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## COUNCIL TO REORGANIZE JAN. 1

### Two Republicans to be Sworn in to All Democratic Council

This Sunday, Jan. 1, 2006 will see a change in the make-up of the South Plainfield Borough Council when Republicans Matt Anesh and Robert Bengivenga, Jr. will officially be sworn in for three

year terms. For both Anesh and Bengivenga this is their first elected positions and it was the first time either ran for council.

At the same meeting, the borough will bid farewell to long time

Councilman Ed Kubala, who has served on the council for 12 years, and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, who has served for two years.

The meeting will begin with the current council in place and end

with the new council seated.

Mayor Dan Gallagher will give his annual message and the minority party will also make a statement. Boards and commissions appointments will be announced and ap-

pointees will be sworn in.

The reorganization meeting begins at 2 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Following the meeting, all are invited to a reception at the Rescue Squad.

## Local Family Exemplifies The Meaning of Christmas

The desire to help others has become contagious for South Plainfield resident Shirley Thompson. For the third year, Shirley has provided meals and Christmas gifts for the elderly and needy. This year, she delivered 98 freshly made Christmas dinners, provided Christmas gifts for 44 children and delivered 36 bags of food.

It began two years ago when Thompson overheard an elderly woman complaining because the deli wasn't serving hot food on Thanksgiving. That very night Shirley began making plans to cook and deliver Christmas dinner to anyone in need who was elderly, handicapped or would not have a home cooked Christmas meal.

She asked her family if they would be willing to give up their Christmas dinner to help cook and deliver these meals, and got their approval. Shirley said her greatest gift has been seeing her family and extended family

embrace this enormous project with great enthusiasm each year.

Shirley got the word out through the *Observer* where she ran an ad asking people to call if they were unable to cook Christmas dinner. She also received some names from South Plainfield Social Services Director Marge Ackerman.

While compiling her list Thompson also discovered families with children who would be without gifts. Thompson then took on the task of providing for 44 children.

Some of her own children adopted these families, and when their neighbors and co-workers found out what they were doing, the project grew even larger. By the time the *Observer* arrived on Christmas morning to take photos of the Christmas dinner volunteers, Thompson and her elves had already delivered Christmas gifts and Christmas trees the evening before.

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Friends and family members gather at Shirley Thompson's home on Christmas morning to help distribute Christmas dinner to more than 98 people.

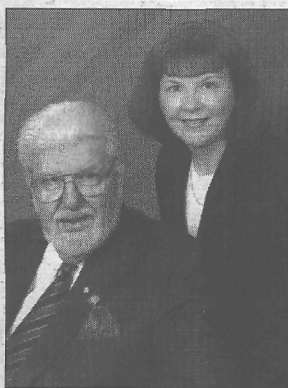
## Council Bids Farewell Kubala's 12 Years | Thomas Plans to Comes To End | Stay Involved Anesh and Bengivenga Are Eager to Start

For the past 12 years Ed Kubala has dedicated his life to serving the needs of the residents of South Plainfield, but that will end on Sunday, Jan. 1, when he steps down.

In a close race in November, Kubala lost his council seat by only a few votes. Disappointed though he may be, Ed understands that the people have spoken in a fair and democratic election and he has no regrets.

Ed's journey into politics began in 1993, when he ran for office for the first time with Jim Vokral. He ran on the theme of changing the way government worked in South Plainfield. Ed and Jim wanted to

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Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas

By Libby Barsky

Kathy Thomas had only served two years on the council before losing her bid to remain in office last November, but she plans to stay involved. "It's very important to give back and I will continue to have a positive impact in other ways," said Thomas.

Thomas has applied to be a member of the Planning Board. She served there for a year prior to being appointed councilwoman after Jim Vokral stepped down to work for the Middlesex County Board of Elections. She subsequently ran for council and was elected in the 2004 election to complete Vokral's term

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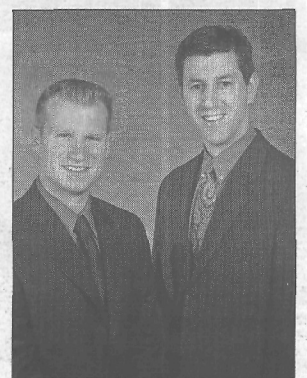
Matthew Anesh and Rob Bengivenga are the first Republicans elected to South Plainfield's Borough Council in 12 years, and are eager to begin their three-year council terms. During the campaign both spoke of opening up government and are prepared to begin their terms by introducing ordinances to do just that.

"Throughout the campaign, we mentioned various initiatives that could accomplish that goal. For example, we would like to enact an open-applications ordinance that would require all positions, both paid and volunteer, to be posted by the borough. Details such as responsibilities and qualifications would be clearly addressed for all residents to inspect. I would also like to see an increase in the number of contracts that are sent out for bid. Quality should always be paramount, however, we should actively seek to attract as many qualified bidders to get the best value for our tax dollar," said Anesh.

To open the process even more, Bengivenga would like to introduce Pay-to-Play reform by introducing

competition into the contracting process. He is also preparing a developer disclosure ordinance which would request that a developer who goes before the planning or zoning board has to disclose any money contributed to a political party or political figure. "Another feature of the ordinance would require anyone wanting to do business with the town to divulge if there is a family connection—a son, brother or cousin—to a member of council or planning board member. This isn't just for developers, but for anyone doing business with the town," said Bengivenga.

During the campaign Bengivenga and Anesh spoke about starting a volunteer program involving teenagers to help seniors with some of the upkeep of their homes. "We called it the South Plainfield Volunteer Corp, but the name isn't what is important. The idea is to get help for seniors so they can stay in their homes. I've spoken to Joann Graf about the idea and she said she has already been working on something similar, so we want to work as closely with her as possible.



Matthew Anesh and Rob Bengivenga

This is another area where we should be able to work with the Democrats and get bi-partisan support," said Bengivenga.

As for the new library, both Anesh and Bengivenga want make sure that the planning process takes into account future needs for expansion as well as parking. "We also want to help get the library foundation moving," said Bengivenga.

Another big concern is the Jack Morris Celebrations development of 484 units that is currently before the Planning Board. "Since the council already approved the change of use

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### council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

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

### Date

**January 1 Reorganization ..... 2:00 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 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 Dec. 22.

### board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Com. of the Whole, Tuesdays 7 p.m.-Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Meeting Tuesdays 8 p.m.-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.

### 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

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

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### To the Editor;

The South Plainfield Democratic Party prides itself on its commitment to honesty, integrity and decency. We have always committed ourselves to running clean campaigns and never even mentioning an opponent's personal life. We were personally hurt when Darlene Pinto, who we thought was a friend, sued to get a job with the Borough. The mayor and every council member who was named as a defendant in that suit was dismissed from the case and not one penny was paid by any of us towards a settlement. In addition no taxpayer's money was ever paid to Mrs. Pinto or her attorney. However, the borough insurance carrier did pay Mrs. Pinto's lawyers fee and a small settlement to her to end the litigation. It was a business decision by the insurance company to settle the case.

I am sure many of those who read this letter have either been involved in a lawsuit or know of a lawsuit where a settlement was paid by their insurance company, because it was less expensive to settle than to defend the case. The reason insurance companies ask for a settlement to be confidential is because they don't want to encourage other suit happy individuals to bring similar suits. That is why the insurance carrier required that this settlement remain confidential. It would be a violation of law to discuss the exact terms of the settlement in the Pinto case. The same prohibition applies to Mrs. Pinto. However it is apparent that Mrs. Pinto and the Republican Party used that legal prohibition as a tool to question the honesty of those who served and continue to serve on the borough council. During the recently completed political campaign, the local Republicans made the Pinto settlement a corner stone of its campaign and accused the Democrats of a cover up. Darlene Pinto was a campaign advisor to the Republicans. In fact, the Republicans held regular campaign meetings at her home. She even worked as a vote counter at one of the polling locations on behalf of the Republican candidates and was one of their loudest supporters at their campaign headquarters. It seems obvious that she has shared the confidential agreement with the Republican chair and has provided assistance in the suit which has been filed by the South Plainfield Republican Party.

The time has come to end this charade. We offer our regrets to Andy Pinto and to the Pinto children. The Pinto family represents what makes South Plainfield such a great place to live. However we cannot continue to just allow our character and integrity to be savaged. With that in mind, we have requested that the Borough Insurance Carrier bring an action in the Superior Court of New Jersey to make public the settlement documents in the law suit and allow us to publicly discuss the facts of the case. We know that the facts may cause personal embarrassment to the Pinto family.

We do this with a heavy heart, but we feel we are left with no other choice.

**MAYOR DAN GALLAGHER,  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT DENNIS CERAMI, COUNCILMEN EDWARD KUBALA, CHARLES BUTRICO,  
RAYMOND PETRONKO AND  
ROBERT CUSICK AND COUNCILWOMAN KATHY THOMAS.**

### To the Editor;

The following statement was read at last week's Board of Education meeting.

South Plainfield High School touts itself as a place where the four A's are nourished, academics, athletics, arts and activities. If the wrestling program was in danger of missing a season, don't you think every effort would be made

to recruit an advisor as soon as possible? Of course the answer would be yes. This is not the case with the Winter Guard Competition team. The Winter Guard is an essential part of the four A's, as is the Jazz Competition Band. These groups are made up of some of the best students in the music department at the high school.

The Winter Guard has a reputation as a dedicated, talented and impressive group of young women. In just a few years, since entering the TOB circuit as novices, they have amassed an impressive set of bronze, silver and gold medals in the East Coast Championships. If this program is let go, and it appears that this is the case, will the Jazz Band be next? How many of you have heard these musicians perform? These students are not only dedicated musically, but academically as well. They deserve to be a showcase for our music program outside our district. These students would easily qualify for enrollment in the area private schools. Unless we give them a reason to stay at the high school, we will lose their talent and the musical arts will no longer be part of the four A's.

We are not disgruntled parents who seek to return the music program to a previous director. When the change occurred, we felt the students and parents were justified in presenting their opinions. As impassioned as those opinions were, the moment a new director was approved the only question the students asked was "will everything remain the same?" They were assured by Dr. Rosado and the Board of Education that the programs would remain intact. The students specifically asked about the Winter Guard and Jazz Band. They were assured that they would be competing this year. The students accepted the change in leadership and looked optimistically to a new season. As the time got closer to begin preparing for Winter Guard, the

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students asked questions about the status of their activity. The responses to their questions went from "absolutely" to "I am working on it" to "it is none of your business." The Jazz Band also has no competitions scheduled at this time. The students and parents are disappointed. Do you realize that on these students college and scholarship applications there will be a gap in their involvement? In that spot they will have to write "I did not belong to Winter Guard or Jazz Band in 2006 because it was disbanded." While they wait for an answer, time is lost to do another activity, sport of job.

What we are asking for tonight is the Board's assurance that the musical arts will not be systematically eliminated from our high school. Maybe with your support we can salvage a Winter Guard and Jazz Band competition season. Please do not let these remarkable students down. Let's be proud of them and the activities they participate in. Let's make sure the people running these programs are equipped with the knowledge and desire to help our artistic students succeed here at South Plainfield High School and beyond.

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Miss Teen 2005, Samantha Hahn, with students from the middle school.

## Miss Teen 2005 Speaks to Students About Bullying

By Jane Dornick

National American Miss Teen 2005 Samantha Hahn brought her very personal experience about bullying to South Plainfield High School and Middle School students at assemblies held in both schools.

In September of 2004, Hahn started a Tolerance-Anti-Bullying Program geared to school-aged children based on her own horrifying experiences. After receiving her title in November, she was asked by the NJ State Attorney General's Office to be the spokes person for the NJ State-wide Anti-Bullying Campaign, NJ Cares About Bullying. She has also filmed a public service announcement sponsored by the Middlesex County Outreach Education Unit that has been seen on MTV, ESPN2, ABC Family, TLC and HGTV.

Prior to graduating from Bishop

Ahr High School in Edison in 2003, Hahn had experienced bullying firsthand and now speaks to students about her verbal, physical and cyber bullying which drove her from school to school. She speaks poignantly about how she had scrap metal thrown in her face by a fellow middle school student and received death threats from classmates on her computer. She hopes that her personal and important message can reach as many children as possible, bringing awareness to this ever increasing problem.

Currently Hahn is attending the Circle in the Square Performing Arts Conservatory in New York City and is pursuing an online journalism degree. She is an accomplished actor, dancer and singer and has performed locally in commercials, music videos, TV and theatre since age seven. She recently completed her first feature film to be released in 2006.

## College Financing Presentation

A free one hour Making College Financial Planning Count program will be held in the South Plainfield High School cafeteria on Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. for parents of students in grades nine through 12.

Making College Financial Planning Count is a program designed to help parents gain an understanding of how the college financing process works, including options available to develop a college funding strategy, how to plan for and manage college costs and different types of financial aid available. Parents learn how to send their child to college without risking their financial future.

"A student's entry into higher education after high school is a key transitional period for both students and parents alike," said J.R. Cifano, vice president of Monster's Making It Count programs. "Our goal with Making College Financial Planning Count is to assist the parents by providing sound financial options and solutions for the major investment that a college education demands."

Last year more than 500 high schools across the country hosted Making It Count's college financing seminar. On average, parents rated the value of the ideas presented in the program a nine on a 10 point scale. The program is presented in conjunction with Bank of America, one of the nation's leading providers of education financing solutions and services for students and their families.

## Music Boosters Plan Dinner/Show Fundraiser

The South Plainfield High School Music Boosters will be hosting a fundraiser dinner/show at the South Plainfield High School. The tentative date is Friday, March 24.

The dinner will be served by the staff of Carabba's Restaurant. The entertainment, possibly a comedy act, is still to be determined. All money raised will go toward scholarships for graduating music department seniors in June.

Watch the Observer for more details to follow.

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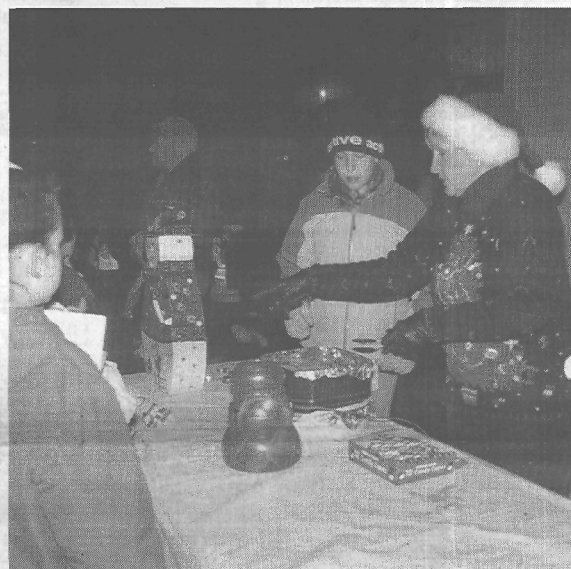
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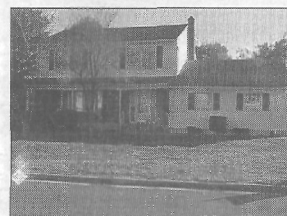
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Al Mitchell and his wife, Pat Stilo-Mitchell, held their annual open house at their home on Ritter Ave. Each year Al and Pat invite the town to visit their home and view their many holiday decorations. Santa is on hand to talk to the kids and hand out presents, while Pat keeps everyone warm with hot chocolate and cookies. Lines of visitors began to form to talk to Santa at 6:30 and continued throughout the evening. We would like to thank the Mitchells for sharing their Christmas spirit with everyone in South Plainfield each and every year.

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# Around Town

## Music Boosters Meeting

January 4

The South Plainfield High School Music Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 4. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. All chorus, band and orchestra parents are welcome to attend. Membership is \$5 per family, but not required to come to our meetings. Please join us!

## SDW Looking for Your Special Talent

January 5-6

Are you interested in performing your special talent for a special event? The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will be holding talent show auditions on Thursday, Jan. 5 and Friday, Jan. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

South Plainfield students grade six through high school can enter. Be prepared with sheet music, recorded music, an instrument or whatever is needed (no heavy metal or hard rock). Time slots are limited for the Feb. 11 performance.

If you have any question please call the SPSPDW at (908) 561-5255.

## Rainbow Academy Open House

January 7

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit the needs of children ages six weeks to seven years.

Those interested are also invited to meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For information, visit the website at [www.rainbowacademy.com](http://www.rainbowacademy.com) or call (908) 769-3224.

## Elks Steak Dinner

January 7

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge on New Market Ave. will hold a steak dinner on Saturday, Jan. 7 from 4 p.m. until the steaks run out. The steak dinner is \$15 per person includes steak, salad, potato, vegetable and dessert and cash bar. Pay at the door.

For more information call Kathy Horvath (908) 754-7268.

## VFW Breakfast

January 8


The South Plainfield VFW, located on Front St. will be holding their monthly breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 8 from 8 to 11 a.m. Varied menu. Pro-

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Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
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For additional information, call (908) 668-9751.

## Practical Crafting at Returning to Library

January 9

There will be a "Practical Crafting" program on Monday, Jan. 9, at South Plainfield Library.

Instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead students in making Canned Bracelets using polymer clay. Completed bracelets will be collected at the end of the class for firing and glazing. Students may pick up finished projects at the library after Friday, Jan. 13.

There will be two class sessions, at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There is a materials charge of \$2, payable upon registration.

For information, call (908) 754-7885.

## Pancake Breakfast at American Legion

January 15

The American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on Oak Tree Ave. will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost for adults is \$5, children are \$3 and kids under six are free. All profits go to the South Plainfield Scholarship Fund.

## AARP #4144 Meeting

January 19

AARP Chapter 4144's next meeting will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Thursday, Jan. 19 starting at 12:30 p.m.

The program will be presentation

by Dave Mollen from the New Jersey AARP Speaker's Bureau, who will present a program on Medicare Part D, sponsored by Twin City Pharmacy, located on Park Ave.

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

## VFW Plans Italian Night

January 20

VFW Post #6763 will hold an Italian Night on Friday, Jan. 20. Full course dinner is \$8 adults and children 12 years and under \$4. Take outs are .50 cents extra.

For information phone (908) 668-9751.

## Conquer Clutter Program at Library

January 23

The library will host the program "Conquer Clutter and Chaos for Good" on Monday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m.

The program host is professional organizer and HGTV host Jamie Novak, making a return appearance at the Library. She will give tips on how to start off the new year by dealing with excess clutter and better organizing your home. She will also answer questions from the audience, and will be available to sign copies of her book, *1,001 Quick and Easy Organizing Secrets*. The program is presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required. In case of inclement weather, snow date is Monday, Jan. 30.

For information, call (908) 754-7885. You may also visit Ms. Novak's website at [www.JamieNovak.com](http://www.JamieNovak.com).

## AARP Defensive Driving Course

February 8-9

The AARP Defensive Drivers Course will be offered Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8 and 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Cost is \$10, open to all legally licensed drivers.

This course will also be given at Muhlenberg Hospital on two Saturdays, Feb. 11 and 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. You must attend both sessions.

These courses involve discussion only. No driving test is given. You may earn a three-year discount on your auto insurance policy. You may remove two points off your license. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 for further information and registration.

## — Out of Town —

### Starlight Socials

December 29

Starlight Socials will hold a happy hour/chat group on Thursday, Dec. 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Houlihan's on Rt. 22 East in Bridgewater.

RSVP [AngelButterfly37@aol.com](mailto:AngelButterfly37@aol.com) or (732) 764-9073.

### Willow Grove Offers FREE Course

January 3

A free course of stretching exercises is being offered at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains on Tuesday mornings, beginning Jan. 3, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Connie DiDario of South Plainfield, certified Yoga instructor, will teach participants many different techniques and aspects of exercise, all of which are exercises done while sitting in chairs. Although Connie's main thrust has been to help seniors get and stay in shape, this class is suitable to anyone interested in maintaining and improving their health.

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending this

class, or if you have questions, phone (908) 232-5678, e-mail us at [wilgrv@netzero.com](mailto:wilgrv@netzero.com) or check our website at [www.scotchplains.com/wgpc](http://www.scotchplains.com/wgpc). Come anytime, in comfortable clothes, to Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, across the street from the Scotch Plains Southside Firehouse and near the corner of South Martine Ave. We can't wait to welcome you!

## Sierra Singles 50+ Meet and Greet

January 22

The Sierra Singles 50+ will hold a meet and greet in the bar area at the Black Forest Inn in North, Stanhope on Sunday, Jan. 22 at 2:30 p.m.

RSVP required by Jan. 22 noon to [MistyAngel22@aol.com](mailto:MistyAngel22@aol.com) or (973) 364-7573 push option #6.

## Starlight Singles Dinner

January 25

The Starlight Socials Single Professionals 30+ will sponsor an evening of dinner and dancing on Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Robertos Ristorante in Rochelle Park.

Cost of \$25.95 includes full buffet dinner, elegant dining, American/Italian Continental cuisine, gourmet desserts, soda, coffee/tea, tax, tips, dancing and entrance fee to Singles Mingle. Professional attire. Walk-ins are welcomed, but RSVPs strongly recommended. RSVP requested by Jan. 25 noon to insure seating to [AngelButterfly37@aol.com](mailto:AngelButterfly37@aol.com) or call (732) 764-9073.

## Nite of DooWop

February 4

The Dunellen Legion Post 119, along with the Dunellen High School Class of 2008, are sponsoring "A Nite of Doo-Wop 2006," featuring Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge and The Duprees will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 8 p.m. at Raritan Valley Community College's Edward Nash Theatre, in Branchburg.

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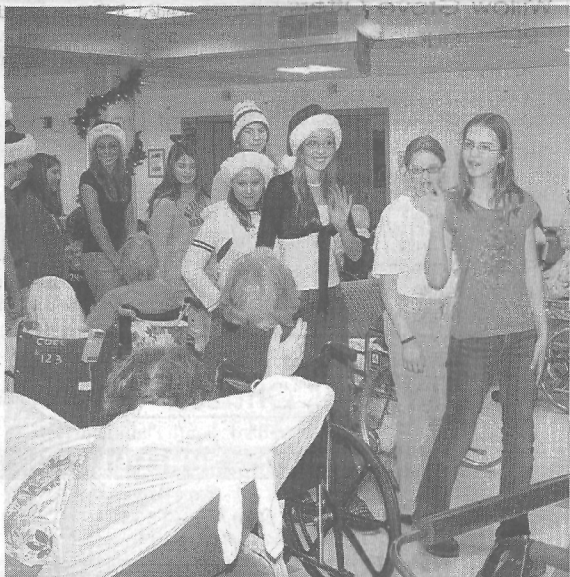
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Students from the Middle School Choir and Chamber Orchestra visited residents of Cedar Oaks Care Center last week. They performed and sang a variety of holiday songs, which also inspired audience members to sing along. After performing, the students went into the audience to shake hands and offer holiday greetings to the patients. The choir was under the direction of Donna Makiewicz, and the orchestra was under the direction of Carleen Tedeschi.



## Ronald McDonald House Charities Offers Scholarships

Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area (RMHC-NY TSA) and McDonald's restaurants are offering scholarships to graduating high school seniors from local communities who face limited access to educational and career opportunities. The scholarships are part of the RMHC and McDonald's ongoing commitment to education. The deadline for submitting applications is Jan. 17.

New to the scholarship program this year, students of all backgrounds are eligible to apply by submitting only one scholarship application, which will include the RMHC/Asian-Pacific Students Increasing Achievement Scholarship (RMHC/ASIA), RMHC/African American Future Achievers Scholarship and RMHC/Hispanic American Commitment to Educational Resources (RMHC/H.A.C.E.R.) and the RMHC General Scholarship.

Currently enrolled high school seniors who are eligible to attend a two-year or four-year college or university with a complete course of study may apply. A limited number of applications are being distributed to all New York Tri-State high schools; however, students can download the application by visiting [www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com](http://www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com).

The Ronald McDonald House Charities of the New York Tri-State Area is working to better the lives of children and their families in our communities, by creating and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children in the areas of health, education, the arts, and civic and social services. Since 1992, RMHC-NY TSA has provided more than \$5M to local non-profit organizations whose programs improve the well-being of children and their families. For Further information on the Ronald McDonald House Charities, visit [www.rmhcny.org](http://www.rmhcny.org).

## JFS Special Groups For Kids and Teens

JFS groups offer to help children ages eight to 18 dealing with emotional issues, behavioral difficulties, social problems and to help cope with family, academic and peer stress. Group for children ages nine to 11 years old is offered Mondays at 4:30. Group for 15+ year olds are offered Wednesdays at 7:30. Other groups are forming now. Private insurance, Medicare, Medicaid and sliding fee arrangements.

Call for an appointment, Jewish Family and Vocational Service, (732) 777-1940.

## policereport

- On Dec. 19 a Pierce St. resident reported that the passenger side rear door had been damaged.
- On Dec. 20 Oguchi S. Amaechi, 20, of Plainfield was arrested for no registration, no insurance, no license and hindering apprehension at a motor vehicle stop.
- Khalikd H. Shamsid-Deen, 23, of Plainfield was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting an Arrow dress shirt worth \$38.
- Keith Edward Tasnady, 47, of Clark was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no registration and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.
- Kurt Erwin Mosier, 36, of South

Plainfield was arrested for theft by unlawful taking after stealing a metal cooking pot from a neighbors yard.

• Traffic Safety Service on Hadley Rd. reported the theft of 15 traffic signs worth \$2,070 from a truck in their fenced in parking lot.

• On Dec. 21 Jeramie M. Byers, 26, of Newark was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Dec. 23 a Delmore Ave. resident reported that an inflatable snowman on their lawn had been cut.

• On Dec. 26 H&S Cards and Gifts on South Clinton Ave. reported that their glass front door had been shattered.

## Monday Afternoon Club News

"It makes the season of giving more meaningful when we can brighten the holiday for others," said Marge Messmer, president of the Monday Afternoon Club in Plainfield. At the December meeting, gifts for Starfish and a wish tree for the Norwood Nursing Home residents were a reminder of the Club's caring and generosity. Donations to the Community Food Bank of NJ and the Salvation Army were also sent. The program, Christmas music by the Union Harmonica Band and a delicious Tea made the festivities special.

Recently two members attended the State Fall conference in Bridgewater. Letters were sent to the Governor and New Jersey Senators, president and board of directors imploring them to save Douglass College.

Cultural activities include attendance at concerts, plays and theater. The Plainfield grammar schools have not been forgotten. Five members read to classes and donated books to their assigned school. Club members who belong to the Muhlenberg Hospital Auxiliary continue to serve at the Hospital Gift Shop and Nearly New

Thrift Shop. Others are busy through their churches and organizations with various service projects.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs is the oldest and one of the largest women's service organizations in the state dedicated to community service since 1894 and is headquartered in New Brunswick on the Douglas College campus. Among its many achievements, the NJ State Federated Woman's Clubs is credited with founding Douglas College and preserving the Palisades from commercial destruction. As volunteers, the members of the NJS FWS provide opportunities for education, leadership training and community service through participation in local clubs, enabling members to work to improve their communities and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

The next meeting will be on Jan. 9, at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church on Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. The speaker will talk on identity theft and cautionary procedures for our protection. For information, call (908) 756-3476 or (908) 322-9504.

Submitted by Mildred E. Colley

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# Middle and Roosevelt Schools Entertain at Holiday Concerts



Roosevelt and the Middle School holiday concerts were held just days before winter break. On Dec. 20 Roosevelt School entertained family and friends with performances by the school chorus and the string ensemble. The following day, the Middle School's concert featured the band, orchestra and choral groups.

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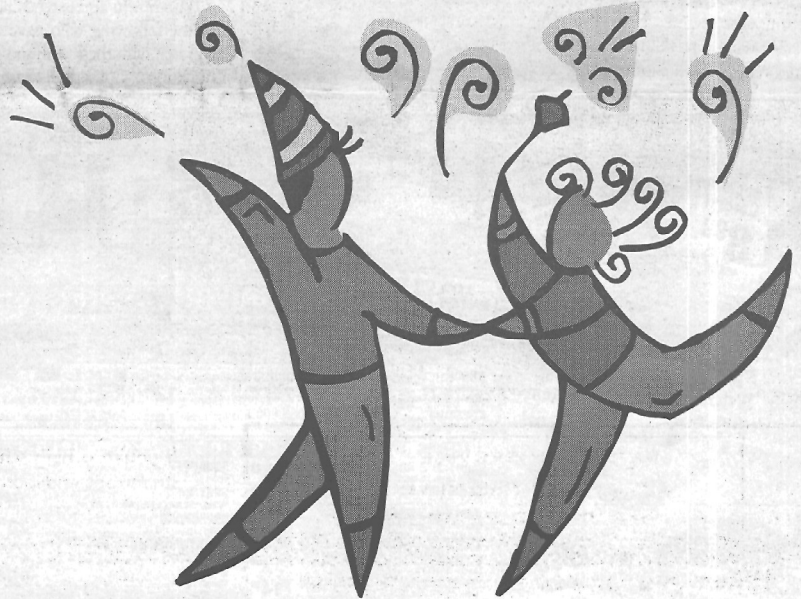
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# Sports

## SPHS Bowling

By RALPH FECH

### Lady Tigers Blank New Brunswick and Upset Piscataway

SPHS	786	684	708	2,188
New Brunswick	623	525	684	1,832

With Beverly Jamieson stroking a 213 game and Angelique Rualo adding a 210 game, the girls bowling team roared out of the starting gate and coasted to a shutout victory over the Zebras of New Brunswick.

Beverly finished with a 489 set and Angelique's totaled 477.

Other Tiger scorers were freshman teammates Gina Curcio with a 156 game and 410 set and Lyndsey Murtagh with a 173 game and 403 set.

SPHS	713	748	752	2,213
Piscataway	734	673	733	2,140
Bishop Ahr	852	754	769	2,375

In tri-match crossover action the Lady Tigers rallied to overtake the chiefs, who built a 31 pin cushion after the first game. A hot shooting Bishop Ahr jumped out to a huge lead in the opening game and managed to win the next two games by the slim margin of six pins and 17

pins, which prevented the Tigers from gaining a tie.

Angelique Rualo led the Tigers with games of 180-151-152 for a solid 483 set. Teammate Jackie Kuchuk added 157 game, 441 set, Beverly Jamieson 166 game, 436 set and Lindsay Hunsicker a 157 game.

### Boys Sweep New Brunswick And Upend Bishop Ahr

SPHS	921	809	840	2,570
New Brunswick	780	756	755	2,291

Vin Genova crushed the pocket with games of 194 and 192 and 216 for a 602 set, while freshman Mike Dandola added a big 246 game and

160-178 for a 584 set. After building a 141 pin advantage in the first game, the boys bowling team cruised to an easy shutout victory.

SPHS	969	903	990	2,862
Bishop Ahr	1012	897	898	2,807
Piscataway	1026	980	1046	3,052

With the Tigers firing on all cylinders, they still found themselves trailing the Trojans and the Chiefs after the first game. The Tigers fought off Bishop Ahr with a solid team effort, but couldn't catch the hot shooting Chiefs.

Brett Morris crossed the boards for

a big 245-170-181—596 set and Mike Dandola 245-584 set as the Tigers kept putting up big scores. Vin Genova 235-571 set, Chris Esposito 248-542 set, Jeff Pryor 182-181—524 set and Ryan Pauls 189-501 set completed the Tiger scoring.

### Rec Offers Discount Ski Tickets

Discount ski tickets may be purchased at the PAL Building during regular office hours: Daily 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; first and third Mondays 6-8 p.m.

Shawnee Weekend	\$38	Camelback Weekend/Holiday	\$48
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Shawnee Night	\$25	Camelback Night	\$25
Shawnee Skiers Choice Pkg.	\$61		
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Weekend/Holiday	\$41	Blue Mountain Weekday	\$35
Jack Frost/Big Boulder		Mountain Creek	
Midweek	\$34	Weekend/Holiday	\$46
JF/BB Night	\$20	Mountain Creek Weekday	\$36
JF/BB Discovery Package	\$52	Mountain Creek Twilight	\$35

## 2006 Ponytail Registration

Registration for 2006 Ponytail Softball will begin Jan. 4 and ends on March 6. Registration is open to all South Plainfield resident girls, ages eight-13 as of Oct. 1. All games are played at Ponytail Park. The fee is \$35/person and the late fee is \$50/person. There will be no refunds. A birth certificate is required to register new participants in recreation programs. A proof of residency is required. All coaches will be fingerprinted and must attend a safety and coaches instructional clinic.

Register at the PAL.

## T-Ball/Teener Registration

The 2006 T-Ball/Teener Ball Registration is open to all South Plainfield residents, boys and girls. Tball is available to children who were five as of Oct. 1. Teener Ball is available to boys as baseball and girls as softball. Registration begins Feb. 14 and ends April 7.

Register at the PAL, located on Maple Ave. A birth certificate is required for new registrants. Everyone must show proof of residency. The fee is \$35/person. Register late and the fee is \$50/person. There will be no refunds. All coaches will be fingerprinted and must attend a safety and a coaches clinic.

## It's Back!

### Men's Softball Returns

The South Plainfield Recreation Department has announced the return of men's softball. An Unlimited Arc men's open slow pitch league will start on April 24. Games will be played on Monday nights.

Registration will run from Jan. 3 to March 31. First eight teams will make up the league.

Contact the Recreation Department for details and registration forms (908) 226-7713.

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# Kubala's Twelve Years

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bring the public into the decision making process and it became their campaign theme. In those days, candidates didn't just go door to door, but attended neighborhood coffees held all over town. Residents invited their neighbors to speak one on one with the candidates. Ed and Jim won that election and the first thing they did after being sworn in was to form the Tax Advisory Board and Business Advisory Board and invited residents to get involved and to add their voice to the decision making.

Since then, many suggestions from these boards helped mold a many improvements and plans that have been initiated by the council. One of the most significant promises Ed has kept through the years is Pay-As-You-Go government. Its success has made South Plainfield known throughout the area for their fiscal responsibility, with one of the lowest tax bases in the county. Ed has served on the Economic Committee and helped bring in numerous budgets with little or no tax increases.

Ed has also been involved in many other project during the past 12 years. One dear to his heart is the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park. He was involved from the first design to the dedication. He also was council liaison to the Veterans Memorial located near the Senior Citizens Recreation

Center. The senior housing residence on Morris Ave. was another project Ed worked on during the many years it took to complete, including the planning, financing and construction. South Plainfield now has senior affordable housing, without any cost to taxpayers—a \$12M project that added no additional local tax burden. Ed says he will continue to work to find a way to add another affordable senior unit in South Plainfield.

During the holiday season, you may notice that Ed gets a special twinkle in his eye. He dons his Santa suit and doesn't need any other props or make-up—he just becomes the real thing. He spends his days visiting schools and numerous Santa breakfasts and dinners around town. During the past few years he has been hampered with a bad back, but still fulfills as many commitments as he can. Santa Ed takes as much time as needed to listen to the kids, always asks if they were naughty or nice, answers their many questions and enjoys every minute. He is the star attraction at the annual sing-along at Spring Lake Park, arriving on the fire truck and leads the way to the reception afterward tot the senior center.

Ed says he will not be fading into the background, but will continue to be as active as he can, helping out when asked.

Ed worked for the Board of Public Works and retired after serving 32 years.

# Kathy Thomas Plans to Stay Involved

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of office.

During her two year tenure on the council, Thomas has directed most of her efforts toward the plans for the new library. "I was determined to make sure that this library was what the people of South Plainfield wanted it to be. So we took great care to get input from the residents as to what they felt the needs of the community were," said Thomas.

It took over a year to collect the fact finding data. On Sept. 27, the South Plainfield Library Board introduced the preliminary design proposal of Robert Almodovar, senior architect at Nadaskay, Kopeson of Morristown for the library to the Planning Board. "The architect submitted a contract for the design phase of the project, which was reviewed. Now the council has to approve a contract (for the architect) to proceed on the design and for the construction," said Thomas. "I will also continue with the efforts to complete the formation of the already started Library Foundation (developing the by-laws, etc.) so that fundraising can begin for the building of the library," added Thomas.

While on the council, Thomas pushed hard for the classroom in the Highland Woods Environmental Preserve. It's in the final stages of completion and will be open shortly. It was hard to have class trips to the Highland Woods because there was no bathroom," said Thomas. Adult groups like Friends of the Woods will also benefit from the new facility.

While on the council Thomas also arranged to have representatives of the New Jersey Division of Taxation give seminars to seniors about property tax relief and the forms which needed to be filled out in order to receive this benefit. "Many seniors were confused about the freeze program and the rebate program and considered themselves not eligible. Because of that seminar, 300 people came out and many of them filled out applications for the first time. When you help people like that, I felt it was the best thing about being in the position I was in. They (seniors) didn't have to make the decision to move because of their taxes.

If they move it's for some other consideration," said Thomas.

Thomas is married to attorney William Thomas and they have two daughters, Kelly, 18, a freshman at Lafayette College Pa. and Kara, a freshman at South Plainfield High School, where she is a member and treasurer of the Field Hockey team.

Thomas is philosophical about her loss. "I loved being on the council and the whole process. I respect the election process; there is nothing to be angry about. Elections are what they are. There should be an orderly switch," she said.

After serving on the council, Thomas came to understand that the process of government is slow and patience is needed. "I didn't have that understanding before I was actually on the council. You need to be focused and diligent and keep going and have faith that the process will work eventually. But it requires a lot of diligence and patience. The process is there to protect people," she concluded.

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An appeal has been filed by Juan C. Marrero requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a deck. Proposed deck lacks 20' required rear setback, 17' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 162 Teneyck Street on Block 201, Lot 14.01 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, January 12, 2006 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 Planning/Zoning Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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Public Notice  
RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Attilio Grasso for public improvements at Alpino Homes, 421 Walter Street in South Plainfield, Block 118, Lot 3.

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 Attilio Grasso for public improvements at 421 Walter Street in South Plainfield known as Lot 3, Block 118 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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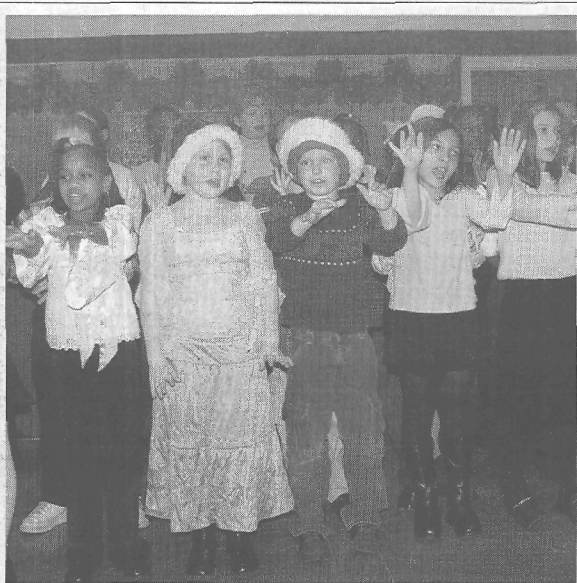
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## Obituaries

### Samuel A. Mascialino, 88

Samuel A. Mascialino died on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Arbor Glen in Bridgewater.

Sam was born in Brooklyn on Jan. 26, 1917. He settled in South Plainfield in 1951 where he resided until moving to Bridgewater in Jan., 2005.

During WWII he had served in the Army Signal Corps.

He had been employed as an electrical tester with the former Western Electric Co. in Kearny where he worked for 40 years before retiring in 1977. After retirement, Sam was proud to be employed by the AIS Corp. of Bridgewater for 15 years, which was owned by his son-in-law Stephen Sullivan.

Sam was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Knights of Columbus Council 6203 and the VFW Memorial Post 6763, all in South Plainfield. In addition he was a member of the Italian American Club in North Plainfield and a member of the Tri County Senior Citizens of Piscataway.

Surviving is his wife of 59 years, Mildred C. (LaMont) Mascialino and two daughters and son-in-laws, Judy and Alfred Rothel of Estero, Fla. and Careen and Stephen Sullivan of Basking Ridge. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Kimberly Carter, Stephen and Meghan Michoux, Kellie Cahill and Stephen Sullivan, Jr.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Sacred Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

### Richard R. Merrick, 63

Richard R. Merrick died on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at his home in South Plainfield.

Born and raised in Bayonne, Mr. Merrick had resided in South Plainfield since 1974. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and was an avid N.Y. Giants football fan.

Mr. Merrick was employed by the former DeGussa and Metz Corps., which is currently the Ferro Corp. in South Plainfield, for the past 21 years.

He is predeceased by his brother, Thomas.

Surviving are his wife, Jeanette (Doherty); a daughter, Laura Kong and her husband Joseph; two sons,

Richard and Robert, all of South Plainfield; four brothers, Ronald of South Plainfield, John and his wife Sandy of Bayonne, James and his wife Alma, also of Bayonne and William and his granddaughter soon to be born, Kathleen.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Richard's memory to the American Heart Association, 2550 Rt. 1, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

### Nancy M. Lemmo, 83

Nancy M. Lemmo died on Friday, Dec. 23 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, she grew up in Bound Brook and had resided in Plainfield before settling to South Plainfield in 1957.

Mrs. Lemmo was employed by Cornell-Dubilier and Arista Labs, both formerly of South Plainfield and lastly for Edison Disposal.

She loved to crochet, knit and read. In addition, Mrs. Lemmo pioneered the art of bartering with her homemade Italian food for assorted yard work.

Her husband, Nicholas Lemmo, died in 1984. She is also predeceased by her sister, Elizabeth Bush and brother, Phillip Cardina.

Surviving are her son, George Shigo of Pine Beach; four daughters, Philomena Bengivenga and her husband Anthony of Beachwood, Mary Ann Johnson and her husband Louis of Womelsdorf, Pa., Prudence DiPaolo and her husband Michael of North Plainfield and Barbara Jo Naylor and her husband Russell of South Plainfield; a sister, Josephine Parker of West Palm Beach, Fla. and two sisters-in-law, Prudence Capparelli and Mary Lemmo, both of South Plainfield.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Anthony Coletta, 82

Anthony Coletta died early Friday morning, Dec. 23 peacefully at home.

He was born in Italy to John and Giovannina (Apisa) Coletta. He immigrated to the United States in 1940 and came to Plainfield. In 1943 he

joined the U.S. Army and served in the Asiatic-Pacific theater during WWII.

After that he moved to Los Angeles, Calif., where he met his wife of 56 years, Carmela DeLuca. In 1957 he moved his family to Plainfield and in 1977 he settled in South Plainfield.

He worked for Star Bowling in Watchung for 27 years and then for the South Plainfield Board of Education for 10 years, retiring at the age of 72.

Anthony is predeceased by a brother, Joseph and a sister, Mary Izzo.

He is survived by his wife Carmela; two daughters, Jenny Marsh and her husband Rod of Othello, Wash. and Linda Coletta-Martz and her husband Don of Old Bridge; a son, John and his wife LeeAnn of South Plainfield; a brother, Alfred of Green Brook and two grandchildren, Jessica Dickenson and Ray Coletta. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### Frances J. "Jean" (Domey) Dombrowski, 78,

Frances J. "Jean" (Domey) Dombrowski died late Sunday night, Dec. 25 at the Fountains at Cedar Parke in Atco.

Born in Massachusetts, she grew up in Hanover and lived in Chatham for 30 years. She has also resided in North Carolina before settling in Atco, seven years ago.

A former member of Chatham's Woman's Club and the Chatham Methodist Church, Jean also loved to play the piano, listen to music and enjoyed arts and crafts. In addition, she was a talented artist who had won awards for her paintings.

She is predeceased by her husband, Alexander, who died in 1990 and a son, Thomas, who died in 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Lee and his wife Melaine of South Plainfield and Glenn Dombrowski of Spokane, Wash. and two sisters, Margie and her husband Stanley Deskovich and Sandra Pettingell, all of California.


Also surviving is her dear granddaughter, Tamara Dombrowski.

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In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, P.O. Box 3013, Edison, NJ 08818.

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