the link "Online Databases" on the left hand side of our homepage. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Reference Desk at the Library (908) 754-7885.

Just a reminder to come to "Conquer Clutter and Chaos for Good" with Jamie Novak (professional organizer) on Sunday, Oct. 2, Monday, Oct. 3, Practical Crafting Instructor Ronda Wisniewski is offering classes on making "Pouch Cards" at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.. Registration is required for these classes and there is a \$2 fee to cover the cost of materials.

Also coming in October will be pumpkin painting for children and a magic show on Oct. 26. More information will be included in upcoming editions of *Bookmarks*.

Miss Linda and Miss Danya are back to their regular storytime schedule. Miss Linda's program are Tuesday at 10:30, Wednesday at 6:30, and Thursday at 1:15 for children three and up and Friday at 10:30 AM she has her Books'n'Babies program. Miss Danya has a program for two and three-year-olds on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and a crafts program on Friday afternoons at 3:30 (this is the only program that requires registration but there is no cost).

And, of course, the library has a large number of new movies, TV shows (including both *Lost* and *Desperate Housewives*), music and books from which you can select. And for those of you who are not sure of our location we are located in the Municipal Complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

Tenure for Principal

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tonight," said Board member Carol Byrne, noting that she's been on the board since April and wanted to hold discussion a few months from now.

Board member Tim Morgan, whose daughter Kathleen didn't have the opportunity to give her Valedictorian speech stated, "The issue of graduation

doesn't enter into this discussion." However, he didn't express what it was that made him clearly opposed to giving Dr. May tenure.

In October 1987 Dr. May came to South Plainfield as assistant principal from Westwood-Washington Township Regional Schools in Bergen County, where he had been supervisor of Math and Computers and was brought in as Technology, Science and Math coordinator. He trained the staff, installed computers and set up the extra lab sessions for the science classes. He developed advanced placement classes and set up college course work with Seton Hall and Middlesex County college for students to take and to receive college credit.

This past year SPHS test scores were high and 60% of the students were getting B's and A's in their classes. However, Dr. May is distressed that SPHS didn't meet the state's Annual Yearly Progress (AYP) standard for 95% of juniors. He noted that the test was being given to students who weren't eligible for the test. He's is also proud that SPHS offers all students the four A's-areas were they can be successful in-arts, academics, activities and athletics.

Dee Falato, CE teacher at the high school, said she was upset by the way the board handled the discussion concerning Dr. May's tenure. "I believe since Dr. May became the principal he has been given a string of administrators all good, but very new. He has done a tremendous job mentoring all of them."

"I believe this school year was one of our best school openings yet. Everything was organized and very positive. Dr. May isn't a weatherman and he's not a politician. He is a great educator and a very good man and the best cheerleader for the town and children of South Plainfield!"

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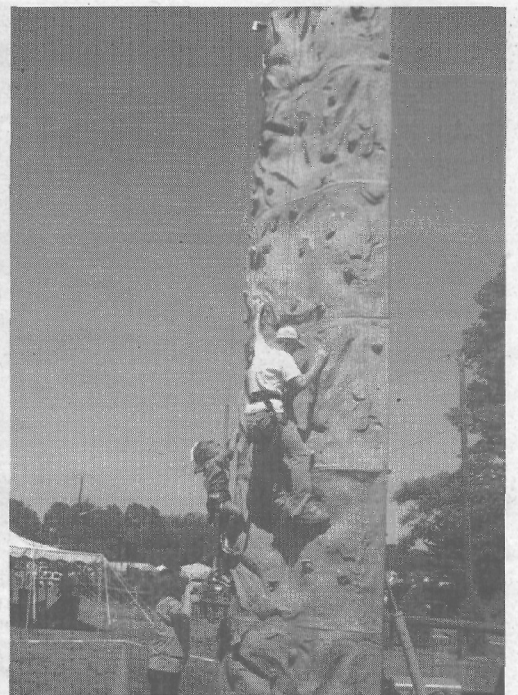
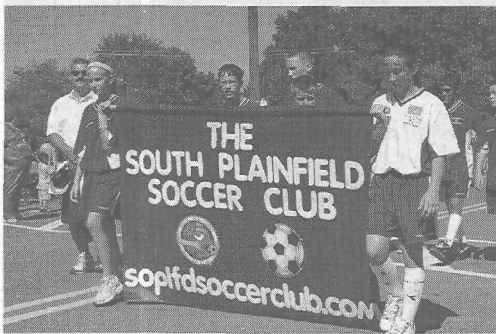
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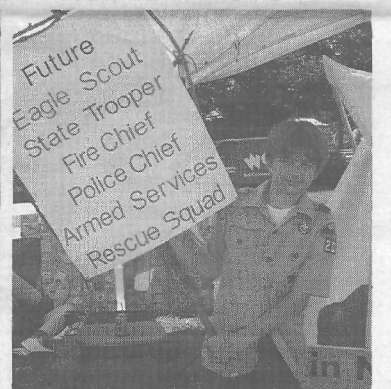
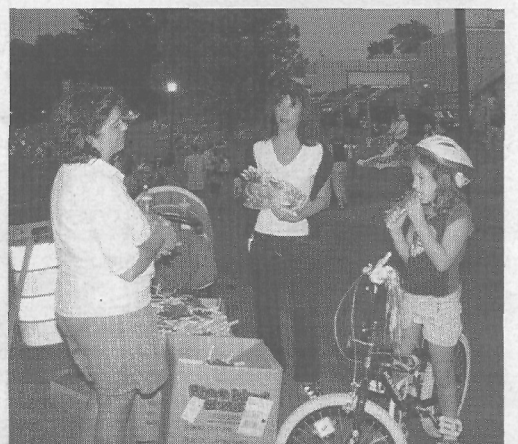
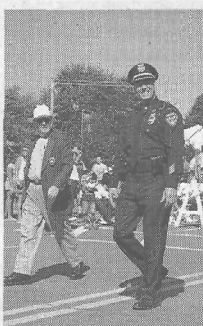
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Notes from Suburban Woman's Club

The South Plainfield Woman's Club (SPWC) held their first meeting of the 2005-2006 season in September.

After the opening ceremony, Grace Farinella introduced the newest member Leona (Lee) Collins.

The guest was Kaitlyn Pollock, a delegate to the Girl's Career Institute, sponsored by the SPWC. She spoke of her activities at Douglass College and explained that the delegates attended lectures entitled "Women in Politics," "If I Lead Who Will Follow?," "Teaching and Education" and "Broadcast Journalism." The lectures revealed what careers she might or might not choose.

Miss Pollock felt that the institute offered her two opportunities: one, what it would be like to stay on a college campus with girls she did not know, and the second was she met a group of amazing girls with whom she plans to keep in touch.

Kaitlyn, a senior at SPHS, is the daughter of Thomas and Jane Pol-

lock of South Plainfield. When she attends college next year she wants to major in American Studies and Spanish. It was most gratifying to hear this poised young woman critique the Girl's Career Institute.

A cordial invitation is extended to women interested in serving their community to join this club.

The Suburban Women's Club is a non-profit organization which awards a \$1,000 scholarship each year to an outstanding South Plainfield High School senior student. The club contributes to national and local charities and participates in civic and community activities.

Those who join will have an opportunity to serve with other hard-working and dedicated women in helping to make a difference in the quality of life in the Borough of South Plainfield.

For more information about the programs, projects and activities and how to join, call Grace B. Farinella at (908) 753-5753.



Cub Scout Pack 207 of Franklin School proudly displayed their flags on the field during the National Anthem at the Somerset Patriots Game on Sept. 17.

Columbiettes to Host Charity Fall Fashion Show

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will host their annual charity fall fashion show Sunday, Oct. 23 at the Spain Inn, 1707 West Seventh St. in Piscataway. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and an all-you-can-eat buffet lun-

cheon will be served beginning at 1 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Money raised at this event goes towards the group's charities, which have included the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, St. Mary's Soup Kitchen in Plainfield, area churches and other local needs.

Fashions this year will be by Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman, both in South Plainfield. Members of the organization will model all the latest fall colors, in a variety of sizes and styles.

For reservations or information, contact Mary at (732) 968-6766. Deadline is Oct. 15.

Correction

On the front page of last week's *Observer*, Richard McCriskin, who was helping the PBA 100 unload donated water, was incorrectly identified in the photo caption. We regret the error.

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Annual Police/Fire Game Benefits Handicapped Children

By Patricia Abbott

"Game" is definitely not an accurate description for the annual softball event between the South Plainfield Police and Fire departments. A fierce battle between blood thirsty competitors is a bit closer to reality.

The event took place on Sept. 2 at Veterans Park. Each team had their eye on the Gene Bataille Sr. Memorial Cup, recently named in honor of Gen. Bataille Sr. who passed away last September.

The Handicapped Children's Committee, BPO Elks Lodge 2298 in South Plainfield has sponsored the annual softball game for the past five years. This year they named the winner's trophy in honor of Gene Bataille, Sr. who was a member of the Elks and served many years as the chair of the Handicapped Children's Com-

mittee, as well as a member of the South Plainfield Fire Department.

Members of the police department claim they were the victors for the past six years.

As the game began they were quite confident of another win. Oddly enough, the fire department claims they have not lost a game for the past six years. The truth is out there, but the smart individual wisely nods their head and refrains from comments, keeping in mind it is for a good cause.

The police department will have to amend their future claims, because fate stepped in and the fire department won the game, taking home the new trophy and a year's worth of bragging rights. Rumor has it that both teams are already gunning for next year. Congratulations to the Fire Department and the Police Department, both are always winners in every way.

Middle School Pays Tribute to 9/11

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World Trade Center. Sixteen minutes later a second jumbo jet was flown into the South Tower. Within an hour and a half, both towers had crumbled and almost 3,000 people had been murdered, several of them rescue workers who gave themselves so that over 25,000 people DID survive that terrible day. A third plane crashed into the Pentagon, killing nearly 200 military personnel and federal workers. A

Truck Chase

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where he was charged with theft of a motor vehicle, unlawful possession of a weapon, possession of hollow point bullets and resisting arrest. He was then committed to the Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility in New Brunswick on \$100,000 bail.

"If there is a crime in progress, everyone needs to respond, administrators, as well as officers," said Police Chief John Ferraro. "Even officers who are off duty carry portable radios

fourth plane was heroically retaken in mid-flight and crashed in a grassy field in Pennsylvania. Their motto, "Let's Roll," has become America's rallying cry in the war against terrorism.

"This monument is dedicated to both the victims and heroes of that tragic day. The outer structure is a facsimile of the Pentagon, the base of America's military might. Inside the center of the Pentagon are two twin towers to pay tribute to the ci-

to respond if the need arises."

Also assisting in the arrest were South Plainfield Police Officers Vincent Campagna, Matthew Mahoney and Chanta Hunter, along with NJ State Police Detectives Ken Koenig and Ray Smink.

SPBA Updated on Hamilton Blvd. Construction

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town Water at night and on the underground gas lines and above ground telephone poles, some at night and some during the day.

Most of the construction work is taking place near Ryan St. and St. Nicholas Ave., where sewers and underground electrical work is taking place. Completion of the installation of lights at that intersection is estimated for the end of October.

Police are putting together a detour plan to alleviate some of the truck traffic on Hamilton Blvd. to relieve traffic congestion in construction areas. The detour will direct trucks over to South Clinton Ave.

A sign will be placed on Rt. 287 at exit 4 (Durham Ave.) to alert travelers of the ongoing construction and to recommend that traffic exit at Exit 6.

The house on the corner of New Market and Hamilton Blvd. has been demolished and the installation of curbing to widen the intersection will begin shortly to aid trucks in making the turn onto Hamilton Blvd. from New Market.

Another problem for traffic in the Ryan St. area will happen next month when Boro Recycling begins trucking out their contaminated soil. Plans call for 40 trucks a day to enter the site, fill up and haul away the soil to a destination in Ohio. This could cause a major traffic problem. This cleanup will take place from Oct. 1 through Jan. 1.

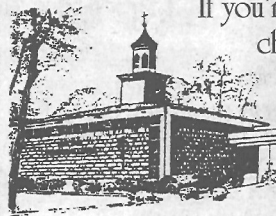
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Kubala, Thomas Seek More Improvements to Recreational Facilities and Programs

Council members Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas this week reviewed the terrific upgrades to the recreation programs and facilities over the past few years. Councilman Kubala said, "Our recreational facilities are among the best in the State of New Jersey. The South Plainfield Borough Council is proud that it has created and maintained outstanding recreational facilities and programs for people of all ages. Last year, our recreational programs served over 6,300 children and 3,300 adults in South Plainfield."

Kathy Thomas continued, "The Democrats believe that the purpose of government is to improve the quality of life for all residents and recreation is one of the areas where that can be accomplished. In the last year we have made improvements to many of our facilities. Every youth sports complex has been upgraded. We have installed field lights at Pop Warner Football, Traveling Soccer, Little League Baseball and Ponytail Softball. Currently under construction at the Pop Warner and Soccer complex are concession stand/restroom buildings. There have been improvements to the PAL such as eight new treadmills, a four stack multi-purpose station, a new leg extension machine, and a dual adjustable pulley for the weight room. Putnam Park has had major improvements this year. The jogging stations have been installed along the walking path, the handball and basketball courts have been reconstructed, and two new tennis courts and a comfort station are currently being installed. The other parks in the borough have been improved as well with the installation of new

climbing apparatus and painting and upgrading of other equipment. In the Senior Recreation Center, a room divider has been installed to improve the function of the large meeting room and the kitchen facilities have been upgraded. There are good things happening everywhere in South Plainfield."

Ed Kubala added, "The Democratic team is proud of its record of enhancing our recreational facilities. We are equally as proud of our work in obtaining funding for these improvements. Last year, improvements in the amount of \$592,000 were made from grant funds. Obtaining these grants allows the taxpayers to get more for their hard earned tax dollars. Councilwoman Thomas and I are committed to seeing this continue. Our plans for 2006 include the installation of new jogging paths in many of our borough parks and new diving boards, starting blocks and other enhancements at the community pool."

Councilwoman Thomas concluded, "Recreation is important to our residents, therefore it is important to us. We listen when people tell us they would like a safe place to walk or that more tennis courts are needed. Leisure time is a scarce commodity and people should have great facilities close to home."



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Anesh and Bengivenga Unveil Open Government Initiatives

As part of their reform campaign, Council candidates Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga see open government as not just desirable, but necessary. As a result, the two candidates are proposing ideas geared toward restoring open government.

"Right now, with one party in control, there's no such thing as open government in South Plainfield," explained Bengivenga. "The council's policies discourage public participation, and as we're now learning, the council members do everything they can to hide issues from taxpayers."

"It's time to bring back open government," said Anesh. "Our plan does just that. It gives citizens the chance to provide input and be involved in how our town moves forward." Phase one of the plan includes five initiatives:

1. Hold Council Meetings in Public when Residents can Attend - The Council recently moved its meetings to Tuesday nights, the same night the Board of Education meets. This forces concerned residents to choose between the two meetings. These two bodies determine how millions of our tax dollars are spent, and their meetings should not be on the same night. Yet the Council refuses to do anything about it.

Also, the Council recently held budget hearings at 5:30 p.m. Our party has repeatedly asked that meetings not be held before 7 p.m., because working people—especially commuters—can't attend. We need to make meetings convenient for residents. And it goes without saying that all meetings should be public, not held in people's homes.

2. Enact an "Open Applications" Ordinance—Residents who want to serve on the town's boards and committees should be able to fill out a standard application, and openings on these boards should be filled using set criteria. A person's political party should not be a consideration. Also, openings should be posted on the town's website and at Borough Hall.

3. Post the Agenda for Council Meetings at Least a Week Beforehand—The agenda for Council meetings should be available to the public no less than a week in advance. This way people will know what the Council is consider-

ing ahead of time. And unless it is an emergency, new items should not be added after the agenda is published. Residents should be able to know what's being voted on so they can attend the meeting if there is an issue that concerns them.

4. Publicize Large Building Applications so Residents Know About Proposed Development—Residents are often unaware when big builders are putting in applications for development. By publicizing these applications on the town website (using plain English), people can offer input and, if interested, attend the meetings. We should also require builders proposing large projects to post signs on the property telling the public what's planned. While the law requires legal notices, and all applications are on the agendas of the various boards, these listings are hard to follow, and its difficult to tell what property is affected.

5. Enact an Ordinance Prohibiting "Secret Settlements"—As we're just learning, the town settled a lawsuit where Mayor Gallagher and the Council were accused of sexual discrimination. They used our tax dollars, yet they refuse to disclose the settlement amount because they signed a "confidentiality" clause. By ordinance we should prohibit these "secret settlements." Taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent and if elected officials have acted illegally.

"These proposals are a first step toward making our local government user friendly," Bengivenga explained.

According to Anesh, open government is a necessary ingredient for democracy, but that ingredient is missing. "What's frustrating," he added, "is that when our opponents first ran for Council, they had some good ideas for encouraging public participation. Yet these ideas have gone by the wayside. For example, even though council members campaigned on the idea of having Democracy Day, and promised there would always be one, there hasn't been a Democracy Day in years."

"Two-party government and open government go hand in hand," Bengivenga added. "And with fresh leadership on the council, we can once again have open government in South Plainfield."



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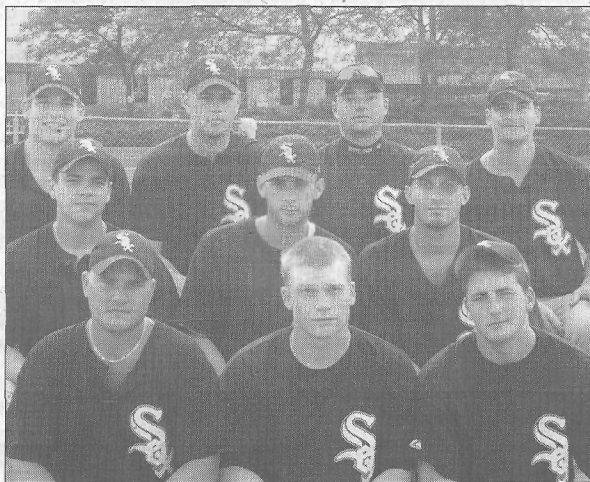
Sports

White Sox to Compete in NABA Championships

The White Sox will play the South Amboy Yankees in a best of three series for the Raritan Valley NABA baseball Championship. Game two and three of the series will be held at the Lakewood Blue Claws Stadium on Sunday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m.

The White Sox had a very successful regular season finishing with a 17-3 record. The Sox defeated the Long Hill Lumber Jacks 16-15 in the first round of the playoffs. The Sox were down by seven runs going into the bottom of the ninth, but rallied to tie the game in the last inning. In true storybook fashion Chris Bumback was up at the plate with bases loaded, an 0-2 count and two outs. With the season on the line, Chris delivered a triple to tie the game. In the bottom of the 10th Nick Sacco hit a single to score Dave Spayder on a collision play at home plate to win the game. Outfielder Gregg Moore told us, "that was the greatest come back I have ever been a part of. We were losing the whole game, but Coach Patrick Sarullo never let us quit."

The White Sox defeated the Roselle Rangers 5-0 in the semifinals. Sox ace and team MVP Matt Bizup pitched a complete game nine-inning shutout to send the team to the cham-



White Sox will be competing in championship games Sunday.

pionship. Matt Bizup, Bobby Merkle, Chris Bumback and Patrick Sarullo, all hit triples and scored in the game. Bizup thanked his defense for the shutout. Matt Said "we wouldn't have won that game if not for outstanding defensive plays by third base Mike Rodriguez and SS Joe Cerami (Sox Rookie of the Year) and catcher Walt Smolenski called a great game." Coach Sarullo also

added that Tom Cupido, Ken Gaffney, and Kevin Krystopik had great seasons and contributed to the White Sox wins.

The White Sox would like to thank Pinto Brothers for their sponsorship and would like to ask any one else who is interested in sponsoring the team to please contact Player/Manager Patrick Sarullo at (908) 239-0364.

By Glen Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club will be holding its 2006 baseball registrations on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration is \$95 per child with discounts for those families that have more than one child playing baseball. Also, this year there is a \$75 bond required for each child. This bond will be refunded at the end of the season, or it can be rolled over into the following year.

Last season the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC) had nearly 400 players, and the club is looking forward to building upon these numbers. This past season was a tremendous success with compelling round-robin tournaments for all players. Every player receives a participation trophy, and players on winning and runner-up teams receive corre-

sponding trophies at the championship games. SPJBC's traveling all-star teams also endured a successful summer with teams winning a variety of tournaments throughout Central New Jersey. South Plainfield's 10 and 11 year-old traveling teams placed first in the District Tournament, and they went on to play in the State Tournament.

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club held its annual picnic on Sept. 10. The picnic was very well attended by both children and parents. The club also put on its annual homerun derby. Below is a listing of homerun derby winners by age group:

Eight-Year-old-Kyle Dickerson, nine-year-old-Raymond Jazikoff, 10-year-old-Matt Ward, 11-year-old-Mark Tomei and 12-year-old-Dylan Papa

Please come out and register for 2006, and catch the fun at the SPJBC.

A Spirited Beginning for U13

Sunny skies and warm weather prevailed as the U13 Spirit traveling soccer team opened their season last Sunday on home turf. The excitement level was high throughout the game as Spirit maintained their lead over the Bloomfield Bobcats.

Starting the scoring streak was Joe Krawiec, followed by Matias Palma and Denzel Mensah in the first half. Motivated by the competitive play and teamwork, Spirit captured two additional goals in the second half. One scored by Jason Pattison, who had several shots on goal during the game, and the second by Joe Krawiec off a perfect cross towards the goal by

Edwin Molina. Goalkeeper Nicholas Tnypp did an outstanding job protecting our net.

The score ended in a 5-2 win. All of this would not be possible without the impressive teamwork displayed by Jesse Allen, Ryan Billich, Edgar Callejas, Mike Dispenziere, Ryan Hutchison, Cory Limone, Ryan Lind, Marc Paez, Andrew Sanchez and Brandon Staynings.

The coaching staff is extremely proud of the team and looks forward to our next challenge in New Providence on Sept. 25.

Go Spirit!

Submitted by Michele Billich

Youth Soccer Returns

The South Plainfield Soccer Club and United Soccer Academy will again be hosting the popular "Soccer Squirts" program this fall. Age groups are 3-5 and 5-7. Dates for the programs will be Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

and Nov. 5. All sessions will be held at the Kenneth Ave. fields.

To enroll, please call (908) 823-0130, or go to: www.UNITEDSOCCERACADEMY.com.

Observer is Looking for Sports Writer

The South Plainfield Observer is looking for someone to cover and report on high school sports.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Date: September 16, 2005

Re: Application submitted by: Consolidated Rail Corporation

Regarding property at:

Lehigh Line Double Track
Middlesex Borough, South Plainfield Borough, Edison Township, Piscataway Township Middlesex County
Bound Brook Borough, Somerset County

TAKE NOTICE that the above entity is applying to the Land Use Regulation Program at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for a permit or approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, N.J.A.C. 7:27A. The permit or approval will either establish the boundary of wetlands on the above property, or will authorize the applicant to conduct regulated activities on the property.

The approval(s) the applicant is requesting is (are):

☒ Letter of Interpretation (establishes the official boundary line and resource value of any freshwater wetlands, open waters, or transition areas on the property)

The rules governing the above permits and approvals are found in the NJDEP's Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:27A. You can view or download these rules on the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program website at www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse, or you can find a copy of these rules in the county law library in your county courthouse.

The application requests approval of the following activities (applicant has checked all of those that apply):

☒ No regulated activities, just establishing a wetlands boundary line

If you would like to inspect a copy of the application, it is on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office, or call the NJDEP at (609) 777-0456 to make an appointment to see the application at NJDEP offices in Trenton during normal business hours.

The NJDEP welcomes comments on the application. Comments should be submitted to the NJDEP in writing within 15 days after publication of this notice. However, written comments will continue to be accepted until the NJDEP makes a decision on the application. Comments cannot be accepted by telephone. Please submit any comments in writing, along with a copy of this notice, to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Land Use Regulation Program
P.O. Box 439
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Attn: Robert Catterberry, Transportation Section Chief

When the NJDEP has decided whether or not the application qualifies for approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, NJDEP will notify the municipal clerk of the final decision on the application.

Questions about the application may be addressed to:

Consolidated Rail Corporation
1000 Howard Boulevard, Room 470
Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054
Attn: Leo McGlynn, P.E.

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September 23, 2005

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

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The Application is now on the Borough Council calendar and a Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 8:00 P.M. in Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at which time you may appear in person or through an attorney and present any objections you may have to the granting of the relief sought in this application.

All documents relating to this Application are on file in the Office of the Borough Clerk and may be inspected by the public Monday through Friday at the Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

This notice is being given by the Application by the direction of the Mayor and Borough Council and pursuant to Municipal Ordinance.

DOMINIC J. CERMINARO, ESQ.
Attorney for Applicant
707 Raritan Avenue
P.O. Box 1433
Highland Park, New Jersey 08904
Dated: September 15, 2005

\$80.00 Sept. 23, 2005 and Sept. 30, 2005

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

September 14, 2005, Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on September 13, 2005.

A. Case # 04-04 - Northeast Developers, Inc. Block 282; Lots 50 & 52; 487 & 501 Sampson Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 687 - Durham Avenue, LLC. Block 478 & 487; Lots 50 & 52; 487 & 501 Sampson Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval w/ variance for the number of on site parking spaces was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

C. Case # 689/V - Restaurant Depot. Block 518 & Lot 2 in Block 552; South Avenue & West Street. The applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment
30.00 September 23, 2005

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1710

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

Ordinance #1710 entitled: AN ORDINANCE
ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY
MAINTENANCE CODE AS THE BOROUGH OF
SOUTH PLAINFIELD'S PROPERTY MAINTENANCE
CODE was presented for adoption after a public
hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council
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September 23, 2005

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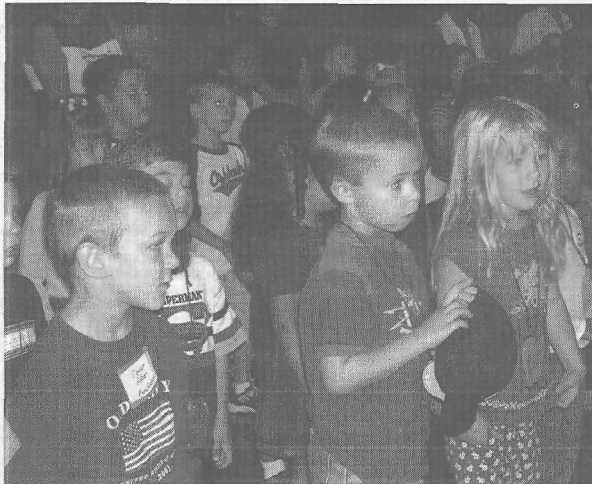
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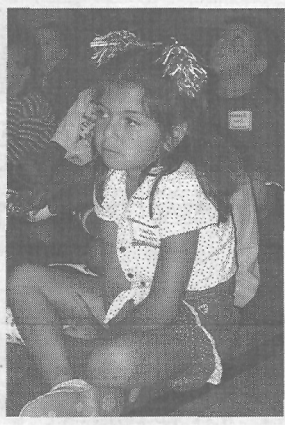
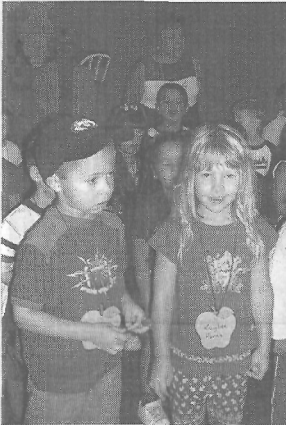
By Jane Dornick

Riley School students started off the new school year with a patriotic tribute to America at an assembly held on Monday, Sept. 12.

Fourth grade students took turns reading a sentence to the audience on the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance and the poems *My Name is Old*

Glory and Hats Off, which all show pride in our country's flag.

The entire school also sang *My Country 'Tis of Thee, America the Beautiful*, the *National Anthem* and ended with *It's a Grand Old Flag*. Librarian Joanne Otlowski helped prepare the readings and the musical selections were accompanied by Music teacher Joanne Gurske on piano.



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1711
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1711 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "SEWERS" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$21.00 September 23, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1712
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1712 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$278,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 250, LOT 5 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 20, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$21.00 September 23, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE No. 1713
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:
Ordinance #1713 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,705.07 FOR THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FORENSIC LAB EQUIPMENT AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLICE DETECTIVE/JUVENILE FACILITY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 23, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.
ORDINANCE NO. 1713
AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$50,705.07 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND AS LISTED BELOW FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY BE IT OBTAINED 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:

Police Forensic Lab Equipment	\$25,000.00
Police Detective/Juvenile Facility	\$25,705.07
TOTAL	\$50,705.07

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 \$50,705.07.
B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$25,000.00 grant from the Middlesex County Homeland Security Fund and \$25,705.07 from Off-Tract Improvements.
C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be thirty (15) 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 \$5,000.00.
Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.
ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk
\$99.75 September 23, 2005

Julia V. (Golomb) Cwieka, 89

Julia V. (Golomb) Cwieka died on Friday, Sept. 16 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Newark, Julia had resided in Irvington. In 1954 she moved to Plainfield where she had resided before settling in South Plainfield in 1986. Mrs. Cwieka worked at Art Color in Dunellen until it closed. She retired from C.R. Bard in Murray Hill.

A member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, she was also a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens, where she enjoyed playing bingo and socializing. In addition she was a member of Catholic Daughters of St. John's RC Church in Dunellen.

Her husband, Frank, died in 1985.

Surviving are four children, Frank and his wife Dorothy of Denham Springs, LA and their children, Matthew and Kathleen; Ralph and his wife Doris of North Plainfield and their children, Christopher and Lorraine; William and his wife Carol, also of North Plainfield and their children Carey, Christine and her husband Frank Schumann and Bill and Marlene Toth and her husband Gary of South Plainfield and their children Brian and Eric.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08820.

Donald J. Waldron, Sr., 71

Donald J. Waldron, Sr., known to many as Buzzy or Red, died on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Plainfield and grew up in South Plainfield. After his marriage, he lived in Westfield for a few years and then moved back to South Plainfield 35 years ago.

His entire career was being an owner/operator, truck driver. His first years were working out of the Chimney Rock Quarry with a dump truck. He later drove for Nu-Car Carriers of Edison and for most of his career he drove as an auto hauler for Arco Auto Carriers of Port Newark. He retired nine years ago.

Donald served in the US Marines during the 1950's. For most of his life he was a boating enthusiast and kept his boat in the Toms River area. However, most of his enjoyment during his

life was the time he spent being with his family and his dog Taz.

He is predeceased by his baby sister Mary Ann Waldron; his brother, Clarence Waldron and his dog Magic.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Madeline (Rapuano) Waldron; two daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Steve Zarra and Sue and Brian Patrusевич and his son and daughter-in-law, Donald J. Jr. and Denise Waldron, all of South Plainfield; a brother, Benjamin Waldron of Nevada; six grandchildren, David and Stefanie Zarra, Brian Jr., and Brittany Patrusевич and Alyssa and Arianna Waldron; a great granddaughter Madison O'Brien; his brothers and sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

The family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to the ICU, Steven 2 and respiratory staffs at Muhlenberg for the care and compassion shown to my husband, our father and our entire family during his illness.

Elizabeth A. Bibel, 85

Elizabeth A. Bibel died on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Care One at the Highlands in Edison.

Born in Newark, she has resided in South Plainfield since 1951.

A homemaker and a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, Liz was thought of as a wonderful wife, the sweetest aunt and the most special mom God could ever give a daughter.

Her husband, Nicholas M. Bibel, died in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Betsy Ramburg of Toms River; a niece

Kathryn Napier of Tinton Falls; a nephew Fred Plotz of California and a niece Maryann Fernandez of Piscataway.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Martin Ewing, 68

Martin Ewing, 68, died on Saturday, Sept. 17 at Hackensack University Hospital in Hackensack.

Born in Montclair, Mr. Ewing was raised in North Arlington, and lived in Kearny and Westfield before settling in South Plainfield 32 years ago.

A Veteran of the U.S. Army, Martin served for three years.

He worked as a licensed professional land surveyor for 38 years and most recently was employed by Hatch Mott MacDonald as a Senior Field Inspector.

A World War II history buff, Mr. Ewing enjoyed sailing and antique cars as well as spending time with his family.

Surviving are his wife Dorothy (Fullmore) of 44 years; a daughter, Kim Blanda and her husband Joseph of Flemington; two sons, Glen and his wife Joy of South Plainfield and Christopher and his wife Dana of Princeton. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Paige, Erica, Ashley, Ethan and Chase.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Aplastic Anemia, MDS International Foundation, Inc., PO Box 613, Annapolis, MD 21404; the Plainfield Humane Society 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060; or to the American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter, 332 West Front St., Plainfield, NJ 07060.

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