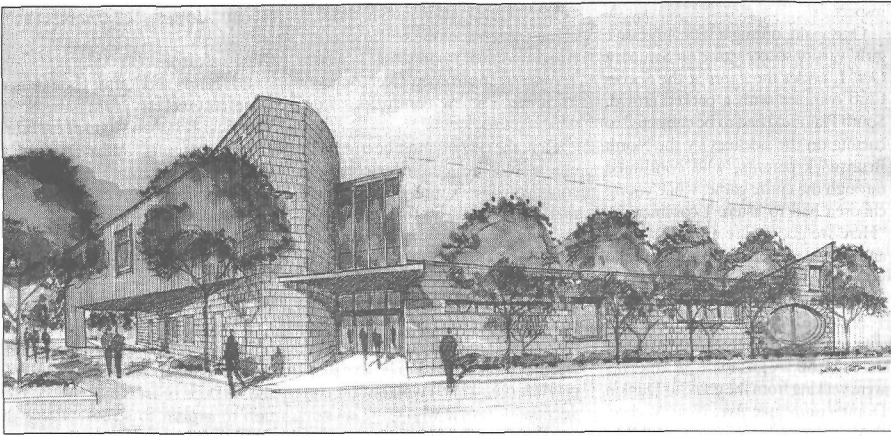


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Architectural rendering of the proposed library presented to the Planning Board at its Sept. 27 meeting.

Plans for Proposed Library Presented to Planning Board

By Libby Barsky

Plans calling for the proposed library to be two and a half times the size of the existing library with upper areas for meeting, historical, staff and record rooms, a drive up window to drop off or pick up books, and 43 parking spaces were presented to the Planning Board in an informal hearing on Sept. 27.

Attorney Craig Coughlin made the proposal on behalf of the South Plainfield Library Board, noting that a great deal of hard work between the

board and the council had preceded this proposal.

More than a year ago the council presented the library board with a parcel of land on Plainfield Ave. The proposed building will be located facing Plainfield Ave. between the South Plainfield Funeral Home and Unity Bank. With a proposed new library, Director Sundra Randolph undertook surveys of the patrons to determine how often individuals use the library, what brings them to the library, whether to borrow best sellers, videos, children's books, to

read newspapers, use the internet or meet friends. Members of the library building committee and library staff then visited recently built libraries throughout the state to identify concepts other libraries developed to be integrated into the plans for the proposed library.

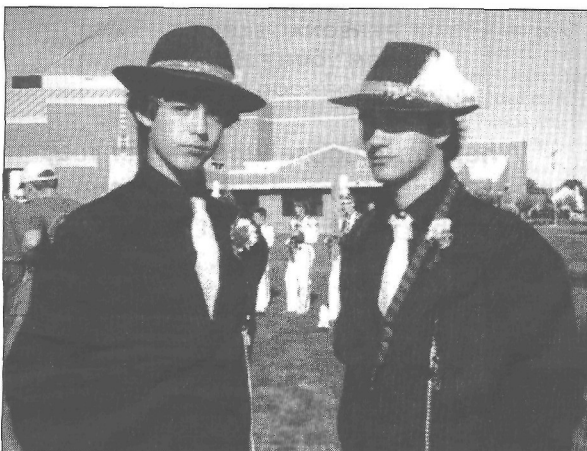
Using drawings made by the firm Nadaskay Kopeson Architects of Morristown, Robert Almodovar, senior (Continued on page 9)

Local Art Teacher Featured in NY Exhibit

Barbara Harris, art teacher at Riley and Kennedy schools, is also a professional ceramic artist creating under the name of Barbara Melino. She is currently exhibiting her work in New York City at the Times Square Lobby Gallery in the former Times Square Hotel at 255 W. 43rd St. at 8th Ave. The exhibit is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday from 4-7 p.m. until Nov. 30. The show is entitled "Artists Pic: Curator Artists Curate Artists Curating."

Included in the exhibition are 10 one-of-a-kind clay pieces, (bowls, vases, covered containers and cups) in a showcase in the first floor lobby and a wall relief on the gallery level.

For more information, contact Barbara Harris at (908) 322-2293.



SPHS Drum Majors Taylor Mandel and Scott Rann get into their competition mode at their most recent event, all in preparation for the big day when South Plainfield hosts their own festival/USSBA competition.

SPHS Marching Band Festival October 15

The South Plainfield High School Marching Band will be hosting the 24th annual Marching Band Festival/USSBA Competition on Saturday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Frank R. Jost Memorial Field.

The bands attending the festival so far are Dunellen High School, Saddle Brook High School, Perth Amboy High School, Howell Twp. High School, Cranford High School as well

as South Plainfield High School.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. SPHS band parents will be selling various food and craft items. FlowerGrams, CandyGrams and AirGrams will also be available. All proceeds will go to the Music Boosters and scholarships to graduating high school seniors in June. Any questions can be directed to Nancy Hoffman at (908) 755-8682.



Barbara Melino's work currently on exhibit at Times Square Lobby Gallery.

Last Chance To Register to Vote for General Election

The Municipal Clerk's Office will be open until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11 in order to accommodate all those who wish to register to vote for the upcoming general election, which will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005.

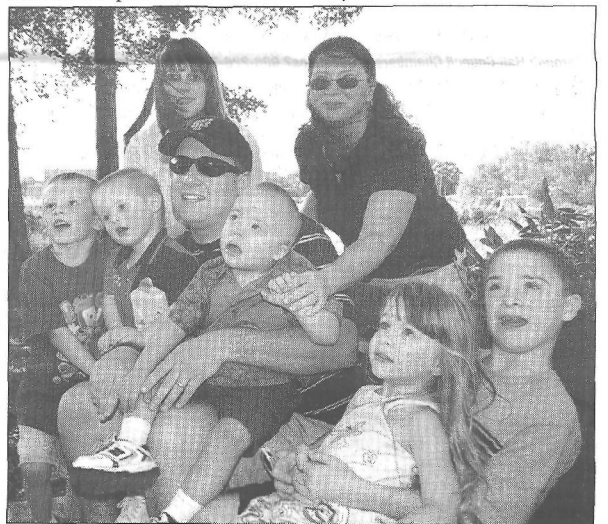
In addition to being open late on Oct. 11, voter registration forms may be picked up between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Annual Buddy Walk Set for this Saturday

By Patricia Abbott

October is National Down Syndrome Awareness month and this Saturday South Plainfield will celebrate with their second official annual Down Syndrome Buddy Walk. Advocate and parent Michele Both of

Plainfield and I want him to be a part of the community and be treated fairly." Kyle, the inspiration for the walk, is 2 1/2. He will begin pre-school in the Future Stars Sunshine room in January. He has a brother, Patrick, 5, and the Boths are expecting a baby in early November.



Picture above are Michele Both and Heather Olson with from left to right, Patrick, 5, Kyle 2 1/2 with dad Keith Both, Ryan and Ashley Olson, 4, of South Plainfield and Erick Dodd, 10 of North Plainfield.

South Plainfield organized the first local walk in Spring Lake Park last year. Over 350 people attended and they raised nearly \$22,000. Michele said, "The walk allows families of individuals with Down Syndrome to get together and share experiences. It also shows the community that our children are just like any others; I want to cut down the stereotypes. My son Kyle will grow up in South

Last year's walk was an amazing and touching display of unity in every respect. Youngsters proudly wearing their Buddy Walk tee shirts dashed to greet old friends and make new ones. Despite this developmental disorder, they have a special gift—an ability, an innocence that allows them to accept others in ways they are not always accepted.

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Update on CAUTION: Borough Construction

Construction work will continue on Hamilton Blvd. between the hours of 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The American Water Co. is working on service lines.

The construction continues on Church St. The road between Lakeview Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. will be closed until completion.

Most of the Hamilton Blvd. construction is taking place near Ryan St. and St. Nicholas Ave. Completion

of the installation of lights at that intersection is estimated for the end of October.

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.

Traffic updates are available at the borough's website: southplainfieldnj.com.



Senior Pit Captain Katie Pollock and Jessica Adams, members of South Plainfield Marching Band prepare to compete.

Marching Tigers Compete

The South Plainfield High School Marching Tigers once again marched proudly and competed at the South Brunswick USSBA Marching Competition on Saturday, Oct. 1, competing in Group III, the Tigers scored a 71.65, a 5 point lead up from last week's competition. Marching an exciting jazz show to the tunes of Take 5, Summer-time and Land of Make Believe, the Tigers are continuing on their journey to the All State Championships, which will be held Nov. 6 in Allentown, Pa.

Under the direction of Roger Vroom III, and a Assistant Band Director Toby Baldwin, the 67 member band and color guard is continuing to improve weekly. Vroom state, "The season's off to a great start and I'm

happy to be back in my hometown leading the Tigers." Senior Katie Pollock, pit captain, also added, "The attitude of the band has been very positive this year. Everyone has been working together as a team and I think it's going to be our most successful season yet."

On Oct. 8, the Tigers are excited to be invited to compete at Giants Stadium, a first time for the high school band. Assisting Vroom this year are Color Guard instructor Kristen Tomasula, drum instructors Bob Publik, Charlie Bubnick, Brian Publik and cymbal instructor Maggie Temple. Music was arranged by Andy Veiss. Good luck Tigers!

Submitted by Pat Public

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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 18	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
November 1	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
December 6	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

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

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

As the South Plainfield parents sat watching the girls varsity soccer game on Oct. 3, we all marveled at the fact that it was wonderful to hear the band practicing behind us with the new band director's joy as he praised the band for their rehearsal practice. Best wishes to you Mr. Vroom on your new position as band director and continue to praise those well deserved players. We never once hear you or your assistant raise your voices in screams, yells, belittling comments or cursing, so that the people in the park had to turn around in horror. You will always get 110% when you treat the children with respect.

One again, during a very aggressive girls' varsity soccer game on Saturday, Oct. 1, under the lights at the Soccer Club complex with a packed crowd, South Plainfield had to be subjected to cursing on the sidelines by the North Brunswick parents, who continued through the entire game, while young children had to listen. I commented, "Here we go, we are at a kid's game and we have to listen to this. Way to go North Brunswick-be proud." What happened to S.A.G.E.?

An unfortunate situation took place after our SP home varsity football game on Sept. 30. A group of SP students were walking from the game to Dunkin Donuts on Maple Ave. Near Michael St. they were accosted from behind by bandana faced youths, pushed down to the ground and kicked. How sad is this for our children in our safe haven. South Plainfield needs to remain safe for all our residents, so neighborhood watch, DO IT!

**DEBBIE BOYLE, SP RESIDENT
AND PARENT**

Dear Editor and Community,

Riley School is asking for your help! If you knew that something you threw out every day could help the students, would you still throw it out? You can help by not throwing things away!

As a fundraiser, Riley school is re-deeming Campbell brand-name labels and lids, General Mills Box-Tops 4 Education coupons and Tyson package tops. We are reaching out to the community and ask you for help. There are many people in town without children of school age who just throw these away, not knowing they can help our students. We'd love your help!

Campbell's labels include Pepperidge Farms, Pace, Swanson, V8, Franco American. For Tyson products, just cut off the top portion of the package.

BoxTops4Education coupons are on many brands. Look at a Betty Crocker or General Mills products to familiarize yourself with what the coupon looks like or log onto: www.bboxtops4education.com.

If you purchase items online, log into www.bboxtops4education.com and purchase from your favorite retailer through this site-the school gets a percentage of your purchases.

Please drop off your boxtops or labels at the Riley School office or phone Marie Markey at (908) 755-3213 for pickup!

**THANKS SO MUCH,
RILEY BOXTOP COMMITTEE**

Dear Editor,

As last week's paper announced, the South Plainfield Republicans have asked a judge to force the Borough Council to disclose the terms of its settlement of a sexual discrimination

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claim by former councilwoman Darlene Pinto. Because we've been bombarded with questions, this letter elaborates on why we filed suit.

Like everyone else, I am in the dark about the terms of the settlement. But based upon common sense, as well as 12 years as an attorney, I feel confident in drawing a few conclusions from what we do know.

First, the charges must be true. Why else would the settlement contain a confidentiality clause? Logic tells me that the town knew it would lose at trial and chose to cut its losses. Could there be another explanation? Sure, but I wouldn't wager on it.

Second, it seems obvious to me that it was the town that insisted upon making the settlement secret. As an attorney, I find it hard to believe that a plaintiff (i.e., Pinto) would want confidentiality. People who bring lawsuits usually want the world to know when they are vindicated. Conversely, defendants routinely use these agreements to hide impropriety. It would surprise me if this case were the exception to the rule.

But back to the questions. The two we've gotten most are: 1.) "Why did you bring the suit?" 2.) "Isn't this just a political maneuver?"

Both questions can be answered at once: No, this is not just a political maneuver. Granted, we believe the public should be aware that these types of unethical activities are going on in Borough Hall and should, as the old adage goes, "vote the scoundrels out of office."

But there is a bigger principle at issue. To hide what happened from the public is reprehensible. The council members (including Kubala and Thomas who are up for re-election) took an oath of office in which they pledged to faithfully serve the people of this town, not their own political interests.

It's difficult to fathom how a confidentiality clause serves the public. On the other hand, it is easy to see how it serves partisan political interests. That's why the suit seeking disclosure of the settlement terms is important and needed to be filed. The Democrats are hiding something from the public-something we rightfully should know about. If our tax dollars are being used, or if public officials acted illegally, we should know. In a democracy, this kind of information is essential to an informed electorate.

Someone has to stand up and say, "no, this is wrong." That's what we are attempting to do.

BOB JONES, GOP CHAIRMAN

To the Editor:

Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas have done an excellent job on the South Plainfield Borough Council on behalf of senior citizens. Under Ed Kubala's guidance, the Borough built a beautiful senior recreation center which is being improved this year with new kitchen facilities and a room divider. Ed was also instrumental in planning and building of the senior housing on Morris Ave., which had been discussed for years, but Ed made it a reality.

Kathy Thomas did a great job this year bringing in a representative from the NJ Dept. of Treasury, Dept. of Taxation to explain to senior citizens the FAIR Rebate program and Property Tax Reimbursement program sponsored by the state. The program, held in May 2005, was attended by approximately 300 of our senior citizens.

Thank you Ed and Kathy for working so hard for us. You have my support on Election Day. Keep up the good work.

MARY TISO

Dear Editor,

By far, the most important issue facing voters this year is taxes and spending. We all know how much our taxes went up and spending is skyrocketing under the current administration.

Given this trend, I'm disappointed to see the tone of the campaign by Democrats Kubala and Thomas. To date, they haven't proposed a single idea for controlling costs.

By contrast, candidates Matt Anesh and Rob Bengienga have offered some good starting points for making

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Kat Jenkins as Lewis and Chris Abbott as Clark meet up with a resident of the Haunted Woods.

Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour Tickets on Sale

Tickets are on sale for the Almost Famous Players Third Annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour. Due to last year's sellout crowds, reservations are strongly recommended.

Join Investigators Lewis and Clark for a frighteningly fun Halloween show and have fun being scared silly. Show dates are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, Oct. 27, 28, 29 and 31. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows begin with a twilight tour at about 6:15 p.m., still some daylight for those "afraid of the dark!" Tours start approximately every 25 minutes until 10:15 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$6 and children accompanied by adult are \$4. On Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31, the first tour begins at 5:10 p.m. and tours run until 9:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$7

and children accompanied by adult are \$5. Reservations are required for groups of six or more.

The show is recommended for ages 10 and up. Parents are asked to use discretion as to how easily their children are scared. There are no refunds after the show has begun. Refreshments will be sold and there will be games and face painting. Plan to come in costume!

Call (908) 756-8011 for advance tickets/info. Buy five advance sale tickets and every sixth ticket is free. Putnam Park is located on Oak Tree Ave. across from the former Bradlees.

This year's show features Marissa Kline, Chris Abbott, Davonna Approvato, Darren Kackowski, Kat Jenkins, Allyson and Kathryn Paterak, Jessica Musolino, Rocco Severini, Jessica Ostrowski, Stephanie Kelly, Andreana Powell, Shannen Rivers, Brittany Penelope, Sam Horvath, Jon Bergman and many others. The show is written and directed by AFP President and founder Patricia Abbott. Fight choreographer is Chris Abbott, tech director is Danny Nigro and costumes are by Karen Stockman. Board members handle a variety of other jobs, including tickets and concession. Donations will be made to the South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad.

Almost Famous Players Need Items

Almost Famous Players is seeking donations the following items: lab coats, test tubes or other items that might be found in a laboratory, signs or items found in a tavern, a wedding dress, three or four large white long sleeved men's dress shirts. Call 908 346 2290 or email angelonly@aol.com.

Memorabilia on Display at Town History Day

The Third Annual South Plainfield Town History Day will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 1-4 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, located at 90 Maple Ave. Admission and light refreshments are free.

Guest speaker will be Gov. William Livingston, New Jersey's first governor, as interpreted by the distinguished American Historical Theater of Philadelphia. Gov. Livingston takes the stage promptly at 1:45 following a short entertainment program beginning at 1 p.m.

Displays will feature the South Plainfield Historical Society's large collection of photographs, maps, newspaper clippings and miscellaneous material. Also on display: artifacts donated by local residents and an extensive collection of antique hats, shoes and dresses spanning the years 1845-1960s. A special Civil War Room courtesy of the Sons of the Union Veterans Custer Camp #17, will feature a breathtaking display of guns, swords, medals and memorabilia. An interesting assortment of videos will feature Hadley Airport, the 1951 South Plainfield parade mark-



This photo of the 1939 July 4 parade on Hamilton Blvd. will be one of many photos available on view on Town History Day.

ing the town's 25th anniversary, and a video tour of Hillside Cemetery of Samptown. Parked outside the front entrance will be an array of antique autos for public inspection.

School and scout groups are encouraged to attend. For more information, contact Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073 or Kathy Horvath at (908) 754-7268.

High School AP Scholars Announced

Seven students at South Plainfield High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college level courses while still in high school and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP exams. About 18 percent of the more than one million high school students in more than 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took the AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP exams in May 2005 after completing challenging college level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on

student's performance on AP exams.

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and grades of three or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are Kathleen Morgan and Valerie Pasquarella.

One student qualified for the AP Scholar Award with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and grades of three or higher on four or more of these exams. This student is Christopher McKnight.

Four students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP examinations with grades of three or higher. The AP Scholars are Michael Duquette, Amanda Prybella, Michael Richard and Sara Sukenik.

Most of the nation's colleges and universities award credit, advanced placement, or both based on successful performance on the AP exams.

More than 1,400 institutions award a full year's credit (sophomore standing) to students presenting a sufficient number of qualifying grades. In 2005, 34 AP exams were offered in a wide variety of subject areas, each consisting of multiple choice and free response (essay or problem solving) questions (except for the Studio Art exam which evaluates students' original artwork).

The college Board's mission is to
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Clarification

In last week's story, "Republican Org. Files Lawsuit to Make Settlement Public," we reported that the parties were under a court order not discuss the settlement. To clarify: according to GOP Chairman Bob Jones, it was a confidentiality agreement signed by both parties that forbids them to discuss the matter, not a court order.



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Around Town

SP Buddy Walk Returns October 8

The Second Annual South Plainfield Buddy Walk will be held in Spring Lake Park on Oct. 8. Registration at 11:30 a.m. and walk follows 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 and a flag-raising ceremony honoring the discovery of America. Refreshments will be served.

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

Curves Open House October 10

Curves, located at 27 South Plainfield Ave. will hold an open house from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness, they will also waive their \$149 membership fee from Oct. 10-16 when women bring in proof of a mammogram in the past 12 months. Stop by for great savings, fun, fast and effective fitness.

For more information, call (908) 757-4422.

Historical Society Meeting October 11

The South Plainfield Historical Society will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. Agenda items include preparations for Town History Day on Oct. 30. The public is invited to the meeting. Log on to: <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety> for full update on all Historical Society programs and activities.

Kennedy Harvest Fest October 15

The Kennedy School third graders

What's happening in OCTOBER

Daily Events				
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake 9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool (908) 754-1047				
The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 AM-12:30 PM—CREATIVE PAINTING 10AM				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Hunterdon Hills—October 17 Weekend Comedy with Jamie Farr Country Hoedown Dinner Dance—Oct. 15 Woodloch Pines Pocono Resort Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Info at Senior Center				
UPCOMING EVENTS				
10	11	12	13	14
Center Closed Columbus Day	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Lunch Available	Exercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm AARP Crafts Group 1pm Atlantic City Trip 9am Tai Chi Class 2 pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

and Student Council will be hosting a Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 1 to 4 p.m. Plenty of music, games, food, raffles, pumpkin painting, arts and crafts, hayrides and face painting.

Bring the family and at the same time benefit UNICEF and the Red Cross. Rain date is Sunday, Oct. 16.

Rainbow Academy Open House October 15

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to eight years. You are invited to tour the facility and talk with their professional staff. Also learn about ParentView, their secure internet video system.

For information, call (908) 769-3224 or visit: www.rainbowacademy.com.

AARP 4144 Meeting October 20

AARP Chapter 4144's next meeting will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center, located on Maple Ave. on Thursday Oct. 20 at 12:30 p.m. The program will include a slide show given by Bill Hannah, entitled "Sixty and Counting." Samples of Bill's handywork will be on display.

Needle-crafters meet Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. They knit for DYFS

and Muhlenberg Hospital. To join call Jean at (732) 752-0358

ProCare Free Events October 20 & 27

In celebration of National Physical Therapy Month, ProCare Physical Therapy is sponsoring the following FREE events: Thursday Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.—*Weight Loss*—an informative talk on weight loss by Dr. Smitha Manoj, a board certified internist and on Thursday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m.—*Try PT First Seminar and Open House*. Come join us to learn if physical therapy can help YOU! All attendees will receive a coupon for a free screening.

Both events will be held at: ProCare Physical Therapy, 4500 New Brunswick Ave., Suite 101 in Piscataway.

For information on any of these events or to reserve a seat, call ProCare Physical Therapy (732) 926-9250.

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.

Trip to Resorts Casino Sunday, Oct. 23

The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City Resorts Casino on Sunday, Oct. 23.

Bus leaves the PAL at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person with \$22 in slot credits. Only 43 tickets are available. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are open the first and third Mondays from 6-8 p.m.

Columbiettes Plan Trip to Reading November 5

The Columbiettes will sponsor a trip to the outlets at Vanity Fair in Reading, Pa. Saturday, Nov. 5. Bus leaves 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.

For reservations call Kathy at (908) 756-3772. Space is limited and payment must be received by Oct. 5.

Senior Center EVENTS

Willow Grove Storytime October 19

Get into your pj's, grab your pillow and blanket and come listen to some of their favorite stories at Tales in the Grove in Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains on Oct. 19.

"Tales" will be held the first and third Wednesdays of every month at 7 p.m., lasts 45-60 minutes and is geared towards children ages 2½-6.

For information, call (908) 232-5678, e-mail: wilgrv@netzero.com.

Singles Beer Tasting October 12

Starlight Socials For Christian Professionals in their 30's and 40's will hold a Beer Tasting Social on Wednesday, Oct. 12, 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cricket Hill Brewery in Fairfield. Cost of \$3 includes beer tasting and entrance fee.

RSVP by Oct. 12 to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Class of 1980 Reunion November 25

St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Edison will hold their 25th reunion on Nov. 25 at the Double Tree Hotel in Somerset. A web page has been set up for fellow alumni.

Email amfips831@aol.com to receive an invitation. For info, call Ann Marie Ferrante at (908) 756-6218 during the day and (908) 756-7543 in the evening. You may also contact Rich Fuentes at richkofc@aol.com.

Bible Study at Willow Grove October 12-13

Willow Grove Bible Study will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12 from 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, Oct. 13 from 9:30-11 a.m. Workshops preceded by a half hour of refreshments, snacks and fellowship. Babysitting available if requested in advance. Program is free.

For information call (908) 232-5678

Calling Handcrafters October 15

Join the Merchantville Business & Professional Association as a vendor on Saturday, Oct. 15 for their Seventh Annual Handcrafts Festival.

This is a handcraft only show and no resale vendors or products will be accepted. Information and registration forms are available online at www.merchantvilleni.com or email your name and address to merchantvilleni@comcast.net. For information call (856) 663-4001.

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Chinese Auction

October 9

Resurrection of Christ Church in Dunellen will hold a Chinese Auction on Sunday, Oct. 9. Doors open at noon, drawing at 1:30. Over 200 items including a DVD, grand prize toys, household, holiday gifts and personal gifts. Kitchen open.

For information, call (732) 873-7371 or (732) 752-5741 or (732) 968-1369.

Woodbridge WOWs

October 12

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will hold a business meeting and social hour on Wednesday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library on St. George's Ave., in Woodbridge. Light refreshments will be served.

For information call (732) 297-1775.

Middlesex East WOWs

October 14

The Middlesex East WOWs will hold an open dance on Friday, Oct. 14 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at St. Demetrius Community Center on Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. \$8 for member and \$9 for guests.

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Joseph Damiano and Kimberly Janus Are Married at Sacred Heart Church

Nuptial vows were exchanged in Sacred Heart R.C. Church on August 20 by Kimberly Janus of South Plainfield and Joseph Damiano of Morristown, who is formerly of Huguenot. The Rev. John P. Alvarado celebrated the afternoon mass, which was followed by a reception in the Westmount Country Club in West Paterson. He commented that this was the last wedding ceremony performed during Sacred Heart's 100th year anniversary celebration.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Janus. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore Damiano of Huguenot of Staten Island.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride chose Christine Nobile as her maid of honor. The bridesmaids were the bridegroom's sister, Melissa Dunn, Anna Nobile, Stephanie Grosso, Michele Klimek, Ann Callari and Jennifer Horev.

Salvatore Damiano Jr. was the best man for his brother. The ushers were the bride's brother, Shawn Janus, Thomas Dunn, Steven Zanolli, Michael Mustillo, Daniel Scutari and Kevin Droner.

Mrs. Damiano is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and earned a bachelor of science degree



Kimberly and Joseph Damiano

and a master of science degree, both in accounting, from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She is a tax supervisor with J.H. Cohn in Roseland.

Mr. Damiano is a graduate of Monsignor Farrell High School in Oakwood, Staten Island. He earned a bachelor of business administration degree in accounting from Iona College in New Rochelle. He is a partner and certified public accountant with Sax, Macy, Fromm & Co. in Clifton.

The couple will live in Morristown, upon their return from a honeymoon trip to Hawaii.

Local Manufacturer Sent Supplies to Katrina Victims

Recycle Incorporated, a servicer of reusable industrial containers located on Harmich Road in South Plainfield, is spearheading a campaign to ship supplies to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. The first load of supplies left in late September. The supplies (up to 40,000 pounds) contained clothes, diapers, formula and hygiene kits. The supplies were delivered to the multi-center distribution facility in Jackson, Miss.

Recycle has also initiated a fund

drive to match all contributions received from its employees to purchase additional supplies.

Recycle shipped a second trailer load of supplies this week. Recycle is working with relief officials to identify specific needs. Anyone interested in donating can call Laura at Recycle (908) 756-2200 ext. 216.

Recycle Incorporated has operated in South Plainfield since 1987 and currently employs 65 individuals.

Drop-off Center Columbus Day Holiday Schedule

The South Plainfield Recycling Complex at the end of Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, Oct. 11, because of the Columbus Day holiday weekend. The Recycling Center will be open instead from 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12. The Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site will be open as usual from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 8.

Regular Recycling Center hours are 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The Yard Waste Site is on fall hours, and is open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays only. Extended leaf season hours will begin the middle of November: 2005 Yard Waste/Compactor decals are available in the Municipal Clerk's office in Borough Hall. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using.

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

40th Anniversary Picnic Planned At Cedarcroft

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel is celebrating its 40th year in South Plainfield. They first opened their doors in October, 1965 and since then hundreds of South Plainfield residents have passed through their doors and Cedarcroft has appreciated the interest and visits of each one, including many who decided to make the church their home church.

To say a big "thank you" to all for their hospitality, they will be hosting a free 40th Celebration Community Picnic on the grounds of the chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 2-7 p.m.

The event includes food, tethered balloon rides, inflatables, games, activities, programs and door prizes at the picnic at no cost and the same goes for all the programs, youth and otherwise, sponsored by this church throughout the year. (An outstanding aerobics program for women called *Body and Soul*, meets at the chapel and charges a nominal fee. Find out more at the picnic.)

Available at the picnic will be registration for the youth programs, a puppet show, a wide variety of literature for you to take with you, several videos for your viewing pleasure, a prayer tent and Bible stories for all ages.

Please set aside the date, come and let us serve you. R.S.V.P. and learn more at www.cedarcroft.org, or contact Kingsley Bachr at (908) 757-7598 or at kbachr@verizon.net.



Curves of South Plainfield and Nordstroms participated in a "Fit for the Cure" promotion on Sept. 19 to raise money for breast cancer research. A donation was made for each woman who participated in the event. Women were given the opportunity to be properly fitted for bras. Lynn, Jem, Dora and Olivia are pictured from left to right. It was great fun and informative for all.

Curves Waives Initiation Fee For Breast Cancer Awareness

Week-long Promotion Begins October 10

Curves, the world's largest chain of fitness and weight loss centers, announced a promotion by participating franchises designed to waive the service fee for women who have had a mammogram within the last 12 months and who join during the week of Oct. 10. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is designed to encourage early detection.

"Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women aside from skin cancer," said Jem and Elissa. "We at Curves are committed to improving the health of women in South Plainfield. Waiving the \$149 fee is significant because it allows us to talk about the importance of mammograms, which are a woman's best chance for the early detection of breast cancer."

Exercise and proper nutrition have proven important in reducing the life-

time risk of getting breast cancer. In fact, being overweight after menopause increases the risk of cancer by as much as 60 percent. Women who are interested in getting more information about breast cancer and breast cancer risk factors should visit the official National Breast Cancer Awareness Month website at www.nbcam.com.

Curves opened in February of 2004. They offer a 30-minute workout that combines strength training and sustained cardiovascular activity through safe and effective hydraulic resistance. Curves also offers a weight management program featuring a groundbreaking, scientifically proven method to raise metabolic rate and end the need for perpetual dieting. Curves, South Plainfield, is located at 27 South Plainfield Ave. Phone is (908) 757-4422.

Find out more about Curves at www.curves.com.

Suburban Woman's Club Plans Guest/Husband Dinner

One of the most popular Suburban Woman's Club meetings is the guest/husband dinner which is held in the autumn. This is when we share with our spouses and friends a meal and an interesting program.

This year Mary Ann Iannitto, Sixth District vice president, who is our program chairman, will introduce Fred Quinn, the president of the Garden State Storytellers League and a member of the National Storytelling Network and the National Story League.

The Cranford resident enjoys spreading his magic as a full-time storyteller and captivates audiences doing so. The title of his story is "A Peek at the Past." He uses props such as a toaster, a rolling pin, or maybe bug spray to evoke memories.

The meal will be made up of the favorite recipes of the members, a sort of covered dish affair. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner with dessert and coffee or tea.



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Kevin Coffey displays his collection of more than 56,000 soda can tabs.

Kevin Coffey Collects Soda Can Caps for Charity

Kevin Coffey, 13, has been collecting soda can caps for the past three years which he intends to donate to the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick.

Kevin, an eighth grader at the Middle School, began collecting the soda can caps three years ago. At a VFW picnic last year in Hightstown Kevin noticed they had a huge box of soda can caps. When he asked about them, they were more than happy to donate all of their soda can caps to his collection.

Kevin has also been collecting the caps from the Senior Center, his neighbors and anywhere else he can find them. His parents, Matthew and Karen, have also helped out by collecting the soda can tops at work.

According to his grandmother Betty, who brought his story to us,

Kevin is even planning on coming to the *Observer* office and detaching the tops from cans in our recycling container.

Kevin's soda can collection now tops 60,000, and he plans to go to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia to hand them in and find out just how much they are worth.

Kevin has two brothers, Matt and Sean, and two sisters, Michelle and Kristen, who support him and urge him on in many ways.

If you would like to donate soda can caps to Kevin, contact the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 and we will put you in touch with him.

Ronald McDonald House is "the house that love built"—a home away from home for children undergoing cancer treatment and their families.

October Is National Physical Therapy Month!

What Is A Physical Therapist?

Physical therapists are healthcare providers who are the experts in the examination and treatment of problems that affect people's abilities to move and function. These abilities are driven by four major systems in the body—musculoskeletal, neuromuscular, cardiovascular/pulmonary, and integumentary—and physical therapists, or PTs, are educated and experienced to manage all four. For instance, PTs help patients with orthopedic problems such as knee surgeries to reduce pain and regain function. They provide treatment so that patients recovering from a stroke can learn to use their limbs again.

Movement and Function—The ability to stand or sit upright and to move your arms and legs without difficulty or pain is an important component of your health. And for some of us, the ability to move is not merely a matter of walking or handling objects. Cardiac and pulmonary problems may interfere with the body's ability to use oxygen, the "fuel" of muscles and movement.

Because people of all ages need to move and function, PTs work with patients and clients from newborns to the very aged—and in all types of settings, from hospitals (even critically ill patients in the intensive care unit) and outpatient clinics to the home, from schools to the workplace.

PTs don't confine their talents to treating people who are ill. A large part of a PT's program is directed at *preventing* injury and loss of movement. For example, PTs consult in industrial settings to improve workplace design and reduce risks of overusing certain muscles or developing low back pain. They also provide services to athletes at all levels to evaluate and treat injuries, screen for potential problems, and institute preventive exercise programs. Some PTs consult with individuals and fitness clubs to develop workouts that are safe and effective.

Skilled Professionals—Because PTs are required to understand a vast ar-

ray of problems that can affect movement, function, and health, all PTs are college graduates. In fact, all current physical therapist education programs graduate students with a master's degree, and the majority of schools offer a clinical doctorate (DPT) in physical therapy. Also, all PTs must pass a national examination and be licensed by the state in which they practice.

The cornerstones of physical therapist treatment are therapeutic exercise and functional training. In addition to "hands on" care, PTs also educate patients to take care of themselves and to perform certain exercises on their own. Depending on the particular needs of a patient, PTs also may manipulate a joint (that is, perform certain types of passive movements at the end of the patient's range of motion) or massage a muscle to promote proper movement and function. PTs use such techniques as electrotherapy, ultrasound (high-frequency waves that produce heat), hot packs, and ice. Although other kinds of practitioners offer some of these treatments, it is important to know that *physical therapy can be provided only by qualified physical therapists or by physical therapist assistants*. The latter must complete a two-year

college education program and may work only under the direction and supervision of a PT.

Health insurance covers most forms of physical therapy, but coverage varies with each plan. Some people choose to pay for physical therapy directly, even if their policy does not cover their program or if their benefits have run out. This practice is growing, as most states do not legally require a physician's referral for you to see a physical therapist. NJ is a direct access state and a physician prescription is not needed, although many insurance companies do require a prescription for reimbursement.

You can find a PT who's right for you through recommendations from family, friends or physicians. One factor to consider is that PTs (and their physical therapist assistants) who are members of the American Physical Therapy Association are bound by the Association's *Code of Ethics* and are especially committed to providing competent and compassionate care. You can locate APTA member PTs in your area through "Find a PT" on the APTA Web site at www.apta.org. Be aware that you always have the right to see the PT of your choice.

Help Needed for Pets Evacuated to NJ

Volunteers from People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization, joined hundreds of volunteers from across the country to assist in the Hurricane Katrina life-saving evacuation effort. People for Animals' volunteers worked for days in hot difficult conditions caring for the homeless were left behind by their owners.

As Hurricane Rita approached, new risks of wind and flood necessitated the evacuation of the pets to safer quarters. In a rush to avoid the hazardous weather, People for Animals' volunteers loaded as many cats and dogs as possible into their two vans. A total of 23 pets, 14 dogs and nine cats, were

brought from Louisiana to New Jersey on Sept. 24. The pets must be held until Oct. 15 before they may be adopted.

People for Animals needs your help to defray the medical and boarding costs for these and lost creatures. Thousands of dollars will be needed.

Your tax deductible donation can be sent to Katrina Pets', People for Animals, 433 Hillside Avenue, NJ 07205 or you may donate on-line at www.pfa.petfinder.com by clicking the 'Donate Online!' button. All donations will exclusively benefit the Hurricane Katrina animals now safe with People for Animals in New Jersey.

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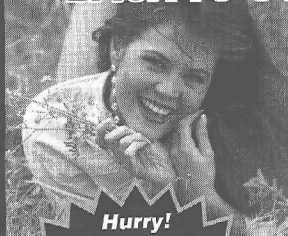
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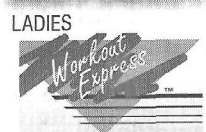
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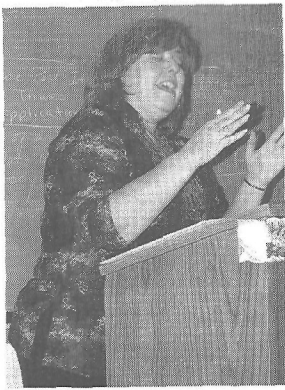
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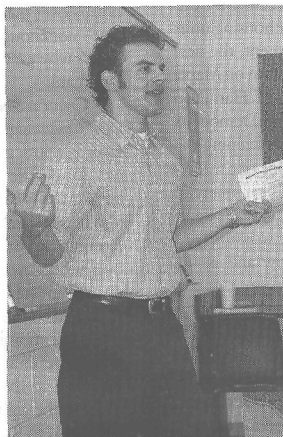
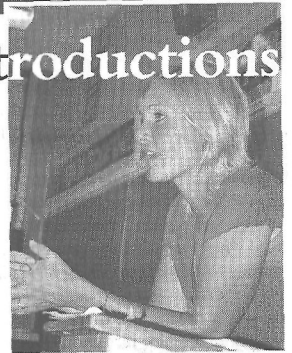
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Parents Head "Back to School" for Evening of Introductions



Last week was "Back to School" night for parents of school aged children in the borough. Principals welcomed parents and discussed a variety of issues. They stressed the importance of good attendance and study habits, and being respectful to students and teachers as well as safety and other issues. After the brief meeting, parents at each school followed an abbreviated version of their child's schedule in each classroom.



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Kubala, Thomas Proud of Record On Keeping Promises



Democratic councilmembers Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas this week reviewed the record of the Borough Council in delivering on their promises to the residents of South Plainfield. Councilwoman Thomas said, "One of the most important characteristics of any candidate for office is keeping his or her word. We are proud of the Democrats' record in South Plainfield for openness, honesty and performance. Before the Democrats became the majority on the Borough Council in 1994, the Republican controlled council held all budget meetings in private. The agendas for council meetings were incomprehensible and residents were laughed at or ridiculed when they tried to raise issues at council meetings. At that time, driving on Hadley Road was like driving in moon craters, senior housing was a dream and there was not even a thought of a senior recreation center. The Republicans borrowed millions of dollars to pay for everyday expenses, tax increases were an annual event, roads and parks were neglected and sweetheart payouts to retiring Republican officials were common place."

Councilman Kubala continued, "When the Democrats took control of the council in 1994, Jim Vokral and I led the charge to open up the process of government and give the Borough government back to the people. We opened the agenda session of council meetings to public comment, implemented a readable agenda for council meetings that is now posted on the Borough's website days before a meeting, and established both a Taxpayer Advisory Board and a Businessperson Advisory Board to advise the Mayor and Council on issues facing the Borough. The Democrats became warriors fighting waste and inefficiency. Let's look at the results today. In 2005, less people work for the

Borough of South Plainfield than in 1994 due to increased efficiencies and the willingness of the Democrats to make tough budget decisions. Discretionary spending by the Borough government is less today than 10 years ago and outstanding debt is millions of dollars less, but we have still repaved miles of roads, upgraded every park, and preserved over 150 acres of open space. The Democrats were able to deliver on these promises to the people of South Plainfield by adopting and maintaining a Pay-As-You-Go fiscal policy under which the Borough incurs debt only when financing long-term infrastructure projects."

Councilwoman Thomas expanded on her running mate's comments, "The Democrats have delivered on their promises to the residents of South Plainfield. Consider all of the improvements that have occurred in South Plainfield over the past few years such as the Senior Recreation center, the expanded PAL, the improvements to the community pool, the improvements to Putnam Park, the lights at the soccer complex, improvements to the girls' softball complex, a new communications center for our police department, and the senior housing units on Morris Ave. At this very moment, the new curbs and paving are near completion on Maple Avenue, and the reconstruction of Hamilton Boulevard is well underway. The Democrats have done all of these things while keeping the Borough's municipal tax rate as one of the lowest in Middlesex County. In addition, many of these projects have been paid, to a great extent, by county or state funding. We are working hard to make So. Plainfield better now and in the years ahead."

Councilman Kubala concluded, "I first ran for the Borough Council 12 years ago because I felt my voice was not being heard. I was elected to do the people's business and the concerns of the residents are always my first priority. Kathy and I promise to continue to work hard for the residents of South Plainfield. You have our word."

Anesh and Bengivenga Unveil More Cost Cutting Measures

Candidates say making South Plainfield more affordable is their highest priority

Council candidates Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga this week announced more plans designed to make South Plainfield more affordable for families and seniors. These initiatives are on top of those announced several weeks ago, which included contract reform (eliminating no-bid contracts) and cutting unnecessary administrative positions (three newly created patronage jobs).

The cost-cutting plans come at a time when spending is skyrocketing—up more than \$1.2 million this year alone. In fact, from 1996 to 2005 spending shot up 30%, while inflation was only about 20%.

"When going door to door, voters are telling us that we need to get the town back on track by controlling spending and property taxes," explained Anesh. "We want to do just that. For example, our plan for contract reform would save the town several hundred thousand dollars over the next three years. But we know that's not enough. We need to look long term. That's why we've developed a blueprint for the long haul:

- **Create a South Plainfield Economic Development Commission**—One of the reasons for higher taxes is a loss of good ratables. South Plainfield has, for decades, controlled property taxes by having a mix of not only residential areas, but also commercial and light industrial areas. But recently we've lost the advantage we've held over other towns. We need to attract light industrial and high-tech businesses back to South Plainfield.

The Economic Development Commission would be charged with marketing South Plainfield to the right businesses and putting them in the right areas. For example, despite being next to Route 287, we lost Tingley Rubber and Prudential. These would be perfect

locations for high-tech businesses, because they are near not only Route 287, but the Turnpike, Route 1, and the Parkway. We need to market our town, bring in quality ratables, and in the process of doing so, lighten the tax burden on homeowners. In the long run, this is the best way to make South Plainfield affordable again.

- **Immediately Create a Library Foundation**—Even though plans for the new library are now a year behind, we should still be focusing on how to fund the construction. Yes, there is a state program that awards grants to towns building new libraries, but that will not cover the millions of dollars that are needed. That's why we need a foundation—to help defray costs to the taxpayer.

This is not a new idea. The State Library Association on its website advises towns building new libraries to start a foundation right away. The town has talked about this idea, but it hasn't happened. If we had started a foundation two years ago, we could have raised quite a bit of money by now. In addition, there are charitable groups that offer grants, and we're missing out on these grants. The foundation could be modeled after the highly successful Education Foundation headed by Marge Reedy.

- **Develop a "Shared Services" Program with the School System**—Many towns in New Jersey are eliminating duplication of services between their schools and their municipalities. New Jersey law allows us to enter into "shared services" agreements, and this is a great way to save tax dollars for residents. Doing this would not only help control municipal spending, it would help control school spending.

"The key to making South Plainfield more affordable is being innovative," Bengivenga explained. "With only one party on the council, we're not seeing new ideas for controlling costs. That's because there's only one or two people making the decisions. It's easy to think up ways to spend money, but the hard part is to come up with ideas that will control spending and at the same time not cut into services."

"These ideas are just the beginning," Anesh added. "With fresh leadership on the Council, we can control spending and put South Plainfield back on track toward fiscal responsibility. If you vote for Rob and me, making our town more affordable will be our top priority."

We All Deserve A Clean Place To Live! Clean Communities' Fall Get Together Scheduled for this Sunday

The Clean Communities Advisory Board will hold their Fall Get Together on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Highland Avenue Woods, located at Sylvania Place (off So. Clinton). Rain date is Oct. 10 at 4 p.m.

The event's activities will include a discussion on litter and its effects on soil, a brief litter clean

up and an acorn collection for the Today's Acorn-Tomorrow's Tree's program. The NJ Tree Nursery needs your acorns to grow the trees of tomorrow.

Please bring clean lidless plastic gallon milk jugs to collect with and garden gloves and wear long pants.

If you would like, bring acorns that you have collected in your yard. Do not seal the milk jugs with lids.

The event is brought to you by the Clean Community Advisory Board of South Plainfield. For questions, call (908) 755-3213 and ask for Marie.

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Plans for Proposed Library Presented

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concepts. First Almodovar spoke about the drive up window—where books could be picked up or dropped off by patrons in cars by entering from Plainfield Ave. going through the parking lot to the drive up window and exiting from the parking lot onto Plainfield Ave. There is also a walk in entrance to the library directly from Plainfield Ave. The second concept is a radial design that is used inside the building where there is curved area containing the workspaces for the circulation reference desks and office for the director and acquisitions.

The rest of the floor space is devoted

to stacks for books and at the corner areas for specific populations: public bathrooms, young adults, children's craft room that connects to the children's room and adult periodicals and a computer training room. With radial design—the curved arrangement—the librarians can see the rest of the floor and aisles from the circulation desk.

This curved area, containing the drive-in window outside, also provides support for the upper second story of the proposed building. It will contain 3,750 sq. ft. of additional space for meeting rooms, the historical room, the staff room and record/utility room. At the end of the curvature the second

floor will end, leaving an area of 10,150 sq. ft. that could be expanded over the first floor for future growth.

The upper area of the library is separate from the main floor and can be used for meetings after library hours. Access is through a planned stairway and the installation of an elevator is under discussion.

Engineer on the project, Alan Ditenhoffer, who did the survey to prepare the site, explained that there will be buffering from neighboring residences in the back and businesses on two sides of the building and lighting for the 43 car parking lot will be in accordance with borough ordinance. A recharging drainage system will be used. Planning board member John Pappas suggested that it would be beneficial to have a rear entry and exit from the building.

Planning Board Chair Robert Ackerman noted that patrons would have to walk from the parking lot to get to the street entrance to the library.

Mayor Dan Gallagher said the borough was negotiating with the funeral home for permission to use a strip of land in back of their property to connect the library with Borough Hall in order to help contain overflow parking.



By Chris Grippo

Happy Columbus Day! Originally celebrated on Oct. 12, it was moved to the second Monday in October. Oct. 12, 1492 is the day Columbus set foot in the New World and changed the course of history. In honor of this day the Library will be closed on Monday, Oct. 10. Moreover, October is Polish-American Heritage Month. Proclaimed by the Polish American Congress and Polonia Across America, it is an opportunity for Poles to celebrate their history, culture, and pride.

If you would like to find out about these events and cultures just stop by the Reference Desk at the Library and we will answer your questions. Also, to find out more about Poland, its geography, culture, etc please go to our homepage (www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) and select online databases (it will be on the left hand side of the page. One of the options will be CountryWatch. Click on the link and you will

be taken to a site where you can enter any country you want. You will find a wide variety of facts as well as links to the Warsaw Stock Exchange, the Warsaw Voice, and other Polish websites. And it is free!

There is also still time to register for Pumpkin Painting on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a \$1 fee for materials payable at registration so there is no phone registration. On the same day we will be having our semi-annual book sale. This time we have loads of children's materials to offer. So make the Library one of your stops that day.

Looking ahead we will have a Magic Show with Joe Fischer on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. You can register for this by phone and there is no charge. We just need to know how many people will be attending.

All these activities and services (plus many more) are available at the South Plainfield Public Library (908) 754-7885.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1714

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

Ord. 1714 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$35,000.00 FOR RENOVATIONS TO BOROUGH HALL AND THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUILDING AND FOR LANDSCAPING AT PUTNAM PARK was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 7, 2005 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1714

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$35,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AS LISTED BELOW FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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

Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:

Renovations to Borough Hall & Emergency Management Bldg	\$28,000.00
Putnam Park Landscaping	\$ 7,000.00
TOTAL	\$35,000.00

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.

Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:

A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$35,000.00.

B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$7,000.00 donation for Putnam Park, \$7,000.00 from a Tree Planting Grant and \$21,000.00 from Capital Fund Balance.

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, RMC, CMC

Administrator / Municipal Clerk

\$108.50

October 7, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1713

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

Ord. 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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, October 4, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri, RMC, CMC

Administrator / Municipal Clerk

\$22.75

October 7, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Alan Graziano requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a garage. Proposed garage exceeds 15' height, 20' being proposed (section 702.1 (G)); and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2206 Orchard Drive on Block 174, Lot 4 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 27, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00

October 7, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

Take notice that application has been made to the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield of 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 to transfer to South Plainfield Hotel, L.L.C. trading as Holiday Inn for premises located at 4701 Stetson Road, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 the Plenary Retail Consumption License #1222-33-015-001 heretofore issued to HI-South Plainfield L.L.C. trading as Holiday Inn for premises located at 4701 Stetson Road, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The persons who will hold an interest in this license are: Carey Tajfel, Doran Tajfel and Steven Schwartz at 399 Monmouth Street, East Windsor, NJ 08520. Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to:

Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk, Borough of South Plainfield of 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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October 7 and 14, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To G & W Laboratories, Inc. for public improvements at 101 and 111 Coolidge Street in South Plainfield, Block 481, Lots 1 and 1.01.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by G & W Laboratories, Inc. for public improvements at 111 Coolidge Street in South Plainfield known as Lots 1 and 1.01, Block 481 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

By: Stephen C. Greene

Vice President, Administration & General Counsel

G & W Laboratories

\$35.00

October 7, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Churruasquaira Marina, Inc. d/b/a Paulo's Barbeque requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a one story addition, one story garage, dining deck and parking lot improvements. Proposed addition cannot be constructed in accordance with the use or bulk regulations of the zoning ordinance. Some of the variances are extensions of existing deficiencies and other variances that may be required. The following variances are being sought by the Applicant.

(1) A Use Variance for outdoor dining which is not a permitted use.

(2) Principal Building, Side Yard-15 feet required: 2.1 feet proposed.

(3) Front Yard Setback: 30 feet required; 9 feet proposed.

(4) Accessory Building, Side Yard: 30 feet required; 15 feet proposed.

(5) Accessory Building, Rear Yard: 15 feet required; 5 feet proposed.

(6) Required Parking Spaces: 43 required; 25 proposed.

(7) Such other variances, waivers or relief to construct the project, said property being located at 2341 Plainfield Avenue on Block 188, Lot 56 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 27, 2005 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$50.75

October 7, 2005

IN YOUR OPINION

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our town more affordable. For example, they want to use competition to bring down the costs of contracts that right now are given out without bidding. And they have identified several newly created administrative positions that can be cut without affecting services. I also understand that they want to look at ways to avoid duplication of services between the school board and the town.

Ever-increasing taxes are driving families and seniors out of South Plainfield. I, for one, am glad to see that Anesh and Bengivenga see the problem and want to fix it. Unlike their opponents, these two recognize what needs to be done. Anesh and Bengivenga deserve our vote.

ANITA HOGAN

peals can and sometimes do become involved in New Jersey's infamous "pay to play" politics?

In this computer age of bountiful information, why can't the Borough's computer system print out the information requested above in a timely fashion? If this capacity is not available, then surely a paper trail exists in the tax assessor's office under a filing identification of Tax Appeals-Granted and Denied. Certainly any information requested on these issues could be provided with little effort, from this source.

Finally, where profit is involved in a decision, how long is the tax relief period? Is the tax relief, if profits are regained, ever revoked and restored to an increased level? I believe that the public's "right to know" should govern these issues and I feel that I am correct on this.

FRANK CORNELL

I speak for a lot of people, certainly all of Ed's friends, when I say that all of South Plainfield is lucky to have Ed Kubala on the Borough Council. I know he does not take that honor lightly. He works hard every day to do what is right for all citizens of our municipality and I thank him for his service.

I urge everyone in South Plainfield to vote for Ed Kubala and his running mate Kathy Thomas on Election. They both have my vote!

ANN CAMPANELLI

To The Editor:

While some information was provided in the *Observer's* article of Aug. 19 on the increase in the current year's tax, it offered little information on the decline in the Borough's total assessed valuation of \$27M as a factor in the increase. The explanation given was that the decrease in valuation was caused by the successful tax appeals of commercial property owners, which resulted in a lower tax for them. With the number of new homes constructed and the many major renovations of existing homes, it surprised many of us that the decrease would be as large as it is. Without the finality of audited statements, I estimate that the tax relief provided by the assessment reductions will amount to approximately \$1M.

In no way does the action outlined above change the year's expense budgets as presented to and accepted by the taxpayers. The tax relief granted had to be distributed to all other taxpayers whose net assessed value, as it appears on their tax bill, remained the same as the prior year.

I believe that having paid their share in varying amounts as set forth in the current system, taxpayers are qualified to receive some particulars beyond the generalities now available.

Listed are those particulars which I believe would be of interest; who were the recipients of the tax relief? What was the amount granted? What was given as the basis for the request? Who had the responsibility for reviewing and approving the decision? Did the final decision come from a court edict or from meditations between the two parties? What are the Borough's internal control procedures to insure that tax appeals are handled in an efficient and fair manner? Is it possible that tax ap-

Dear Editor,

In this year's race for the Borough Council, if you want proof that people like the direction that the borough is heading, just drive around town and see how many people are putting on additions to their homes. People like to live in South Plainfield for many different reasons such as the schools, recreation programs and being close to family, but one of the main reasons is that the town is getting better each year. Just look at the recent events such as the improvements to Putnam Park, the expanded PAL, the 150 acres of open space, the senior recreation center, the reconstruction of Hamilton Blvd. and the new curbs on Maple Ave. For these things we should thank the Mayor and Council who have improved the quality of life in South Plainfield while keeping a sharp eye on the budget. They have helped make South Plainfield a great place to live and raise a family.

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

EUGENE W. KATAZYNIAK

To the Editor:

I am truly excited that Councilwoman Kathy Thomas has decided to run for reelection to the Borough Council. As someone who has been a friend of Kathy's for many years, I can say without hesitation that South Plainfield is lucky to have Kathy working day in and day out for us. In just a couple of years, Kathy had made such a positive imprint on our Borough. She, along with the Library Board, is working hard to build a brand new public library. This library will be state-of-the-art, with a large children's area, an arts and crafts room, a computer lab and a meeting room, not to mention an enlarged general circulation area. I can't wait. This is going to be wonderful for all people, young and old alike. Kathy and the entire Library Board should be very proud of the work they are doing. I thank them for their efforts on behalf of all of us.

Kathy Thomas is a person with unwavering commitment to her family, her church and her community. I commend her and admire her.

I will proudly be voting for the Democratic team of Kathy Thomas and her running mate Ed Kubala on Election Day, Nov. 8.

ELEANOR HAINES

Dear Editor,

I am writing to offer my support for Ed Kubala for Borough Council. I have known Ed for many years and I can say unequivocally that there is no finer man than Ed. He is as warm, as kind and as generous as they come. I feel that I am extremely privileged to call Ed my friend.

Throughout our friendship, there have been many times that I have needed help with something or just needed to talk to someone. Ed was never too busy for me. Ed exemplifies the true meaning of gentleman. I know

Dear Editor:

The mayor and council never cease to amaze me. Two years ago they were calling the Pinto suit frivolous, and now I find out that they settled the case and are hiding the settlement from the public.

How dare they sign a confidentiality agreement. Those are our tax dollars, and we have a right to know how and why they were used.

If the mayor and council want to keep the settlement a secret, I have no problem with that if they reimburse the town for the costs. If they refuse to pay for it personally, then we have a right to know how much it was. Withholding this information is a violation of the public trust.

KATHERINE SEESSELBERG

About The Buddy Walk...

The Buddy Walk has a detailed history. Here is an abbreviated version of the steady growth of the event. In 1995 the Buddy Walk was founded by The National Down Syndrome Society "to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome" and to celebrate October, National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. That first year 17 walks took place around the country. The Buddy Walk logo was introduced in 2001. It features a blue and yellow graphic with a family holding hands. The number of walks across the country increased to 100. By 2002 there were 190 events in 49 states and five countries with more than 180,000 people participating. They raised more than \$2.5 million for national education, research and advocacy programs, as well as local programs and services. Over the past ten year more than 955,000 people have participated in the Buddy Walk. There are a total of 10 scheduled walks in New Jersey alone.

The National Down Syndrome Society offers these facts:

- Down syndrome occurs when an individual has three, rather than

two, copies of the 21st chromosome. This additional genetic material alters the course of development and causes the characteristics associated with Down syndrome.

- Down syndrome is the most commonly occurring chromosomal abnormality. One in every 800 to 1,000 babies is born with Down syndrome.

- There are more than 350,000 people living with Down syndrome in the United States.

- Down syndrome affects people of all ages, races and economic levels.

- The incidence of births of children with Down syndrome increases with the age of the mother. But due to higher fertility rates in younger women, 80 percent of children with Down syndrome are born to women under 35 years of age.

- People with Down syndrome have an increased risk for certain medical conditions such as congenital heart defects, respiratory and hearing problems, Alzheimer's disease, childhood leukemia and thyroid conditions. Many of these conditions are now treatable, so most people with

Down syndrome lead healthy lives.

- Life expectancy for people with Down syndrome has increased dramatically in recent decades - from 25 in 1983 to 56 today.

- All people with Down syndrome experience cognitive delays, but the effect is usually mild to moderate and is not indicative of the many strengths and talents that each individual possesses.

- Quality educational programs, a stimulating home environment, good health care, and positive support from family, friends and the community enable people with Down syndrome to develop their full potential and lead fulfilling lives.

- People with Down syndrome attend school, find work, participate in decisions that affect them, and contribute to society.

- Researchers are making great strides in identifying the genes on Chromosome 21 that cause the characteristics of Down syndrome. Many feel strongly that it will be possible to improve, correct or prevent many of the problems associated with Down syndrome in the future.

Annual Buddy Walk Set

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The registration table will offer brochures and information on the National Down Syndrome Society, Facts about Down Syndrome. Activities for the walk include face painting, a bounce house, a booth by South Plainfield DARE officers, raffles and Down Syndrome awareness merchandise. Radio station Magic 98.3 FM will be on hand from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs and cold drinks. The registration fee is \$5.

For more information, call Michele

at (908) 531-5100.

Tee shirts are guaranteed for those who pre-register, but they believe they will have enough for walkers that register at the park. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the walk will commence at 1 p.m.

There are nine other locations in New Jersey celebrating Down Syndrome Awareness month with Buddy walks. For more information, log on to <http://www.ndss.org/> or <http://www.buddywalk.org>.

SPHS AP Scholars Announced

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- On Sept. 13 a Piscataway juvenile was arrested at Staples for shoplifting a 129MB graphics card, a 1 GB thumbstick memory card, a 512 MB flash drive and a 1 GB memory card all worth \$351.
- A Plainfield Ave. resident reported that the front passenger side tire of his vehicle had been punctured while parked at CVS on Plainfield Ave.
- On Sept. 14 M&M Vacuum Cleaner Parts Dist. on Corporate Blvd. reported that a fraudulent check had been written and endorsed by an unknown party.
- On Sept. 15 a Tooz Pl. resident reported that eggs had been thrown in his driveway overnight.
- An employee of Hall's on Kentile Rd. reported that his front license plate had been removed while parked in the parking lot.
- An employee of Innovative Technology on Hadley Rd. reported the theft two computers from their offices.
- On Sept. 16 a Dumont Ave. resident reported that an unauthorized transaction had been made with her ATM card.
- A Middlesex Ave. resident reported that the rear window of their vehicle had been smashed.
- On Sept. 19 a Perry St. resident reported the theft of a girls Giant 21 speed bike from the side of the house.
- An employee of Marino Ware on Metuchen Rd. reported the theft of a camcorder from a locked office.
- A Meadow Terr. reported that there were several transactions on a credit card that he never received.
- A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported the theft of a 1996 Chevy Impala from his unlocked garage. The vehicle had no plates and the keys were in the car.
- On Sept. 20 Cherry St. resident reported that there was a wallet on her front steps. The wallet belonged to an Orchard Dr. resident who had lost it in a driveway. The wallet was missing two credit cards.
- Dessau Brass Inc. on Helen St. reported that a panel had been removed from a bay door in the rear of the building. Nothing was taken.
- On Sept. 21 an employee of Radiant Systems on Corporate Blvd. reported the theft of his wallet from his office.
- On Sept. 22 a Joan St. resident reported that 12 sections of vinyl stockade fence had been removed from their front yard.
- On Sept. 24 Gladys O. Quintanilla, 44, of Plainfield was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.
- A So. 9th St. resident reported the theft of a girls Mongoose BMX bike from outside the house.
- On Sept. 25 Gordon L. Dabney, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving on an expired license, no insurance and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.
- Nicholett Ann Cook, 22, of Monmouth Junction was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving at a motor vehicle accident.
- Raceway Gas on W. 7th St. reported that a driver had received \$8 worth of gas, paid and then reached out grabbed the money back and drove away.

Marshalls Set to Open in South Plainfield on October 13

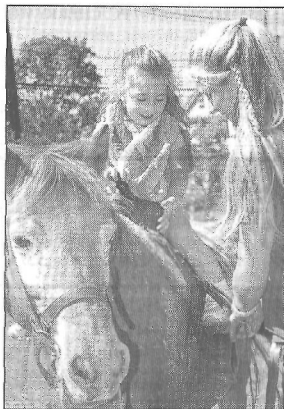
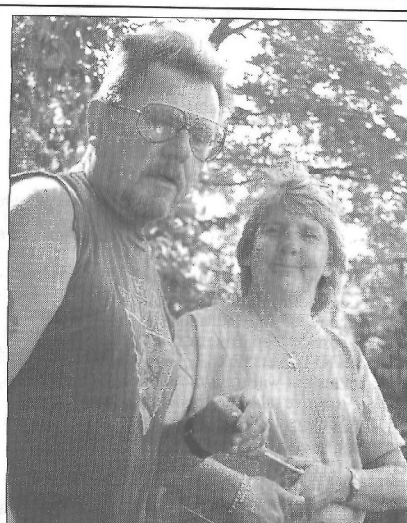
Marshalls, one of the nation's leading off-price retailers, has announced the grand opening of a new store on Oct. 13 at Hadley Center. Marshalls' new store will offer South Plainfield area shoppers brand name fashions, home accents and an expanded footwear department for the entire family at prices up to 60% below department and specialty stores, every day.

"We look forward to introducing Marshalls to the South Plainfield area and expect that our great selection of family fashions, footwear and home accents will have tremendous appeal for value conscious shoppers," said Marshalls Spokesperson Jenn Goonan. "At Marshalls you'll find the same great trends found in department and specialty stores at a fraction of the price. This includes first quality, brand name fashions and footwear for the whole family and home accents for every room in the house."

The store will open with a 10,000 square foot expanded family footwear

department that will display hundreds of the season's up-to-the-minute looks in shoes and athletic footwear for men, women and children. "Marshalls' historical success in family footwear led to the natural progression of the department," said Goonan. "The opportunistic way we approach buying merchandise from all over the world allows us to obtain large varieties of fashion forward merchandise, including footwear for exceptional value."

Since opening its first store over 40 years ago, the Marshalls name has become synonymous with off-price shopping. With over 700 stores nationwide, Marshalls utilizes its tremendous buying power and great vendor relationships to deliver high quality, brand name merchandise at a great value. In addition to offering the latest trends and current season merchandise at low prices, quick and easy checkout, hassle-free layaway and return policies and more. The new store will add approximately 100 full and part-time jobs.



VFW Picnic Enjoyed by Young and Old

The South Plainfield VFW recently held their annual picnic with over 200 attending the event. There was something for everyone with a wide variety of hot and cold foods, a roast pig and beverages; beer, soda and water. Children bounced on the moon walk and rode ponies while the adults relaxed and enjoyed the sunny afternoon. Numerous businesses throughout town donated items for the picnic and the raffles. The big prize was the Wheelbarrow of Cheer. A wheelbarrow donated by Vail's Hardware that is jam packed with assorted goodies.

Obituaries

Frances J. Greany, 59

Frances J. Greany died on Monday, Sept. 26 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Frances lived in Bridgewater and was an elementary school teacher at the Knollwood Elementary School in Piscataway.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Tantillo of South Plainfield, Graziella Sciortino of Bridgewater and Rosaria Volpe of Plainfield; a son, Carmelo of Fla. and two brothers, Rocco of Italy and Luciano of Canada. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Sabrina, Max, Stefanie, Antonio and Claudia.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Surviving is her mother, Arlene R. King and her husband Wayne of Pocono Pines, Pa.; her father, Arthur J. Frank and his wife Edith of NY; two brothers, Arthur "Skip" E. III and his wife Donna of South Plainfield and Glenn W. of Spotswood; two step-brothers, John Smith and his wife Sherry of So. Carolina and Michael King and his wife Brenda of NY; two nieces, Jessica and Rylie Nicole and two nephews, Matthew and Arthur "Chip" IV and his wife Tonia. Also surviving are her two cats, Misty and Chole.

Funeral services were held at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Cranford. Visitation was at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dawn's memory to the Habitat for Humanity International, 121 Habitat St, Americus, GA 31708-3494.

Dawn Frank

Dawn Frank died on Friday, Sept. 30 at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan.

Born in Bayonne, Dawn spent most of her life in South Plainfield.

A 1980 graduate of South Plainfield High School, Dawn worked for All-State Legal in Cranford for 19 years.

She enjoyed reading poetry, attending Nascar races and Grateful Dead concerts, traveling and photography.

Giovanni Volpe, 67

Giovanni Volpe died on Wednesday, Sept. 28 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born and raised in Italy, Mr. Volpe came to the United States in 1978 settling in Plainfield.

Giovanni worked for Wender Paving Inc. in Whitehouse Station as well as the Plainfield Country Club in Plainfield. An avid bike rider, Mr. Volpe enjoyed his wine and will be dearly missed by his entire family and by all who knew him.

Surviving are his wife Antonietta of 44 years, three daughters, Maria

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