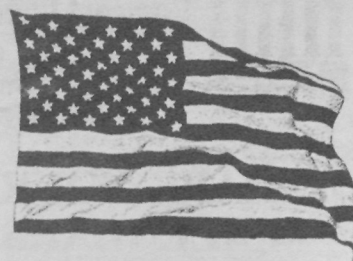


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Former SPJBC Umpire Goes Professional

By Michael Duquette

When most people attend baseball games or watch them on television, one of the last things on their minds is the umpire. Sure, he makes the calls that decide how the game progresses, but more often than not they are cause for contention and unhappiness among sports fans.

This is not the case for Tony Senia, a veteran umpire of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, who recently knocked one out of the park by becoming a professional umpire.

Senia's love of umpiring began at the age of 13 when he started working for the SPJBC. Although he was also a player at the time, he quickly gained an appreciation for calling games. "I always had respect for the umpires because they have a tough job," he said. "It's a job where you're wrong half the time in somebody's mind."

After graduating South Plainfield

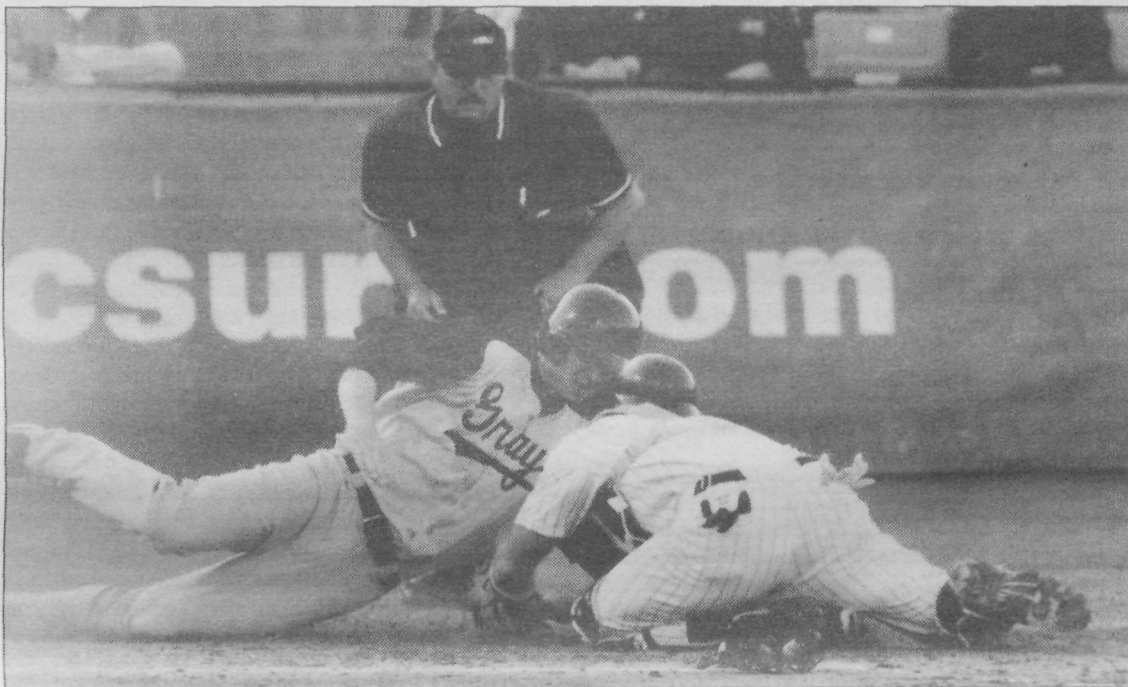
High School in 1979, Senia spent his free time umpiring for various softball and men's leagues in the area, but found himself behind the plate in South Plainfield once again in 1992, when his stepson started playing baseball. Shortly after, he was promoted to umpire-in-chief, succeeding local veteran umpire Bob O'Keefe.

"It's a great organization, a solid organization," Senia said of his four years umpiring for the club as an adult. Moreover, he added, he enjoyed the ability to train kids who were working the fields as he once was.

"My philosophy is there are three teams on the field; the umpiring team is the third team," he said. "We're the silent team—but you still should look the part."

Senia trained the young umpires vigorously, teaching them not only the rule books but also proper dress code and field conduct—and at the end of

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Tony Senia, former SPJBC umpire, pursues his passion at the professional level.

Borough Gearing Up for 50th Annual Parade

Come out and enjoy the festivities!



When the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade kicks off on Monday, Sept. 3, it will be celebrating a milestone, its 50th birthday. The parade has grown into one of the largest parades in New Jersey. The Public Celebrations Committee has been working since the end of last year's parade to make this year's celebration a memorial event. Not only will there be more bands, but, for the first time, the evening fireworks will be accompanied by music.

The day begins with a 5K race and 1.5 mile family walk. What better way to start the day's festivities than participating in a healthy walk or

run? For more information on the run/walk, see story below. Chiropractor Patrick Aiello will offer pre- and post-race/walk massages.

The parade officially kicks off at the middle school at exactly 10 a.m., led by the South Plainfield High School Marching Band and parade grand marshal, Owen Kelly. This year George Page's daughter, Shirley Snyder, will follow Owen Kelly. George and Marie Page volunteered their time in the early days of the Labor Day Parade and were honorary grand marshals in 1972. A record number of 12 bands will be participating this year and so far more than 70 entries have signed up to

march the parade route.

Those participating in the parade are reminded that every float must have four spotters, one at each corner, or they will not be allowed to participate. Safety is always a huge concern to the parade committee.

When the parade reaches the PAL, folks are invited to visit the numerous concessions which will be set up by local businesses. As they have in the past, the Lions Club of South Plainfield will be selling beer, steak and sausage sandwiches. Other concessionaires include the SPHS Music Boosters, Summer Drama Workshop,

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Put On Your Running Shoes: Sign Up For the Labor Day 5K Run and Walk

The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness, in conjunction with The Club at Ricochet and the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation, will sponsor the 17th Annual 5K Labor Day Race on Monday, Sept. 3 at 9:15 a.m. There will also be a 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk. Last

year more than 200 runners participated in the 5K run and 25 in the 1.5 mile walk and the hope is to increase those competing this year.

The family walk supports family togetherness and a positive drug-free, fun-filled fitness lifestyle. The entry fee for the walkers is \$5 per person or family. T-shirts and substance awareness information packets will be given to the first 50 participants.

This year's 5K run pre-entry registration is \$13 (by Aug. 24) with a race day fee of \$15. The first 200 5K

entrants will receive t-shirts along with a packet of various items and substance awareness information. Again this year, Aiello Chiropractic Center will offer pre- and post-race/walk massages and computer timing will be handled by Best Race Systems. Race results will be posted on the Internet at www.bestrace.com.

The race begins and ends at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. near Jost Field. The run/walk will begin at 9:25 a.m. with registration start-

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Asst. Superintendent Retiring Dec. 1 Massaro to Return as Acting Assistant Per Diem

By Libby Barsky

South Plainfield Assistant Superintendent of Schools Kaye Crown has announced her retirement. She will be leaving her position and the district officially as of Dec. 1, 2007.

Crown returned to South Plainfield in 2003 as director of curriculum, 21 years after teaching math here for three years. In 2005, she was

named assistant superintendent of instruction still retaining curriculum responsibilities.

After the BOE approved a job description for assistant superintendent, they then appointed retired Assistant Superintendent Anthony Massaro as interim assistant superintendent at \$500 a day for days worked until Oct. 7.

Other retirement and resigna-

tions announced were June Ward, kindergarten enrichment program instructional aide. Sean Miller, high school business teacher, who will be replaced by Valerie Thomas-Sylvester. Gary Muccigrossi also announced his resignation as residency investigations consultant.

Lisa Parker was appointed as middle school assistant principal,

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councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
September 4	7 p.m.	Immediately following
September 18	7 p.m.	Immediately following

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

planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Aug. 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25, Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.—Sept. 11, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12 and April 2.
Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.—Wednesday, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 28, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 19.

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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

siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

recreationcommission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11
July and August: No scheduled meeting

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

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

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To the Editor,

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 hosted their third annual live acoustic concert with pop recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon on Aug. 18. The concert was well attended with over 100 people attending. Over \$2,000 was raised from this event with net proceeds going towards the Knights of Columbus general charity fund. The Knights use this fund to support local charitable events in our town.

This concert would not have been the success it was without the support of our local businesses that donated to this concert.

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the following businesses for their support: The Corner Deli, Our Town Deli, Hometown Heros, Oak Tree Farms, Carmen's Trattoria, Tony's Pizzeria, Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors, Freihofer's Bakery, VA Tramontano & Sons Produce, Pathmark Supermarkets, ShopRite Supermarkets, BJ's Wholesale Club and Budweiser. We would also like to thank all residents who attended this concert.

THANK YOU
BRIAN CARGILL (CHAIRMAN),
GRAND KNIGHT BILLY BUTRICO,
JOE SCRUDATO, KEVIN KEANE
AND BOB BARONE

Red Cross Offers Ways to Help Earthquake Victims

In response to public inquiries on how to provide support for the victims of the recent earthquake in Peru, the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross is providing the following information.

People can help those affected by the Peru earthquake and countless other crises around the world each year by making a financial gift to the American Red Cross International Response Fund (IRF), which will provide immediate relief and long-term support through supplies, technical assistance and other support to help those in need.

Individuals, businesses and organizations can support the IRF response by calling 1-800-RED CROSS or 1-800-257-7575 (Spanish); sending contributions to the International Response Fund via the Tri County Red Cross Chapter at 332 Front St.,

Plainfield, N.J. 07060; or to the American Red Cross International Response Fund, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013.

Internet users can make a secure online contribution by visiting <http://www.redcross.org/>.

The American Red Cross honors donor intent. If you wish to designate your donation to a specific disaster please do so at the time of your donation either verbally or by noting it on your check.

Since its founding in 1881, the American Red Cross has become the nation's premier emergency response organization. It has built a reputation around the world as the organization to turn to when faced with a disaster. Its nationwide network of more than 800 chapters is dedicated to saving lives by helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

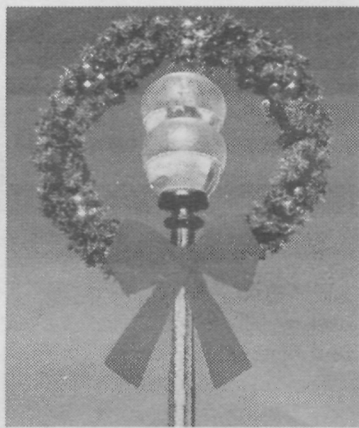
Spread Cheer-Sponsor a Wreath!

The South Plainfield Business Association is spearheading a drive to purchase wreaths which will be placed on the new lights installed along Hamilton Boulevard every year for the holiday season.

The cost to sponsor a wreath is \$230. The wreath can also be purchased in memory of a loved one, so please specify if you want your wreath to be "sponsored by" or in "memory of."

The South Plainfield Business Association will display a plaque in Borough Hall recognizing all the sponsors.

Checks should be made payable to the Borough of South Plainfield and in the memo area put "decorative



wreaths." Mail your check to SPBA, P.O. Box 852, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Consumer Health Alert

Recall of Castleberry's Food and Dog Food

The Middlesex County Public Health Department is urging retail food establishment owners and residents to check their shelves and pantries for approximately 90 food prod-

ucts, including canned dog food, that have been recalled because of possible botulism contamination.

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) have characterized this recall as a priority Class 1. This identifies the recall as a health hazard situation where there is a reasonable probability that the use of the product will cause serious, adverse health consequences or death.

As of July 21, four human cases of botulism have been reported to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); two from Indiana and two from Texas. These four persons were reported to have consumed

Castleberry's brand Hot Dog Chili Sauce the day before the illness began. This is the only food identified in common among the four patients, so it is the most likely food vehicle. In addition, botulinum toxin was identified in leftover chili sauce collected from a patient's home. No cases of botulism have been reported in humans or pets in Middlesex County.

Please use the following safe disposal procedure for unopened food products. Do not open the product. Place the unopened can in a sealable bag, wrap two plastic bags around it, and tape it tightly. Dispose in household trash out of reach of humans and pets and wash hands with soap and running water for at least two minutes.

The safe disposal procedure for opened food products is as follows: if you have an opened product, wear gloves and eye protection and put the opened can in a sealable bag, wrap two plastic bags around it, and tape it tightly. Dispose in household trash out of reach of humans and pets. Slowly remove gloves and dispose after use, and wash hands with soap and running water for at least two minutes.

Additional instructions on safe disposal of food products and answers to other questions can be viewed on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Web site at: http://www.cdc.gov/botulism/botulism_faq.htm.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your local health department or the Middlesex County Public Health Department Inspections Division at (732) 745-3100. Additional information, Web sites, a fact sheet on botulism and a complete list of the recalled products can be viewed on our Web site at: <http://co.middlesex.nj.us/publichealth/health-alert.asp>.

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Stillman Photography Services Adopts-A-Spot

Stillman Photography Services has joined the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Adopt-A-Spot program. President Tom Stillman and his wife, Myra, will be removing litter from the banks of the Cedar Brook where it flows between the Fireman's Memorial and Monument Park.

This Adopt-A-Spot contract is an important addition to recent maintenance agreements. The Stillmans will be filling a gap in the ongoing fight against litter in the Borough's civic center. The Austin Family is cleaning Plainfield Avenue from Maple to Sampton. Pender and Sons Trucking is picking up in Willow Avenue Park behind Borough Hall, assisted by periodic visits by the Keystone Vocational Program litter crew. Panzarella Contracting is caring for Monument Park and A-Tech Landscaping is maintain-

ing the Fireman's Memorial.

Everyone is familiar with the way floatable litter, especially plastic bottles, washes into Spring Lake from surrounding streets. A heavy rain raises the lake water level over the dam and sends the litter into the brook. There it sits, after the water level falls, a blemish between the manicured landscaping of the two memorial parks. The Stillmans began to consider adopting this spot after working there on Volunteer Litter Cleanup Day last April, when they saw how much trash needed to be pulled out from under the new footbridge.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact Alice Tempel, Clean Communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621 or E-mail atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.



A group of residents have been cleaning up the brook that runs under Walnut Street through Walnut Street Park. Residents who participated are Mike Benson, Mike Callanan, Rachael Callanan, John Habley, Herman Maurer, Robert Morales, Larry Murrell, James Donelson-Boy Scout leader, Karen Bayman-assistant scoutmaster, Trent Rhoads-assistant scoutmaster, Erik Holtermann-advancement chair of BSA, Boy Scouts Charlie Clark, Jorgen Holtermann, Joseph Ifrach and Ryan Rhoads; Erika Holtermann, Hannah Rhoads, Mayor Charlie Butrico, Borough Council members Dennis Cerami, Ray Petronko, Kathy Thomas and Alice Tempel, Clean Communities coordinator.

Body in Spring Lake Identified

The unclothed body of a white female that was found floating in Spring Lake Park two weeks ago has been positively identified as Carol Donovan, 63. She had been a resident of the Park Hotel on West 7th Street in Plainfield for approximately 20 years and was reported missing by hotel staff in the early evening hours of Thursday, Aug. 2. Identification was made through medical records.

The cause of death is currently under investigation by the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, South Plainfield and Plainfield Police departments.

Spring Lake Park is routinely patrolled by the South Plainfield Police Department, along with Middlesex County Park Rangers.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office at (732) 745-3332.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

The summer reading programs for this year have ended. If you would like to have your dog with the stars on it, please stop by the children's room to pick it up. We still have some summer reading t-shirts and tote bags for sale. Limited copies of the summer reading books for the school district reading lists will be available at the library. The books that were lent to the library for the summer are being returned to the schools. Only the titles the library owns will be available.

On Monday, Aug. 27 there will be Picture Bingo at 6:30 p.m. for children ages four and over. This is the last week of children's story times until the beginning of October. The children's staff will be taking inventory and weeding out the children's collection. They will also be getting ready for the fall programs. For threes, there is a story time and craft on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 1:15 p.m. on Thursday. Tuesday there is Chess Club at 3:30 p.m. for children six and older. Registration required. Wednesday and Thursday mornings there is a program for 2's and 3's at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning at 10:30 is Book & Babies, up to three years old. At 1 p.m. there is a Yu-Gi-Oh/Pokemon Club.

There is no shortage of award shows. There is a book award, The Quill, which is different than other awards. The public is invited to cast a vote for the best book of 2007. Public voting for book of the year will run from Sept. 10 through Oct. 10. To vote online go to www.quills.vote.com. Mark your calendars to vote.

On July 21, the most eagerly awaited book in history was released to record smashing sales. There were parties and celebrations in libraries, bookstores and entire towns across the country and around the world celebrated "Harry Potter and The Deathly Hallows." The library has copies of the book as well as the book on CD for those who would rather listen than read.

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If you have been to the movies to see the "Bourne Ultimatum" and would like to read the books, the library has all three of the Bourne books begun by Robert Ludlum in 1990.

Do you like Janet Evanovich's books? Publisher's Weekly reports that "Janet Evanovich's literary success is literally a family business: Evanovich Inc. Her son, Peter, a Dartmouth grad, is responsible for everything financial. Her daughter, Alex, a film and photography school graduate, created the Web site, which gets 4.5 million hits a month and is responsible for the graphics, the mail, the comics, the store, online advertising and the newsletter. Janet's husband, Peter, has a doctorate in mathematics from Rutgers University and manages all aspects of the business." Janet writes the books. Her latest Stephanie Plumb book is "Lean Mean Thirteen." Check it out at the library.

Volunteers Still Needed for Stream Cleanup

Residents living along the stream that runs through Walnut Street Park have been clearing the stream bed of fallen branches, trash, matted vegetation and silt that choke the stream and caused unprecedented flooding of basements and yards this past April. Anyone interested in volunteering their time to help can meet in Walnut Street Park at 9 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month for the next few months.

Gloves and trash bags will be provided, but volunteers should bring useful tools if they have them, such as rakes, pitchforks or pruners. A team from the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Service is developing a plan for a restoration project.

The exotic weeds that are choking the stream will be replaced by native vegetation. Volunteers will be needed

then to help with the planting and follow-up maintenance. This is an opportunity to get involved with a project that will make a long-term improvement in the borough's environment.

For more information, contact R. Callanan at (908) 561-1373.

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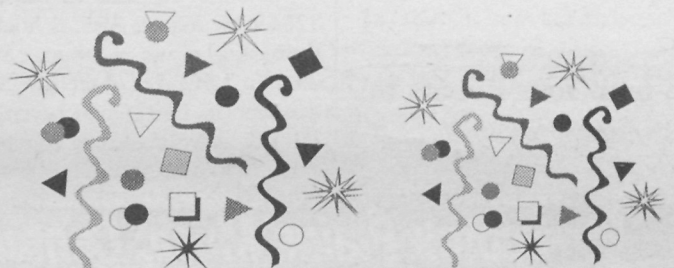
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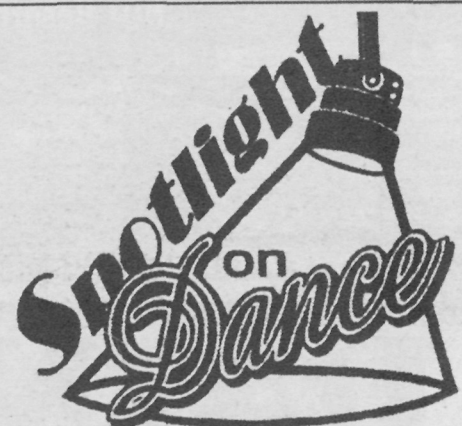
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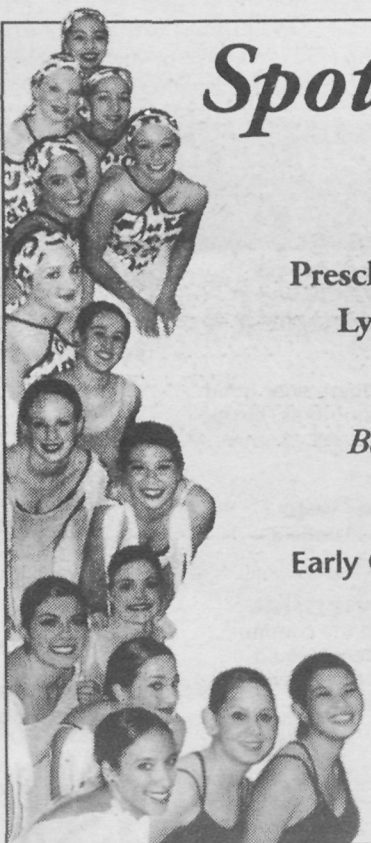
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Around Town

Elks Soccer Shoot

August 25

The South Plainfield Elks #2298 will hold their annual Soccer Shoot on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the soccer club's field, at the end of Kenneth Avenue. The contest is open to boys and girls ages five to 13. Proof of age is required. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Food and drinks will be available at the snack bar with the proceeds going to the South Plainfield Soccer Club and Lanie's Angels, an organization that assists children with cancer. Contact Bill or Sharon Reuter at (908) 668-9750 if you have any questions.

V.F.W. Breakfast Back!

September 2

The V.F.W., located on Front Street, will host a country breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 2. Public is welcome.

If you have any questions, call (908) 668-9751.

Little Treasures Registration

September 4

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., is now registering for September.

Little Treasures offers infant care to kindergarten and summer camp 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 directions and information, please call (908) 769-3224.

GOP Comedy Night

September 7

The South Plainfield Republican Organization will host a comedy night, featuring "Uncle Floyd" on Friday, Sept. 7 at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, on Oak Tree Avenue.

For tickets, call April at (908) 753-0247.

E-mail Your Events to:

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What's
happening at the
South Plainfield

SENIOR CENTER

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING EVENTS Hunterdon Hills Trip September 13 at 10 am Driver Safety Program for Seniors September 24 at 1 pm				Bingo 10am-2pm 24
Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am 27	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am 28	Aerobics 8:45 am Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1pm Crocheting 1pm Tai Chi 2pm 29	Pathmark Shopping 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 10am 11:30am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm 30	Bingo 10am-2pm 31
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

Sacred Heart Parish Holding Picnic

September 9

The Sacred Heart Parish will be holding a picnic on the school's back lawn on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 2 to 6 p.m. There will be food, pony rides, a clown, face painting, music, and fun! Mark your calendars! Come join the excitement with family and friends.

Recreation Trip to "Wicked"

September 9

The recreation department has 35 tickets for the Broadway play "Wicked" on Sunday, Sept. 9. Register at the PAL Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are only \$120.

Bus leaves the PAL at 11:30 a.m. for the 3 p.m. show. Children under four are not allowed. Not recommended for children under eight.

Elks Picnic

September 25

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge, 1254 New Market Ave., is holding their annual picnic on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 2 to 7 p.m. Rain date: Sunday, Sept. 26. Lots of food, beverages, DJ, kids activities, petting zoo, pony rides, moonwalk, horseshoe tourna-

ment. Tickets: adults \$15, couple \$25, family (2 adults, 2 children) \$30, children (7-17) \$7.

For ticket information, call the lodge at (908) 668-9750 or Dan Uken at (908) 930-8305.

AARP 4144 Trip

December 12

AARP 4144 is planning a trip to see "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Millenium Theater in Lancaster, Pa. on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Cost is \$98 per person and includes show, dinner and all taxes and gratuities. Deposit required of \$30. For information, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

— Out of Town —

"Pippin" at Bucks County Playhouse

through September 2

Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. presents "Pippin" through Sunday, Sept. 2. Performances are Wednesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$23-\$25.

For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041 or online at www.buckscountypayhouse.com.

High School Musical One Act Edition

through September 3

Disney's High School Musical-One Act Edition runs through Monday, Sept. 3 at the Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre in Titusville. Performances are Saturday and Sunday at

11 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Monday at 1 p.m. For information or reservations, call the box office at (609) 737-4323.

Free Health Fair/Family Fun Day

August 25

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Bridgewater is hosting a free community health fair and family fun day on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Health screenings include blood pressure, diabetes testing, cholesterol screening, dental screening, and more. Activities include arts and crafts, DARE program, children ID kits, face painting. The Old Timers Motorcycle Club will be there from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information, call (908) 526-4330.

Young Sierrans Walk

August 25

Young Sierrans 20/30s is holding a walk for beginners in Jockey Hollow Park, Morris County on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 3 p.m. Leisurely walk. Bring water and appropriate foot gear.

RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Sierra Club Dinner

August 25

The Sierra Club is hosting an animal lovers vegetarian dinner on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 6 p.m. at Veggie-Heaven, in the Par-Troy Hills Shopping Center. \$20 includes all-you-can-eat full meal and tea, tax and tips. Meet up with a great group of animal lovers!

RSVP to AngelButterfly37@aol.com, (732) 764-9073 or visit the Web site at environment.meetup.com/219.

Stamp Collecting Open House

August 26

AALL Stamps & Collectibles, 38 North Main St. in Milltown is holding an open house for collectors on Sunday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (732) 247-1093.

Bowling Tournament

August 26

The New Jersey City University Women's Bowling Team will host the Fourth Annual Russ Thomsen Memorial Scholarship Tournament on Sunday, Aug. 26. Check-in 9:45 a.m.; starts at 10 a.m. at the Woodbridge Bowling Center in Woodbridge. Entry \$45 by Aug. 20; walk-in event day additional \$5, based on lane availability.

For information, call Frank Parisi at (201) 200-2568 or Joe DiSilvestro at (732) 634-4520.

Bipolar Support

August 29

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Jill Brown, an experienced Licensed Clinical Social Worker, on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown. The public is cordially invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

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

Golf Outing/Dinner

September 10

The 21st annual Golf Outing to benefit the Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, Monday, Sept. 10 at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark. \$185 pp includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, BBQ lunch, cocktail hour and dinner at The Gran Centurions.

For more information, call Larry Reagan at (732) 244-1044.

MCRCC Largest Networking Party

September 18

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce's 15th Annual Largest Networking Party on the roof of the Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

Tickets and tables can be purchased at www.mcrcc.org or by calling (732) 821-1700 and asking for the events department.



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Stormwater Management Rules Lead To Adoption of New Ordinances

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has adopted comprehensive regulations intended to improve the water quality in our streams, lakes and coastal areas. All municipalities are adopting local ordinances to comply.

Ordinance #1768 is "An Ordinance Prohibiting the Feeding of Unconfined Wildlife in any Public Park or on any other Property Owned or Operated by the Borough of South Plainfield, so as to Protect Public Health, Safety and Welfare, and to Prescribe Penalties for Failure to Comply."

The ordinance prohibits feeding wildlife on public land. "Feed" means

to "give, place, expose, deposit, distribute or scatter any edible material with the intention of feeding, attracting or enticing wildlife." However, using bait when fishing or hunting is not considered feeding. Also, feeding confined wildlife in zoos, and setting out bird feeders at environmental education centers are permissible.

The primary target of this regulation is waterfowl. Who has not carefully stepped around goose droppings on the Spring Lake Park paths? A good hard rain cleans the paths and washes the droppings into the lake. Fecal coliform levels and nutrient levels soar. High nitrogen and phosphorus levels encourage algal growth. The water

turns murky. When the algae die and decompose, they use up the dissolved oxygen. Then the fish die. Our resident goose populations are doing quite well on their own account. Feeding increases the number of goslings they can raise and encourages them to stay here.

The ordinance applies to all wildlife. Feeding wild animals in suburban environments has several negative effects. The animals lose their fear of humans; they can damage property, get into trash cans and injure children or pets. Populations grow beyond the ability of the natural environment to support them. Wooded areas may be overgrazed and degraded. Increasing population density allows disease to spread. The number of collisions with vehicles increases.

This ordinance is enforced by the police department (908) 755-0700, the board of health (908) 226-7630 and the code enforcement office at (908) 753-3775. Any person found to be in violation will be ordered to stop the feeding immediately, and will be subject to a fine up to \$2,000.

This information is provided by the Clean Communities Advisory Board. For more information about the Clean Communities program, contact the Coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail at atempe@southplainfieldnj.com.

Adult Faith Classes at Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church will be starting their adult faith classes in September for anyone interested in learning more about the Catholic religion.

The Rite of Christian Initiation, RCIA, is a group dedicated to the religious education and formation of adults who would like to become Catholic or who are baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

For more information about this faith formation program, contact Fr. Damian at (908) 756-0633, ext. 44.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Joseph T. Costante Honorably Discharged from Navy

Joseph T. Costante, a 2003 graduate of South Plainfield High School, was recently honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy. He served on the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt, stationed in Norfolk, Va. and was deployed in Iraq for six and a half months. While in Iraq, he was awarded the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal. He was an aviation ordinance man. He served his country for four years and has applied for a position on the Jersey City Fire Department.

He married Kristin Baker, also a 2003 graduate of South Plainfield High School. They are the proud parents of a three-year-old son and also have a baby girl on the way. His par-



Joseph T. Costante

ents, Gerard and Barbara Costante, have another son, Anthony Costante, in the Navy who is currently deployed in Iraq aboard the U.S.S. Nimitz.

Edison Valley Playhouse Receives Three Perry Nominations

Some of the great work seen on stage at the Edison Valley Playhouse was recognized on Aug. 4 when the 2007 NJACT Perry Award nominations were announced.

Chris Fitzgerald's return to the stage in "Art" garnered a nomination for best actor, Todd Jones closed the deal on a

nod for best featured actor for his strong work in "Glengarry Glen Ross" and Bill Martinak was nominated for his fabulous set design for "Manuscript."

The awards will be presented at a gala ceremony on Sunday, Sept. 16. Good luck to all three!

— SPHS Reunions —

SPHS Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion

October 27

Save the date! Our 30-year reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway from 7 p.m. to midnight. Overnight rooms will be available at a discount rate.

Register/update your contact information with Maureen Readie at (908) 754-3455. E-mail gveinott@comcast.net, contact Francine Martinkovic at (818) 990-6843 or E-mail kit961@earthlink.net.

1971 Class Reunion

September 14

The South Plainfield Class of 1971 will hold a reunion at the Clarion Hotel on Rt. 27 in Edison on Sept. 14 from 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$70. For information or reservations, visit sp71reunion@aol.com.

1987 Class Reunion

November 23

A 20-year reunion for SPHS Class of 1987 has been planned for Friday, Nov. 23. The reunion committee is still in need of addresses for members of the graduating class. The invitations with all details will be sent in early July. Send your con-

tact information (name, address, phone and e-mail address) to michele.raber@ey.com or call (908) 226-0909 for information.

1991 Class Reunion

November 24

Invitations have gone out for the 1991 South Plainfield High School class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Clarion Hotel in Edison. If you did not receive an invitation, contact Kristine (Newman) Craggan at kristinecraggan@yahoo.com or call (732) 983-1100.

1982-25 Year Reunion

April 5, 2008

Save the date! Our 25-year reunion is set for Saturday, April 5, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway from 7 p.m. to midnight. Overnight rooms will be available at a discount rate. Register/update your contact information with classmates.com or contact me directly. Spread the word to other classmates that you may be in contact with. Please make every effort to attend. The 20-year reunion was great. More details to follow.

Contact Rosanne Demico-Illardo, 11735 Dartmoor Ct., Jacksonville, Fla. 32256, (904) 565-8334 or e-mail jrilardo@roverusa.com.



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Fifteen Fire Companies Respond To Acid Leak at Ferro Corporation

The South Plainfield Fire Dept., along with many local and county agencies, responded to an acid leak at the Ferro Corp. at 3900 South Clinton Ave. last Friday evening. By the time the fire department arrived, the plant supervisor had evacuated the employees. A second alarm had to be called, as well as Middlesex County HazMat, due to the type of chemicals in the facility and the extent of the spill. Fire companies from North Stelton and Plainfield were ordered to the scene, but were diverted to a fire alarm at the Holiday Inn while enroute, but later returned to the site. A third alarm was needed and the Colonia, Metuchen, Piscataway River Road and New Market, and Edison Menlo Park and Iselin engine companies also arrived at the scene. Fire officials eventually located a leak coming from a reactor on the second floor that was contained. According to Fire Chief Larry DelNegro, approximately 200

to 400 gallons of nitric acid were spilled within the building before being brought under control. The cause of the leak has not yet been determined.

Dunellen and East Brunswick provided fire coverage for the borough during the incident. EMS set up a rehabilitation center and held numerous ambulances in staging as a precaution. Paramedics from Mercy 6 were at the scene monitoring the

HazMat workers, however no injuries were reported.

Ferro Corp. produces performance materials and specialty chemicals at its locations in more than 20 countries. The site in the borough is one of their electronic materials manufacturing plants which include powders, pastes and tapes for electronic applications. Borough firefighters have been called to numerous multiple alarm fires there over the years.

Former Borough Attorney Disbarred for Misappropriation

South Plainfield attorney Frank A. Santoro has been disbarred for misappropriating trust fund money of his clients at his practice on Maple Ave. He admits in a signed document that "these allegations are true and I could not successfully defend myself against those charges" according to N.J. State

Office of Attorney Ethics Director David Johnson Jr.

The misappropriation of funds was discovered after random audits that are done by the state's compliance office. Johnson said that there was a shortage of approximately \$40,000 from his clients trust funds, however the victims can recuperate their lost through the N.J. Lawyer's Fund for Client Protection. Claim forms can be requested in writing to N.J. Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, Correspondence and Claims, P.O. Box 961, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0961 or by calling the claims department at (609) 292-8008 or (609) 777-3198.

Santoro was admitted to the N.J. Bar in 1970. He faces an assessment of disciplinary costs of \$2,000 and any fees incurred by the state. His cousin, Edward Santoro Jr., is the public defender for the borough and is not affiliated with Frank Santoro.



Dogs enjoy every last drop of their canine treat at Rita's.

Rita's Last Dog Days of Summer

By Patricia Abbott

On Monday, Aug. 6, local dogs celebrated the Dog Days of Summer by leading their owners to Rita's for an ice cold canine treat topped with a yummy dog biscuit. Owners enjoyed the human version of ice cream or ices.

The evening included a visit by a PAHS' (Plainfield Area Human Society) dog trainer who offered advice on training/behavioral problems. The following Monday, Aug. 13 was game night and contests. Dogs walked their owners around a circle of hula hoops in a doggy version of musical chairs.

On hand both evenings were Jennifer Wilner from K9 Confections, All Natural Dog Treats, Shep's Pet Groom-

ing Salon of Edison and Happy CatsnDogs Pet Care, which serves the Edison-Metuchen-Woodbridge area.

Rita's franchise owner, Mary Ann Hendri, began the dog days event five years ago. She donates a percentage of the proceeds to the Plainfield Area Humane Society.

Be sure to visit Rita's next Monday, Aug. 27 for the final Dog Days of Summer evening. The evening will also feature a costume contest for the pets. Guests include Linda Gress, Animal Communicator/Spiritual Healer. Bring your dog or a clear picture of any pet if you would like Linda to 'talk' with them. Also, Krisin Cioffi will be on hand to talk about the art of Reiki healing.

Borough Gearing Up for Parade

(Continued from page 1)

The Pretzel Dude, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Oak Tree Farms, Mangion Italian Ices, Boy Scouts of America Troop 267, Phil Emm and Boy Scout Troop 207.

Events at the PAL include a super slice, ocean adventure bounce and play, bus run kiddie obstacle, extreme rock wall, water balloon toss, sack race and pie eating contest. Live entertainment by Command Radio starts at 12:30 p.m.

The evening fireworks at Spring Lake Park will be preceded by entertainment by "Sound Investment" at 7 p.m. This year the fireworks will be accompanied by music. Roads around the area of Spring Lake Park will be closed, so plan accordingly. Parking is available at the high school.

Next week's *Observer* will have full coverage of the parade, including all participants, bands, concessions and events for the entire day.



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Edison Valley Playhouse Presents "bare"

"bare" is arguably the biggest event to come to Edison Valley Playhouse (EVP) in a long time. We are fortunate to have the first licensed production in the country of this new work. Previously seen only in limited form in N.Y. and L.A., this full production will be talked about for a long time—and you have the chance to see it at EVP first.

Written by Jon Hartmere and Damon Intrabartolo, with music by Intrabartolo and lyrics by Hartmere, "bare" tells the story of graduating students in a Catholic boarding school

and their experiences and anxieties about what comes next. Almost entirely sung, "bare" combines the themes of love, companionship, fear, and reality in exploring the search for answers for these young students.

The production is directed by Anthony J. Cantalupo, with music direction by Jon Fuller and Jared Moskowitz. Choreography is by Lawrence Street. Scenic design is by Bill Biach. Stage managers are Tom Minucci and Dawn Noonan. Lighting design is by Mitch Ruf; costume design is by Alicia Picone and sound design is by Sean

Walsh.

The cast includes Todd Jones, Jared Picone, Nick Anastasia, Jean Habrukowich, Donna Missal, Andrea Brooks, Chris Cantalupo, Joseph Walsh, Jon Mantes, Timothy Metzner, Erin Calhoun, Elizabeth Froio, Eve Girawong, Marissa Ur, Thelita Ridick and Ryan Goodale.

"bare" contains mature themes. For more information and for ticket reservations, go to www.evplayhouse.com or call (908) 755-4654. Advance tickets are \$20, and tickets sold at the door are \$25. We now take Visa and Mastercard for ticket sales, with a \$1 service charge per ticket for credit card orders.

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2007 Buddy Walk Brings Smiles to Many Children with Down Syndrome

The Fourth Annual Buddy Walk of South Plainfield will take place at Putnam Park on Saturday, Oct. 6. The proceeds from this annual walk benefit the Central New Jersey Down Syndrome Parent Advocacy Support Group (Central NJ DS PAG), Network 21 and the National Down Syndrome Society.

Resident Michele Both established the South Plainfield walk four years ago. She was shocked at the overwhelming success of the first event and has been very working hard each year since then and each year surpasses the last. More than 300 people are expected to attend this year.

The Buddy Walk is a one-mile walk founded by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995. The goals of the Buddy walk are to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome, to raise the funds necessary to develop innovative and effective programs and to enhance the position of the Down syndrome community.

This year the Buddy Walk will have a carnival theme with games and prizes for the kids. There will be face painting, sand art, candy art and lots of other activities. Parents have a great time meeting new people and catching up with old friends. This is a great opportunity for parents to see that life with a child with Down Syndrome is a wonderful experience. Times have changed over the years and children

with Down syndrome are accomplishing so more and living happy, health lives.

Each year the Buddy touches thousands of lives. When it began in 1995, there were walks in 17 cities. This year, at least 260 Buddy Walks are scheduled from mid-September through November, with more than 235,000 people expected to participate. Last year alone, Buddy Walks raised more than \$6.5M to benefit national edu-

cation, research and advocacy initiatives, as well a local programs and services. All funds raised through the Buddy Walk support both local and national programs.

For more information on the Buddy Walk, call Michael Both at (908) 531-5100 or E-mail bwofsouthplainfield@hotmail.com. You can also visit their Web site at www.buddywalkofsouthplainfield.com.

Roosevelt Bus Route Removal Concerns Parents

By Libby Barsky

Stephanie Walsh is concerned for the safety of her daughter as she enters fourth grade in September, because her daughter will no longer be bussed to Roosevelt School.

In June, the Board of Education approved the removal of the courtesy bus route for students attending Roosevelt because the transportation committee determined that it was no longer a hazardous route.

The bus transportation policy for busing students is: more than one-half mile in kindergarten, more than one mile in first through fourth grade, more than two miles for fifth through eighth grade and more than two and one-half miles in ninth through 12th grades. Courtesy busing doesn't require the same standards.

Board members who serve on the transportation committee noted that since sidewalks were installed along Belmont and Hamilton avenues, the route is no longer considered hazardous and sought to end courtesy busing for Roosevelt students. After many years of providing the bus service, they determined transportation as an equity situation—there are many areas in

the borough where students don't have sidewalks on the way to school and where there are difficult crossings.

At the August BOE meeting, Walsh disputed the reason for the elimination of the route saying that walking the route to Roosevelt School is still a hazardous because of truck traffic and the need for the children to walk along the road where there were no sidewalks. Although trucks are no longer permitted on Hamilton Boulevard, trucks are still on the roads children use to walk to school and many of these roads had no sidewalks.

Walsh pointed to her daughter standing next to her and asked if a trucker would be aware of her in the street.

The elimination of that bus route would mean that \$45,000 could be eliminated from the school board's budget. The safety of the road is the responsibility of the police department, who would need to provide additional crossing guards at \$30,000 charged to the borough.

Walsh asked the members of the board to reconsider their decision and reinstate the bus route.

The board agreed to reconsider the matter and will inform parents before classes start in September.

Retiring

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replacing Ellen Decker-Lorys, who will become principal of Franklin.

Laura Von Till-Smith was appointed computer teacher at Kennedy, replacing Connie Barca who retired.

Dahye Diane Kim was appointed Grant School strings music teacher, replacing Tobie Baldwin, who was transferred.

Two part time positions in physical education and pre-school were added: Melissa Geoghan was appointed as a part-time physical education teacher at Grant School and Suzanne Butrico was named part-time pre-school teacher.

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Obituaries

William H. Abbas, Jr., 67

William H. Abbas, Jr., a great man who provided inspiration and encouragement to the lives he touched, died peacefully on Monday, Aug. 20 at the



Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born August 7, 1940 in Webster City, Iowa, he settled in

South Plainfield and had been a resident for over 40 years.

Bill was a 1958 graduate of Lincoln High School in Webster City and later served in the United States Army before being honorably discharged in June of 1965, after three years of service. While serving, he participated in Golden Gloves boxing.

Employed by General Motors in Linden, Bill worked as a quality control supervisor for 30 years before his retirement. He was also an excellent craftsman who not only provided his services to numerous individuals, but freely to those in need.

He has been a faithful member of Branch Point Church, where he served as an usher and greeter. Bill served on the South Plainfield Juvenile Conference Committee since March 13, 2003 and was instrumental in creating the Middlesex County Silent Witness Committee.

Bill loved sports and horses. Locally, he had been involved and supportive with many of the youth sports in the borough.

He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years, Carol A. Abbas and two daughters, Bernadine Wilson of South Plainfield and Kimberly Ciaglia and husband Michael Ciaglia, Sr. of West Long Branch. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Samantha Coppola, Alicia Ciaglia and Michael Ciaglia, Jr. and 23 nieces and nephews.

A memorial gathering celebrating his life for family and friends will be held on Friday, Aug. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m. in McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

The family is requesting in lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory be made to the Haven Hospice, c/o 65 James Street, Edison, N.J. 08818.

Mary (Gibriano) Serido, 85

Mary (Gibriano) Serido entered eternal life on Thursday, Aug. 16 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield surrounded by her family.

The fifth of eight children to a family of first generation Italian immigrants, Mary was born to the late Samuel and Bridgette Gibriano in Plainfield on Oct. 8, 1921.

During WWII, Mary joined many of her fellow Americans in the war effort as a "Rosie the Riveter" by working in factories to provide munitions and materials for U.S. troops abroad.

In her adult life, she enjoyed traveling, knitting, bingo and playing cards with the "girls." She was perhaps best known to those close to her for her strength, love and compassion and for her lifelong dedication to her family. She lovingly helped raise all of her grandchildren and it is a tribute to her special gift with children that up until the day of her death, her grandchildren from coast to coast fondly recalled stories that would prove that he or she

was grandma's favorite.

Besides her parents, Mary was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, John C. Serido, who died in 1997; a brother, James Gibriano and two sisters, Fortune Serido and Rose Guglielmo.

Surviving are four loving daughters, Elaine Biribin (Renato) of South Plainfield, Judith Bliss and Joyce Serido (Barry Runyon) of Tucson, Az., and Donna Meehan (John) of Asbury; 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are two sisters, Josephine Miniere (Matthew) and Angelina Popolillo Mignella, both of Toms River and two brothers, John Gibriano (Linda) of Plainfield and Ralph Gibriano of Woodbine. Mary is fondly remembered by her many special nieces, nephews and friends.

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

Memorial contributions in Mary's name may be sent to the Alzheimer's Association National Office, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, Ill. 60601.

John J. Hogan, Sr., 77

John J. Hogan of Warren passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Hogan was born in South

Plainfield and resided there most of his life before moving to Warren nine years ago.

John was employed as a millwork estimator for Schroeder Brothers in Warren for many years and did freelance work in the industry after his retirement.

Mr. Hogan was on the South Plainfield Planning Board and resigned as chairman after 17 years of service.

John was a member of the Architectural Woodworking Institute for 30 years, holding a position as president for four years and secretary/treasurer for 20 years.

Mr. Hogan was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church for many years until he moved to Warren and then he became a communicant of Blessed Sacrament Church in Warren, where he became a member of the Knights of Columbus.

John was an avid gardener and Notre Dame fan. In addition, he enjoyed working in his vegetable garden and tending to his red roses.

Mr. Hogan will be sadly missed by his entire family and friends, all of whom adored him more than words can say.

John was predeceased by a sister, Margaret Hogan.

He is survived by his loving wife of 56 wonderful years, Faye I. Hogan of Warren; two sons and daughter-in-laws, John J. Jr. and Allyson Hogan of Park City, Utah and Daniel L. and

Carol Hogan of South Plainfield; a daughter and a son-in-law, Patricia Jean and Stephen C. Dobosy of Martinsville; a brother, William D. Hogan of South Plainfield; a sister, Maryellen Combs of West Trenton and seven grandchildren, Christopher, Sean, Cole, Brooke, David, Jenna and Leah.

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

The family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made in John's memory to either The American Cancer Society, 2600 U.S. Highway #1 North Brunswick, N.J. 08902 or The American Heart Association, 2550 U.S. Highway #1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

John F. Dunn, 75

John F. Dunn went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Aug. 18 in the Van Dyke Hospice and Palliative Care Center at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born and raised in Jersey City, John lived in Carteret and South Plainfield before settling in Whiting a few years ago.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, John served as a corpsman. He was stationed



John F. Dunn

243 in South Plainfield.

Mr. Dunn worked for Colgate-Palmolive in Jersey City for 35 years, retiring in 1985. He was a yachtsman and loved to fish, garden and follow the N.Y. Yankees.

He was pre-deceased by his parents, James and Catherine Meaney Dunn; two brothers, James and Joseph and three sisters, Grace and Margaret and his beloved twin, Catherine Cavalier, who died on July 31, 2007.

Surviving is his brother, William, of San Antonio, Texas; 12 nieces and nephews and several grand nieces and nephews, as well as numerous great grand nieces and nephews.

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

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State Leaders Launch Affordable, Clean, Reliable Energy Coalition

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The coalition will work to educate the public about the need for energy policies that protect the environment and improve the state's economy. Its immediate focus is to generate public support for renewal of the operating license of the Oyster Creek Generating Station by increasing public awareness about the benefits of Oyster Creek and the important role nuclear energy plays in meeting New Jersey's electricity needs.

"This coalition will work to generate public support for the production of affordable, clean, reliable, American energy to help meet New Jersey's needs," said Dr. Edward H. Salmon, chairman of the coalition. "We must support the development of new renewable energy sources and provide for the continued operation of existing clean sources, including Oyster Creek and nuclear energy."

The coalition membership, which continues to add new members daily, consists of local and state-wide leaders and leadership organizations representing the environmental, business, labor, academic, health, and civic communities. A partial list of current members includes the Commerce & Industry Association of NJ, the Chemistry Council of NJ, the African American Environmentalist Association, the NJ

Alliance for Action, the Southern NJ Developmental Council, the International Union of Painters & Allied Trades, The Plumbers and Pipefitters (Union Local 322 and Local 9), the NJ Business & Industry Association, and the Fish Hawks (Lacey Township-based organization).

The coalition launched the same month as preliminary discussions are being held surrounding New Jersey's Energy Master Plan, which outlines Governor Jon Corzine's program for New Jersey's energy future.

According to Dr. Salmon, the coalition formed because of the realization that as New Jersey's demand for energy grows, "we need to ensure that something meaningful is being done to support retention of our existing clean energy sources and to generate more clean, affordable energy to protect the environment and public health." According to the U.S. Department of Energy, the nation will need 40 percent more electricity by 2030. The mid-Atlantic region alone will need at least 13 percent more electricity by 2030.

To learn more, please visit www.NJACRE.org

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by David Papa and Margarita Arvelaez requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit lot coverage over by 75 sq. ft. or 3.5%. Front setback new porch-30' required, 8.1' proposed. Front and side setback-new addition-30' front required, 15.1' proposed; 8' side required, 1.8' proposed. Front and side-addition over existing-24' front required, 15.1' proposed, 8' side required, 1.8' proposed, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 129 Randolph Avenue, Block 266, Lot 14 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, September 27, 2007 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been submitted by Louis Fasano regarding property located at Jackson Avenue/Gans Place, Block 353, Lot 3.06, South Plainfield, New Jersey, Middlesex County to the Land Use Regulation Program at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for a permit or approval under the Freshwater Wetlands Protection Act rules, N.J.A.C. 7:7A. The permit or approval will either establish the boundary of wetlands on the above property, or will authorize the applicant to conduct regulated activities on the property.

The approval(s) the applicant is requesting is:

General permit authorization (authorizes regulated activities, for example construction or development, in wetlands and adjacent transition areas).

The rules governing the above permits and approvals are found in the NJDEP's Freshwater Wetlands

Protection Act Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:7A. You can view or download these rules on the NJDEP Land Use Regulation Program website at www.state.nj.us/dep/landuse, or you can find a copy of these rules in the county law library in your county courthouse.

The application requests approval of the following activities:

Placement of one or more buildings or other structures.

If you would like to inspect a copy of the application, it is on file at the Municipal Clerk's Office, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey or call the NJDEP at (609) 777-0456 to make an appointment to see the application at NJDEP offices in Trenton during normal business hours.

The NJDEP welcomes comments on the application. Comments should be submitted to the NJDEP in writing within 15 days after publication of this notice. However, written comments will continue to be accepted until the NJDEP makes a decision on the

application. Comments cannot be accepted by telephone. Please submit any comments in writing, along with a copy of this notice, to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
Land Use Regulation Program
P.O. Box 439
Trenton, New Jersey 08625
Att: Middlesex County Section Chief

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

Questions about the application may be addressed to:

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Albert Skenderi, 31, of Staten Island, N.Y. was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

Sasha E. Semper, 19, of Edison was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

George Alexander Darby, 29, of Hillside was arrested for hindering apprehension.

Rodney J. Mason, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, driving on a suspended license, no insurance and a noisy muffler.

On Aug. 16, Easton G. Davidson, 44, of Plainfield was arrested for no insurance, failure to exhibit documents and an outstanding warrant.

On Aug. 17, Darren D. Daniels, 39, of Plainfield was arrested at CVS on Plainfield Ave. for shoplifting \$194.72 worth of items.

On Aug. 18, Harris Steel on New Market Avenue reported the theft of two tractor trailer loading ramps from inside of the trailers. The chains securing the contents of the trailers had been cut.

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Obituaries

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John E. Goglas, 69

John E. Goglas died at home on Sunday, Aug. 19.

Born in Piscataway, John lived in South Plainfield for many years.

He worked at Verizon in Newark for 31 years, retiring as a Plant Engineer in 1988. He was a member of the Middlesex Elks and was also a member of the Telephone Pioneers in Newark.

He was predeceased by his wife, Nancy J., who died in 2003.

Surviving are three daughters, Debra Brewer and husband Lenny of Piscataway, Nancy Chinery of Browns Mills and Susan Knowles of Piscataway; a brother, Walter of Port Reading and eight grandchildren. Also surviving are two great-grandchildren.

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

Rose P. (Pavlovski) Kubiak

Rose P. (Dorothy Rose Pavlovski) Kubiak died at home after a 19 year valiant struggle with Parkinson's disease.

She worked at DuPont for 10 years prior to marriage.

Rose was pre-deceased by her infant daughter, Marie Christine; husband, Carl Paul Kubiak on Feb. 13, 1986 and a brother, Chester Pavlovski July 31, 2007.

She is survived by a son, Michael Casemir Kubiak and wife Marianne of Middlesex; a brother, Edward Pavlovsky and wife Anne and a sister, Ann Beloni. Also surviving are five nieces, Mary Pavlovski, Margaret Pavlovski, Joann Hampton, Barbara Alice and Jeanne Suffill and seven nephews, John Pavlovski, Christopher Pavlovski, Bruce Pavlovsky, Robert Pavlovsky, Andrew Beloni, Joseph Beloni and John Beloni.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sacred Heart RC Church, 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Peter Rubinetti died on Saturday, Aug. 18 at home.

Born and raised in Pescopagano, Italy, Peter came to the United States in 1966. He lived in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield 23 years ago.

Mr. Rubinetti worked for White Bros. Trucking and Waste Management, both in Elizabeth, for several years.

He was predeceased by his father, Joseph, who died in 1994.

Surviving are his loving mother, Anna Marie; a step-son, Travis Fuchs; an uncle, Larry Rubinetti and wife Mary of North Plainfield and an aunt, Rose Rubinetti of North Plainfield. Also surviving are several cousins and extended family members in Italy and here in America.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to Monte Maura, c/o McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Harriet Marie (Fosbre) Lush, 82

Harriet Marie (Fosbre) Lush, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 18.

Born in Plainfield, she had resided in South Plainfield for 55 years. She passed away in Grass Valley, Calif., where she resided with her daughter Sheri and family since 2003.

Harriet was happily married to her late husband, Charles A. Lush, for 56 years. She loved her family and friends very much. As a very caring person and a devoted mother, she was always willing to help anyone. All who knew her loved her.

Harriet enjoyed working different catering events and being employed at the Martinville Inn. She will be greatly missed.

She is survived by her children, Greg and wife Wendy, Kerry and wife Carol, Susan and partner Duncan, Sheri and partner Rick and Eric and partner Anita and two sisters, Ina Lush and Patsy Driscoll.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Danielle, Jed and Travis; one great grandson, Rory and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

Former SPJBC Umpire Goes Pro

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the training he gave them a 125-question test to make sure they were ready. "Getting the opportunity to make it my own, that really influenced my decision today," Senia said of his decision to pursue a career in umpiring. "What they allowed me to do 12 or 14 years ago stuck with me."

The love of the game in Senia was so strong that in January he sold his sports facility in Marlboro and enrolled in the Harry Windlestedt School of Professional Umpiring in Daytona Beach—only one of two schools recognized by the major leagues. For five weeks Senia's class would train from Monday through Saturday for 10 hours a day.

Senia was surprised at how different his training was from the fields of South Plainfield. "I've been umpiring for 33 years, [but] it was a whole new experience," he said. "At an amateur level I was at my top game, but getting into a position, working a two-man or three-man system—a lot of it is new."

It was also readily apparent that even at 45 years old, Senia was one of the oldest in his class. The majors, he said, "are looking for guys to start at 20 or 21 because it takes 15 years to get into the majors." But for Senia it was a way of legitimizing one of his favorite hobbies and leading either to a slot working with college teams or clinics, where he could train others.

That's when Can-Am, the Canadian-American Association of Professional Baseball, came calling. Senia called a tournament in Pensacola shortly after graduating and impressed Can-Am director Kevin Wynn, who soon offered him a full-time position as a crew chief, which he started in May.

Not surprisingly, calling games for Can-Am—which plays along the Atlantic seaboard from Atlantic City to Quebec—was as different as being with the SPJBC and learning the ropes at school. "Instead of 40 to 50 parents," Senia said, "you have 4,000 paying fans."

As crew chief, Senia said his duties are multifaceted, from meetings with general managers, a constant watch over the weather reports and inspection of the fields to making sure every call is fair and smooth during and after the game. The team he works with, he said, are also much younger than he. "Most guys I've worked with are around 22 years old; I have kids that age," he said. "There's not a lot in common between us, but we have a love for the game."

After the Can-Am season closes in September, Senia plans on spending time with his wife, Debbie, and their children, whose collective support Senia credits with allowing him to re-

alize his dream—working some out-of-state tournaments, working as a substitute teacher and, most importantly, running some clinics for aspiring umpires, a job he likens to SAT prep courses. "[The majors] only take the top 15 or 20 students from a class," he said. "I want to do courses to teach what they're looking for, to give them the edge before they go to school."

"Work as many games as you can," Senia offers to umpires in training. "Make sure you love the game. You have to want to continue to do it, because it's a long road ahead."

More information about Can-Am, its teams and its schedule can be found at www.canamleague.com.

Put On Your Running Shoes

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