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Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron will hold budget presentations on the following dates:

- March 31 Grant School Library 7 p.m.
- April 7 Franklin School Library, 7 p.m.
- April 8 Kennedy School Library, 7 p.m.

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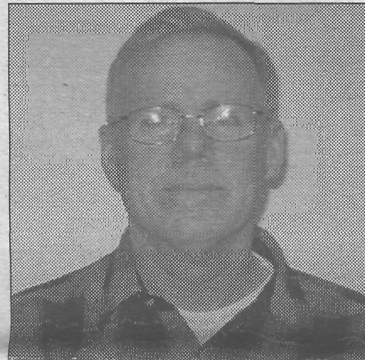
Four Candidates Vie For Three BOE Seats



Steve Bohn



Carol Byrne



Tim Morgan



Sharon Miller

Four candidates are in the running for the three open Board of Education positions in the Tuesday, April 15 election. This year's candidates are incumbents Carol Byrne and Tim Morgan, former board member Steve Bohn and Sharon Miller. Both Bohn and Miller were also contenders in last year's election. Board President Jeff Seider is not seeking reelection.

Carol Byrne, who is seeking her sixth term, has served on the Board of Education for 15 years for three separate terms, from 1978 to 1987, 1995 to 1998 and 2005 to 2008. She also served as board president twice. Byrne and husband Gerald have two daughters, both graduates of SPHS. Daughters Kristen of Long Valley is a production coordinator for NJJN (NJ Jewish News) and Meredith, the owner of the graphic design shop, Garden Variety Designs, is married and lives in Cambridge, Mass.

Byrne has been a member or chairman of every BOE committee and currently heads the building and grounds committee. In that capacity, she is very aware of the needs of the aging schools in the district including the original Roosevelt School, now housing the school board administration offices, Future Stars and the preschool handicapped program.

in the budget is a reserve fund set aside for building needs. "We created accounts in a reserve fund to handle the building needs," Byrne said.

Former Board member Steve Bohn has served four terms. He has also held the position of board president and vice president. Bohn is a sheriff's officer for Middlesex County with 20 years of law enforcement experience. As a board member, he was concerned with the maintenance of the buildings and the security of students. Bohn and wife, Dorothea, a district substitute caller and a paralegal, have three daughters, Jessica in middle school, Jamie in Grant School and Stephanie in Franklin School.

Bohn wants to see cameras installed in both the high school and middle school to heighten the security in both buildings. Although the district has installed a system locking school doors where visitors must be buzzed-in thus creating a more secure environment for each school, Bohn wants more security in the middle school and high school.

Bohn says that if there was a central camera system and a problem arose, the camera's video could be re-run to pinpoint the location of an intruder. He also believes that cameras would provide a deterrent for negative behavior. "Maybe they [the kids] would think twice before they pushed another kid," he said. "It's a tool for teachers, administrators and law enforcement and a definite safety issue." Bohn claims the money for security cameras was allocated this year, but never used.

Incumbent board member Tim Morgan is seeking his third term. Morgan and his wife, Ann, have a son and a daughter who are SPHS graduates. He is a funeral director for Flynn & Son

of Perth Amboy. He is also a former member of the borough's Zoning Board of Adjustment. Morgan has served on the Transportation Committee for five of the six years of his term. During this time he has also been a member of the borough's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission and as BOE liaison and had been working to improve traffic patterns

at Grant School and the middle school. Morgan has also been chair of the Policy Committee and proposed retaining the services of a company that would create a computerized program to make it easier to update district policies on a yearly basis and be available on the Internet.

Sharon Miller is the only candidate (Continued on page 8)

School Board Names Business Administrator

By Libby Barsky

After announcing the resignation of Interim Business Administrator George Sarnoff at its regular meeting on March 19, the Board of Education appointed Richard A. Guarini as business administrator/board secretary.

When Donna Tolley resigned that position in November, Sarnoff was hired until a replacement could be found.

Guarini will be leaving Milltown, where he has been business administrator for five years, and officially start in South Plainfield on May 20 at a yearly salary of \$127,500 (prorated). Guarini, who graduated from Rutgers University with a master's degree, earned his CPA (Certified Public Accountant) degree and began his career in private industry with a transportation corporation



Richard A. Guarini

before working as a business administrator in Hamilton Township and Piscataway.

With the resignation of Sarnoff, effective March 28, Superintendent of Schools Jose Negron will be adding the position of Acting Business Administrator to his duties. Other business administrator/board secretary duties were

dispersed to other administrators. Fred Oberkehr, assistant superintendent for instruction and operations, will be acting board secretary and acting custodian of school records and Lori Tirone will be acting food service representative, public agency compliance officer and affirmative action officer for equity in employment practices.

Sarnoff will be retained as business office consultant at \$75 an hour on an as-needed basis.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Meet the candidates for the upcoming school board elections at Candidates' Night on Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at Kennedy Elementary School on Norwood Avenue. Acting Municipal Clerk Joann Graf will moderate. Each candidate will have two minutes for both opening and closing statements, as well as two minutes to answer questions. Audience may submit questions on index cards that will be distributed. The moderator will have the option to discard any questions she feels are inappropriate. Refreshments will be served. Can't make it? The event will be aired on Comcast Channel 74 on Saturday, April 5 and 12 at 8:30 p.m.

Get a Taste of Wit and Wisdom This Sunday

The South Plainfield Historical Society has scheduled the program, "Mark Twain: Wit and Wisdom" for Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

Producer/director/actor David G. Kennedy's fully memorized one-man show brings to life one of America's greatest literary icons. Dressed in a characteristic white suit and white wig, Kennedy slips into the persona of the alter ego of Samuel Clemens to present selections that include

"My Best Friend, the Poet," "How I Reached 70" and "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County."

Clemens was born on November 30, 1835 in the small town of Florida, Mo. The family moved to the growing port city of Hannibal on the banks of the Mississippi four years later. Clemens, a sickly child, watched the steam boats arriving day and night from St. Louis and New Orleans.

When Clemens was 12, his father (Continued on page 9)



David G. Kennedy in his one man show, "Mark Twain: Wit and Wisdom."

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ANNUAL BULK PICKUP

The Borough's annual bulk pickup is scheduled to begin on April 7 in District 1. For a complete schedule of pickups, see next week's issue.

IN MY OPINION

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

South Plainfield Residents:

As a member of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees, I attended the council meeting on March 10, when the councilmen voted four (Republican) to two (Democrat) to place the building of a new library on the Democracy Day ballot. It was brought up at that meeting by a former councilwoman, some members of the present council, and the CFO, that taxes will not be increased by the building of a new library. To put it simply, the borough has some bonds that are double what is being asked for a new library that will be paid off prior to securing bonds to build a new library. To equate this to your household accounts, if you have paid off a car loan, you would certainly have money budgeted if at the end of the car loan, you took out a load to purchase a new refrigerator. The following is my presentation to the council that evening:

"I am speaking this evening as a member of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees. I am respectfully requesting that you place the construction of the new library out for bid and not place it on the Democracy Day ballot. The project for building a new library has been in different development stages for approximately three years. The Library Board would not have even undertaken this task if we had not been guaranteed by the South Plainfield Council, Mayor, and Chief Financial Officer

that it was a feasible and lucrative idea, since other bonds incurred by South Plainfield were coming to closure. The citizens of South Plainfield overwhelmingly have supported the idea of a new library. This project should not be the pawn held in abeyance because of political conflicts or disagreements. It doesn't matter which party is in control, a new library is for the future development and educational structure of this town and thus placing South Plainfield into the 21st century. The present library is much too small for our developing community. Not everyone has a computer or access to the Internet. The library provides that service. Not everyone can afford to take their children on trips around the world. But story time at the library does take the young minds of our children on numerous trips through books and stories. It provides an interest in learning. There are many services provided to the citizens through inter-library loans, computer and Internet accessibility, income tax information, general information, talking books, videos, DVD's, CD's, historical information about South Plainfield, and the list can go on and on. But what detracts from these benefits is the present library is too small. When the personnel committee of the Library Board meets to discuss personnel issues that must be discussed in private, we meet in a cramped office with no space to write, or must close the children's library so

that we can keep confidentiality. It was the intention that by building a new library, the present library building would be used by the Borough to alleviate some of the overcrowded conditions that now exist at Borough Hall. Some departments can be moved into the building. So far almost one million dollars has been spent toward the new library by either the Borough or the Library Board. If a new building is not erected almost \$300,000 would have to be returned to the Library Board. I understand that part of the \$80,000 that was slated for handicap accessibility will be used for handicapped curbs on Sampton Avenue. As a teacher of both physically and mentally challenged students for thirty nine years, I am extremely happy that money is being used to help our physically challenged citizens. If you feel that changing the curbs are important, then it is just as important to offer our physically challenged citizens a library whereby they do not have to worry about limited handicap accessibility. The present library has no elevator for the physically limited to reach the upper level, is much too crowded with stacks, furniture, patronage, children, CD racks, computers, and so on for easy accessibility. Why even to return a book, a physically challenged citizen must hope that he can find a parking space and walk into the library to return the item. With the new library, such a person wouldn't even have to get out of his car [drive up window]. There is a saying that the schools reflect society. I consider a public library as important since our founding fathers of the United States advocated for public libraries and public schools for this country. A library in South Plainfield should also reflect its society. Will that reflection show a crowded, small library lying in the political arguments of what Democrats did or what Republicans said, or will the reflection be one of a modern library which will provide a cultural entity for its citizens, meeting space for its civic groups, 21st century technology, and accessibility for all? Gentlemen, the educational development of this community lies in your hands. It is for this very reason the citizens have voted you in office..."

Residents of South Plainfield, please support the building of a new library.
**CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY,
MEMBER SOUTH PLAINFIELD
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To the Editor:

There is something about living in the town where you grew up and having friends come together and be there for you in a time of sorrow. My siblings and I recently lost our beloved mother, Filomena Cusanelli-Viola, following a brief hospitalization. I was deeply touched by the immediate out-

pouring of sympathy, friendship and assistance that was offered by nearly everyone who knew her.

Neighbors began arriving as soon as they received word of what had happened. As mom had been active in many community organizations, friends and acquaintances from all different clubs and groups began to contact us and came out to remember her. She still visited with a circle of her college friends and many of them came to see her, and one who could not sent a two page letter. Our friends and co-workers all were there with kind words, prayers and assistance. It is impossible to relate the depth of feeling that such kindnesses evoke under the circumstances but each and every one is gratefully remembered.

We have tried to keep up with acknowledgements to all who sent flowers, mass cards and donations to charitable organizations in her name. We would like to have responded to all the gifts but some came with only a name and no return address. In addition to these, if anyone was inadvertently overlooked, please know that every gesture was appreciated. We have received notification of donations to food banks, charities, and that trees will be planted in several states in her memory. Mom would have loved that.

We would like to thank Father John Alvarado of Sacred Heart Church, as well as both the cantor and organist/pianist, for a lovely and moving memorial service. The words and beautiful music were a fitting tribute and as we listened, we couldn't help but think about our mother's love of music.

It is also necessary to extend our appreciation to Franklin Rainear of South Plainfield Funeral Home, who handled every detail with care and concern and made a difficult time easier to bear.

Currently, it is with sadness that we remember mom. As time passes, it will be the family moments, the happy memories, the amusing anecdotes and a lifetime of memories that will stay with us.

Thank you to all who will remember her and were a part of her life.

**SINCERELY,
DONNA M. EGAN AND THE
CUSANELLI AND VIOLA FAMILIES**

Dear Residents of South Plainfield,

I am Tim Morgan, and I am seeking re-election to the South Plainfield Board of Education.

Over the past three years we have seen many accomplishments in our school district. We have made nice progress with our test scores, our fiscal house is in order, and we have restored some positions that were lost during the budget crunch. Our SAT scores are the highest they have ever been. We are on track with our five year curriculum review cycle and are current with the text books for each curricular area. These are the things

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that the Board of Education is all about for the almost 3,800 students under our care.

During this past year we saw the retirement of both our superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado, our Assistant Superintendent Kaye Crown, and the resignation of our business administrator. After an extensive search and interview process we hired Jose Negron as our new superintendent, a new assistant superintendent was promoted from within, and this past week we approved the hire of a new business administrator. Now that our central administration is in place I look forward to South Plainfield's continued rise in the Middlesex County school ranks.

As I look back over the past years and think of all the good things that have happened in our schools, I feel privileged to be part of the process. I respectfully ask for your vote on Line 4, and ask your support for Carol Byrne Line 3 and Sharon Miller Line 2 on Tuesday, April 15. Carol and I have worked hard and will continue to do so to make our school district the best it can be. I have known Sharon for a long time and believe she will be an asset to the Board of Education.

**THANK YOU,
TIM MORGAN**

Dear Editor,

We have all heard the expression "It's easy to talk the talk, but it takes guts to walk the walk." For two years Republican Council members Bengivena and Anesh complained that the council agenda and public meetings took place on the same night. They said the changes would open up government by holding the agenda meeting on one week and the public meeting the next. However, Mayor Buttrico observed that there was more input from the public when the meetings were held on the same evening.

Well, when the Bengivena/Anesh team took control this year, they "talked the talk" and scheduled agenda sessions on the first and third weeks of each month and the formal public meetings at the second and fourth meetings—public meetings are where formal actions should occur. As predicted by our Mayor, only a handful of citizens have attended the agenda

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Jaimie Donnelly

The topic of who will be our next president has been in the headlines for months. Media polls of who is the favored candidate change daily. With such a diverse selection of candidates to select from many voters are seeking further information. With dozens of books by and about the top contenders the library is a great stop for all information for voters.

The library has seven published books written by Republican Party candidate John McCain. These include two biographies, "Faith of My Fathers" and "Worth the Fighting For," in which he discusses his capture and time during the Vietnam War. McCain also wrote books about general characters and historical people who influenced him. These books include "Why Courage Matters the Way to a Better Life" and "Hard Call Great Decisions and the Extraordinary People That Made Them."

If the country's first female presidential candidate, former First Lady Senator Hillary Clinton, has caught your interest you should check out the library's collection of her three published books. Her biography, "Living History," is a good start to knowing Clinton in more depth. If child welfare and the future of our children is a topic on your list, then I suggest her book on the subject matter, "It Takes a Village and Other Lessons Children Teach Us." Lastly, Clinton is no stranger to the White House as she was First Lady to her husband, Bill. Prior to Clinton's last term she wrote a book about her stay titled, "An Invitation to the White House."

The youngest contender for the presidency is Senator Barack Obama. He has written two successful books including a biography, "Dreams From

My Father" and a book about political morals titled, "The Audacity of Hope." Five time presidential candidate for the Green Party, Ralph Nader, has written a large collection of books of which the library has two of his most popular selections, "The Ralph Nader Reader" and "Winning The Insurance Game."

The library has numerous upcoming free programs for the whole family. I suggest getting out your calendar right now and marking these down. For adults interested in learning how to paper marblize, join Nancy Leary on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. The program is free, but pre-registration is a must. We have two programs on Sunday, April 6. At 2 p.m. we will have sports historian and author Bob Golon talk about and sign his new book. Then at 3 p.m. Rekha Singh will teach children eight years and over and their parents on how to deal with stress. On Sunday, April 20 at 2 p.m. our favorite antiques appraiser, Alan Snyder, will be here. As always, no more than two items and it is on a first come, first serve basis. Finally on Wednesday, April 23 at 6 p.m. there will be a K-5 childrens program about whales, the ocean and littering. This program is free, but registration is a must.

Finally, our regularly scheduled childrens programs with Miss Linda and Miss Mija are on this week. For three year-olds and up join us for story and craft time on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Time for 2s & 3s are Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. For Books & Babies join us at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

For further information about our services, collections and programs, check us out on the Web at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Correction

In the March 21 *Observer*, the story about Pat Vargo, the first paragraph should have read, "Pat came to South Plainfield in 1955. She is the mother of four children Tom, John, Jim and Kathleen. Sadly Jim (her son), passed away in his 27th year from a vicious cancer." We regret the error.



Mayor Charles Butrico presents a plaque to Mary Stevens, president of the South Plainfield Chapter AARP #4144 and several original members.

South Plainfield AARP Celebrates 20 Years

On March 10, South Plainfield Chapter AARP #4144 celebrated their 20th year of incorporation at the South Plainfield Senior Center during their regular monthly meeting. Mayor Charles Butrico presented a plaque to Mary Stevens, president of the local chapter, along with several original members who were present.

Even though the first meeting of the chapter was held on June 21, 1985, official incorporation did not take place until March 10, 1988.

Besides disseminating information

to their members about legislative advocacy efforts, healthcare and other issues of the day, the local AARP is active in service to the community by serving at hospitals and daycare centers, sponsoring safe driving classes and providing tax aid to local seniors, among other things.

A non-profit organization, the

AARP also raises money for SPHS Project Graduation, the fire department and rescue squad, as well as FISH, Inc. and other charities.

Meetings are held monthly at 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center and new members are always welcome to attend.

For more information, call Judy Hannah at (908) 769-6553.

BOROUGH NOTES

- Joseph Glowacki has been appointed project coordinator-construction at a salary of \$8,315 effective March 17.

- Dallas Construction was awarded a contract for the grinding of material at the former Suburban Transit Bus Company at a cost \$19,500.

- John B. Abbruzzese was hired as a full-time computer service technician effective March 31.

- Lois Garbowski was hired as an advanced aerobics instructor at the PAL.

- The council has authorized the renaming of Strasse Court to Trista Way in honor of Trista Moretti.

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Grant Stokes Pasta Dinner

March 28

A pasta dinner to help fund the Grant School Stokes trip will be held in the gym on Friday, March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets available at the door: \$8 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children.

Rock Darfur Concert

March 28

The Help Darfur Now Chapter at South Plainfield High School will hold a benefit concert on Friday, March 28 at the PAL building. Concert starts at 7 p.m. Refreshments and concert merchandise will be available. Tickets are \$5. Performers include The Command Radio, Phillip Le and Skill Company, A Clear Blurr, Salmonella Meat Pudding, Horseshoes and Handgrenades and Divert From Destiny. Proceeds will be donated toward the ongoing effort to put an end to the genocide in Darfur.

American Legion Senior Baseball Try-Outs

March 30

American Legion Post 243 will hold tryouts for the 2008 season of the senior baseball team on Sunday, March 30 at Riley School field at noon. Twenty-six game schedule.

For more information visit www.Eteamz.active.com/Sppreds/.

Mark Twain Coming To Senior Center

March 30

The South Plainfield Historical Society is sponsoring "Mark Twain: Wit and Wisdom" presented by David G. Kennedy on Sunday, March 30 at 2 p.m. at the Senior Center on Maple

What's happening at the
South Plainfield **SENIOR CENTER**

MAR/APR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING EVENTS <i>Golden Isles of Georgia Trip May 3 through 9</i> <i>Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Red Hot Lovers" May 14</i>				28 Bingo 10am-2pm
31 Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	1 Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am	2 Aerobics 8:45 am Computer 10 am 11:30am, 1pm Crocheting 1pm Tai Chi 2pm Taj Mahal trip 9am	3 Pathmark Shopping 9am Crafts Class 10am Computer Class 10am 11:30am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	4 Bingo 10am-2pm

TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

Avenue. Program is free of charge and the facility is handicapped accessible.

Spaghetti Dinner/Tricky Tray

April 5

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, 3121 Park Ave., is hosting a spaghetti dinner/tricky tray auction on Saturday, April 5 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$6 adults, \$3 children 12 and under and includes salad, bread, pasta, dessert, coffee and tea (soda and juice available for purchase throughout the evening). After dinner, entertainment is a tricky tray auction.

For tickets call (908) 756-4879.

Rescue Squad/Stress Factory

April 6

The Stress Factory Comedy Club, 90 Church St. in New Brunswick, will

host a fundraiser to benefit South Plainfield Rescue Squad featuring head comic Vinnie Brand on Sunday, April 6. Dinner served at 5 p.m.; show begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$35 and may be purchased by calling (908) 754-2259 or visit www.stressfactoryentertainment.com for further information.

Boy Scout Troop 207 Spaghetti Dinner

April 12

Boy Scout Troop 207 will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion located on Oak Tree Avenue. Cost is \$5 for eat in or take-out.

Glitterbug Club Children's Program

April 23

On Wednesday, April 23 the South Plainfield Clean Communities/Glitterbug Club will present a free children's program entitled, "Whales, the Ocean Environment & Litter" at the library on Plainfield Ave. at 6:30 p.m. Registration is required.

For information or to register, call the library at (908) 754-7885.

Sacred Heart School Tricky Tray

April 26

The Sacred Heart School Fourth Annual Tricky Tray "Wild West Roundup" will be held on Saturday, April 26 in the school cafeteria. Doors open at 6 p.m. and drawing begins at 7:30 p.m. Prizes include gift certificates, electronics, sports memorabilia, baskets, a 50/50 raffle and more. Admission is \$15 and includes five raffle tickets for basic level section. Coffee, tea and light sweets provided free of charge. Adults only. For additional information or to purchase advance tickets, contact Susan at (732) 321-0554 or Michele at (908) 757-2523.

— Out of Town —

Disney's High School Musical

March 28-April 20

Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. presents Disney's High School Musical Friday, March 28 through Sunday, April 20. All seats are \$23. Call (215) 862-2041.

Diocesan Youth Day

March 29

The annual Diocesan Youth Day, sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Metuchen, will be held on Saturday, March 29 at Immaculata High School

in Somerville.

For information, call Carol Mascola at (908) 756-0633, ext. 43.

Antique Fishing/Hunting Flea Market

March 29

The seventh annual antique fishing and hunting flea market will be held on Saturday, March 29 at St. Mary's Center, 320 Mifflin Ave. in Scranton, Pa. from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Food concessions and free parking. For information, call Bob Kester at (570) 587-0214.

Auction to Benefit Camp Discovery

March 29

An auction will be held on Saturday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m. to benefit "Camp Discovery" in Plainfield.

Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. Auction will be held at United Church of Christ, 220 West Seventh St. in Plainfield. Call Bill, (908) 531-4979 or Peg, (732) 996-7359.

Stamp and Collectible Show

March 29-30

AALL Stamps and Collectibles, 38 North Main St. in Milltown, will hold a collector's open house on Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call (732) 247-1093.

Annual Coin Show

March 30

The Watchung Hills Coin Club will host its 26th Annual Coin Show on Sunday, March 30 at the Elks Lodge #1068, 375 Union Ave. in Bridgewater. Show hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information call (732) 469-0446.

Taste of Middlesex

March 31

The Edison Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Taste of Middlesex" on Monday, March 31 at the Pines Manor on Route 27 in Edison between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. Over 40 restaurants and beverage distributors will offer food and drink samples. Tickets are \$50 in advance; \$45 for 10 or more and \$55 at the door.

To purchase tickets, call (732) 738-9482.

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Meeting

April 2

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 2 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. in Edison. The program will feature Attorney Kenneth Vercammen. We invite all guests and welcome all seniors who have questions concerning wills, changes to New Jersey probate law, power of attorney, living will, administering the estate/probate/surrogate and questions and answers.

For more information, please contact Mary at (732) 494-5649.

Sharing the Quilts XXV

April 5

Terrill Road Bible Chapel will host "Sharing the Quilts XXV" on Saturday, April 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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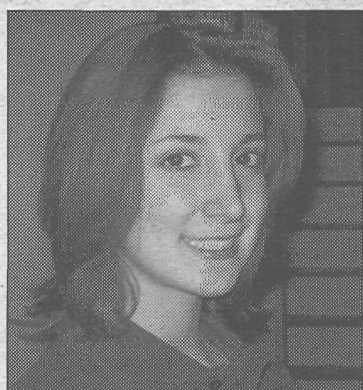
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Diane L. Romano

Romano Receives Rutgers Excellence Award

Diane L. Romano of South Plainfield and a graduate of Bishop George Ahr High School, has been named a recipient of the Rutgers 2008 Academic Excellence Award. This award is given by the university to the top 10 percent of sophomores at Rutgers based upon GPA performance in their respective school.

Diane is a nursing major who was also invited to join the nursing honors program. She has been named to the dean's list for the past three semesters maintaining a GPA of 3.86.

Send Your Milestones

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Lauren Fry Named Rookie of the Week

Bucknell softball freshman Lauren Fry was named the Patriot League Rookie of the Week on March 17. The outfielder hit a team-best .471 during the team's spring break trip to California.

Lauren capped off the seven-game week with three consecutive multiple-hit games. Included in that streak was a 5-for-7 performance in a doubleheader against the University of San Diego. The left-handed hitter had a streak of five consecutive at bats with a hit during the twin bill.

One of just four Bison to play in all seven games last week, Lauren was 8-for-17 with three runs scored and one run batted in. She also tied for the team lead with four walks, giving her an on-base percentage of .571 to pace the team.



Lauren Fry

Thanks to her solid week, she now leads the squad in hitting with a .281 average this season and has scored a team-high six runs. Additionally, Lauren hit a pair of doubles and drove in five runs.

Lauren is Bucknell's first Patriot League weekly award winner since last February 27 when then-senior Lauren Litts copped Player of the Week honors and current sophomore Mary Pavlovich was named the league's Rookie of the Week.

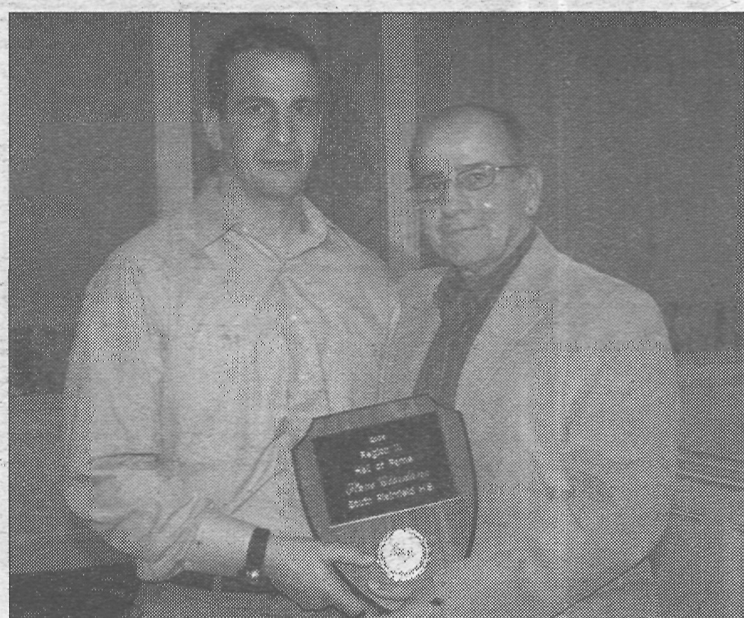
The Bison went 0-7 on their spring break trip to California and are now 3-15 this year. After playing their first 18 games on the road, they opened a six-game homestand on March 19 with a pair of games against Bloomsburg. Bucknell lost a 2-0 decision to the Huskies last spring.

Lillis Named to Marist College Dean's List

Mary C. Lillis, a member of the Class of 2009 at Marist College, was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2007 semester. She is majoring in psychology special education.

Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4,300 full-time undergraduate students from 39 states and seven countries. Founded in 1929, Marist offers 32 major fields of undergraduate study and 10 graduate

degree programs. Marist is included in the Princeton Review's guide to the top colleges and universities in the U.S., The Best 366 Colleges, placing Marist in the top 10 percent of all institutions of higher education in the United States. Marist is ranked among the top tier of colleges and universities in U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges guide and is also listed in Barron's Best Buys in College Education.



Steve Giordano Inducted into Region III Wrestling Hall of Fame

Steve Giordano, 1989 SPHS Wrestling State Champion, was recently inducted into the Region III Wrestling Hall of Fame. He was honored at the Region III Awards and Banquet Dinner at L'Affaire in March.

Steve was a four-time District Champion, three-time Region Champion, three time GMC winner and a New Jersey State wrestling champion in 1989 at 145 lbs., ending his high school career with a record of 110-11-1. He went on to achieve All-American status on two occasions in college.

Steve credits most of his success to three coaches: Mike Buggey, Gene Clapsis and Bill Pavlak (both Buggey and Pavlak are in the Region III Hall

of Fame) and gives all the credit possible to his lifelong wrestling partner, Paul Zawacki. He was a winning high school coach at JP Stevens High School in Edison for five years leading them to a State Sectional title in 2004.

Steve enjoys spending time with his family, wife Kristine and three sons, Jake who is nine years old, Marc who is seven years old and Jason who is three years old. He now coaches Jake and Marc in wrestling, baseball, basketball and soccer.

Thank you for being a wonderful husband, father and role model. We are very proud of you. Congratulations on this wonderful achievement!

IN MY OPINION

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

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meetings and therefore are unaware of the discussions that take place at them. Many residents have other obligations and it is virtually impossible for a family man or woman to attend a meeting every week. The effect of these separate meetings has been to make government more obscure, rather than more open.

To make matters worse, the Republicans have taken action at the agenda meetings which is contrary to the purpose of that meeting. They hired a new

acting borough clerk at an agenda meeting without notice and this week they hired a new construction official and voted on other non-emergency matters.

In effect, they are using their new schedule to put through important decisions that should only be made at public meetings!

Now to confuse matters further, they are rescheduling some agenda meetings to coincide with public meetings for a three-month period. Then another meeting schedule will occur

for the summer months.

So here's what has happened: The Mayor and Council met weekly for the months of January, February and March. We will meet bi-monthly for the months of April, May and June. There will be a separate summer schedule for July and August. Council members Bengivena and Anesh haven't shared with us the schedule for the fall and winter. Confused??? Who wouldn't be?

They sure did talk the talk but they are walking a less than forthright walk.
COUNCILMAN RAYMOND PETRONKO

Dear Editor,

I have always been proud to live in

South Plainfield because of the commitment our residents have to the community. Week after week I open the paper and read stories about the many ways the people of South Plainfield support our town and each other. And now I just learned about something that occurred at a recent council meeting that reminded me our mayor, Charles Butrico, is a great role model who sets an example for giving back.

For as long as I can remember, Mayor Butrico has shown his support for all of our residents and community organizations, but I never knew that he also donates the money he earns performing wedding ceremonies. As many of you know, one of

the mayor's duties is to perform wedding ceremonies and couples pay a fee for his time and his service.

At a recent council meeting Mayor Butrico generously donated all of his earnings from the weddings he conducted this past year to local charities. In total, almost \$5,000 was distributed to the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Team, the Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive, the Make a Wish Foundation, and the South Plainfield Police Department Charity Foundation.

I thank our mayor for going above and beyond the call of duty and continuing a South Plainfield tradition: putting the community first.

JOHN DEAN

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experience in South Plainfield, share it with your neighbors through the newspaper.

SUBMIT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR to allow readers to discuss and react to issues.

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS. If you have an event, take a photo, write a caption identifying the event and people and send it to us. The best photos record action and don't include so many people that it is impossible to identify anyone. Please don't send us photocopies or laser prints. They don't reproduce well. Electronic photos should be 150 dpi or higher.

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Councilman Tim McConville recently visited the Future Stars Preschool to read to the morning classes. The four year-old students enjoyed listening to McConville's realistic version of "How I Became a Pirate" by Melinda Long and David Shannon.

NEWS

Suburban Woman's Club

The members of the Suburban Woman's Club are looking forward to their April meeting. It will certainly be a learning experience for many of us.

Ann Brackbill from Habitat for Humanity of Plainfield will be our guest speaker. Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1976 and brought to the attention of most people by the work of President Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn. Habitat has built more than 250,000 homes to shelter more than one million people in as many as 90 countries. This admirable work to bring simple, decent housing to those who lack shelter is possible because they offer nonprofit mortgages with no interest. The builders are volunteers and they partner families with professional supervision. The recipients are chosen with no discrimination as to race, religion or national origin; however, they must demonstrate a need, the ability to keep up the payments and the willingness to help carry on these projects. Brackbill will be speaking about how these

projects are progressing in the Plainfield area.

We have been very pleased with the community's response to our efforts to celebrate Women's History Month by publicizing Roseanne Cucurello's contribution to the war effort during WWII by being a "Rosie the Riveter" at the GM plant in Linden. Our thanks to Mayor Charles Butrico and the South Plainfield Borough Council for their recognition of Cucurello and the *South Plainfield Observer*, *The Courier News* and *The Home News Tribune* for their coverage of the story. There is a display in the South Plainfield Public Library honoring Cucurello, and Dr. Suess, which will be there until the end of March.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 3 at the American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave. at 1 p.m. Grace Farinella and Betty Curran will serve as hostesses. Refreshments and tea and coffee will be served. Those interested in joining us are most welcome.

—Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning

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Middle School Students Battle it Out

By Jane Dornick

Every year South Plainfield Middle School students look forward to the annual Battle of the Teams, the culmination of School Spirit Week. The event was held on February 28 during the last two periods of school. During the week, students were asked to wear different college and professional sports team apparel.

The school was divided up into six teams, three teams per grade, seventh grade-Avalanche, white; Cyclone, red and Monsoon, gray; eighth grade-Lightning, yellow; Thunder, black and Tsunami, blue. Each team battled against teams in their own grade. Announcer Jim Makowski's booming voice blurted out directions for the games as DJ John Lymyansky spun the tunes for activities that included an over/under pass, baton and hoop relay, hula hoop circle, basketball foul shot contest and the finale; a tug of war. The walls were shaking and ears were aching as members cheered on



Avalanche cheers on their team.

their teams. All students were encouraged to participate in the games as they had practiced them during gym class in preparation.

The Battle of the Teams began 15 years ago, initially as a fundraising idea by teachers Makowski and Lymyansky, but has since changed to accommo-

date all students and the ideal end to School Spirit Week.

The eighth grade winners were Team Tsunami and seventh grade winners were Team Monsoon.

SCHOOL BOARD Notes

The Board of Education approved the following:

- The spring athletic schedule.
- The revised curricula for the 2008/2009 school year.
- The SPHS Model United Nations Club trip to Rutgers Model Congress 2008 in New Brunswick.
- Appointed Richard A. Guarini as business administrator/board secretary at a prorated salary of \$127,500 effective May 20.
- Appointed George Sarnoff as a business office consultant at \$75 per hour on an as-needed basis.
- All school staff members who hold a N.J. teaching certificate to provide home instruction at \$32 per hour, as per the SPEA contract, for the year 2007/2008.
- Appointed Andrew Cefalo as middle school baseball head coach.
- Melissa Stoeckel was appointed Grant School special education long-term substitute.

policereport

- On March 18 Aurora's Hairport III on Oak Tree Road reported that a hole had been made through the exterior of the building inside and \$150 was taken from the cash register.
- On March 19 Mercedes Adaly Lopez, 34, of Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting various items worth \$433. She was also in possession of a fraudulent social security card.
- Two vehicles parked at a Tooz Place resident reported that their vehicle's tires had been flattened. A

Plainfield Avenue resident also reported that their tire's were flattened while parked on Tooz Place. Another three vehicle's had their tires flattened on Worth Drive.

- On March 21 a Frase Street resident reported that their home had been struck with eggs.
- On March 22 a Walnut Street resident reported that the driver side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Garmen GPS and Sirius radio were taken while parked on Windrew Avenue.

Volunteers Needed For Clean-up Week

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a borough-wide cleanup in mid-April. The main clean-up event will be on Saturday morning, April 12. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. at the PAL Building, 1250 Maple Ave., to collect equipment and clean-up assignments. Roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots will be targeted. All volunteers will be invited back to the PAL at noon for a free pizza pickup picnic, complete with games, environmental displays and environmentally friendly door prizes. Residents are welcome to organize a

crew, or to come on their own.

Call Alice Tempel, Clean Communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621, or E-mail atempel@southplainfieldnj.com for more information.

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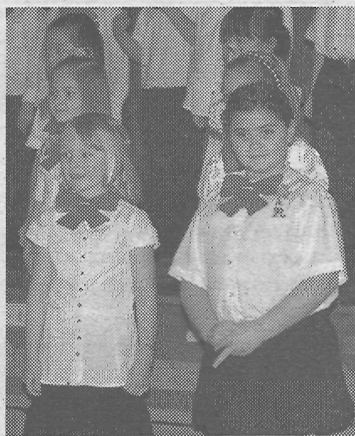
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Holy, St. Jude pray for us and all who
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be promised. This novena has never
been known to fail. This prayer is to be
said for 9 consecutive days).
My prayers have been answered:
— SAE —



RILEY GRANDPARENTS DAY—On March 7 Riley School held their annual Grandparents Day Breakfast. The Riley gym was filled to capacity with grandparents, with cameras in hand. The students performed a St. Patrick's Day themed concert, which included songs, poems and messages of love, all dedicated to their grandparents. Guests enjoyed a continental breakfast before the students performed. Each guest was also presented with a book of poems and quotes for grandparents written by the students. After the concert grandparents were invited to visit the student's class.

Grant School Announces Second Quarter Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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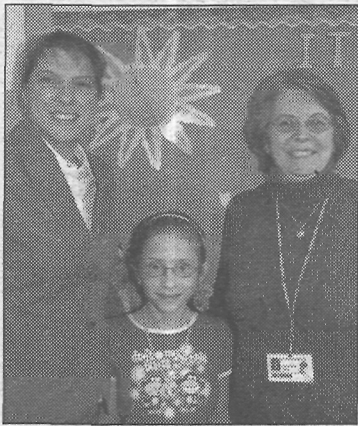
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JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Emma Regan Named Junior Journalist!



Principal Kelly Richkus, Junior Journalist winner Emma Regan and teacher Cynthia Severino.

Emma Regan, Kennedy School fourth grader, is this week's winner in the Hometown Heros-South Plain-

field *Observer* sponsored 2007-08 Junior Journalist Contest for her poem, "I Wish."

Emma will receive 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 Journalist 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 at 340 Hamilton Blvd. or call (908) 755-4376.

I Wish

By Emma Regan

I wish, I wish, I wish.
That I could be a colorful fish,
To swim around in an underwater town,
At the bottom of the sea where I won't drown.
So many beautiful things to see.
I wonder what they could be?
A piece of gold, a sunken ship,
Or a day old soggy potato chip!
I wish, I wish, I wish.
That I could be a colorful fish.

Recycling Plan Needed When Applying to Build

By Libby Barsky

The Planning Board granted permit distributor JRB Properties, LLC permission to construct an addition to its existing warehouse at 111 Snyder Road at its March 11 meeting.

Borough Planner Les Nebenzahl noted that the company will have to submit a recycling plan for site plan approval to conform to the recently adopted amended recycling ordinance as a non-residential development of 1,000 sq. feet or more of land. New subdivisions of 50 single- or multi-family units must also submit plans on how recyclable materials will be collected, stored and removed, including the frequency of pick up.

According to the ordinance, the building code official will provide written instructions when issuing any building permit on the proper disposal and recycling of construction and

demolition waste.

"For the past 10 years the State of New Jersey has set a goal of recycling 65% of the solid waste stream," said Alice Tempel, borough recycling coordinator who has been designated by the Mayor and Council to oversee recycling.

"But instead of moving toward the goal, it has been moving away from the 65% goal, so the State adopted an updated solid waste plan with the intention of reinvigorating recycling in the State of New Jersey. The state is proposing new regulations to try to increase the recycling rate and has asked all the counties to upgrade their recycling plan," said Tempel.

As part of the updated plan, additional materials plastic wrap/film and plastic bags to be collected by supermarkets have been added to the newspaper, cardboard, mixed office paper, glass containers, aluminum, plastic and steel cans already collected by resi-

dents, picked up by public contractors or taken to the borough's drop off center which also accepts textiles, brush, grass clippings, leaves, motor oil and computers.

The updated regulations make it mandatory for all owners or managers of multi-residential units and condos to publish the rules and regulations separating recyclables and provide availability of drop-off or curbside collection.

Restaurants, food stores and company cafeterias are also to advise patrons that recycling is mandatory, and provide separate recycling containers for glass, cans and paper and be responsible for their removal to a recycling center.

Violators will be warned. If violations are not corrected within 10 days, they will be fined up to \$2,000 according to the ordinance which went into effect on March 11 when it was adopted by the borough council at its second reading.

Four Candidates Vie For Three BOE Seats

(Continued from page 1)

running for the office that has not previously served on the board of education. She ran last year for the first time along with six other candidates. She has been an active and committed volunteer in the district schools from the time her two daughters started Future Stars. Although both girls have graduated from SPHS, Miller stayed on for another term as president of the South Plainfield High School PTO this year where her fundraising efforts for the annual Project Graduation auction garnered over \$25,000.

Miller is also participating as a community member in the Middle States Association, a non-government, non-profit independent accrediting agency

that reviews schools' academic programs. The high school underwent the process in 2000 and a midpoint review was done in 2005. According to SPHS Principal Dr. Kenneth May, the evaluation will set the goals for the next seven years. Miller said that as a member of the team, their objective was to raise the standards of the high school

"from the bottom to the top." In the next couple of years everyone is going to have to pass the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) 100%. And there will be three tests: math, language arts and science. "So the high school has to do a bit of work," she added.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING AGENCY MEETING

A public meeting has been called by the Affordable Housing Agency of the Borough of South Plainfield to discuss the Affordable Housing Program.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 1815

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

Ord. 1815 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF TOMPKINS AVENUE, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$440,000 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$418,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 28, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008 at the Public Meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1815

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO TOMPKINS AVENUE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$440,000 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$418,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$440,000, including a \$250,000 State Fiscal Year 2007 Department of Transportation Municipal Aid Grant (the "Grant") to the extent that this Grant is received for the improvement or purpose referred to in Section 3(a), and further including the sum of \$22,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$418,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

- The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the resurfacing of Tompkins Avenue from Clinton Avenue (County Route 605) to Plainfield Avenue (County Route 603), including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.
- The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.
- The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall

mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
- The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 10 years.
- The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$418,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- An aggregate amount not exceeding \$65,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby

authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: March 24, 2008

Joann L. Graf,
Acting Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield
2202.40 March 28, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 1816

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

Ord. 1816 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE II OF THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE PROJECT AND RELATED DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT PREPARATION, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); APPROPRIATING \$360,000 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$130,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 28, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008 at the Public Meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE #1816

A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PHASE II RESURFACING OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AVENUE, IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$360,000 THEREOF AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$130,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE

COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$360,000, including a \$230,000 State of New Jersey Department of Transportation 2008 Municipal Aid Grant (the "State Grant"). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:2-11(c), no down payment is provided for the costs of the improvement since the project described in Section 3(a) hereof is being partially funded by the State Grant.

In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the above-referenced State Grant, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$130,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

- The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the resurfacing of South Plainfield Avenue, Phase II from Joan Street to Park Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.
- The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.
- The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current

expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

- The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 10 years.
- The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$130,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- An aggregate amount not exceeding \$50,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or, if other than the State Grant referred to in Section 1 hereof, to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING
DATED: March 24, 2008

Joann L. Graf,
Acting Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield
\$218.50 March 28, 2008

Obituaries

Louis A. DeFillipo, 92

Louis A. DeFillipo, a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, passed away on Wednesday, March 19.



Louis A. DeFillipo

Mr. DeFillipo graduated from North Plainfield High School, attended Union Junior College, and participated in the Saracen Football Club in the independent ranks. Prior to WWII he was employed as a millwright with the American Rock Wool Company in South Plainfield and then at Camp Kilmer as a foreman of the camp's plumbing and heating shop after the war. Upon retirement he went to work for the Borough of South Plainfield in maintenance at the PAL building.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church where he was an usher for many years. Mr. DeFillipo was active in several organizations and held offices in many. He was a member of the American Legion, Elks, Knights of Columbus, UNICO and the VFW. He retired from the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department in March of 1992 after 54 years of service where he held the positions of president, vice president, lieutenant and captain. Among his many awards throughout his lifetime, Mr. DeFillipo received the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the Joseph P. Cianci Humanitarian Award from UNICO National, and in 1985 received an award as the number one volunteer fireman in the United States.

During World War II, Mr. DeFillipo received two Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Combat Infantry Badge, Silver Star,

and the British Military Cross. He was also a battlefield commissioned lieutenant.

Mr. DeFillipo was predeceased by his beloved wife, Anna; a son, Angelo; a sister, Edith and two brothers, Arthur and Alfonso.

He is survived by two daughters, Gloria of Springfield, Mass. and Nancy and husband Peter Guarraci of South Plainfield; a daughter-in-law, Lorraine DeFillipo McCarty of Voorhees; six grandchildren, Anthony and Anabel Guarraci, Christopher Guarraci, Maria, Stefanie and Nicholas DeFillipo and two great-grandchildren, Griffin and Katie Grace Guarraci. Also surviving are a sister, Philomena and two brothers, Henry and Vincent DeFillipo.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department or the Plainfield UNICO Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 437, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Florence (Cibellis) Giuliano

Florence (Cibellis) Giuliano died on Thursday, March 20 at Genesis Eldercare-The Woodlands in Plainfield. Born and raised in Newark, she settled in South Plainfield in 1967.

An old fashioned mom and housewife, Mrs. Giuliano had also been a bank teller for a few local banks for many years before retiring in 1983.

Her husband, Angelo J. Giuliano, died in 1983.

Surviving are a daughter, Marilyn Smith of Edison; three sons, Robert of Florida, Franklin of Waretown and

David of Tinton Falls; a brother, Lawrence Cibellis of Pa., nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Northern New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Avenue, Suite 251, Denville, NJ. 07834.

Pauline "Dolly" T. (Braco) Winkelholz, 85

Pauline "Dolly" Y. (Braco) Winkelholz died on Friday, March 21 in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Dolly had resided there before settling in South Plainfield 55 years ago. After the death of her husband, George, on March 15, 1986, Dolly maintained her home before moving in with her daughter, Georgeann and her family nine years ago.

Dolly was a sales clerk for the former Alexander's department store in Menlo Park Mall in Edison. She enjoyed bowling for over 50 years along with her sister at Stelton Lanes and enjoyed sharing her time with her daughters, grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and her beloved friends, Joanne Kronowski, Jennifer Oranchak and Louis Gall.

Dolly was a religious woman who attended daily mass. She is a former communicant and member of the Altar Rosary Society at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. More recently, she has been a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church and would also attend mass at the Chapel at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

In addition to her husband, George, Dolly was predeceased by three sisters, Mary Lemmo, Katherine Veltre and Betty Campanella and a brother, Joseph Braco.

Surviving are two daughters, Georgeann DiGrazia and longtime companion Bill Cochrane of South Plainfield and Barbara Markowitz and

husband John Pitts of Hunterdon County; five grandchildren, Georgeann Larsen and husband Jaime, Nick DiGrazia, Stephanie Markowitz and husband Jorge, and Jonathan and Robert Markowitz. Also surviving are two great-granddaughters, McKenzie and Harlee Rose.

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

Donations in her memory may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Foundation, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Daniel Joseph Bonini, 51

We are very sad to announce the passing of Daniel "Danny" Bonini on Sunday, March 16.

Born on January 19, 1957 in Plainfield, Danny was raised in South Plainfield. Born with mental and physical disabilities, Danny was not able to do many of the things most of us take for granted. But in his late forties, he was able to attend Options in Piscataway, where he made many friends and surprised everyone with what he was able to accomplish and learn. Through this wonderful group of people, Danny was also able to enjoy trips and participate in many group events and have the time of his life. For the past year, Danny was welcomed and loved by the staff and residents of Group Home 2 in Menlo Park. It is very difficult to actually be able to share the effect Danny had on others despite his disabilities. We received this note from Mary Norris, Director of Residential Services, which captures it completely: "Danny reached out his heart to us and changed our lives. Thank you for sharing him with us all." He changed ours, too.

Danny was the son of Cesare (Pete) Bonini and the late Elizabeth (Betty) Bonini.

He is survived by his father, Pete; a sister, Eileen Bonini Nott and husband Gary of Middlesex and a brother, Thomas Bonini and wife Sheryl of Wake Forest, N.C.; an uncle, Frank; cousins, Frank, Laura, Frankie, Jessica, Dean and nieces, Zoe and Bridgette. Also left to cherish his memory are his dear and loved friends at Group Home 2, Vickie, Christine, Eydie, Rosalie, Dwayne, Marilyn, Maciver, Felicia, Paul, Darlene, Marquita, Mary and Katie; his dear and loved friends at Options, Julie, Mary, Laura, Pat, Kellie, Regina, Sharon, Cathy, Jenni-

fer, Mary, Felicia, Asuncion, Anthony, Priscilla and his favorite roommate, Tommy, from Group Home 7.

Danny was laid to rest beside his mother at a family graveside service. And we believe with his new and healthy body, he is happily in heaven doing anything but resting but rather running and walking and talking and laughing and enjoying all the things he didn't have the opportunity to do this side of paradise. God speed, Danny!

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

For those who would like to remember Danny, donations may be made to CPAMC-Options at Roosevelt Park, Oak Drive, Edison, N.J. 08837 with a note stating that this is in memory of Danny and that the donation is designated for Options.

Linda E. Guoth

Linda E. Guoth of Tobyhanna, Pa. died on Wednesday, March 19 in the Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg, Pa.

She was the wife of David J. Guoth. Born in Trenton, she was the daughter of Edith (Bice) Lunetta of Las Vegas and the late Louis J. Lunetta.

Linda was a resident of the Tobyhanna-area for the past two years and prior to that she lived in the South Plainfield area. She worked at South Plainfield High School in the food service department. She was of the Baptist faith.

Linda was very active in the South Plainfield Republican Committee. She was district committeewoman from 2002 to 2006. She was also a volunteer at the American Legion of South Plainfield Post 243.

In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by two sons, Shawn Towne of Hopewell and Allen Towne of Tobyhanna; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Guoth of Tobyhanna; a brother, Louis Lunetta of Columbia and a sister, Cathy Lunetta of Las Vegas.

Funeral services were held at the Joseph J. Pula Funeral Home in Mt. Pocono, Pa.

Memorial donations can be made to the family c/o of the Pula Funeral Home, 35 Sterling Rd./Rt. 196, Mt. Pocono, PA 18944.

Wit and Wisdom This Sunday

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died of pneumonia. At age 13, he left private school to join his older brother's newspaper as a printer's apprentice and editorial assistant. St. Louis and another job offer as a printer beckoned him four years later. Clemens' fascination with the mighty Mississippi River led him to become a river pilot's apprentice. By 1858 he was a full-fledged, licensed river pilot. His pseudonym, Mark Twain, is a river term which means two fathoms of 12-feet when the depth of water for a boat is being sounded. "Mark Twain" means that it is safe to navigate.

The Civil War brought river trade and Clemens' employment to a halt. Falling back on his writing experience at his brother's newspaper, he began working as a reporter all over the United States. Clemens first gained game with a story for the New York Saturday Press in November 1865 called "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." His first book, "The Innocents Abroad," was published in 1869. The most famous adventures, derived from his boyhood on the Mississippi, were "The Adven-

tures of Tom Sawyer" (1876) and "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" (1885). Clemens wrote 28 books and numerous short stories, letters and sketches.

Samuel Clemens, aka Mark Twain, passed away on April 21, 1910.

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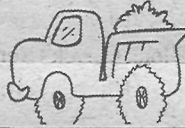
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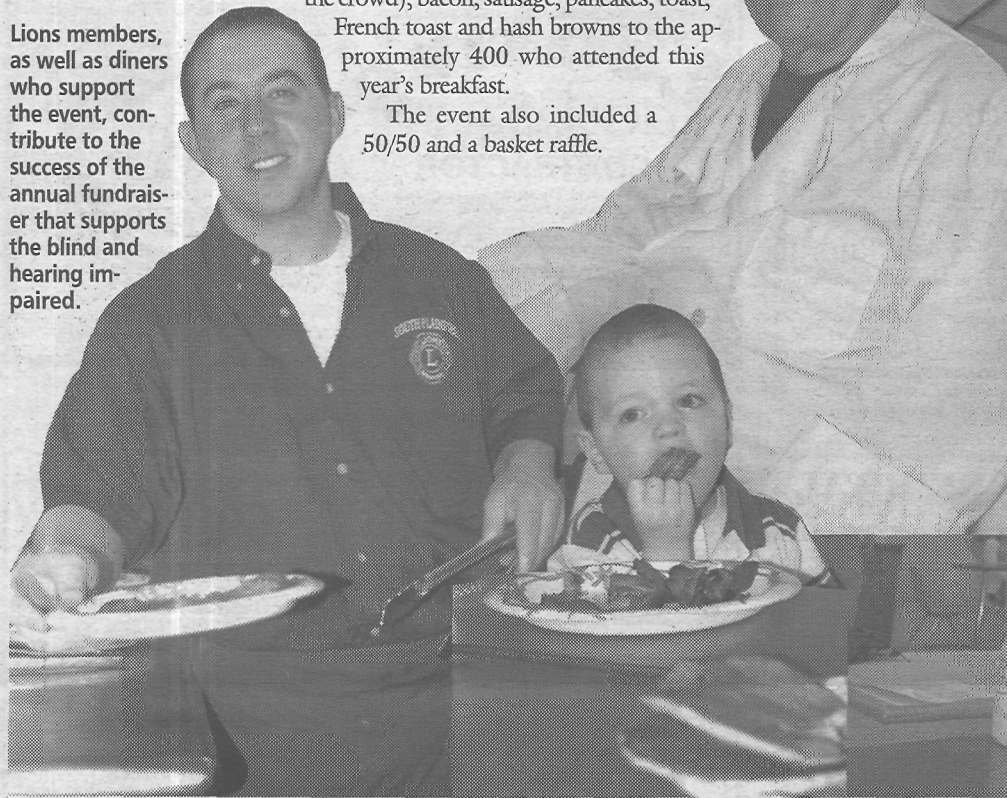
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The event also included a 50/50 and a basket raffle.

Lions members, as well as diners who support the event, contribute to the success of the annual fundraiser that supports the blind and hearing impaired.



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 1813

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

Ord. 1813 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS AND CURBS ALONG SPICER AVENUE IN AND BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$190,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$180,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 28, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008 at the Public Meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1813

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) AS FOLLOWS:

The improvement described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey (the "Borough") as a general improvement. For the improvement or purpose described in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$190,000, including the sum of \$10,000 as the down payment required by the Local Bond Law. The down payment is now available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

In order to finance the cost of the improvement or purpose not covered by application of the down payment, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$180,000 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

- The improvement hereby authorized and the purpose for the financing of which the bonds are to be issued is the installation of sidewalks and curbs along Spicer Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.
- The estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for the improvement or purpose is as stated in Section 2 hereof.
- The estimated cost of the improvement or purpose is equal to the amount of the appropriation herein made therefor.

All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no note shall mature later than one year from its date. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer.

The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with notes issued pursuant to this ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

The Borough hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

- The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense. It is an improvement or purpose that the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.
- The period of usefulness of the improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the bonds authorized by this ordinance, is 10 years.
- The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$180,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.
- An aggregate amount not exceeding \$20,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purpose or improvement.

Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued here-

under shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

The chief financial officer of the Borough is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Borough and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Borough. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Borough pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Borough and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Borough fails to comply with its undertaking, the Borough shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy ad valorem taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Borough for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.

This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

ATTEST:
Joann L. Graf
Acting Borough Clerk

\$209.95 March 28, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1708A

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

ORD. 1708A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1708 ENTITLED "ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS" TO REDUCE SAID IMPROVEMENTS BY \$310,000, DUE TO THE CANCELLATION OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE POLICE DETECTIVE FACILITY, AND THE COSTS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH, ALONG WITH THE REALLOCATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$100,000 IN FUNDS TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF POLICE DETECTIVE EQUIPMENT AS AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE #1708 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 28, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008 at the Public Meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

Section 1. The improvements and appropriations authorized under Ordinance #1708 in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, are hereby supplemented and amended as follows:

Cancellation of Police Detective Facility	(\$310,000.00)
Police Detective Equipment	\$50,000.00
Building Demolition & Other	\$50,000.00
Net Total Reduction	(\$210,000.00)

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

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

- That the maximum estimated amount of funds to be available for this amendment be \$100,000.00, as stated in Section 1 hereof.
- That the cost for the Police Equipment purchased to be financed by a reallocation of \$50,000.00 from the Department of the Treasury Special Purpose Grant, \$50,000.00 from Capital Fund Balance, with a refund of \$260,000.00 back to the Federal Forfeiture Fund Trust.
- The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be five (5) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, and other expenses is not to exceed \$22,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
JoAnn Graf
Acting Municipal Clerk

\$112.40 March 28, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE ORDINANCE 1814

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

Ord. 1814 entitled: 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 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 28, 2008 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2008 at the Public Meeting which will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1814

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 South Clinton Avenue with Hamilton Boulevard shall be controlled by a Traffic Control Signal in accordance with the plan bearing the date of February 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:
Joann L. Graf
Acting Municipal Clerk

\$77.90 March 28, 2008