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## Truck Route Study Raises Concerns

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Officer Lt. Kevin Murtagh presented his analysis of the new truck route to the South Plainfield Traffic Safety Advisory Commission at their January 30 meeting. The study examined the new truck route established by the borough two years ago and is based on "a traffic engineering perspective, a crash analysis and an environmental/economic perspective." Commission members voted unanimously that evening in favor of reversing the truck weight ban on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue, which will allow trucks back onto those roadways.

Lt. Murtagh will present his analysis to the council at next Tuesday's agenda meeting. The traffic study only pertains to the new truck route and does not include what effect putting trucks back onto Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue will have as far as traffic flow, or how it will impact children who walk to Roosevelt School. In addition, there will be a special meeting after the agenda meeting to introduce a bond ordinance (see FYI box below) to purchase land to complete phase 1 and 2 of the New Market Avenue Extension.

On August 22, 2006 the Borough adopted two ordinances establishing weight limitations for trucks over four tons on portions of both Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue. The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders also gave their consent to the ordinances on September 21, 2006. Trucks had already been diverted off these roads for nearly two years as extensive renovations were being performed by the county to upgrade the area and included new lighting, curbs and resurfacing.

A traffic investigation report performed by DOT Principal Traffic Investigator Roger Sequeira, Sr. on November 8, 2006 stated that he found "no issues to prevent the weight limitation from being approved" and "recommended that this weight limitation be issued." However, the investigation did note several deficiencies in the alternate truck route including flooding, additional travel mileage and the awkward turns at Hamilton Boulevard and Spicer Avenue. He also stated in the investigation that, "It is my opinion that this truck route should not be allowed in its present configuration as it has too many safety issues that need to be addressed." Borough officials were not present during Sequeira's investigation and later gave a full explanation to the DOT what measures they were taking to alleviate any deficiencies, including the proposed New Market Avenue Extension. On November 9, 2006 DOT Commissioner Kris Kolluri, Esq. similarly approved, in writing, both the Borough and County ordinances.

Although Mayor Charlie Butrico has vowed that "as long as he was mayor, the borough would never see trucks back on Hamilton Boulevard," late last year he suggested that a third party



Trucks negotiate the turn at New Market Avenue, Hamilton Boulevard and Spicer Avenue. The fate of truck traffic is a much debated issue in the borough.

truck traffic study be commissioned by the council.

In Lt. Murtagh's analysis, he claims that the new truck route is "fundamentally flawed from both a traffic engineering perspective and law enforcement perspective." The intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Spicer Avenue is "by far the most problematic and dangerous." Even with the construction of the New Market Avenue Extension, he feels it will still present similar problems. Trucks have to navigate an additional 2.5 miles and the study states "the probability of being involved in a crash increases," as well as "additional fuel consumed and man hours" to Borough businesses has greatly increased. Trucks having to use more fuel also affect air quality. New Market Avenue is prone to flooding and since February 2006 the road has been closed "for hours or days" approximately seven times. Bussing additional students and additional crossing guards due to safety concerns on the new truck route has also cost the Borough more money, according to the study.

A "crash analysis" for the last three years shows an increase in accidents involving trucks along the new route from 23 in 2005 to 47 in 2007. The accidents include driver inattention, failure to yield right of way and improper passing and in most cases the truck drivers were at fault. The data takes into account what

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## Attempted Robbery at Exxon

A young black male wearing a ski mask and wielding a gun attempted to rob the Exxon Gas Station on Park Avenue just before 9 p.m. on February 5.

The perpetrator, described as a light-skinned black male, in his late teens or early 20's, about 5'4", thin, wearing a black jacket, blue jeans and a black ski mask over his head, walked into the office while an attendant was eating. The victim stood up when the

assailant pointed a gun resembling a police duty weapon into his chest and yelled "Money, money!" The attendant swung his arm back as if to throw a punch and yelled, scaring the assailant who fled down Park Avenue. A nearby resident said they saw an older model blue Honda Civic drop off a passenger in front of her home and shortly after heard someone yelling near the Exxon station.



Picture  
of the  
Week

Submitted by Lou  
McMille

Anunda Dorian rescued these wild baby rabbits from a hungry cat. When they were big enough to survive, she sadly released them into the nearby woods.

## Resident Dies In Fiery Crash In Vermont

An early morning accident on Interstate 91 in Brattleboro, Vt. on February 5 resulted in the death of a tractor-trailer driver from South Plainfield after the truck he was driving went through a guard rail, plunged down an embankment and burst into flames. The tractor-trailer was owned by SAHI Trucking in Union.

Edvin Medina, 35, was killed in the accident when he apparently lost control of the tractor-trailer due to bad weather conditions. Witnesses told police it was one of the worst accidents they had seen in a while. Several people attempted to get the driver out of the burning truck, but were forced back by the heat.

Medina was traveling behind a 2005 Dodge Caravan driven by 75-year-old Thomas O'Neill of Wilbraham, Mass., who also lost control of his vehicle. While the investigation is still ongoing, police say there is no evidence the two vehicles collided at any time.

O'Neill and his passenger, Francis Keefe, 65, of Springfield, Mass., were transported to Brattleboro Memorial Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

SAHI Trucking reported that the trailer had been heading from Union to Andover, N.H. Vermont State Police said they believe the trailer was empty at the time of the accident.

## Council Appoints Lanza, Garelick Co-Prosecutors

Mayor Charles Butrico announced that the council has reached a bipartisan agreement on the appointment of municipal court prosecutor. The council appointed both Tom Lanza and Paul Garelick to share the position as well as the salary. Despite Butrico's objection to the replacement of Lanza at the Borough's Reorganization meeting in January, the newly appointed council named Paul Garelick as prosecutor. Butrico vetoed their appointment, and Lanza served as prosecutor for an additional 30 days.

During that time several residents publicly asked the Republican Majority to reconsider their choice and reappoint Lanza, citing his residency in South Plainfield and commitment to the community.

It will be up to Lanza and Garelick to decide how they will share their responsibilities.

Are you a civic-minded resident concerned about the education of our children? Consider becoming a BOE member. Time to submit applications is running out. See page 7 for info.

Special  
Council Meeting  
Feb. 19, 8 p.m.

FYI

South Plainfield Borough Council will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m., immediately after the agenda meeting, in order to discuss a \$1.1M bond ordinance to purchase a portion of the former Cornell-Dubilier site on Hamilton Boulevard, now owned by DSC of Newark.

The purchase of the property will allow for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the New Market Extension to be completed. According to Mayor Charlie Butrico, even though the land is still contaminated and clean-up by the Environmental Protection Agency continues, in order to move ahead with the new roadway the land,

by law, has to be purchased at its true value after the site is remediated. Within three to six months after purchase, the Borough can condemn the land and reapply to the courts to have the purchase price rescinded because the property is contaminated and should be valued at its actual worth.





### Council meetings air on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. (Check community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

The January 16 BOE Public Meeting will air on Comcast Channel 74 Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. until the next public meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 20.

Comcast will air two hours of a meeting. To purchase a copy of a complete Borough Council or BOE meeting, contact the Observer.

#### council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, except as noted.\* All meetings begin at 7 p.m.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Tuesday, February 19*	Monday, February 25
Monday, March 3	Monday, March 10
Monday, March 17	Monday, March 24
Monday, March 31	Monday, April 7
Monday, April 14	Monday, April 21

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJS 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

Feb. 26\*, March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 13, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, Sept. 9, Sept 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov 18\*, Dec. 9\*.

#### zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

February 28, March 13 and 27, April 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 30\*, December 11\*.

#### board of education meetings

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

#### recreation commission

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

#### 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, 7 p.m.  
February 19, March 18, April 5, May 20, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.

#### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621  
March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8 November 12, December 10 and January 14.

#### 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 on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

#### board of education curriculum/technology meetings

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

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

## IN MY OPINION

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

Dear Editor,

I am in the rather unique position of being able to write this letter in support of the South Plainfield High School as I am both the parent of a SPHS senior, a faculty member and an alumnus.

The words written by David Landy, a colleague, truly reflect the experiences of many of the teachers at the high school and I commend him on a beautifully written, well-thought-out letter. His explanation of a teacher's point of view, especially concerning unruly students, was clearly described for someone who may only see things from a student's perspective. I would also like to say that while I support the students' right to express their opinions, I was taken aback by the letters written by Ms. Katsantonis and Ms. Gray, especially since I know them by reputation to be very good students. Have circumstances changed at the high school and in the national consciousness? We know unfortunately that they have and that lockdown drills and a police officer assigned to the high school are necessary precautions to keep students in the school safe. The same thing is being done in responsible schools all across the country. Was that going on when I attended SPHS? Of course not, but that is not the fault of our school, it is the era we live in now.

I am surprised that Ms. Gray would be so concerned about having to have a hall pass; there are over 1,200 students in the high school and some common sense restrictions are necessary in order for the school to be run in a manner conducive to learning. Allowing students to simply wander the building without a pass wouldn't make much sense, even if one is a senior.

As Mr. Landy said, I cannot speak for every teacher, but I do tell all my students that except for the once a month faculty meeting and the occasional parent appointment, I am available every day after school for extra help or for students who need to make up a test. In addition, I have made time during my prep period or lunch if the occasion has warranted it and a student has asked.

From a student's point of view, (my daughter, a senior at SPHS, has allowed me to speak for her) you need to make sure your experience is a good one by creating one. She is currently participating in many extracurricular activities including Peer Leadership, stage crew, Art National Honor Society, and is co-captain of the varsity swim team.

I will say to all the students: Know that your teachers care about you and most importantly—make the high school a better place by your participation and contribution. You make the difference.

SINCERELY,  
DONNA M. EGAN

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Board of Education President Jeff Seider, former Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado, Mayor Charlie Butrico and Councilman Robert Bengivenga, Jr. for initiating an investigation into shared services many months ago by visiting towns that actually participate and have overwhelming success rates. I would like to commend Jeff Seider, Superintendent Jose Negron, Business Administrator George Sarnoff, Council President Bengivenga, Councilmen Ray Rusnak and Matt Anesh and Chief Financial Officer/Business Administrator Glenn Cullen for continuing the momentum of shared services and participating in the BOE's special meeting on January 28. Thank

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you both for creating a resolution to share in a study that will be performed by Rutgers University on shared services and BOE member Robert Jones for investigating grant options to help defer the cost of this study. This began as a dream and is now moving forward. There are many avenues to explore which will save tax dollars for all. So let us all begin this journey in a positive fashion.

I would like to thank the Stilo and Bengivenga families for their very generous donations to the SPHS swim team. Amy Bengivenga swam for Mount Saint Mary's High School and is now coaching synchronized swimming competitions all over the United States. The new SPHS Varsity Swim Team is 8 and 3, which is an outstanding record. Thank you all for your support.

SINCERELY,  
DEBBIE BOYLE, THE BOYLE  
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## Freeholder Pulomena Resigns from County Board

John Pulomena, who has served as a Middlesex County freeholder for the past 10 years, resigned recently from his elected position in order to pursue the position of county administrator. Walter A. DeAngelo, the current administrator, is retiring in May.

"My 20 years of service in local and county government, along with my extensive business experience in the private sector, have given me the confidence to serve as a county freeholder and have prepared me to take on the responsibilities of county administrator," Pulomena said.

According to state statute, Pulomena is required to resign his elected position as freeholder at least three months prior to his possible appointment to the administrator post by the freeholder board.

As a freeholder, Pulomena chaired the county's Public Health and Education Committee. Under his leadership, the state-of-the-art and highly praised Academy of Science, Mathematics and Engineering Technologies, part of the county vocational-technical schools system, was built on

the Middlesex County College campus and attracts top students from throughout the county. The vocational-technical schools also opened a brand new school in Perth Amboy.

Before his election to the Freeholder Board, Pulomena served on the South Plainfield Borough Council from 1990 through 1998, and was council president from 1995 through 1997. He served as chairperson of the Middlesex County Planning Board in 1996.

Pulomena is vice president of operations for Car-Tech Auto Transport, which he founded in 1998.

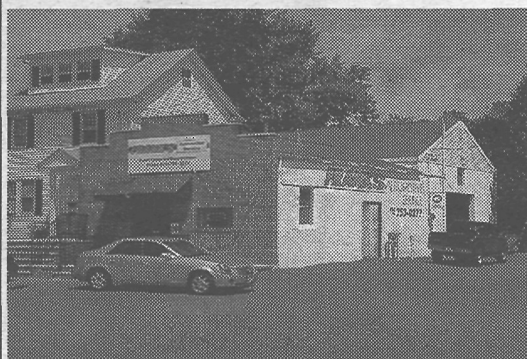
Before that, Pulomena was employed for 22 years at AT&T/Bell Laboratories.

Pulomena received the 2007 Paige EHommedieu Outstanding Citizen Award from Middlesex County College Board of Trustees. The award recognized Pulomena's leadership role in creating the Middlesex County College/Raritan Bay Medical Center Nursing Program, which greatly expands health care education throughout the region.

## Environmental Commission Meetings

The following meeting dates have been announced by the 2008 Environmental Commission: March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10 and January 14, 2009.

If you have any questions, please call (908) 226-7621.



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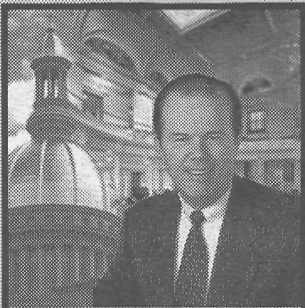
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## Bill For Community Notification Of Development Plans Passes



### News

From The State House

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan

The Assembly recently passed legislation that I sponsored to enable towns to alert residents of public hearings and proposed redevelopment plans by posting signs at prospective construction.

The measure (A-357) was crafted in response to a 2006 Appellate Court decision that struck down an Edison notification ordinance that required developers to post signs at proposed project sites. The court said state law does not allow communities to enact their own public notification requirements.

Residents must have ample time and opportunity to review and comment on plans that will directly impact their communities. An important part of that process should include the posting of easy-to-read signs to ensure that residents are aware of the changes being proposed before construction begins.

The bill would authorize municipalities to erect signs on the site of proposed development projects stating:

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

A Development Application has been filed with the (Zoning Board of Adjustment or Planning Board, as appropriate) relative to this property. For more information, call (Telephone number of designated municipal official) and reference application # \_\_\_\_\_.

Towns would individually determine the size of the placards to be required. Under the Edison ordinance, developers had to erect signs that measured 32 square feet.

Municipalities would be empowered to charge developers fees of up to \$75 to cover printing and other associated costs.

Towns with impending construction projects in established neighborhoods should have the ability to thoroughly encourage residents to take part in the approval process every step along the way. Local officials and developers should do all that they can to keep residents in the loop about the changes that could take place in their backyards.

The measure passed the Assembly 73 to 2. It now heads to the Senate for further consideration.

## Special Public Meeting

### Housing And Community Development Block Grant Meeting

A public hearing for the 2008 Housing and Community Development Block Grant has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

The purpose of this hearing is to introduce projects being considered for inclusion in the 2008 Housing and Community Development Block Grant application. Public input on this project as well as input on any other projects will be entertained by the Governing Body at this time.

Further questions may be addressed to Council President Robert Bengivena, Council's Representative to the Housing and Community Development Agency or Glenn Cullen,

Administrator/CFO at (908) 226-7602 or E-mail gcullen@southplainfieldnj.com.



## Mardi Gras at Sacred Heart

Mrs. Goetz and her fourth grade students at Sacred Heart School display their handmade Mardi Gras masks as they celebrate with stories, dance and enjoyable treats.



Students in second grade at Sacred Heart School with their teacher, Mrs. Opinante, also enjoy the celebration of Mardi Gras with handmade masks and some enjoyable treats.

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## Traffic Signal to be Installed at Oak Tree/Woodland

By Libby Barsky

Middlesex County, South Plainfield and Edison have agreed to share the cost of installing a traffic light at the busy intersection of Oak Tree Road and Woodland Avenue, subject to the approval of the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT). The Borough Council approved a resolution authorizing the agreement at its regular meeting on January 22.

According to the agreement, Middlesex County will bear 100% of the cost of all engineering and related services and 67% of the cost of all construction. The remaining 33% of construction costs will be shared equally by South Plainfield and Edison. In addition, both towns are responsible for bearing 100% of the costs of acquiring the property for the required right of ways and easements within their boundaries.

Middlesex County will be responsible for the maintenance of the traffic signal after it has been installed. South Plainfield and Edison will equally bear the cost of the electricity.

Borough Clerk Vincent Buttiglieri would not give an estimate of what the total construction cost might be, but he did estimate the cost of the traffic signal alone at \$500,000.

## Library Board of Trustees Meetings

South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees will meet on March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11 (Veteran's Day-Library Closed) and December 9. Meetings take place at 7 p.m.

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## VFW Dinner

February 15

The South Plainfield VFW is hosting a fish fry or meatloaf dinner on Friday, Feb. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Those attending will have a choice of fish, meatloaf, macaroni and cheese, vegetable, salad and dessert. The public is welcome.

For information, call (908) 668-9751.

## Lenten Fish Dinners at Sacred Heart

February 15, 22, 29  
March 7 & 14

South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and Sacred Heart Church are sponsoring fish dinners during Lent on Friday, Feb. 15, 22, 29, and on March 7 and 14. Dinners are served in Sacred Heart cafeteria on South Plainfield Avenue, 5 to 7 p.m. Menu features fillet of fish (fried, broiled, parmesan), cheese ravioli, manicotti, linguini, pizza, garden salad, rice pilaf, French fries, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, coffee, tea or cold drink and dessert.

For info, call (908) 756-0633, ext. 10.

## Eagles Football and Cheer Registration

February 16 and March 1

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer registration for the 2008 season will be held Saturday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagles fieldhouse on Kenneth Avenue. Registration is for boys and girls ages five to 13 (must be five by July 31, 2008). Any questions, call Kevin or Kelly Dunn at (908) 668-5080.

## SPBA meeting

February 21

South Plainfield Business Association will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner on Front Street. Guest speaker will be Tom Stillman

What's  
happening at the  
South Plainfield

## SENIOR CENTER

FEBRUARY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b></p> <p>Learn Effective Techniques to Advocate For Issues Before Your Local Government—February 27 at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Golden Isles of Georgia Trip May 3 through 9</p>				<p>Bingo 10am-2pm <b>15</b></p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Center Closed for President's Day</p>	<p>Bingo 10am-2pm</p> <p>Ladies Social Group 10am</p> <p>Advisory Board meeting 4pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Aerobics 8:45 am</p> <p>Computer 10 am</p> <p>11:30am, 1pm</p> <p>Crocheting 1pm</p> <p>Tai Chi 2pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Pathmark Shopping 9am</p> <p>Crafts Class 10am</p> <p>Computer Class 10am</p> <p>11:30am, 1pm</p> <p>Exercise Class 1:15p</p> <p>Claridge Trip 9am</p>	<p>Bingo 10am-2pm <b>22</b></p>
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of Stillman Photography. Alice Tempel, recycling coordinator, will also be discussing recycling issues in the business community.

Contact Debra Leporino at SPBA Pres@aol.com by February 29 to be a guest speaker at the March meeting.

## GOP Meeting

February 21

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m. at Sherban's Restaurant. All residents are invited to attend and bring their concerns and comments for an open discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

## Pancake Breakfast

February 24

The South Plainfield Elks #2298, in conjunction with the South Plainfield Girl Scout community, will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon. Menu features pancakes, eggs, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice

and coffee. Price is \$6-adults, \$5-seniors, \$4-children 3-12; under two are free. South Plainfield Elks lodge is located at 1254 New Market Ave. For information, call (908) 668-9750.

## SDW Fundraiser Magic/Illusion Show

February 24

On Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. the "Art of Imagination" will be presented in the SPHS auditorium. All ticket sales support South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW). Doors open at 1:30 p.m. Purchase tickets at the Observer office, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. or at Jay Bee Screen Printing on New Market Avenue.

For additional information or to purchase tickets, contact (908) 561-5255 or info@spsdw.com.

## Trip to Mary Poppins

March 2

The Recreation Department still has tickets for Mary Poppins. The show is Sunday, March 2. Bus leaves the PAL at 3 p.m. for the 6:30 p.m. show. Purchase tickets at the PAL Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$100.

## Project Graduation Auction/Raffle

March 8

The SPHS PTA will hold their annual auction/raffle on Saturday, March 8 from 6 to 11 p.m. in the school gym. All proceeds go towards Project Graduation for the class of 2008.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Pat Fabino at (908) 757-6843. This event has sold out in past years, so get your tickets early.

## Class of 1972, 1973 and 1974 Reunion

March 8

SPSH Classes of 1972, 1973 and 1974 will hold their combined reunion dinner/ dance on Saturday, March 8 at 7 p.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Edison. RSVP by February 15.

Anyone interested in attending, E-mail sphsclass1973@yahoo.com or call (908) 209-9314.

## — Out of Town —

## Gospel Music at Crossroads Theatre

February 16

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission will present "The Journey of Gospel Music" with Karen Joyce Boateng at Crossroads Theatre in New Brunswick on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 3 p.m. Free of charge; registration is required. Call (732) 745-4489.

## Ukrainian Egg Decorating

February 23

The Folklife Program for New Jersey will present Pysanky, a traditional Ukrainian egg-decorating workshop with Mater Artist Olga Kobryn on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 to 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required as well as a payment of \$8 for materials. It may be hand-delivered or sent via mail to the Commission's Office, 703 Jersey Ave., New Brunswick, N.J. 08901.

For more information, please call (732) 745-4489.

## Backyard Birding

February 23

Come meet Holly Hoffman from Lyric and learn how to attract and keep wild birds right in your backyard on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Parker Gardens, 1325 Terrill Rd. in Scotch Plains.

For more information call (908) 322-5555 or visit our Web site at www.parkergardens.com.

## "Freeze Frame" Photography Exhibit

February 24

The Edison Arts Society will hold "Freeze Frame," a photography exhibit for members only, on Sunday, Feb. 24 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Middlesex County College. Call (908) 753-2787.

## Registration for Learning for Life

February 25

Registration for the 10-week, 74th Spring Term of Learning for Life will be held at the United Presbyterian Church, 525 East Front St. in Plainfield on Monday, Feb. 25 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The first session of the term will occur on March 3. Registration fee is \$15.

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# Milestones



Cpl. Jason Ortiz receives his sergeant pin.

### Corporal Jasen Ortiz Pinned Sergeant

Cpl. Jasen Ortiz was promoted to Sergeant on December 3, 2007.

Jasen is a 2004 graduate of SPHS. After he left for Parris Island he was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before serving two deployments in Iraq, (AL Quam and Baghdad.)

Jasen received various medals and ribbons, as well as the Purple Heart, Navy Achievement w/combat and

Good Conduct Service.

Jasen is currently stationed at the Naval Submarine Base in Kings Bay, Georgia with the Marine Corp Security Force Battalion. In July 2007, while deployed in Iraq, Jasen took the oath again for another term, but did so outside the wire (in combat). He enjoys what he does and puts his all into it. Only time will tell if he re-enlists again in 2012.

### Calvin John Smiley Recognized by NCAS at Lehigh University

Calvin John Smiley and his teammate at Lehigh University, Terry Mongan, have been recognized as runners-up for the Academic Momentum Award, presented by The National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) in concert with the Scholar-Baller program. This award, which is in its inaugural year, was developed to honor the improved academic performance of one male and one female student-athlete from all of the NCAS regions nationwide. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be a sophomore, junior, or senior who has shown marked improvements in the classroom setting.

A double major in Political Science and Africana Studies, Smiley is a member of Lehigh's swimming program. He has been a member of the Dean's List, which requires a minimum grade point average of 3.6, for the Fall 2006, Spring 2007 and Fall 2007.



Calvin John Smiley

Calvin John, a senior at Lehigh University, also has been on the Patriot League Academic Honor Roll and the Faculty-Athletics Council Academic Honor Roll. He was also honored during his second year at Lehigh with a multicultural class award as the Sophomore of the Year, which is presented to a second-year student whose leadership both academically and co-curricularly have impacted student life at Lehigh, as well as serving as a model of achievement for others to follow.

Presently, Calvin John is president of the Black Student Union and serves on numerous committees at Lehigh that bring in speakers and programs to make the students politically and culturally aware. In the pool, he competes in a number of events, including the 200 free, 100 free and 50 free. He finished in the top 25 of the 200 and 100 events during the 2007 Pa-

triot League Championships. He will be competing in the 2008 Patriot League Championship this month at the Naval Academy in Annapolis.

Calvin John offered his thoughts on receiving the Momentum Award. "I feel honored in receiving this award and being acknowledged for my efforts to continue to make Lehigh a progressive place of learning and diversity. I will continue putting on programs, lectures and events because I feel staying heavily involved is rewarding and at the same time helps keep me focused on my academics."

### Caitlyn Brindley Named to Siena Dean's List

Caitlyn Brindley, a freshman at Siena College in Loudonville, N.Y., has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2007 semester. She majors in chemistry.

Caitlyn is the daughter of Jeff and Lisa Brindley of South Plainfield.

### BOROUGH NOTES

- Pick-ups for leaf and Christmas trees are completed. Seniors can still call public works and they will be put on the schedule for a pick up.
- The council has waived all fees for the South Plainfield Lion's Club annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast on March 16.
- A shared services agreement with the South Plainfield Board of Education in regards to the Safe School Resource Officer was approved.
- Beverly D. Krause was appointed for a three-year term on the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission.
- The council accepted the resignation of Thomas Crino from the South Plainfield Environmental Commission.
- RJR Engineering Company, Inc. has been hired to perform repairs to the South Plainfield Community pool at a cost not to exceed \$17,400.
- The Borough has entered into an inter-local services agreement with Middlesex County for paint recycling, as well chlorofluorocarbons recovery for a three-year period.
- Vincent J. Franchino was hired as a part-time plumbing sub-code officer.
- The Borough and the South Plainfield Board of Education entered into a shared service study performed by Rutgers University for a cost not to exceed \$2,500.
- The contract with Excellent Cleaning Services, Inc. has been terminated.

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## SHS Students Get Inside Scoop on Careers

By Jane Dornick

In conjunction with Catholic Schools Week, Sacred Heart School held a career day on January 30 for grades five through seven. Relatives of students and members of the community visited classrooms to speak about their chosen career and to answer questions from students.

Fireman Walter Thompson, who serves in Plainfield, explained the rigors of training involved in becoming a firefighter and that his training in fire prevention is ongoing.

Frank Rainear, owner of South Plainfield Funeral Home, discussed what a funeral director job entails. Students questioned how much funerals cost. The most unusual question he received was about the process of embalming, which he said "he preferred not to go into much detail about."



(L to R): N.J. State Trooper Michele Adlassnig, scientist Natty Brignol and funeral director Frank Rainear were some of the visitors who addressed students about their careers at Sacred Heart School's Career Day.

N.J. State Trooper Michele Adlassnig graduated from Rutgers University and has been on the job since 1993. Adlassnig currently works with the private detective unit.

Students questioned her about the legal system, the K-9 dogs and whether or not she is currently working on a case.

Scientist Natty Brignol, a graduate of Rutgers University and the University of Medicine and Dentistry, works locally at a pharmaceutical company doing research to "find things to help people live better," he told students.

Also speaking to classes on their careers were obstetrician Dr. Camille Walker, chiropractor Dr. Norayr Ozbalak and Plainfield Police Officer Ron Fusco, a graduate of Sacred Heart School.

front of the camera with the mayor and school superintendent and broadcast on a regular basis as well as filming council and BOE meetings.

If interested, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010. Students can also speak with Rich D'Urso in SPHS Graphic Arts Department.

Owning a camera is not required.

## Volunteers Needed for Cable Shows

Producers of the South Plainfield Borough Council and Board of Education (BOE) meetings currently broadcast on Comcast Channel 74 are looking to expand their programming. Volunteers are needed to film school, sporting or other newsworthy events in the borough. High school students are needed to conduct interviews in

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

The South Plainfield Public Library will be closed on President's Day, Monday, Feb. 18. The library will be open from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 17.

Children's programs will be held Tuesday through Friday at their usual times: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.—storytime and craft for three years and older; Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.—Time for 2's & 3's with a craft and 6:30 p.m. storytime and craft for three years and older; Thursday at 10:30 a.m.—Time for 2's & 3's with a craft and 1:15 p.m.—storytime and craft for three years and older; Friday at 10:30 a.m.—Books & Babies for children up to three years old. No registration is required. Just come to the library and join the fun.

Are you interested in your family history? The South Plainfield Public Library has two resources that may interest people researching their family tree. The library has two databases that will help you with your search. HeritageQuest Online is simple enough for beginners to use. Heritage Quest is provided through funding from the New Jersey State Library as

part of its JerseyClicks program. Access to HeritageQuest is possible in the library or on your home computer. You need to have the barcode from your South Plainfield Public Library card number. Go to southplainfield.lib.nj.us and click on the red label that says "Free Databases and Premium Resources." You will then be prompted to choose library or home. Click one of those. If you are using HeritageQuest from home, you will be prompted for your library barcode number. When you connect, you will find several paths to information. There are U.S. Federal census records, a genealogy and local history book collection, PERSI (Periodical Source Index) to nearly two million magazine articles with genealogical information, Revolutionary War Pension Applications and U.S. Serial Set from 1789 through World War II. It is helpful if before you begin to search you make a list of every direct ancestor known to you. When you begin to search, enter a name and the program retrieves matches to that name. If you find one that looks like someone in your family, click on that link and an image of the matching record appears. The results will enable you to learn about your ancestors; places where they lived, names of relatives, birth and death dates, etc. This may lead to searches for ancestors you did not know about. Once you have searched HeritageQuest you can move to Ancestry.com. Ancestry.com can only be used in the South Plainfield Public Library. It provides additional genealogical resources. Check out the other resources available on the South Plainfield Public Library Web site.

## Fitness Challenge to Benefit Children's Research Hospital

Rather than going with a standard workout program to fulfill your resolution to get fit, Lady of America Fitness Centers are challenging you to choose an exercise program that both benefits your waistline and helps others in need. Lady of America, located at 1199 Amboy Ave. in Edison, invites you to train for the national ab crunch challenge which takes place on Saturday, March 29. The fitness challenge, held at over 200 Lady of America, Ladies Workout Express and Work Out Express locations across the country, is expected to raise \$1M for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Lady of America members may participate in a free multi-week training, to build up strength and endurance to perform stomach crunches for one hour straight on the day of the ab crunch challenge. Whether a beginner just starting out on a new exercise program or a fitness buff looking to help a worthy cause, the ab crunch training classes will improve your core fitness and get you ready to crunch your abs!

While there is no cost to participate in the 60-minute ab crunch classes, ab crunch challenge participants will raise money for St. Jude by recruiting friends, family members and co-workers to sponsor them in their effort. These funds will help St. Jude in its ongoing fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

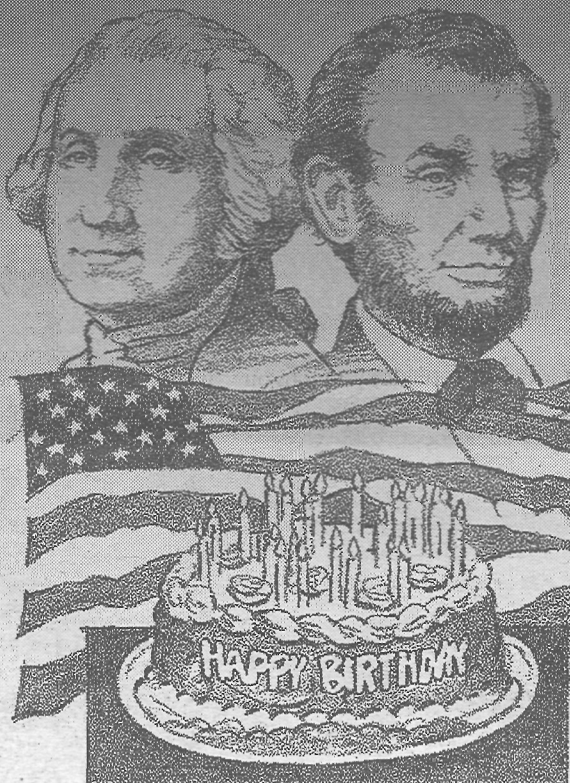
For information on training classes or to register, call (732) 494-3350. For information on the ab crunch challenge and to support a participant, go to [www.abcrunchchallenge.org](http://www.abcrunchchallenge.org).

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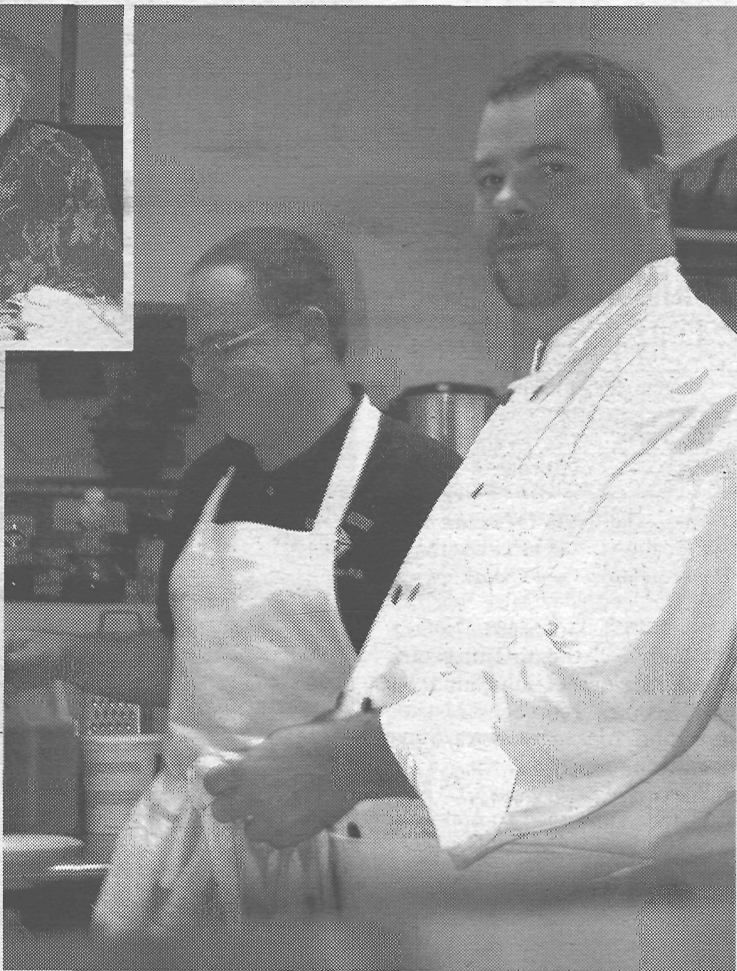
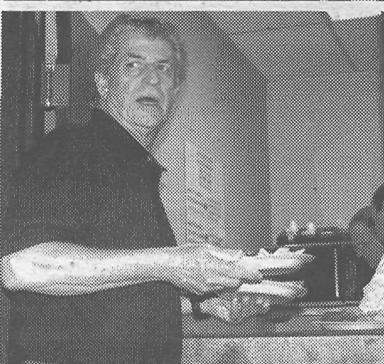
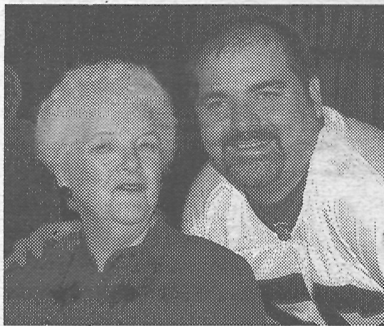
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Knights of Columbus members serve up dinner to more than 125 guests at the 'Don't Cook Friday' Italian dinner.

## “Don't Cook Friday” Dinner Draws Over 100

More than 125 people took the advice of the Knights of Columbus Council #6203 on February 1 and attended their “Don't Cook Friday” Italian dinner. The Italian music set the mood and the atmosphere was friendly and relaxed.

The following Knights helped ensure the evening's success: maitre'd for the evening was Grand Knight Billy Butrico. The kitchen was run by head chef Joe McGeehan, Charlie Butrico, Gerry Butrico, Chris McGeehan and Greg Lind. Servers were Sharon Scudato, Phil Thomas, Ron Cutic, Frank Rainear, Steve Belanger, James Butrico and Joe Scudato. Serving drinks were Lenny Kleczkowski and Mike Tabachnick. Selling tickets at the door were Gene Baker and Ted Rubino. Helping with set-up and clean-up were Neil

Towey, Kevin Keane and Rich D'Urso. Salad and bread prep was run by Bill and Willy Hartmann.

The Knights hold this event several times a year with all proceeds going towards their general charity fund.

The Knights would like to thank all

the residents of South Plainfield who attended the dinner and Bill Kelly and Irene Butrico for making many desserts. Without your support this event would not have been as successful. Please look for more “Don't Cook Friday” Italian dinners in the future.

## Want a Spot on Your Local BOE?

The deadline for filing nominating petitions to run for positions on the South Plainfield BOE is Monday, Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15.

Prospective candidates can obtain a “School Board Candidate Kit” at the administration building, 125 Jackson Ave., between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily.

The kit includes the nominating

petition and information about legal qualifications for school board candidacy and the role of the school board member.

Information about the New Jersey School Ethics Act, important dates in the school election process, and briefing sessions for school board candidates are also included in the kit.

Meet the candidates night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 25.

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## HIGHLIGHTS

From South Plainfield High School PTA

► **Project Graduation Auction/Raffle Donations Needed**—2008 marks SPHS PTA's 20th year of providing graduating seniors with a Project Graduation celebration. The main purpose of the event is to provide an all-night, safe, substance-free environment where graduating seniors can celebrate together in a night they will remember. However, the cost of this event is quite substantial and is rising every year. To help support this event the SPHS PTA is sponsoring the annual auction/raffle fundraiser to be held on Saturday, March 8 from 7 to 11 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at SPHS. All profits will go towards Project Graduation. Tickets are currently being sold.

► **South Plainfield Community:** We need your help! This important event will not be a success without the help and support of families, especially senior class families, community/educational organizations and local businesses. Although we have received many generous donations, we are still in need of more if we are to make Project Graduation happen. Please support this worthwhile cause by making a donation. Donations may be in the form of a gift card, a single item, a theme gift basket or a monetary donation and be sent to: South Plainfield High School, 200 Lake St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080, Attn: SPHS PTA. Make checks payable to: SPHS PTA-Project Graduation. Donations must be received by Monday, Feb. 25. Donations will be acknowledged in the program.

► **Outside Business/Corporate Donations:** Please ask the business or corporation you work for if they will make a contribution or if you know of someone who can obtain a donation from a business or corporation, please ask them for their help.

► **Telethon Donations**—If you are a SPHS senior family and have already pledged a donation through the recent telethon, please ensure we receive your donations no later than Friday, Feb. 22.

► **Donation Arrangements/Auction Volunteers**—To arrange for items to be picked up directly from your home or business, or to be an auction volunteer (set-up, ticket sales or clean-up) please contact the high school's main office, or call (908) 754-6461.

► **Auction Ticket Sales**—For ticket info, contact Pat Fabino (908) 757-6843.

► **Empty Wicker Baskets**—We are in need of empty wicker baskets (in good condition). If you have any, please contact the SPHS main office.

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# Sports

## RECREATION WRESTLING Submitted by Joe Sacco



### Recreation Wrestlers Fall to Branchburg, Win at Kenilworth

This past Saturday the South Plainfield Recreation Raritan Valley League wrestling team dropped a 49-27 decision to Branchburg. The young Tigers were leading 27-19, but with few wrestlers at the upper weights they were forced to forfeit five bouts giving Branchburg an easy 30 points.

Winning by a pin for South Plainfield were Tommy Fierro and Desmond Santos. David Loniewski scored a technical fall, outscoring his opponent 17-1 while Joseph Sacco, Kyle Davisson and Dion Pender won by decision.

On Sunday the Tigers traveled to Kenilworth to participate in the 10th

Annual Pee Wee/Bantam Tournament. Seventeen wrestlers placed in the top eight in their respective weight classes. Winning championships were David Loniewski, Tommy Fierro, Jake Giordano and Kyle Bythell.

Second place finishes went to Jordan Hamberg, Joseph Anesh and Joseph Sacco. Placing third were Harrison Anesh, Alex Amato and Michael Marrero. Fourth place went to Brandon Cangialosi, fifth place to Divon Pender and sixth place to Dylan Kolvites, Tommy Sikanowicz and Mitchell McKee. Finishing up in the 7/8 spot were Conner Schunk and Peter Marotta.

## By Gary Lampasona

### JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Congratulations to all managers and coaches selected for the spring season!

**Small Fry C:** Greg Hoffman/Steve Giordano, Andy Bythell/Joe O'Conner, Rich Plate/Dave Cieszkiewicz, Mike Salici/Bill Stanken, Joe Scrudato/Tim Nagel, John Wizda/Adams, John Smith/Joe Penyak, Don Whalen/Steve Marston and John Aleksandrowicz/Steve Kolodziej.

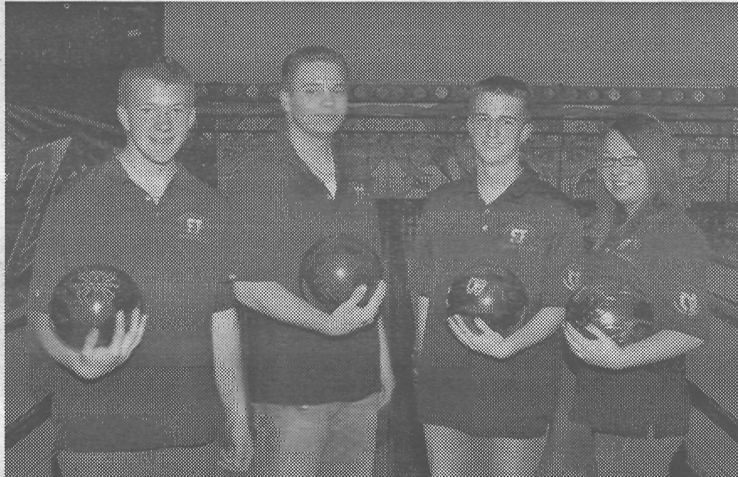
**Small Fry B:** Brian Csobor/Ed Kobilis, Gary Lampasona/Leo Appolloni, Glenn Cullen/Gary Marks, Dave Maszczak/Bob Gillis, Scott Waters/Gary Rohrer, Joe Scarpetto/Glenn Graves, Jim Duhamel/Rick Marcovecchio, John Pellegrino/Tom Scalera, Ed Eggert/Bill Rickert. **Small Fry A:** Tom Scalera/Mark Resende, John Polizzano/Bob Eggert, Chris Hurst/Charlie Gruver, Norm Chadwick/John Hart and Tom Berry/Max Waldrop.

The selection process for Pony A and Pony B has not been completed. Prospective managers and coaches will be notified after completion. Selection as a manager and coach carries great importance to the development of our youth—to teach the fundamentals and skills of baseball and to build their character as good sports. Working together will make it happen.

See you at the managers' meetings later this month.

## SPHS BOWLING

Submitted by Ralph Fech



Good luck to the bowling team seniors who will be moving on (L-R): Ryan Pauls, Chris Esposito, Keven Reviello and Katie Yon.

### GMC Playoffs

### Lady Tigers Bow to East Brunswick

2	(14) South Plainfield	787	878
0	(3) East Brunswick	932	990

The third seeded Bears, a runner-up to Woodbridge in the Red Division, were too much for the inspired Tigers as they swept both games with a super performance. Both teams bowled over their average in the high scoring match.

Gina Curcio took high game honors with a 199 game, followed by Jackie Kukuch's 184 and Katie Yon's 182 game. Also chipping in were Lyndsey Murtagh with a 170 game and Kelly Pauls with games of 168 and 169.

The Lady Tigers completed their dual match season with a (9-9-2) record against many of the best competitive teams in the state.

### Tigers Edged by Powerhouse East Brunswick

2	(14) South Plainfield	982	993
0	(3) East Brunswick	1090	1052

The 14th seeded Tigers gave East Brunswick a run for their money, applying pressure instead of feeling it, but the talent heavy third seeded Bears prevailed in the closing frames.

The Tigers were led by Chris Esposito's 255 and 196, Jeff Pryor's 202 and 214 and Mike Dandola's 233 game. Chipping in were Kevin Reviello with 178 and 183 games and Dylan Papa with a 177 game.

**Side Note:** Ryan Pauls was not a factor in the match as his bowling ball was eaten up by the automatic pinsetter. It's true, but that's the breaks.

### CJ Group II

### Tigers Bowlers Fifth in the State Sectionals

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The hot-shooting Tigers, on a two week hot streak, picked a bad time to post their low series; a 2,779 pin count, and failed to qualify for the NJSIAA State Finals. A low 867 third game all but sealed their fate as the Tigers were in contention for the two qualifying spots.

Mike Dandola led the scoring with games of 235-199-181 for a 616 set and teammate Ryan Pauls added 174-247-163 for a 584 set.

Chipping in were Jeff Pryor with games of 212 and 547, Chris Esposito with a 193 game and 544 set, Kevin Reviello rolled a 173 and Dylan Papa recorded 163 game.

Ewing and Wall Township were the two qualifiers from Central Jersey Group II. The boys completed their dual match season with a record of (10-8-2) in a league comprised of many champions.

## Middle School Wrestlers Win League Tourney

### Ashnault, Painton, Heilmann, Whalen Bring Home Gold

The South Plainfield Middle School Wrestling Team completed a nearly perfect season by winning the New Jersey Grade School League Tournament last Sunday. The team finished the season 18-1, with its only loss coming against Phillipsburg's Garnet team. The young Tigers were able to avenge this loss by outscoring Phillipsburg 227-215 in the league tournament to win the conference championship.

Anthony Ashnault started things off at the 75 lb. weight class with a pin, a decision and a technical fall in the finals for his first place finish. He was followed by Dylan Painton at 80 lbs., who recorded two pins and a decision for his championship win. At 90 lbs., Troy Heilmann cruised into the finals

by pinning his first two opponents before pulling out a 5-4 overtime win for his first place finish and at 107 lbs. Scott Whalen strung together three decisions enroute to winning his gold medal.

Finishing in second place at 112 was Corey Stasenka. Placing third were Kyle Brady, Tyler Hunt and Mike Molinaro. Fourth place went to Christian Cooper; fifth place to Tyler Cal-

derone; seventh place to Dylan Dorey and eighth place to Andrew Sanchez, Alex Lundy and Anthony Torchia.

In the JV tournament that same day, the young Tigers had six wrestlers place in the top four. Both Ryan Walsh and Ray Jazikoff pinned their way to first place finishes. Bobby Kolvites, Nick Graves and Frank Malecki came in second while Jake Seider finished fourth.

### Register Saturday for Eagles Football, Cheer

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer will hold registration for the 2008 season on Saturday, Feb. 16 and Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Eagles Fieldhouse on Kenneth Avenue.

Registration is for boys and girls between the ages of five and 13 (must be five by July 31, 2008).

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## Obituaries

### Edvin Medina, 35

Edvin Medina died tragically on Tuesday, Feb. 5 in Brattleboro, Vt. Born in Guatemala, Edvin resided in South Plainfield.

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

### Charles M. Danyus, 89

Charles M. Danyus died on Monday, Feb. 11 in the Haven Hospice Unit of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, Charles had resided in South Plainfield for a few years before settling in North Plainfield in 1952. He was a long-time active member of North Plainfield Senior Citizens.

He began his employment with General Motors in Linden on the assembly line. He later assisted with the training of women during the assembly and tooling at the Linden plant for World War II. Deciding to enlist in the United States Army in 1943, Charles served as a sergeant in the motor pool while stationed in Hawaii. Upon his discharge in 1946, he resumed his career with GM as supply manager, before retiring after 38 years.

Charles was a master gardener and landscaper for many of the large estates in Plainfield. He also was an excellent woodworker who learned many of his skills from his G.I. bill training. Boxing in his youth, Charles will also be remembered for his talents as a dancer.

His beloved wife, Celeste (Santoro), died in January of 2006. He was also predeceased by four sisters, Angie Sellino, Louise Mandella, Helen Valentenuzzi, Jennie Rielli and a brother, Henry.

Surviving are two nieces, Celeste Lloyd and Theresa Wright; a sister, Mary Veltri; a brother, Nick; a brother and sister-in-law, Mike and Rose Santoro and numerous nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the North Plainfield Senior Citizens, 263 Somerset St., North Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

### Katherine (Melillo) Taglialatella, 100

Katherine (Melillo) Taglialatella died on Saturday, Feb. 9 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Potenza, Italy on Sept. 14, 1907, she immigrated to the United States in 1910 and resided in Jersey City and South Plainfield before moving to New York City in 1934. She returned to New Jersey in 1952 and resided in Dunellen for several years before moving to Piscataway in 1957 with her daughter and son-in-law.

Katherine was a communicant of Saint John The Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Dunellen.

She worked as a seamstress for Bruno's and Roth's Dress Companies in South Plainfield and for several other dress and shirt manufacturing companies in Bound Brook, Manville and New Brunswick before retiring in 1969.

Katherine was a special example to all of her family and friends—morally, ethically and spiritually. She was a great cook and enjoyed reading. Her greatest joy was spending time with her family. Her grandchildren will miss their "Nanny" in addition to all those who knew her as "Grandma Tag."

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Ralph, who passed away in 1955; her parents, Frank and Rachel Melillo; two brothers and sisters-in-laws, Nicholas and Rose Melillo and Charles and Theresa Melillo; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Steve Marino, Vivian and Tony Palmeri, Anna and Paul Stabile and Jenny (Caiola) and Bert Briggs.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Catherine and Anthony D' Ovidio; a son and daughter-in-law, Dominic and Sally Taglialatella; nine grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren in addition to several nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made to The Garden Academy for Autistic Children, P.O. Box 299, West Orange, N.J. 07052 or Saint John Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 317 First St., Dunellen, N.J. 08812.

## South Plainfield Girl Scouting

Breakfast is served! The South Plainfield Girl Scouts and the South Plainfield Elks are teaming up again to hold their second annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue. They'll be serving eggs to order, sausage, bacon, pancakes, french toast and more. Tickets are available at the door. Seniors \$5, adults \$6, children (ages 3 through 12) \$4 and children under 2 are free. We look forward to seeing you there!

Last fall, Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts and younger children in the borough were invited to the South Plainfield Public Library for an author visit highlighting "Pearl the Pink Dolphin" by Tony Guzzi, a story about a dolphin who discovered that being

herself is the best thing to do! Tony read the story and lead a group discussion. Thanks to Brownie Leader Stacie Marish and Children's Librarian Linda Hansen for making this visit possible.

In the midst of a cold winter, Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts enjoyed a warm swim at the JCC/YMCA in Edison. Nearly 70 Girls participated in our annual swim party.

Members of Brownie Troop 883 welcomed the holidays with a "Destination Unknown" trip on the Polar Express Train ride where they would end up was a surprise until the very day of the trip. Dressed in their pajamas, they rode a beautifully decorated, antique, double-decker rail car to the North Pole where Santa boarded. He visited with the children while the story of the Polar Express was read to all. After receiving a gift, cookies and hot cocoa, the train returned home through snow covered woods. The

holiday lights throughout the train and on the homes outside were a spectacle to behold!

It's cookie time again! Girls have been taking cookie orders since January 1. They are delicious. You will be seeing us around town starting in mid-March, selling outside of local businesses. Check out our new Cinna-Spins 100 calorie packs! Thank you to all the individuals and businesses that support Girl Scouting in our community by allowing us to sell at your establishment. If you don't know a Girl Scout, you can call (908) 232-3236 to place an order.

New girls are always welcome. For info, call (908) 232-3236 for referral. Adults, consider joining us as adult volunteers—no girl scout required!

South Plainfield is one of 25 communities proudly served by Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc. The Council enthusiastically delivers the optimal Girl Scout experience to over 11,000 girls and adults.

## Day Camp Open House on February 20

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council will hold a Day Camp Open House on Wednesday, Feb. 20 from 6-8 p.m. The open house will give campers and their parents a perfect opportunity to meet with camp staff and see what Girl Scout Summer Day Camp is all about. The event will

be held at GSWRC's Council Service Center located at 201 Grove Street East in Westfield. No reservations are required and the event is free of charge.

Located at Westminster Academy in Elizabeth, Camp Juliette will begin on July 7 and last until July 30, running three-one week sessions and one

three-day session to close things out. Staged at the Jerseyland Community Center in Scotch Plains, Camp Sinawik will get underway on July 7 and last until August 8, holding five one-week sessions. Each week at camp is based on a single theme including fashion, time travel, the arts and more. In addition, girls will be able to play games, try different sports, experience nature education, make new friends and bond with their counselors all within a safe and secure environment.

For information on attending the open house or becoming an employee, contact Melissa Boronkas at (908) 232-3236, ext. 1212, E-mail mboronkas@gswrc.com or visit our Web site at [www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts](http://www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts).

## Brownies Learn Health and Safety

Over 200 Brownies from throughout the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock's 25-community jurisdiction descended upon the First Presbyterian Church for Brownie Health and Safety Try-It Day on February 2. The event was capably organized and executed by the council's program department with assistance from Girl Scout troops and individuals as well as experts in their respective fields who generously parted with their time to make the day a rousing success.

The safety sense try-it featured presentations by Sue Driscoll of Children's Specialized Hospital, Laurie Stone of the Red Cross and Lt. Rob-

ert Eichhorn of the Roselle Fire Department. The Eat Right, Stay Healthy Try-It entailed learning about the different food groups as well as making paper pizzas and much more. All in attendance had a great time while learning how to stay safe and eat right in a relaxed and supportive environment.

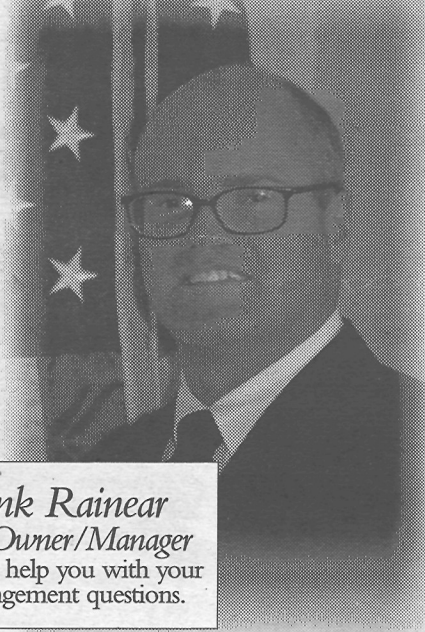
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## South Plainfield Curves Named Shining Star Club

Curves, the world's largest franchiser of fitness clubs, today announced that the South Plainfield Curves has earned its prestigious Shining Star club designation. This recognition is given to clubs that meet rigorous standards in their business practices, service quality and adherence to the Curves methods.

"At the heart of the Shining Star program lies a desire to provide a consistent experience at every Curves location," said Director of Training Janell Gilman.

"Members expect to receive the same great quality and service no matter where they go, and the Shining Star program will enable us to provide that."

Clubs applying for Shining Star status must complete a lengthy checklist of items in a number of different categories, and then submit it to their area director. Shining Star Club status is



Curves, located on Plainfield Avenue, celebrated their 4th anniversary last Saturday by hosting an open house. Curves owners Elissa and Jerri welcome guests Chris Wood, Erica Lightfoot, Amani Tolbert, Roslyn Lightfoot, Holly Weakly and Rohini Suri.

given only after all documentation is reviewed and approved by corporate. "Becoming a Shining Star Club wasn't easy," said Elissa and Jerri, Curves franchise owners. "But the process helped us to identify areas where we would improve and also highlighted areas where we were already excelling. We are proud to be a Curves Shining Star club."

Shining Star clubs receive many benefits from the designation, including window decals, Website identification, use of the Shining Star logo in their advertising, staff ID pins and special recognition at corporate events.

Programs are available to franchises to help them become Shining Star Clubs, including the Mentor Retainer program and the 2-Day Tune-up.

"Those clubs that provide excellent service while observing impeccable business standards deserve to be recognized for their efforts," said Gilman. "Our goal is for every Curves to be a Shining Star Club."

route in 2006 and engineers had "also reached the same conclusions that I have," said Lt. Murtagh in the study.

"I am still very supportive of the new truck route and will continue to fight to keep it in place," said Butrico. "After reviewing the truck traffic analysis, I am happy to see that the percentage of accidents to the number of trucks traveling through the Borough has actually dropped. We are seeing less accidents even though the trucks are travelling further. That tells me that the new route is actually safer than the previous one. Additionally, we are keeping trucks away from heavily populated areas and especially away from Roosevelt School and where there is a lot of pedestrian foot traffic." He continued, "Going forward I will continue to push to get the New Market Extension completed to clean up that intersection to allow for smoother traffic movement."

Hall's Warehouse Corp. is also proposing to construct a new 500,000 square foot building on Kentile Road in the future which will add even more trucks to Borough roads.

Take the Observer's Web poll at [www.spsobserver.com](http://www.spsobserver.com), and voice your opinion on whether trucks should be allowed back on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue.

## Truck Study Raises Concerns

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Murtagh calls a "build out figure of 5% yearly" based on information from a Helen Street Project traffic study done in 1998 of 1,025 commercial vehicles traveling through the borough each day. He is now estimating that nearly 1,537 commercial vehicles drive through the borough on a daily basis.

In newly appointed Council President Rob Bengivenga's public address at the January 5 Reorganization meeting, he expressed his displeasure of the current truck route along New Market Avenue citing "safety issues" and his desire to see trucks back on their previous direct route.

Lt. Murtagh's report recommends that the DOT do a "full investigation of the truck route" as the Borough has not addressed any of the safety concerns raised in Sequeira's report. "It is my interpretation that Title 40 requires that any truck route receive DOT approval," says Lt. Murtagh. "The crash analysis definitively shows that the new truck route has caused a significant increase in truck crashes along roadways that trucks are now lawfully bound to travel. This fact, along with the deficiencies listed, clearly point to the conclusion that the new truck route should be abolished." The N.J. Motor Truck Association commissioned a study of the truck

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**508. Fences and Walls.** No wall, fence or hedge in a residential district shall be erected or altered so that said wall, fence or hedge shall be over four (4) feet in height in the required principal front yard, nor more than six (6) feet in height in the required side, rear or secondary front yard starting at the rear of the structure. Front yard fences shall be restricted to open mesh material with no slats and are required to meet the provision of Section 509, Obstructions to Vision at Intersections. Fences in business and industrial zones shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height. No spite fences or walls shall be permitted. No material shall be used in any fence that would pose a safety hazard.

Block 152, Lot 96, 2016 Perry Street.

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

Any interested party may appear at the hearing and present any objections to granting the relief requested.

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2007-08  
**JUNIOR JOURNALIST**

**Olivia George Named Junior Journalist!**



**Junior Journalist winner Olivia George with Principal Kelly Richkus and teacher Cynthia Severino.**

Olivia George, Kennedy School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Hometown Heros-South Plainfield *Observer* sponsored 2007-08 Junior Journalist Contest for her poem, "I'm Sick, I'm Sick."

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

Open to all school-aged children in South Plainfield, The Junior Jour-

nalist Contest is a weekly program promoting the art of writing.

Students can submit their original poetry, articles, opinion pieces or essays to their English teachers, who will submit them to the *Observer*.

If you have any questions, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010, stop by Hometown Heros, located at 340 Hamilton Blvd. or call them at (908) 755-4376.

**I'm Sick, I'm Sick**

*By Olivia George*

Did you hear?  
That I'm sick!  
I nearly have  
2,000 ticks!  
I'm sick! I'm sick!  
Please help me quick!  
I think I have a toothache!  
Or, it just might be a bellyache!  
Did you hear?  
It's not a BIG MISTAKE!!!  
I'm sick! I'm sick!  
Oh, help me please!  
Good grief? I think I have the fleas.  
I'm sick! I'm sick!  
...HELP ME QUICK!!!  
I don't want to go to school today,  
But I have to do it anyway!



**The annual Sacred Heart fish fry drew a large crowd last Friday evening. The fish fry will be held every Friday during Lent.**

**policereport**

- On February 5 CVS on Plainfield Avenue reported that two males left the store without paying for \$400 worth of Redken hair products.
- On February 6 the Gulf Station on Stelton Road reported that two males in a Mitsubishi Eclipse left without paying for \$40 worth of gas.
- A Jerome Avenue resident reported that the steering column plastic had been popped in their unlocked vehicle.
- On February 7 a New Durham Road resident reported that two people had entered his home through a sliding glass door and ran out when he came down the stairs.
- A Mahar Avenue resident reported that the driver's side window had been smashed with a rock while

- parked in the high school parking lot.
- The American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue reported the theft of eight 15-gallon aluminum beer kegs.
- On February 8 Asion W. Harris, 18, of South Plainfield, along with Kashif Julius Murphy, 21 and Trevor S. Parrish, 19, both of Plainfield, were arrested at the VFW for disorderly conduct.
- Solomon L. Kitnurse, 44, of Plainfield was arrested for eluding a police officer, no registration or insurance.
- Sherban's Diner on Hamilton Boulevard reported that the netting over a fence in the rear of the property had been removed.
- A Meadow Terrace resident reported the theft of a carbon fiber

**Rape Crisis Center Seeks Volunteers**

The Middlesex County Public Health Department Rape Crisis Intervention Center is looking for residents who are 18 years of age and older to volunteer as confidential sexual violence advocates. Advocates are needed to provide support to survivors of sexual violence via their 24-hour hotline and during medical and legal accompaniments. Volunteers will undergo a mandatory 50 hour training period which will begin at the end of February and continue through the beginning of April.

Anyone interested can contact the Middlesex County Public Health Department's Rape Crisis Intervention Center at (732) 321-1189, ext. 321 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

trunk, car radio and dashboard from their vehicle.

- On February 10 Blanca R. Reyes, 49, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- James Ray Stanley, 32, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- On February 11 Tomas Guardado, 53, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Jay C. Leahy, 22, of South Plainfield was arrested at CVS on Oak Tree Road for shoplifting a bottle of St. John's Wort vitamins.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL NOTICE**

Take notice that application has been made to the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield for a hearing to be held on February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 to permit the place to place transfer of the Plenary Retail Consumption License #1222-33-018-002 heretofore issued to Normans Bar & Grill Inc. at South Plainfield, Inc. dba Kc's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 to include the premises located at 100 Oak Tree Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The person who will hold an interest in this license is Walter Kurlew, Normans Bar & Grill Inc. dba Kc's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The applicant intends to engage in the retail sale of alcoholic beverages at Normans Bar & Grill Inc., dba Kc's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 under the terms and conditions allowed by law.

Objections if any should be made immediately in writing to: Vincent Buttiglieri, Borough Clerk at 2480

Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080 or Director Division of Alcoholic Beverages Control.

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\$89.00 February 8 & 15, 2008

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE No. 1806**

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

**Ordinance #1806 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS EMPLOYEES AND THE METHOD OF COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2011** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ATTEST:**  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.70 February 15, 2008

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE No. 1793A**

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

**Ordinance #1793A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1793, REGULATING THE OPERATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES, MORE SPECIFICALLY AT THE INTERSECTION OF DURHAM AVENUE AND HAMILTON BOULEVARD** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 15, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1793A**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATIONS OF THE OPERATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

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

Section 1. That the intersection of Durham Avenue with Hamilton Boulevard shall be controlled by a Traffic Control Signal in accordance with the plan bearing the date of March 2007, and revised January 9, 2008.

Section 2. That the Traffic Signal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and the New Jersey Administrative Code, and SHALL BE OPERATED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE DESIGNATED PLAN.

Section 3. That all prior ordinances or resolutions or portions thereof of the Borough of South Plainfield inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

Section 4. That this ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law and upon the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

Section 5. That if any clause, section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 6. When the ordinance is finally adopted, the Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield is to send a certified copy to Douglas R. Bartlett, manager, Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Investigations, NJ Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 613, Trenton, NJ 08625-0613

**ATTEST:**  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$79.80 February 15, 2008

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE No. 1808**

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

**Ordinance #1808 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 451, LOT 3, FROM EDITH FANTAUZZO** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 15, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ORDINANCE No. 1808**

**EXPLANATION:** This Ordinance authorizes the Borough of South Plainfield to accept a donation of real property identified as Block 451, Lot 3, from Edith Fantauzzo.

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 451, LOT 3, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FROM EDITH FANTAUZZO.**

**WHEREAS,** John Fantauzzo, deceased, owns in fee simple certain lands in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey, identified as Block 451, Lot 3 on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield, and located along Newark Street, which is currently undeveloped (the "Property"); and

**WHEREAS,** Edith Beniston Fantauzzo, last known devisee of John Fantauzzo, notified the Borough of South Plainfield of her desire to donate the Property to the Borough; and

**WHEREAS,** the donation would consist of the entire Property, along with any and all improvements located thereon; and

**WHEREAS,** the donation has been reviewed and approved by the Borough Economic Committee; and

**WHEREAS,** the Borough of South Plainfield is a governmental entity qualified to receive and accept the donation of real property pursuant to Local Laws and Buildings Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-1, et seq. ("LLBL"); and

**WHEREAS,** the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield finds it to be in the best interest of the Borough to accept the donated Property from Ms. Fantauzzo;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. Pursuant to the terms of the LLBL, specifically, N.J.S.A. 40A:12-5(a), the Borough of South Plainfield hereby accepts the donation of the Property from Edith Beniston Fantauzzo.

2. The Borough Attorney is hereby authorized to prepare any and all documents required to effectuate the transfer of the Property by way of donation from Ms. Fantauzzo to the Borough.

3. The Mayor and Borough Clerk are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents required for the acceptance of the donated Property.

4. The Borough Clerk is directed to forward the any and all executed original documents effectuating the transfer of the Property to the Clerk of the County of Middlesex for recording therewith.

3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its adoption and publication according to law.

**ATTEST:**  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$95.00 February 15, 2008

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT**

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Cecibal Rios

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCafferty & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center; 701 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-12 is plaintiff, and Aurelio Rios and Luzaro Soto is/are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-35419-07 within thirty-five (35) days after February 15, 2008 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (i) foreclosing a mortgage dated June 06, 2006, made by Aurelio Rios as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for America's Wholesale Lender recorded on June 15, 2006, for Middlesex County in Book 11622, Page 225 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-12, by Assignment which has been sent for recording; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 218 Market St., Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7600.

YOU, Cecibal Rios, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a child support judgment entered by you against Aurelio Rios in Superior Court of New Jersey on October 4, 2004 known as Judgment No. J-265012-2004 and Case No. CS 132255 12A to secure a debt amount that varies from date to date, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

**Theodore J. Fetter**  
Theodore J. Fetter, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey

\$87.20 February 15, 2008

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE 1809**

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

**Ord. 1809 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE ON A PORTION OF HANCOCK STREET BETWEEN NEW MARKET AVENUE AND BLOCK 329, LOTS 13 AND 14** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, February 15, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1809**

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE PARKING, STOPPING AND STANDING OF ANY MOTOR VEHICLE ON THE PORTION OF HANCOCK STREET BETWEEN NEW MARKET AVENUE AND BLOCK 329, LOT 13 AND 14 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.**

**WHEREAS,** the Borough Traffic Safety Bureau has completed a study regarding the hazardous parking conditions along the easterly side of Hancock Street, and recommends that a parking prohibition be placed on the easterly side of Hancock Street from New Market Avenue to the driveway to the property located at Lots 13 and 14 in Block 329 in the Borough of South Plainfield, which is approximately 131 feet north of New Market Avenue; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex and State of New Jersey as follows:

1. The parking, stopping and standing of any motor vehicle is prohibited at the following location within the Borough of South Plainfield:

Name of Street	Sides	Time Applicability	Location
Hancock Street	East	At All Times	From the intersection of New Market Avenue to the driveway entrance to Lots 13 and 14 in Block 329

2. All signs, posts, bolts, or other necessary materials shall be installed and paid for by the applicant. Work shall be checked by the South Plainfield Police Department to insure installations meet state and federal specifications, and all signing shall conform to the current Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 39:4-198 and N.J.S.A. 39:4-183.27.

3. If any article, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance and they shall remain in full force and effect.

4. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of this Ordinance and any prior ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield, the provisions hereof shall be determined to govern. All other parts, portions and provisions of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield are hereby ratified and confirmed, except where inconsistent with the terms hereof.

5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage, publication according to law and upon approval of the same by the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey.

6. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to submit a certified copy of the within Ordinance to the Commissioner of Transportation of the State of New Jersey immediately upon passage.

**ATTEST:**  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$117.80 February 15, 2008

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

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE No. 1807**

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

**Ordinance #1807 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR USE OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD COMMUNITY POOL FOR THE YEAR 2008** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ATTEST:**  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.70 February 15, 2008