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Middle School students who are bussed to the Roosevelt Administration Building dash between stalled vehicles on Hamilton Boulevard after traffic was diverted due to the closing of Spicer Avenue last Friday. A crossing guard is not assigned at the drop-off location.

Parents Outraged by BOE Broken Promise

By Jane Dornick

Parents were surprised when their children returned to school last week and were handed a lengthy list of school supplies to purchase, after Superintendent of Schools Jose Negrón had promised "free school supplies" if the school budget passed. Voters approved the \$55M budget in April which also boasted "no school tax increase." The average school supply list includes pens, pencils, crayons, highlighters, binders, filler paper, folders, subject notebooks and, in the upper grades, calculators that cost approximately \$12 each. These items can become quite costly depending on the number of school age children in the household; however, the board did purchase calculators this year to be used in the Middle School.

The decision to rescind the promise came at the Board of Education

Committee Meeting of the Whole on July 9 when the nine-member board discussed issuing the supplies. Seven members voted against it. Board President Jim Giannakis said that he wanted to keep things "status quo" and not to set any precedents by providing the supplies. "If we give them out this year, then people will expect them again next year. There may not be enough money in the budget next year or what if the budget fails?" said Giannakis. He also explained that if certain supplies had already been purchased by individual schools prior to the decision then they will be used. Some school's orders were either cancelled or the items returned to suppliers.

Board member Steve Bohn, who was elected in April after losing his reelection bid last year, voted in favor of handing out the supplies. Accord-

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Former Police Detective Dies



Gary Muccigrossi

Former South Plainfield Police Officer Gary Muccigrossi died on September 3. He was 46. Gary was born in Plainfield and moved to South Plainfield in 1987.

He became a Plainfield Police Officer where he worked for five years before transferring to the South Plainfield Police Department. While with the SPPD, he worked

as a patrolman, traffic officer, and detective, and served on the honor guard.

Gary became ill in 2002 and was diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, a lung disease. According to his doctors, the cause of his illness may have been exposure to a chemical mixture when he was on a rescue squad call in 1993 at a small factory on

Tyler Place.

Gary retired in 2004 after a double lung transplant. After surgery, he spent a short time in physical therapy in New York and returned quickly to his home to continue his recovery with the help of his wife, Gina, and son, Anthony.

In August of 2004, the

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Committee Recommends New Truck Route



Map showing the new truck route recommended by Ad Hoc Truck Committee.

By Libby Barsky

Michael English, chairman of the borough's Ad Hoc Truck Committee, made an official presentation of the committee's recommendations to the Borough Council at their September 2 agenda meeting.

The ad hoc committee was formed when plans for the Helen Street extension were abandoned. The plan to

divert truck traffic from residential areas on Hamilton Boulevard could not be finalized because the state's land use regulation department would not issue a "reasonable assurance" for the project.

The ad hoc committee announced it has selected a different route for the truck bypass.

The proposed truck route begins at the end of Hollywood Avenue, extends

over the municipal landfill area and crosses the railroad tracks at Harmich Road on to Metuchen Road.

English said that the advantages of this route is that it's the shortest route possible, disturbs the least amount of wetlands, connects at Metuchen Road where there is already an existing railroad crossing, takes advantage of improvements on Durham Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard and doesn't have a negative impact on homeowners' property values. It also offers a future possible connection to Helen Street through Mack Place and is the most cost effective route that will have a positive impact on regional traffic flow.

To implement the plan, the committee is recommending that the mayor and council accept the proposed route and immediately contact the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for preliminary discussions and to investigate possible financial backing. It also suggested ongoing consultation with the Edison Wetlands Association for their input and recommendations. English asked that the council continue the ad hoc committee and pass a resolution to enable them to oversee the construction of the new route.

Due to concerns the ad hoc commit-

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Police Chaplain, Reverend Charles Mingle and members of the South Plainfield Police Department, who were pallbearers, escort the casket of former police detective Gary Muccigrossi into Sacred Heart Church for a funeral mass on Monday morning.

Coalition for a Better South Plainfield Targets Truck Route

A new organization dedicated to tackling issues that affect South Plainfield residents called the "Coalition for a Better South Plainfield" has been formed. According to the coalition, the most important issue is the unsafe truck detour put in place in the town two years ago.

To kick things off, the group purchased lawn signs opposing the truck detour and inserted a paid advertisement in the South Plainfield Observer about how unsafe the truck detour is.

While the group is opposed to the policies of the current Democratic mayor, it is open to all residents, regardless of political party or where they live in the borough. The key issue the coalition will confront is the dangerous truck detour, but it may also become active on other issues

affecting South Plainfield residents, according to Bob Jones.

The NJ ELEC Web site lists Jones as chair and treasurer. He is also former chair of the South Plainfield Republican Organization and currently a member of the Board of Education. The site does not list any other members, nor describe how it will fund its activities.

Residents who oppose the truck route are encouraged to join the coalition's mailing list by writing to the Coalition for a Better South Plainfield, P.O. Box 325, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or E-mailing them at ABetterSP@aol.com. Residents wishing to put a sign on their lawn may also use the above addresses.

The group is accepting donations to fund its activities.

The Labor Day Parade will be aired on Comcast Chanel 74 on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

DVD copies of the parade can be purchased for \$15 and are available by calling Jane Dornick at (908) 754-3420. Proceeds will go to the SPHS Graphic Arts Dept. for their help in producing events shown on Comcast throughout the year.

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October 6	October 14 (Tuesday)
October 20	October 27

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

zoning board of adjustment

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

September 25, October 9 and 23, November 13*, December 11*.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.: October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 1.

Regular Public Meeting, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: September 17, October 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 8.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. October 21, November 18, December 16.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14.

business advisory group

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

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

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

One of the reasons for starting a local newspaper 11 years ago was to give residents a paper they could count on for all the local events and news, and during this time the *Observer* have strived to provide readers with just that.

Each year about this time, lovingly known as "the silly season," we have offered candidates the opportunity to submit their views and opinions prior to upcoming elections.

In the past few years some of the letters have grown downright nasty and hurtful and, at times, full of half-truths. In addition, the *Observer* has published a weekly column submitted by the two parties and freely given each the space to state their case. They, too, have begun to stretch the truth on a variety of issues. There are readers who accept these submitted letters and columns—which are opinions—as fact.

The *Observer* will no longer be used as a vehicle for opposing parties to bash each other. South Plainfield has become more and more divided during recent years. Bashing and accusing each other of wrongdoing and lying in the *Observer* doesn't help the process. Why would anyone want to run for public office and be subjected to that abuse?

In an effort to halt the snowballing effect of negativism, the *Observer* will no longer accept letters that demean or lie about candidates or their affiliated parties, and in particular, those that stretch the truth.

In addition, letters received from political parties will no longer be accepted. This includes letters written by a member of a political organization to further their cause and signed by a resident even though they didn't write it.

Letters from candidates will be accepted, but not guaranteed publication. Only letters submitted to this office by the residents themselves will be accepted; it is the only way to stop this bantering and hateful rhetoric. Letters that are without signatures, or are more than 200 words, will be discarded.

I hope this stops the trend to put down anyone and everyone who simply has an opposing opinion. That is not the American way. We can agree to disagree, but we can—and should—do it in a civil manner.

The *Observer* will continue to cover council meetings, debates, the BOE, political news and other local newsworthy events.

IN MY OPINION

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

My Dear South Plainfield,

WOW! What a day! And what a ride I had during our Labor Day Parade!

I'd like to, once again, thank the Knights of Columbus for their nomination and the Public Celebrations Committee for all of their hard work in putting together another fantastic day for everyone!

That little ride I had through our little town with the "big heart" was one that I would have never expected and could have never imagined. The people in our town are the best!

I do realize that I follow in some very large footsteps, and there are many more deserving of such a once in a lifetime honor!

I can't find the words to express what a great day and what a great thrill and time I had being selected as the grand marshal this year.

Thank you all so very much!
RICH MCCRISKIN

To the Editor:

The family of Dolores Zekas would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who provided support during our time of sadness. We were overwhelmed by the many expressions of sympathy and words of kindness that we received. We would especially like to thank McCrisky's Funeral Home for their compassionate handling of our mother's services and the South Plainfield Police Department for the escort that they provided on the day of her funeral.

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Dear Editor,

As the mother of three elementary school children, shopping for school supplies has become part of our summer ritual. When I learned that supplies were being provided in September, my initial reaction was one of negativity. I personally feel quite capable, and sufficiently consumer savvy, to shop sales for supplies and I would have preferred seeing these budgetary monies utilized in more productive ways, or in the form of tax relief. Although I do not know the facts as to why the Board of Education retracted from their original plan, community chatter suggests the venture, once begun, became too costly.

In response to Mr. Bohn's open inquiry as to whether or not the board's decision was right or wrong, I offer this opinion. As is all too often the practice in this community, ventures are begun without sufficient exploration of the plan, abandoned without alternatives, all at taxpayer's expense, and that is wrong.

The administrative salaried hours wasted exploring this plan, seeking suppliers, ordering, receiving and dispersing supplies, is wrong. The lack of dissemination of information to local school officials, regardless of who was responsible for sharing that information, is wrong. If the board voted

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on July 9, why were the parents of Grant School students informed by school officials at "locker camp" on August 21 that supplies were being provided?

Any utterance suggesting there was insufficient time to alert parents to the change in the board's decision is reprehensible. Minimally there could have been a Web site posting, a newspaper article, or a mailing with a generic supply list suggested, based on grade level. There was nothing but an expressed "we're sorry for the inconvenience" but [here's your supply lists].

The chaos created by this abandoned venture, and ensuing expectation that a community of parents immediately scramble to secure and put together needed supplies for their children, regardless of whatever other obligations we may have had, is not

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Let's take stock of things: summer is just about over, vacation season has passed, school is back in session, Rutgers lost their home opener. (At this writing, no word on the September 11 game.) Not a very bright picture. So, let's try and cheer you up with news from the South Plainfield Library.

First of all, Miss Linda and Miss Mija are still resting up from their busy summer reading season (but, then, aren't we all?), as well as getting set for autumn. So, our children's programming has been cancelled for September. They'll start up again in October. (The kids are still free to stop by for a visit, though.)

Here's some advance word about an upcoming program. We'll be hosting a home organization program on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. It'll be led by Eva Abreu, a Piscataway-based professional organizer; she'll talk about dealing with clutter in your home and how to get motivated to put things in order. The program is being presented free; pre-registration is requested.

We also have some displays up this month. Our display cabinets feature knitted and crocheted items from members of the Senior Center. Our display wall features photos of flowers taken by local residents Eileen and Mary Malara. The pictures were taken at local gardens in New Jersey and are available for purchase. We've also put up a display called "We the People" featuring books and A/V materials provided via a grant from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities. These displays may be seen here throughout the month.

We've just received a new bunch of

titles from the DVD Circuit. Available items include "Next," "The Bucket List," "Untraceable," "Rambo" (the new one, not the original sequel), the Extended Edition of "High School Musical 2," "A Hard Day's Night" and full-season sets of "24," "Extras," "The Office" and "Deadwood." DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days.

Well, since it's a bit of a slow news week here, we have time for some reminders and advisories. First up, don't forget that our Sunday operating hours have returned. We'll be open most Sundays from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Next, we recently closed up shop for a day so we could do some cleaning in the building (seeing as how we're going to be here for a little longer than we expected). We did a whole lot of dusting, scrubbing, vacuuming, buffing and sorting. (The fumigating will have to wait.) The building is pretty clean right now and we'd appreciate it if you did your part in keeping it clean.

So, don't bring in food and/or drink, don't mark up the furniture, don't litter and wipe your feet at the door. We appreciate your consideration on this.

Next, a note from our reasonably efficient notary public: there are times when patrons bring in items for notarization that need to be witnessed by people other than said patrons or the notary. If this is the case, we ask that you provide your own witnesses. Otherwise, you'll have to check if members of our staff are able and willing to do this, and we can't guarantee that they will be. It's easier for everyone if you see to this yourself.

Finally, a reminder about two charity collection boxes that are still here and still accepting items. There is the community food drive box from Middlesex County (for food and personal items for those in need) and the eyeglass collection box from the Lions Club (for glasses, hearing aids and related items). Donations for both are greatly appreciated. You'll find the boxes near our main entrance.

That's it for this week. If you have any questions or comments, please call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit our Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us for more information. We'll be back next Friday.

Romance Novelist Visits Library

By Libby Barsky

On August 30 author Sheryl Brennan gave a reading of her debut novel, "Celtic Sacrifice," at the South Plainfield Public Library. The novel is a historical romance novel set at the end of the nine year war in Ireland against the Elizabethan English government, when Druid pagan beliefs began to crumble.

The story of "Celtic Sacrifice" tells a compelling tale of a Druid princess and brings to life a historical time not familiar to most of us. However, another compelling story is that of the author herself.

Brennan started writing her novel in July 2007 and it took her only six weeks to finish. She sent it to a publisher who accepted it, then went out of business. Brennan found an agent and another publisher—Underdog Press—who will publish "Celtic Sacrifice" this November.

Brennan is a divorced mom with three daughters and works full time for Orr Safety, a distributor of occupational health equipment.

"I've been interested in this period of history and writing since I was 16



Sheryl Brennan author of "Celtic Sacrifice" spoke at the library.

and in high school. It took me 20 years to come back to write again," she said at the library presentation.

In June 2007 Brennan finished a 10-year stint of taking part time college courses to finally earn a business management degree from the University of Louisville.

"I should have been breathing a sigh of relief, instead I felt incomplete like a part of my life was still missing," she said. To sort her feelings out, Brennan began a journal and found her feelings morph into fictional characters whose stories needed to be told.

"I was writing during my lunch hour, when I got home from work and from the time he kids went to bed until one or two in the morning. And on weekends when I could sneak in as much writing as I could. I found it made me happy," she writes on her Web site, www.sherylbrennan.com.

The result was not only the novel but starting on a sequel to "Celtic Sacrifice" and other stories as well.

Brennan is now in the process of marketing her book and is asking all friends and librarians to order the book from www.underdogpress.com to enable the book to be sold at Barnes and Noble book store.

In addition to reading a selection from "Celtic Sacrifice" that described the meeting between Druid priestess Ceana and the man who will change her life, Brennan also gave a presentation on "Writing, Selling and Publishing Romance Fiction." Handouts were provided to the attendees describing the sub-genres of romance publishing and links to sources on the Web for more information including www.wannational.org (Romance Writers of America) and www.perilsofpublishing.com.

Planning Board Authorizes COAH Study

"We need to be in charge of our own zoning," stated Planner Lester Nebenzahl when he asked for and received the go ahead from the Planning Board to start a study to develop a plan to comply with the newest Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) regulations by the December 31, 2008 deadline.

With voluntary compliance to COAH rules, the borough has protection from developers' lawsuits—one of the reasons the state legislature established COAH through the Fair Housing Act of 1985 after the N.J. Supreme Court Mt. Laurel decision stated that municipalities have a constitutional obligation to provide a realistic opportunity for the construction of low and moderate housing."

With the newest COAH rules the new ratio will require one affordable unit to be built for every four market rate units and one affordable unit for every 16 jobs. The borough is also required to track this data from 2004

and project future housing and job creation in the next 10 years, until 2018. Nebenzahl anticipates the borough's current obligation as 299 units. "Whatever number we come up with—the actual growth is monitored," said Nebenzahl.

In previous years, the borough has used Regional Contribution Agreements RCA's which permitted up to 50% of the Fair Share obligation to be used to subsidize \$35,000 per unit

for new construction, or rehabilitate existing units as a "regional contribution" to neighboring municipalities to meet the borough's obligation. This year the legislature eliminated RCA's and said municipalities can no longer "buy their way out of it."

A resolution was passed at Monday's Borough council meeting to authorize and fund the study to the planning firm of Bernard and Nebenzahl LLC.

Eleven-Year-Old Bicyclist Hit by Car

An 11 year-old female bicyclist was struck by a vehicle on Tuesday afternoon at about 2:30. The incident took place on the corner of Cedarbrook and Maple avenues. The bicyclist was traveling east on Maple Avenue on the sidewalk on the wrong side of the roadway when she struck the auto which was turning right from Cedarbrook onto Maple Avenue.

The vehicle, a 2007 Nissan, was operated by Jane Sheedy, 40, of South Plainfield. Her car was occupied by her 9 and 12 year-old daughters.

The bicyclist suffered minor cuts and bruises and refused medical treatment at the scene. She was wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.

The crash is under investigation and no charges have been filed at this time.

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OLC Blood Drive

September 12

Our Lady of Czestochowa will hold a blood drive on Friday, Sept. 12, 3 to 8 p.m. at the parish hall on Hamilton Boulevard. Come and give the gift of life.

For information, call (908) 757-4490.

Elks 9/11 Memorial

September 13

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge, located on New Market Avenue will hold a 9/11 memorial on Saturday, Sept. 13. The Elks invite all to the festivities for National Patriotism Week (September 8-14). The event is hosted by the Americanism, Army of Hope and Veterans Committee of the lodge. Refreshments, appetizers, coffee and desserts will be served. Casual dress. No t-shirts, shorts or jeans.

For more information, call (908) 346-5049.

Knights of Columbus Mums Sale

September 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, October 4 & 5

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will be holding their annual mums sale at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, located on Plainfield Ave., on the following weekends: September 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28 and October 4 and 5.

All profits go to the Knights of Columbus general charity fund.

Huge Yard Sale/Car Wash Fundraiser

September 13

The South Plainfield Tigers Football Parents Committee is holding a huge yard sale and car wash fundraiser on Saturday, Sept. 13 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Middle School. Come out and show your support for the team!

Rally Day/Open House at Wesley Church

September 14

September is open house month at Wesley Church. The event starts with a colorful rally on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 10:30 a.m. and will feature an inspiring outdoor worship experience, music, picnic, games for all ages and much more fun activities. Sunday School and youth ministries registration will take place. Sign up for ministry and study programs. New people are welcome.

Knights "Don't Cook Friday" Dinner

September 19

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is sponsoring their annual "Don't Cook Friday" Italian dinner on Friday, Sept. 19 in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 334 Hamilton Blvd., from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Cost for adults is \$8; seniors \$7 and children under 12, \$4. Dinner includes pasta, sausage and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert with coffee/tea. All proceeds will benefit the Knights of Columbus local charities fund. Please come out, have a delicious meal, and support this worthy cause.

For more information, call Bill Butrico at (908) 561-8128.

Blackrose to Perform at Rugs & Riffys

September 20

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll and today's hits, will be performing at Rugs and Riffys, 493 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

SPBA Meeting

September 25

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold their monthly meet-

ing on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner, located on Front St. Feel free to offer incentives for your business at the meeting as well as be a guest speaker at our monthly meetings. This month's "Spotlight on Business" presentation will be R&C Auto Body. The Community Projects presentation will be on the Buddy Walk of South Plainfield.

Contact Debra Anne Leporino at SPBAPres@aol.com if you would like to be a guest or guest speaker.

Outdoor Flea Market

October 4

J.J. Gardner Detachment Marine Corps League is sponsoring an outdoor flea market on Sunday, Oct. 4 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the American Legion Post 243 on Oak Tree Ave. Rain or shine.

For information call (908) 527-9260 or (908) 289-8068.

Fourth Annual Buddy Walk at Putnam Park

October 4

The 2008 Buddy Walk of South Plainfield will take place on Saturday, Oct. 4 at Putnam Park. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the walk kicks off at 1 p.m. Benefits Central New Jersey Down Syndrome Parent Advocacy Support Group and Network 21. Come join us!

Old Timers/Run for the Children

October 5

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Timers Motorcycle Club and Moretti Realty will hold the third annual "Run for the Children" on Sunday, Oct. 5 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 12). Sign-in 9:30-11 a.m. Cost is \$20 per rider and \$10 per passenger, non-riders and the public. Raffle tickets \$5 each for a chance to win a 50cc motor scooter.

For more information, contact Rich D'Urso (732) 406-2826, Greg Rhein at (908) 405-7753 or Guy Moretti at (908) 755-5300, E-mail morettig@morettirealty.com.

Tricky Tray at St. Stephen's Church

October 11

St. Stephen's will be hosting a tricky tray event on Saturday, Oct. 11 in the church hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Super raffle includes a 32" LCD HDTV and BlueRay DVD player and Nintendo Wii. Mystery prizes, door prizes and 50/50 raffle. For tickets or information, call (908) 806-8770.

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Middlesex East WOWs

September 12

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, Sept. 12 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission is \$10 for members and \$12 for guests.

For information, call Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Blackrose Performing at Edison Festival

September 13

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at the Edison Fall Family Festival, on the corner of Amboy Ave-

nue (off Rt. 1) and 6th Street on the main stage with the Smithereens Band from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Pet Adoption

September 13 & 14

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization, is sponsoring a cat and kitten adoption on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the PetSmart store in Bridgewater's Promenade Mall, intersection of Route 28 and Route 287.

For low cost spay/neuter information, call (973) 282-0890.

Music, Wine and Food Festival

September 13 & 14

Four Sisters Winery in Belvidere is holding a music, wine and food festival on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13 and 14 from noon to 7 p.m. (gates open at 11 a.m.) Tickets: \$15 in advance per day or \$25 for the weekend, and \$20 per day at the gate. Wine tastings, wine by the glass and BBQ foods available for purchase.

For information, visit www.foursisterswinery.com or call (908) 475-3671.

Organ Concert at St. Francis of Assisi

September 14

To celebrate the silver anniversary of the organ's installation, Thomas A. DeLessio, director of music ministry, will perform organ and orchestral music with the Tim Keyes Consort on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 4 p.m. at the St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen. No tickets are required, but a good will offering will be taken.

For information, call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1636 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

Willow Grove Church Annual Picnic

September 14

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Plains/Fanwood community to come to Forest Park in Fanwood on Sunday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m. for the annual picnic. Food and beverages are provided. All are invited to attend.

Greenbrook Manor Yard Sale

September 20

Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 303 Rock Ave., Green Brook, is hosting a community-wide yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, Sept. 21).

For more information, call (732) 424-5226.

Dog Wash Fundraiser

September 20

The Plainfield Area Humane Society is hosting a dog wash on Saturday, Sept. 20. Bath time will take place at the shelter, 75 Rock Ave. in Plainfield, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dogs of all shapes and sizes are welcome to jump in the tub.

The cost is \$15 for big dogs, \$10 for the little ones. Nail clipping will also be available for an additional \$10. All dogs will leave smelling and looking good, with a bandana and a toy.

All proceeds will go to help care for the animals at the shelter.

For more information, call the shelter at (908) 754-0300.

Outdoor Festival

September 21

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, is hosting an outdoor festival on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. 20-piece band for listening and dancing from 1-6 p.m.; German and American food available; picnic tables; no outside food or beverages permitted. Donation: \$5; children under 12 free. Free parking. Rain or shine.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

Depression/Bipolar Support Group

September 24

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 24 at 7:45 p.m., the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance monthly meeting will take place at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road in Morristown. The public is invited. A nominal donation is requested from non-members.

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

Morristown Madams Roller Derby

September 27

The Morristown Madams Roller Derby team will open their season at home against Hudson Valley Horrors on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. at the Morristown Rink, 38 Dumont St.

For more information call, (973) 879-7431.

Vendor Fair

September 27

Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 1610 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains, is holding a community vendor market on Saturday, Sept. 27 from noon to 4 p.m. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to Ashbrook to benefit programs for its residents.

For more information, please call Erin Durkin at (908) 889-2587.



This was the scene at Krauszer's on Oak Tree Avenue last Saturday when remnants of Tropical Storm Hanna passed through South Plainfield. The fast moving storm caused several roads in the borough to be closed, but all were able to reopen Sunday morning.

SPHS Back-to-School Night

The South Plainfield High School administration and staff would like to invite all parents/guardians to our annual Back-to-School Night on Thursday, Sept. 25. The evening schedule is as follows:

Senior Parent Q&A Session: 5:30 p.m.-Information Center, facilitated by SPHS Guidance Department.

PERIOD 1-6:30 to 6:40

PERIOD 2-6:45 to 6:55

PERIOD 3-7:00 to 7:10

PERIOD 4/5, 5/6-7:15 to 7:25

PERIOD 6/7, 7/8-7:30 to 7:40

PERIOD 9-7:45 to 7:55

PERIOD 10-8:00 to 8:10

During each session, the teacher will have a 10-minute course overview, textbooks used, quiz/lab/testing process, long term projects or reports and grading algorithm.

Please Note: For physical education/health class, please report to the auditorium.

Curves Continues its Support For Breast Cancer Awareness

Curves, the international women's fitness franchise, is no stranger to the fight against breast cancer. Over the last several years, Curves locations, including the one in South Plainfield, have participated in various fundraising and charitable events to raise millions for the cause. Curves of South Plainfield will be offering the Liv Aid breast self-exam kit during October Breast Cancer Awareness Month to help women become more comfortable performing their monthly at-home exams.

Breast self-exam is an important step a woman can do herself as part of a regular breast health routine. "Clearly, a significant number of breast cancers are found by the patient herself, even in the setting of a normal mammogram," says renowned breast cancer surgeon, Ernie Bodai, M.D., F.A.C.S. "Liv Aid greatly enhances a woman's ability in detecting an abnormality, which in many cases will lead to early detection and a better chance for a cure."

Non-members can get a free Liv Aid when they come in to the fitness center and experience a CurvesSmart demonstration. CurvesSmart is a new, personal coaching system customized for each member that's designed to provide motivation and accountability with moment-to-moment feedback and progress reports detailing, among

other measures, how many calories were burned during a workout. Curves members have a variety of ways to obtain a Liv Aid, including showing proof of a mammogram within the last 12 months. Liv Aids are also available for purchase by anyone in the community.

And to help Liv Aid recipients remember to use them, they can sign up to receive complimentary monthly E-mail alerts from Olivia Newton-John, who has partnered with Curves to help promote breast cancer awareness. "Being a breast cancer 'thriver,' I know that early detection is key to good breast health," says Newton-John, whose cancer was diagnosed in 1992 and who is now cancer-free.

"Curves has always been an advocate of breast cancer awareness, but now we are taking it one step further and helping the women in our community exercise good breast health," said Jerri and Elissa, owners of Curves of South Plainfield, located at 27 South Plainfield Ave. "We're proud to be part of a company whose goal is to put the Liv Aid into a million women's hands this October."

For information on Curves of South Plainfield or details about how women can get a free Liv Aid breast self exam kit, contact Jerri or Elissa at (908) 757-4422.

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not put these at the curb for recycling because of privacy concerns, we have the event for you. A free paper shredding event at the South Plainfield Senior Center, located at 90 Maple Ave. on Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the shredding truck is filled, whichever occurs sooner.

Bring your old files, receipts, bills, financial statements, any document that you have not recycled due to a confidentiality concern. The mobile truck shreds the paper on-site, so residents can watch their papers being destroyed. No need to remove paper clips, staples, paperboard binder covers.

Do not bring books, magazines or newspapers. These should be placed at the curb in the blue mixed paper recycling box or brought to the borough's recycling center on Kenneth Avenue. Also, no plastic materials will be shredded.

This free service is sponsored by the Middlesex County Division of Waste Management in cooperation with the Borough of South Plainfield. For questions and information, E-mail solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us or call us at (732) 745-4170.



First place team (L-R): Dan Griffin, Todd Sherman, Bill Mann, John Gavin, Grace Ciampi and her son, Dominick.

Charity Golf Outing Raises \$6,200 for Haven Hospice

The fourth annual charity golf outing to benefit Haven Hospice, sponsored by Grace and Mike Ciampi and KC's Korner, was held on August 11 and raised \$6,200. "This was our fourth charity event in dedication to my father, Alfonso D'Amato. In total we have raised over \$20,000," said Grace. "This could not be possible without the help of my family and friends. The money goes to terminally ill patients and families that are in need of the things that insurance doesn't pay for. Hospice is an amazing group of people who are truly sent here from heaven."

The event began at 9 a.m. at Concordia Golf Club in Monroe despite a rainstorm that hit around 10 a.m. The golfers took shelter briefly then con-

tinued on. Grace commented, "It was as if someone upstairs were trying to make their presence felt; my father, I'm sure!"

After golfing 18 holes, everyone went back to KC's Korner for great food, drinks and an abundance of door prizes. There were trophies, golf bags, custom made golf clubs, golf umbrellas, gift cards, and much more. Everyone raved about the great time they had and all agreed they can't wait until next year.

"It was a great day; we had a really good time!" said Joe Sacco and Jay Cappola, who both golfed in the event. "It's a really good cause and everyone had a blast," said Kelly Peterson, manager of KC's Korner.

Grace and Mike Ciampi would like to thank the golfers and all the local businesses for their support. They would also like to thank Lauren Lenihan, Michele D'Amato, Candice D'Amato, Renee Calavetta, Robyn Rasnak, Carolyn Troxell, Natasha Kurilew, Abilites Unlimited and Jerzey Jim the D.J. for volunteering their time and services.

This is a charity that is close to the Ciampi's hearts and they hope next year will be an even bigger success.

Local Officer Injured in Auto Accident

South Plainfield Police Officer Joseph Indano, 25, was injured when he was involved in an accident at the intersection of Durham Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard on September 4 at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Indano was operating a marked patrol car and responding to back up another officer when his patrol car was struck by a 2006 Buick, owned and operated by Margaret Doyle, 81, of Piscataway. Indano was making a left turn from Durham Avenue onto Hamilton Boulevard, when he was struck by Doyle, who was traveling southbound on Hamilton Boulevard.

Indano's emergency lights and siren were activated at the time of the accident. He was transported to John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, treated for minor injuries and released.

The accident is under investigation and no charges have been filed.

Catholic High School Admission Test Announced

The COOP Exam is the high school entrance exam used by the Newark Archdiocese for students seeking admission into the ninth grade of a Catholic high school for September 2009.

The exam will be given on November 7. However, students should be registered ahead of time to guarantee themselves a seat. Many testing facilities rapidly fill to capacity. Parents should not delay in registering their eighth graders for the exam. In order to register online visit www.coopexam.org. You may also pick up registration materials at any Catholic elementary or high school.

For questions regarding secondary school admissions or COOP, call (973) 497-4260.

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Correction

In the August 29 issue, the Labor Day Parade story listing past honorary grand marshals did not include the name of Ann Nagy-1963. We regret the omission.

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South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home Collecting Items for Troops

Franklin Rainear, local owner and manager of The South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home, located at 2456 Plainfield Ave., in co-operation with Operation Jersey Cares, a group that helps the troops overseas as well as the returning soldiers and Marines that have been wounded in combat, is collecting donated items for the troops.

"I am excited to say that we have just become a drop-off point for the many items needed for our men and women of the United States Military," said Rainear.

"Our funeral home flower door is

Donations Needed for Food Drive

Franklin Rainear, manager and local owner of South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home, has announced the continuation of the community and surrounding community food drive covering all of Middlesex County. The items that he receives will be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society Sacred Heart Church. The food donation drop off location is the funeral home, located at 2456 Plainfield Avenue. Food can be dropped off 24/7 in the flower room.

We are asking that folks please donate food items that do not have to be refrigerated. We at the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home are working with the community to help those in need and will continue our efforts to do so.

open 24/7, including holidays, for your convenience. The door is located on the right side of the funeral home. Please donate what you can and as often as you can. Together all of us as a community can make someone feel special. We all know words cannot express what our troops are doing for all of us because it is truly priceless," Rainear explained.

Below is a list of some of the items (new items only) most needed by our troops:

- **Food**—Beef jerky/turkey jerky, gum, SlimJims, breath mints, hard candy, snack foods (chips, nuts, etc.), cereal (small boxes), hot chocolate, sugar-free items, cereal bars, instant coffee (non-breakable container), tea bags, coffee, microwaveable foods (non-perishable), trail mix, coffee creamer, powdered drink mix, tuna (canned or packaged), cookies (non-chocolate), protein bars, twizzlers candy, granola bars and pumpkin/sunflower seeds.

- **Toiletries**—Baby powder, foot powder, Stridex cleansing pads, bug repellent wipes, gel facial sunscreen, Chapstick, hand lotion, tissues, conditioner, over-the-counter medications, toilet paper, dental floss, Q-tips, toothbrushes, deodorant (non-aerosol), razors (disposable), toothpaste, disposable baby wipes, saline nasal

spray, wash pads, eye moisture drops, shampoo, waterless hand sanitizer, feminine hygiene products, shaving gel (non-aerosol), first aid items and soap.

- **Other items**—Batteries (any size), note cards, shoe insole cushions, blankets, pencils, socks, envelopes, pens, sunglasses, journal books, phone cards (international AT&T), writing paper, large artist paintbrush and playing cards.

- **Most needed by our wounded**—Batteries, gift cards (Dunkin' Donuts/Subway), socks, breakaway pants (lightweight all sizes), hand-held games, sweatshirts (all sizes), DVD movies, phone cards, wallets, DVD player (books on tape), PJ's (mens with drawstrings), watches, envelopes, playing cards, writing paper, gas cards and slippers.

Volunteers are needed for upcoming events. Please call and join us as we all work together to help our men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces. For more information, please call (908) 725-1264.

Financial contributions to Operation Jersey Cares are tax deductible. Checks should be made payable to: VVA Chapter 452 with "Operation Jersey Cares" on the memo line. Mail contribution to: Operation Jersey Cares, 20 West Somerset St., Raritan, N.J. 08869.

Home Organizing Program to Be Presented at the Library

There will be a home organizing program at South Plainfield Public Library on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m.

The topic is "De-cluttering & Organizing: How to Stay Motivated." The program will be led by Eva Abreu, professional organizer and owner of Piscataway-based Sort Things Out. The program is intended for both those new to home organizing who want to learn more about getting

started and staying motivated, and for those who need a refresher course in dealing with clutter in the home. The program is being presented free; pre-registration is required.

For more information, please call (908) 754-7885, or visit the Library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. For more information about Abreu, call 1-877-708-0884 or visit www.SortThings-Out.com.

SPHS Music Boosters

MUSIC NOTES

The Labor Day Parade was spectacular! Thanks to all the parents who helped get the band and guard ready, and for marching with them in the parade. I also want to thank everyone who helped out at the Labor Day concession at the PAL. The day was a great success! Many thanks to Tom Berry, Paul Blackford, Mike Brazza, Isaac and Beverly Blanco and Abby Collins for getting the booth set up and organized; Mike Poland, for your tireless help throughout the entire day (I know your voice was quite hoarse yelling "hot dogs"); Mac Sambat, Nancy Wagner, Sue Hagemann, Karen Blackford, Mike and Pena Brazza—for all your hard work. Thank you to A&P for the donation—your support is very much appreciated. A big thank you goes to the SPHS Summer Drama Workshop for the generous donation of soda and water to assist us during the school season!

The first marching competition with USSBA will be held on Saturday, Sept. 13 in Scotch Plains. The competition starts at 2 p.m. and we're currently scheduled to step off at 2:45 p.m. (subject to change). You can see the show list and get directions by going to the competition Web site: www.yea.org. Click on USSBA, then go to show schedules for more information. Our second competition will be on Saturday, Sept. 27 at Somerville High School. Check the competition Web site for more details.

Our annual ad book campaign for 2008-2009 is under way. The ad book is open to the entire music department. Please remember to get your ads in by Monday, Sept. 22 to meet the deadline. (Additional ad book forms are available outside Mr. Vroom's office). Orders for music department shirts/hats, etc. are due by Wednesday, Sept. 24 to ensure delivery prior to our marching band home competi-

tion. We also have promotional items for sale including hot/cold mugs (\$6), marching band/color guard blankets (\$47), drawstring sport bags (\$10) and marching band t-shirts (\$5). Please call (908) 331-0972 to order.

We need lots of help from the parents of the entire music department for our 27th annual band competition, to be held on October 18 at Jost Field. The competition begins at 6 p.m., but we will need help throughout the day. You'll get to hear and see great performances from 12 bands around the area.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. We look forward to seeing you all there! Come join the fun! Keep checking weekly for more updates.

Submitted Pamela Hussey, president, SPHS Music Boosters

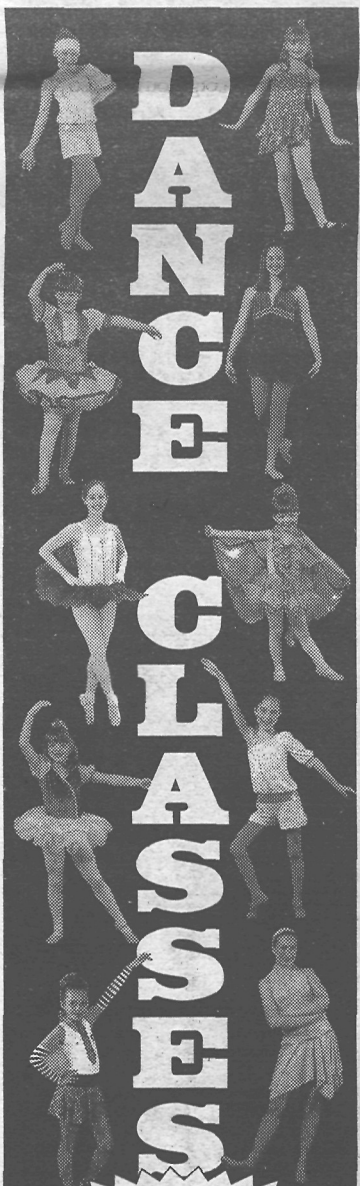
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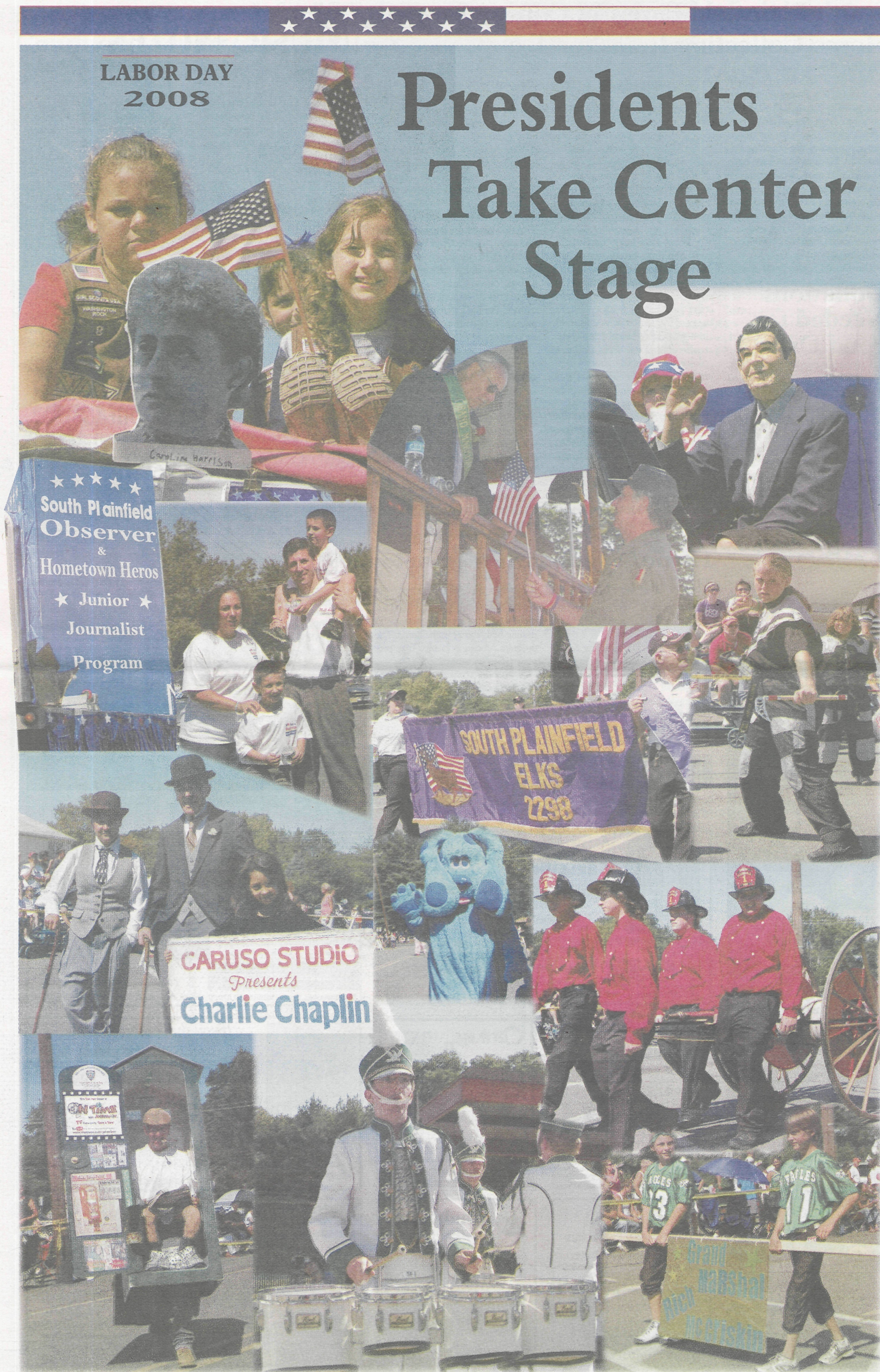
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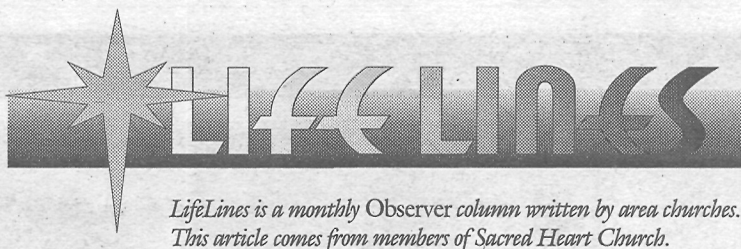
Chris Markey, Andrew Yon, Edward Setnicky, American Legion Sergeant-at-Arms Matt Boyle, Mike Mocharski and James Setnicky.

By Michael Duquette

It's a simple design: 50 white stars on a blue rectangle and 13 alternating red and white stripes. Yet the American flag is one of the most enduring symbols in world history—not to mention one of its most misunderstood. On July 27, members of Boy Scout Troop 207 and American Legion Chaumont Post 243 partook in a retirement of several American flags. The respectful burning of a flag “in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display” is specified in Title 4 of the United States Code, and members of both organi-

zations stress its importance in understanding more about the nation's flag. “It's showing respect to the symbol of our country,” Scoutmaster John Mocharski said of the ceremony. “It gives you a good feeling when you do this. You're doing the right thing.” “A lot of people think the flag is a piece of cloth,” said Post Adjutant Matt Boyle, who presided as Sergeant-at-Arms at the retirement. “To a veteran overseas, flags are home. It always has a certain meaning to us that I guess people don't realize.” The collaboration between the legion and the scouts, who hold their meetings at the post, was furthered

when both organizations worked to replace the flags at Holy Redeemer Cemetery. This led the scouts to propose collecting old flags to retire at the legion. Over 2,000 flags of all shapes and sizes were collected and five were retired at the ceremony, which was open to the public. Mocharski said the ceremony was important as a means to teach people more about the flag, including proper care, display and decorum. “It's something a lot of people don't always think about,” he said. “It's like coming up to a yield sign and yielding, but not knowing why.” Boyle said the American Legion plans to hand out pamphlets and hopes to lecture in schools about the flag “to explain to kids while they're young.” Early plans are also being worked on for another retirement ceremony in the fall. “We're very proud of those guys,” Boyle said of the Scouts. “It shows that they're doing more than just talking [about the flag].” “I think the kids got something out of it, and hopefully we'll get more people out next time,” Mocharski said. “Whether it's a small one on a grave or a flag flying over a building, it's the same symbol.”



Who's your most memorable teacher? Young or old, we all have one: a person who left a lasting impact on our lives. It could have been a literature teacher, whose pursuit of perfection drove students up a wall. As if grammar and content weren't enough to worry about, did *neatness* really have to count? As painful as this requirement was, the end result may have been a deeper sense of pride in our work. What about the math monster who plastered equations and rules all over the classroom walls? Math anxiety grew more intense just at the sight! But when test-taking time came, we realized parts of those elusive formulas were right in front of us. Was it a teacher's error? Or was the real lesson to be aware of, and thankful for, things that are provided for our benefit? How about the tough gym teacher who absolutely DID NOT tolerate unruly behavior in class, consistently doling out unlimited numbers of push-ups! Did this teacher enjoy torturing the class, or was the real lesson the importance of respect for others and self-control? Whether or not we realized their value at the time, as adults we can better appreciate the anecdotes and examples that went beyond academics to help us learn “life” lessons. There are teachers from our community, in a variety of settings, who are shaping lives, even if only in a small way. They set expectations for students to achieve socially and spiritually, as well as academically, guiding them along the way. Whether working in a public, parochial, or other private school, we appreciate teachers who create an environment where character, compassion, and caring are just as important as reading, writing and arithmetic—who teach, through word and example, not mere tolerance of those who are different, but acceptance. Wherever this occurs, it's the message of “love thy neighbor” in action! Our prayers of support are with all teachers who impact South Plainfield.

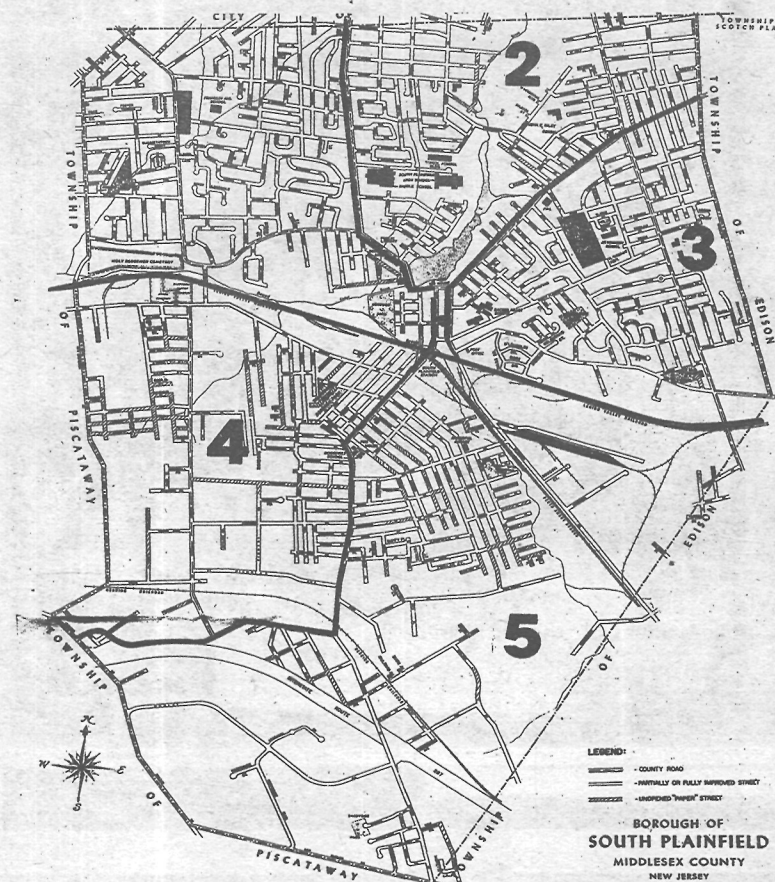
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Week of September 29 Section 1	Place items at curb on September 28	Week of October 20 Section 4	Place items at curb on October 19
Week of October 6 Section 2	Place items at curb on October 5	Week of October 27 Section 5	Place items at curb on October 26
Week of October 13 Section 3	Place items at curb on October 12		

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CYBOWSKI COURT	2	GARDNER AVENUE	4	LINDEN AVENUE	4	PARK AVENUE (Maple	2	STACEY COURT	3
DANIEL STREET	3	GARFIELD AVENUE	5	(Maple to Redding Ave)	2	to Edison border)	3	STERLING AVENUE	3
DAVIS STREET	4	GARIBALDI AVENUE	4	LINDEN AVENUE	4	PARK LANE	2	STEVENS TERRACE	1
DAWES STREET	2	GEARY DRIVE	1	(Maple towards Edison)	3	PARK STREET	5	ST. JAMES PLACE	3
DAY STREET	5	GEORGE STREET	1	LINDSEY COURT	1	PARKER AVENUE	4	ST. JOHNS PLACE	5
DeFILLIPO DRIVE	3	GERMAIN STREET	2	LINKE COURT	2	PEARL PLACE	2	ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE	4
DEL NEGRO COURT	5	GRANT AVENUE	1	LONSDALE DRIVE	1	PEEK STREET	4	STOCKOFF LANE	1
DELANEY COURT	1	GRAY DRIVE	1	LORRAINE AVENUE	4	PERRY STREET	1	STRAITFORD AVENUE	2
DELEKAS AVENUE	1	GREENWICH STREET	1	LOWDEN AVENUE	1	PERSHING PLACE	1	STRONG PLACE	4
DELANCY STREET	5	GREEN PLACE	4	LUCY COURT	5	PERTH PLACE	5	SUMMIT AVENUE	5
DELMORE AVENUE	5	GROVE STREET	3	MACK PLACE	5	PIERCE STREET	3	SURREY ROAD	3
DENNY PLACE	1	GUBERNAT DRIVE	3	MADISON DRIVE	2	PIERSANTE WAY	3	SUSAN TERRACE	3
DeSEPIO AVENUE	3	HAMILTON BLVD	1	MAHAR AVENUE	1	PINE STREET	3	SUSSEX STREET	1
DEVON LANE	3	(between Maple Ave	5	MAIN STREET	5	PITT STREET	4	TEEPLE PLACE	3
DEY STREET	1	to So. Plainfield Ave)	2	MALTBY AVENUE	1	PISANELLO COURT	5	TEN EYCK STREET	3
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DELORES AVENUE	3	HANCOCK STREET	4	MAPLE AVENUE	3	POE PLACE	1	towards Plainfield)	2
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DUMONT AVENUE	1	HIGHLAND AVENUE	4	McDONOUGH STREET	1	RAILROAD AVENUE	5	TOOL PLACE	1
DUNHAM AVENUE	1	HILLSIDE AVENUE	5	McKENLEY STREET	5	RALPH AVENUE	1	TREMONT AVENUE	4
DURHAM AVENUE	5	HILL HOLLOW ROAD	1	McKINLEY STREET	5	RANDOLPH AVENUE	3	TRENT PLACE	2
EAST CRESCENT PKWY	3	HOGAN DRIVE	5	MEADOW TERRACE	1	RANGER STREET	1	TRIANGLE PLACE	2
EAST ELMWOOD DRIVE	3	HOLLY AVENUE	1	MEISTER STREET	1	RAUER COURT	1	TRINITY STREET	1
EAST FAIRVIEW AVENUE	3	(from Maple to Redding	2	MELLON STREET	2	REDDING AVENUE	2	TYLER PLACE	4
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EDGAR AVENUE	2	HOLLYWOOD AVENUE	5	MICHAEL STREET	3	RIO STREET	4	VAN FLEET AVENUE	2
EGANEY STREET	1	HOPKINSON STREET	5	MIDDLESEX AVENUE	4	RISOLI TERRACE	2	VICTORY AVENUE	1
ELEANOR STREET	2	HUSTON STREET	1	MILDRED STREET	2	RITTER AVENUE	2	VICTORY STREET	5
ELIZZA COURT	3	HUDSON STREET	1	MILL STREET	1	ROBERT PLACE	1	VIVIAN STREET	2
ELIZABETH AVENUE	4	IRVING STREET	1	MINFORD AVENUE	3	RODMAN ROAD	3	WADE AVENUE	4
ELIZABETHTOWN CT.	1	IVY STREET	1	MONDORO PLACE	4	ROHATYN STREET	5	WADSWORTH AVENUE	2
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EVERETTE STREET	5	JERSEY STREET	4	MORRIS AVENUE	2	SAGE STREET	4	WELLS DRIVE	1
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ELECTION 2008

Buteas and Salerno Think It's Time for "Green" Energy

Democratic council candidates Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno this week expanded on their campaign of honest change for South Plainfield. Franky Salerno stressed the importance of incorporating "green energy" into borough facilities: "As an electrician apprentice I have had the unique opportunity to actually work on several alternate energy projects, including the installation of solar panels. This is not a political issue. Everyone agrees that as a nation we must end our dependence on fossil fuels. Global warming threatens our planet and our economy is susceptible to virtual blackmail from oil producing nations. Alternate energy sources are available and are being tapped throughout the United States. I have actually seen an electric meter run in reverse after solar panels were installed. But solar is not the only solution. The borough should immediately conduct an inventory of all of our assets to explore reduction of energy usage, whether it is natural gas for heating, electric for lights, air conditioning and computers or gasoline for borough vehicles and equipment. After this inventory is completed the borough should retain an energy consultant to provide a menu of improvements that can be implemented over time to turn the borough as green as possible. We are particularly fortunate because my runningmate, Chrissy Buteas, worked for the Board of Public Utilities and she has experience in energy efficient projects, including financing. How fortunate our taxpayers will be to have Chrissy's expertise on the Borough Council."

Chrissy Buteas expanded on her runningmate's position: "Time is of the essence. One of Franky and my top priorities will be to retain a

firm to conduct an audit of the borough's energy usage. I know that Mayor Butrico and councilmembers Petronko and Scrudato share this commitment. Sadly it has not been a priority for the present Republican Majority. There are firms out there that will complete the improvements at no cost to the taxpayers. They base their compensation on a percentage of the ultimate savings. This is an area that I have experience because of my work with the Board of Public Utilities. I am anxious to put this knowledge to work for the residents of South Plainfield. How many people can say they have actually worked on green energy projects like my runningmate Franky Salerno? When the energy audit is being conducted and the report is generated and a proposal given, we will be able to have it reviewed by Councilman Salerno who can tell us what really works. Nothing compares with real life experience. I have been told that a Republican insider laughed when he read about Franky's and my pledge not to raise taxes next year. He said 'How do they propose to do that?' Well, this is just one example of how bringing cutting edge technology can benefit not only the environment, but the pocketbooks of our taxpayers. That's a double reason to call it 'Green Energy'. You can count on the Democratic team to do everything we can to honestly serve the best interest of all of our residents. We look forward to discussing additional innovative proposals in the upcoming weeks before election day."

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Democrats Left a Fiscal Nightmare; We Can't Let Them Do It Again

Councilmen Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga are running on a record of fiscal accountability. They've made a commitment to the voters: No gimmicks or phony promises. Hard work, not gimmicks, will get South Plainfield's finances back on track.

"When the new majority took the helm in January, the first problem we confronted was a huge deficit and a budget nightmare," explained Councilman Matt Anesh, who has an extensive background in finance.

Anesh is a vice president with Merrill Lynch, and he quickly saw major problems: "The Democrats left us nearly bankrupt. They didn't budget for tax appeals, which totaled nearly \$500,000, and they relied on \$1.8 million in one-time revenue. Finance experts will tell you that relying on so much one-time revenue is irresponsible and foolish."

"On top of this, they were selling open space to balance the budget and then relying upon the money before we even received it. It was a real mess," he said.

"The turnaround since then is significant," explained Rob Bengivenga, the new council president. "Under the new GOP Majority, borrowing is down by two-thirds, and we've cut reliance on one-time revenue by more than half."

According to Anesh, he and his fellow GOP council members have also cut about \$700,000 from last year's budget so far. "Part of that \$700,000 is reduced administrative costs. We cut the number of administrative posts and saved over \$100,000."

"We've also confronted some big issues in this year's budget," explained Bengivenga. "State aid is down by nearly \$300,000 and state-required

pension costs are up by almost half a million."

"We've also confronted reduced ratables due to the real-estate slump. Yet the first draft of our budget goes up less than one percent, which we'd like to bring down even more. And that includes 4% employee raises required by contract. The Democrats negotiated these contracts and we are bound by them."

"Our opponents are promising 'no tax increase' next year, but the last time they did that, they raised taxes right after they were elected," said Bengivenga. "Where's the credibility?"

"It's one thing to offer a plan," added Anesh, "but Buteas and Salerno are just making an empty promise to get elected. What are they going to cut? How are they going to deal with declining ratables? Are they going to go back to selling assets and borrowing huge sums? How would they deal with state-aid cuts? They have no answers."

"They call themselves the 'new generation,' but they want to take us backwards," explained Bengivenga. "Neither has real-world experience in finance like Matt Anesh and Ray Rusnak, and rather than offer a plan, they are simply pandering."

It would be a mistake to turn back the clock, according to Anesh. "They had 12 years to try to make our local government more efficient, but they failed. They failed to pursue shared services, failed to streamline administration, and failed to control spending."

"If re-elected, Matt and I will keep cutting spending and will keep investing in our town's financial security," said Bengivenga. "These are major changes from the risky schemes of the past. Let's keep change going."

To find out more about Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga, visit the new Republican Web site at www.spgop.com.

Senior Health and Fitness Walk Scheduled

Senior citizens throughout Middlesex County are invited to lace up their sneakers and participate in Middlesex County's Senior Health and Fitness Walk on Wednesday, Sept. 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The walk will take place at Roose-

velt Park in Edison and is co-sponsored by the Middlesex County Department on Aging and various senior centers throughout the county. Check-in begins at 10 a.m. The walk will kick-off about 11:15 a.m.

The walk is scheduled to celebrate Active Aging Week. "This event is always so much fun for the residents who participate," said Freeholder Blanka B. Valenti, chair of the County's Human Services and Aging Committee. "It also keeps us focused on staying fit and living healthy. Fun

and focus? I think that's a great way to spend the day."

Walkers may choose the length of their course, with stops at the half-mile, mile and two-mile marks.

All Middlesex County seniors are invited to participate in this County-wide event.

Walkers must register with their local senior centers or the Middlesex County Department on Aging by calling (732) 745-3295.

Participating seniors will receive t-shirts and a boxed lunch. Blood pressure and glucose screenings will be done prior to the walk. Giveaways and a raffle will take place as the event draws to an end.

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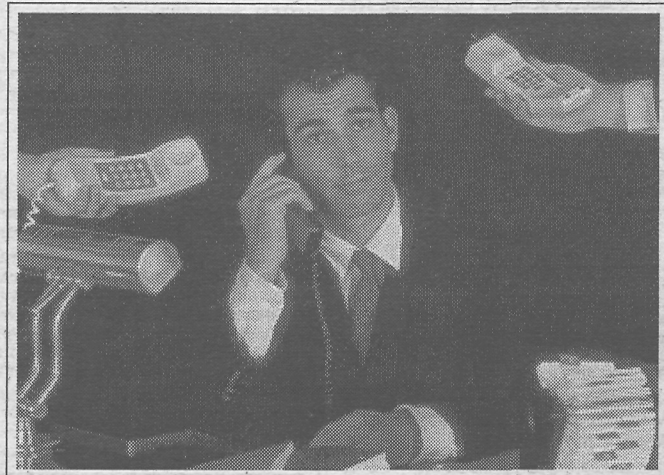
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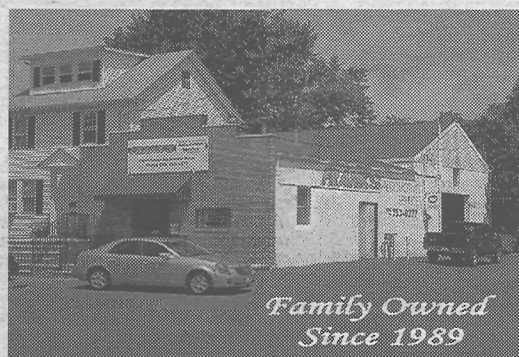
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IN MY OPINION

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only wrong, it is inexcusable. How is it we continually find ourselves ultimately responsible for the errors of our elected officials? In today's economy, what was wrong was the unplanned, unexpected strain to our personal budgets of purchasing supplies, in many cases wherever they could be found, at whatever the cost. How many more of our tax dollars will be wastefully spent correcting an overzealous plan that

went awry? Supplies were purchased and are sitting in our schools.
At this time, I for one would like an accounting of the beginning budget for this project. I would like to know what supplies were purchased, the monies expended to date, and whether or not there is an expectation of uniformity of all schools as it relates to the return of purchased supplies in response to the board's vote. Certainly if there was any hope of tax relief to our community from

these monies, that relief has been compromised and diminished, and that is wrong.

DENISE ABREGO

To the Editor:
Congratulations to the Middlesex County Freeholders for acquiring the 69-acre Texas Eastern Property in South Plainfield. This ecological treasure sits within the extraordinary 660-acre Dismal Swamp complex which supports at least 200 wildlife species, including a variety of turtles and frogs, that are vanishing elsewhere. It also provides wonderful opportunities for the public by way of nature trails, environmental education, and passive open space. This is a truly welcome amenity since rampant development has made the "Dis" an increasingly important natural respite for local residents.

Preserving this property required a complex and lengthy acquisition process in which several partners played critical roles, especially the Port Authority and its Deputy Executive Director Susan Bass Levin, who reimbursed the county for the purchase price of this site soon after it was acquired. In doing so, the Port Authority not only helped preserve another "priority acquisition site" of the bi-state Harbor Estuary Program (the admirable program goal here is to help preserve remaining natural habitat parcels in the Port District and they have been immensely successful), but also frees up Middlesex County open space funds to improve recreational facilities as well as add to its impressive 7,000-acre open space inventory.

Baykeeper initiated and helped facilitate the project at the behest of the Edison Wetlands Association nearly three years ago, and thankfully at the critical time Middlesex County stepped up to formally purchase the site. This, in turn, was only possible because Mayor Buttrico and the Borough of South Plainfield were willing to hold

and manage this site as a conservation area. Preserving the Texas Eastern property is a great acquisition realized through a true team effort—bravo Middlesex County and partners!
**SINCERELY, GREG REMAUD
CONSERVATION DIRECTOR
NY/NJ BAYKEEPER**

To the Editor:
The residents of Holly Park Drive would like to thank the South Plainfield Fire Department for coming by our block party on August 31.
It was a hot afternoon and the boys of the SPVFD turned it up.... the water hose that is. They sprayed all the kids in the street for a good hour or so. The children were running and laughing and having a great time. It really reminded me of the block parties I used to have when I was growing up. Good clean fun! The firemen were polite and gracious and very patient with the little ones as they ALL wanted to ride the fire truck.
Again, thank you so much.
**SINCERELY,
THE RESIDENTS OF HOLLY
PARK DRIVE**

To the Teachers, Staff and Parents of Riley School:
I just want to clarify the reason why I am no longer the head custodian at Riley School. The rumor is that I just left my job and never returned. As most of you know, I would not just leave a job that I have been dedicated to for over 13 years. The truth is that I was actually fired by Sodexho.
On June 24, I received a call from my wife telling me that her brother in Jacksonville, Fla. was critically ill and the doctors didn't know if he was going to make it. I immediately called my boss, the custodial manager, and left a message on her voice mail. I then called her cell phone and spoke with her directly, telling her the situation and that I had to leave. She said, "OK, family

matters come first." Of course, at that time, I could not give her an exact date of when I would be back.
We arrived in Jacksonville at 2 a.m. on June 25. On July 3, when my brother-in-law was finally stabilized and out of danger, I called my supervisor to tell her when I would be back. That's when she told me that I had been fired.
I just wanted you to know the truth of why I am no longer employed by Sodexho. I have enjoyed working with all of you and will miss you. I hope you have a great year!
**SINCERELY,
BILL BALL**

To the Editor:
A recent political ad in the *Observer* by the local democratic party would have you believe the taxes on a residential property increased by \$474 in one year. They showed partial copies of the tax bills to back up their claim. Looks authentic, don't it? Well the truth is they have misrepresented their claim. Here's why:
They showed you a copy of a 2001 bill, which indicated the property had an assessed value of \$192,200. Copies of the other bills did not show the assessed values for they years 2007 and 2008. Here's why they didn't show these assessed values. This property had an added assessment of \$28,900 that increased the 2008 assessed value to \$221,100. Had there been no improvement to the property the tax increase shown in the ad would have been considerably less. To make a fair comparison, they should have selected a property which had no increase in assessed value for the years shown in the ad.
Instead they used a property that had a substantial increase in the assessed value resulting in a much larger tax increase then levied on properties whose assessed values did not increase. Since most of the properties in town did not have an increase in their assessed value
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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1833

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

Ord. No. 1833 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING REPAIRS TO THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AT A COST OF \$140,000 AND THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE FOR THE RECYCLING CENTER, APPROPRIATING \$212,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$199,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF, SECTION 20 COSTS NOT TO EXCEED \$35,000 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 12, 2008, and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No.1833

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$212,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$199,000 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:

Section 1: The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey (the "Borough") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$212,000, including the aggregate sum of \$13,000 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2: In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$199,000 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.

Section 3: The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) The acquisition of a backhoe for the Department of Public Works, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$72,000	\$65,750	15 years
b) Improvements to the library, consisting of a new roof and other improvements to the library facility, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$140,000	\$133,250	15 years
TOTALS	\$212,000	\$199,000	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose.

Section 4: 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.

Section 5: 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.

Section 6: The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements that the Borough may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the costs thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 15 years.

(c) 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 \$199,000, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$35,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated costs indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7: The Borough hereby declares the intent of the Borough to issue the bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law.

Section 8: Any grant moneys received for the purposes described in Section 3 hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvements 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.

Section 9: 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.

Section 10: 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.

Section 11: This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

AATTEST:
Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk
\$292.40
September 12, 2008

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1713A

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1713 ENTITLED "ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS" TO REALLOCATE \$24,946 IN UNSPENT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$24,554 IN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE AN INSTALLATION OF A NEW PHONE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING LOCATED 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, September 12, 2008, and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2008 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. That the unspent funds totaling \$24,946 for improvements and appropriations authorized under Ordinance #1713 in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey be reallocated for improvements within Borough Hall particularly the installation of a new phone communication system and are hereby supplemented by an additional appropriation as follows:
- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Capital Improvement Fund | \$25,554.00 |
| TOTAL | \$25,554.00 |
- Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.
- Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:
- A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$49,500.00.
- B. That the cost for the new communication system be from the reallocation of \$24,946.00 from Ordinance #1713 and \$24,554 from the Capital Improvement Fund.

C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.

Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$1,000.00.

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

AATTEST:
Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk
\$98.80
September 12, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO. 1820

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1461 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 187 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD" THEREBY PROHIBITING OFF STREET PARKING IN THE FRONT YARD SETBACK EXCEPT IN SPECIFIC DESIGNATED AREAS AS ASSESSING APPLICABLE FINES was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 12, 2008, and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

- Section 1: In all zones of the Borough of South Plainfield, including every industrial, business, institutional, recreational, residential, or any other use, Off Street parking shall not be permitted in the front yard setback area except in an area designated for parking which shall be surfaced with asphalt, bituminous, cement or stone.
- Section 2: Any person or persons who violate any provision of this ordinance shall, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of no less than One Hundred (\$100.00) dollars and no more than Two Thousand (\$2000.00) dollars.
- Section 3: The provisions of this ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department, the Code Enforcement Officer or Zoning Officer of the Borough of South Plainfield.
- Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are

repealed to extend to such consistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

AATTEST:
Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk
\$71.25
September 12, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL ORDINANCE 1830

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

Ord. No. 1830 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14) was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

AATTEST:
Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk
\$22.80
September 12, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1831

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

Ord. No. 1831 entitled: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 620 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION" was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

AATTEST:
Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk
\$22.80
September 12, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1832

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

Ord. No. 1832 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF SPEED HUMPS ON METUCHEN ROAD IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, September 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

AATTEST:
Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk
\$22.80
September 12, 2008

IN MY OPINION

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ues this ad presented a distorted picture of the modest increase the average homeowner actually received. I doubt this was an accident.

CHARLES C. HAUS, RETIRED
BOROUGH CFO AND TAX
COLLECTOR

Dear Editor,

Tired of the same old politics? If I told you we had running for council a young woman who graduated from college and graduate school with honors, who played goalie on our high school field hockey team and who already is recognized as one of the young leaders in New Jersey...would you be excited to support her on election day?

Well we here in South Plainfield have just that candidate. Chrissy Buteas is as good as it gets. She was born and raised in South Plainfield and at the young age of 26 is already recognized throughout our state as a leader and a doer. She and runningmate Franky Salerno will restore dignity to our borough council.

Stop the same old, same old and vote for Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno, Democrats for South Plainfield Borough Council.

FRANK JURINE

To the Editor:

As a lifelong resident of South Plainfield who relocated to Florida two years ago, I felt it necessary to write this letter after a recent visit to town.

My husband and I came up to visit in late August and were amazed at all the signage around the town. There were signs about trucks, political candidates, help wanted, real estate, services performed and garage sales. As "out of towners" we thought the place looked a mess.

We have subscribed to the *Observer* since we moved, so we are aware of the *Hamilton Boulevard* truck issue. Here is our take on the situation: if you look at the seal/logo of South Plainfield

it states: "Vision, Family and Industry."

With industry comes trucks. You will always have trucks as long as you have industry. You can move them wherever you want to on the local roads, but they will always be there.

As for family, it is a great family town! There are many great programs for children and their families. We raised two great children in South Plainfield and took advantage of all of the programs it had to offer. Honestly, I miss that local, hometown atmosphere but my children are grown. My concern is for future generations.

As for vision, I think you need to look beyond the same old issue of truck routes that affects only a few residents. There are many more issues that need addressing! Why not try to expand on family programs that will make our children want to invest in South Plainfield as they grow older.

My recommendations: let the trucks go where they need to go. It seems once they come off Rt. 287, some go left toward South Clinton Avenue for their deliveries, and some go straight on Hamilton to Belmont on their way to Halls and other companies for their deliveries. To divert them all to one road is probably and statistically more apt to cause an accident than letting them do their job. If the Roosevelt School children are a concern, then limit the hours that trucks can travel on that specific road.

Please do the town a favor and get rid of all the messy signs. Those who are really interested in the town and its issues will read the paper.

THANK YOU,
ROSANNE ILARDO

Dear Editor,

As a taxpayer here in South Plainfield, I was disappointed when the Republican Majority raised our taxes over \$1M in January. Now I understand that they are proposing to raise taxes another million dollars in Janu-

ary. When will the unchecked spending end?

We need to bring back responsible government that cares about the taxpayers. Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno will once again bring back pay-as-you-go and tighten borough spending. Join me in supporting them in November.

LESTER E. BERGEN

To the Editor:

People always ask us what is the difference between the Democratic and Republican parties in South Plainfield. Some things are obvious. For example, the Democrats kept property taxes affordable over the last seven years while the Republicans have raised them 15 points in seven months. The Democrats pushed to preserve almost 200 acres of open space from development while the Republicans have zero acres authorized by the Middlesex County Freeholders since January. The Democrats have spent money frugally with a "pay as you go" attitude while the Republicans spend without regard to the impact on the budget. Nothing however tells the difference more than the little lawn signs which have sprung up that the Republicans have been trying to put up around town. The signs actually seek to divide our residents by using the phrase "their neighborhood." Let me state this loud and clear to Republicans Anesh and Bengivenga—South Plainfield is one town. We all help and look out for each other and want to do what's best for everyone in our town. It isn't my town or their town, it's our town. To make matters worse, the sign lists some bogus group as paying for it. The Republicans don't even have the courage to admit the signs were their idea. I didn't form make believe groups to get out a message intended to divide our residents. That's the difference between the political parties and that's why I am proud to serve on the borough council as a Democrat. I urge you to show that you won't stand for this type of Republican campaign by voting for Chrissy

Buteas and Franky Salerno for council.

COUNCILMAN JOE SCRUDATO

Dear Editor,

I have closely followed the debate over returning trucks to Hamilton Boulevard. It appears that both the Democrats, who want to keep trucks off Hamilton, and the Republicans, who want them to return, base their arguments on safety. Last Tuesday that debate was conclusively settled. As you may have read, two large tractor trailers were involved in a head on collision on South Clinton Avenue at three o'clock in the afternoon. As a result of the impact the trucks jackknifed and were propelled over both sides of the roadway. There were injuries to the drivers but thank goodness they were not life-threatening. South Clinton Avenue is 50 feet wide and the wreckage took up the entire width of the roadway.

By comparison, Hamilton Boulevard is only 30 feet wide. If that accident had happened on Hamilton Boulevard the resulting damage could have been catastrophic. Imagine if a pedestrian had been walking on the sidewalk along Hamilton or someone was cutting their front lawn and this accident had occurred. If it occurred one day later when students were walking home from Roosevelt School a tragedy beyond comprehension could have taken place. I am not a political person. I only look at facts. No one can disagree that this accident conclusively proves how dangerous the Republican plan to return trucks to Hamilton Boulevard is. There is only one way to stop it. If Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno are elected to the council on November 4 the Democratic Party will have the majority and they will uphold Mayor Butrico and keep trucks off Hamilton Boulevard. This is not about Democrat or Republican. It's about safety.

MAHENDRA A. SHAH

Dear Editor,

It's becoming obvious that two can-

didates for Council are running a clean, issue-oriented campaign based on truth. They are Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga.

Anesh and Bengivenga have made more progress than I could have imagined in eight months. After inheriting a fiscal mess they went to work immediately to get us back on the right track. They slashed borrowing by two-thirds, and they cut spending back dramatically. It was smart of them to consolidate positions at Borough Hall, and in doing so, save taxpayers more than \$100,000. This is the kind of thinking we need.

I'm also impressed by their desire to be bipartisan. I haven't seen that in the last 12 years. Just look at who they hired, a former Democratic Council President, Joann Graf, as borough clerk and a Democratic appointee, CFO Glenn Cullen, as administrator. Talk about top-notch talent. Some people talk about working together; Anesh and Bengivenga actually do it.

The public-works projects going on around town are also a welcome change. Grant money is funding most of the work on Tompkins and Sampton avenues and several other locations (again using grant money). And don't forget, the Safe Streets, Safe Kids pilot project, which is just about to kick off!

One of the best projects, though, is the paving of Metuchen Road. Traffic has been a nightmare for years, but nothing was ever done about it. Now, with Metuchen Road, people have an alternate route to Edison, which takes several hundred cars a day off Oak Tree Road. Granted, Metuchen Road is not a major thoroughfare, but it takes cars off one. I can't think of the last time anything was done to reduce traffic rather than increase it.

If this is what the new majority can do in just eight months, just think of what they can do in two years. We need to keep this kind of change going. Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga have earned my support when I vote in November.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1821

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

Ord. No. 1821 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND BARBARA VINCH PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF N.J.S.A. 40A:12-16 SAID PROPERTY BEING LOCATED ON UNION STREET AND BOTH PROPERTIES BEING OF EQUAL VALUE, was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 12, 2008, and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, September 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1821

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXCHANGE OF MUNICIPAL LAND BETWEEN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND BARBARA VINCH PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF NEW JERSEY STATUTE 40A:12-16 ET SEQ.

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 452, Lot 4, said property being situated on Union Street, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto; and

WHEREAS Barbara Vinch (Ettre) is the owners of property known as Block 452, Lot 5, said property being situated on Union Street which is shown on the tax and assessment map of the Borough of South Plainfield currently in use; and

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body and the Economic Development Sub-Committee has deemed it in the public interest that the Borough of South Plainfield acquire title to Block 452, Lot 5 in exchange for Block 452, Lot 4, said lots both being of equal value.

WHEREAS it is further deemed that the land to be exchanged by the Borough of South Plainfield is not needed for public purpose or use and that the land to be acquired by the Borough of South Plainfield is more advantageous to the Borough of South Plainfield for public use; and

WHEREAS it is proposed that Barbara Vinch (Ettre) convey the aforesaid property to the Borough of South Plainfield in exchange for Block 452 Lot 4 as shown on the tax and assessment maps currently in use by the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS it is further deemed that it is in the public best interest that said exchange be consummated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that:

1. The Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized to execute and deliver to Barbara Vinch by Bargain and Sale deed, conveying Block 452 Lot 4, without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, and questions as to the marketability

of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of the adoption of this Ordinance.

2. Easements, both of record and not of record.
3. Restrictions of record.
4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put, receipt from Barbara Vinch of a deed conveying good and marketable title to Block 452 Lot 5 free and clear of all encumbrances and taxes paid to the date of closing.
5. Good and marketable title to the property to be conveyed to the Borough of South Plainfield shall be evidenced by a title insurance policy issued by a duly licensed and qualified title insurance company in the State of New Jersey.
6. The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser.
7. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require

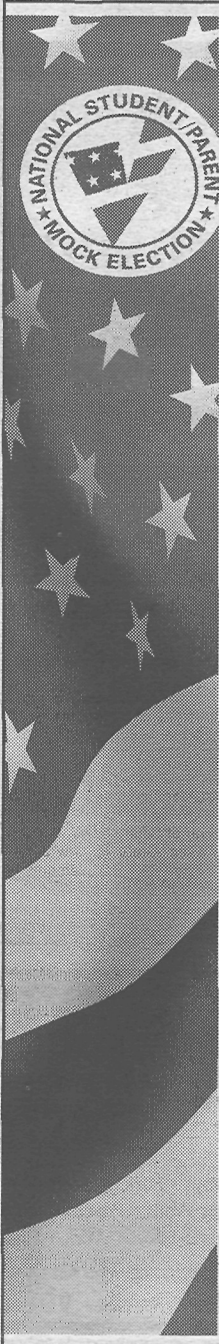
Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

8. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition of the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.
9. The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser and shall not be subdivided at any future date.
10. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.
11. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:

Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk
\$163.40 September 12, 2008



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What is the Mock Election?

The goals of the Mock Election are:

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When is the Mock Election?

The Mock Election will be held on October 30 for the 2008 Presidential Election. In addition to voting for the president, students will vote on national issues and New Jersey candidates for Congress.

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Parents Outraged by Broken Promise

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ing to Bohn, the supplies were already included in this year's budget, and were purchased and paid for. "You can't make a promise like this and have voters come out and then change your mind," said Bohn. BOE member Debbie Boyle was ill and left the meeting before the issue was discussed and the vote was taken.

Carol Byrne, who was voted out of office last April, said that there were many discussions during budget hearings in March about purchasing supplies and that Negron was insistent on including them in the budget. "We

decided as a board to buy and distribute the supplies. If the supplies are there then they should be distributed. I don't understand why they [the board] changed their minds at this late date."

Written school supply lists in grades K-4 are generally given to students on the last day of school for the following year. Grant School distributes their list at "locker camp," held this year on August 21, but instead posted a sign in the office stating that no school supplies had to be purchased. The Middle School sent home a short "suggested" supply list, along with

instructions at the seventh grade orientation held on August 28. High school students are given verbal instructions as to what supplies are needed for each class when they arrive the first day. Giannakis said that the teachers were not aware of the decision until they returned to work on September 2.

The after-the-fact school supply lists left parents angry that they had to scramble to purchase items which children were required to bring into school on short notice. Most found store shelves nearly empty and at that late date the "back to school" sales were over.

Former Police Detective Dies

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South Plainfield Police Athletic League held their annual charity softball tournament and dedicated the proceeds to Gary to help offset his medical expenses. They raised \$15,000 at the event.

After his recovery he worked for the Middlesex Region Office of the Public Defender as an investigator for four months, at which time his doctors felt the environment was too unhealthy for him.

Before his illness, Gary had been an avid weight trainer. After taking a course on the Internet, he obtained certification as a personal trainer. He

put together a gym in his home and operated Body Fit, a personal training business.

To honor Gary, flags at Borough Hall were flown at half mast. South Plainfield Police officers served as pall-

bearers at his funeral on Monday. A bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" during the funeral procession. Police officers from several towns attended the funeral as well as local police officers. For complete obituary, see page 16.

Ad Hoc Committee

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tee heard from residents about the sports fields and it recommended soil testing for football and soccer fields in the area.

It also recommended that the mayor and council select the engineering firm of Gladstone Design, Inc. for the

project, but the borough attorney advised that it's a project open to bid.

The mayor and council congratulated English and the committee members for their work in creating a new truck route to bypass residential areas and for involving Bob Spiegel of Edison Wetlands Association in the process.

policereport

- On Sept. 2 a Lewis Avenue resident reported the driver's side window of their vehicle had been broken and the center console was open. Nothing was taken.
- The high school reported graffiti was spray painted on the baseball field dugout and visitors' bench.
- Stilo Paving on So. Clinton Avenue reported the side of the building had been spray painted.
- On Sept. 4 a So. Central Avenue resident reported the theft of an MP3 player, CDs, CD cases and a Radio Shack walkie-talkie from their vehicle.
- On Sept. 5 Zameer Jamil, 35, of Piscataway was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting various merchandise worth \$116.
- On Sept. 6 Brett A. Buzzanga, 19, of New Brunswick was arrested for failure to inspect, throwing debris from a motor vehicle and an outstanding warrant.
- A Tooz Place resident reported that the passenger side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Garmin GPS was taken.
- On Sept. 8 Lorenzia Vauntea Balmer, 19, of North Plainfield and Dominique L. McNeill, 19, of Plainfield were both arrested at The Children's Place for shoplifting \$165 worth of clothing and possession of burglary tools.
- Brickman Group on Jersey Street reported the theft of an Exmark lawnmower worth \$4,000.

Motorist Strikes Home, Parked Vehicle

A Ford Econoline van owned and operated by Ken Bulla, 55, of South Plainfield, struck a parked vehicle and home on Norwood Avenue on Monday, just after he experienced a medical event.

Bulla was traveling south on Norwood Avenue near John F. Kennedy Elementary School when his vehicle struck a parked car owned by Johnny Hagy of South Plainfield. Bulla's ve-

hicle then travelled across the lawn of 428 Norwood Ave., where it struck the concrete front porch. There was damage done to the lawn, landscaping, a yard statue, as well as the porch and picture window of the home.

Bulla was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, where he was admitted. The crash is under investigation and no charges have been filed.

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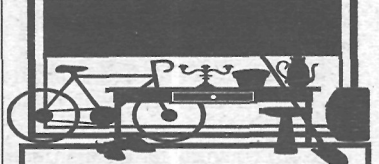
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Obituaries

Gary T. Muccigrossi, 46



Gary Muccigrossi

Gary T. Muccigrossi died on Wednesday, Sept. 3 at Columbia Presbyterian-Milstein Building in NYC with his wife and son at his side.

Gary was born in Plainfield to Margaret (Camplatan) and the late Nicolas in 1962. He grew up in Plainfield and was a graduate of Plainfield High School. He settled in South Plainfield in 1987.

As a graduate of Kean College in Union, Gary earned his degree in public administration and criminal justice and had worked initially for the probation department of Middlesex County. He then entered the police academy and became a Plainfield police officer where he worked for five years before transferring to the South Plainfield Police Department. While with the SPPD, he worked as a patrolman, traffic officer, detective and served on the South Plainfield Honor Guard. He retired in 2004 after a double lung transplant due to exposure of chemicals while responding to the call of duty.

After a successful operation and rehabilitation, Gary became a certified personal trainer and operated "Body Fit." Most recently he had been assisting at the Public Defenders Office in New Brunswick for Middlesex County.

He was a member of the AFPA and had coached basketball for South Plainfield Recreation.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Gina (Ferraro); his dear son, Anthony; his mother, Margaret; two brothers, Frank and Robert and a sister, Maureen Pratt. Also surviving are numerous extended family and friends.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to his son Anthony's education fund, c/o Gina Muccigrossi, 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the doctors and staff of the Milstein Building for all they have done, both at the time of his initial operation and have continued during these past few trying days.

David P. Yednak, 54

David P. Yednak died on Thursday, Aug. 28.

Born May 22, 1954 in Plainfield, he went through the South Plainfield school system and was a graduate of the SPSHS Class of 1972.

Before moving to Waterford to work for General Motors Pontiac Truck Plant, Dave worked for GM in 1979 at the Linden assembly plant.

Dave was a very proud and devoted father and loved fishing and Nascar, especially Dale Earnhardt, Sr. and Jr.

He was a lifetime member of the Polish National Home, and a life member of the Harley Owners Group, the Bass Anglers Sportsman Society and the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Dave was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Dorothy (Bonow) Yednak.

Surviving is a son, James L. at home; a brother, James P. of South Plainfield and a sister, Janet of Phoenix, Az.

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

Gertrude "Trudy" Reinalter, 77

Gertrude "Trudy" Reinalter passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice in Edison.

Born on April 12, 1931 in Austria, she came to the United States in 1957 and settled in White Plains, N.Y. where she dedicated herself to raising her daughter. Trudy moved to Monroe

Township in 2000.

Trudy was known as a kind, sweet and gentle lady by all those who knew her. Even faced with her share of obstacles, she was able to persevere. Her hobbies included knitting, shopping and learning foreign languages. She loved being with her grandchildren the best.

She is survived by her loving daughter, Denise Spinella and husband Anthony, along with two grandchildren, Joseph and Briana, all of South Plainfield. Also surviving are two brothers, along with many nieces and nephews.

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

Martha (Martello) Arancio, 80

Martha (Martello) Arancio died on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Easton Hospital in Easton, Pa.

Born in Newark, Martha was raised in Harrison. She was a homemaker and had resided in Kearny for most of her life before settling in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased by her husband, Dominick, and her siblings.

Surviving is a daughter, Elizabeth Ann Arts and husband Perry of Branchburg; a son, Joseph Arancio and wife Kathy of Ocean Isle Beach, N.C. and two grandchildren, Joseph N. and Kathryn E. Arancio.

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

John M. Wilson, 95

John M. Wilson died on Friday, Sept. 5 at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, N.C.

John was born in Morrisville, Pa., and lived in Springfield, South Plainfield and Largo, Fla. before settling in Sanford, N.C. in 1998.

He retired as a millwright in 1978 after working for Suckno Bros. in South Plainfield.

A member of the N.J. State First Aid Council, John was a charter and life member of the Springfield First Aid Squad where he served as president and captain. He was a member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, where he also

served as president and captain.

In addition, Mr. Wilson was a charter member of the South Plainfield B.P.O.E. Elks Lodge #2298, and enjoyed fishing.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marian and a son, John M. Jr.

Surviving are three children, Judith M. Kreader and husband Kenneth of Sanford, N.C., Nancy Flannery of South Plainfield and David and wife Kathleen of Audubon; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

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

Gartha Marie (Tully) Leonard, 64

Gartha Marie (Tully) Leonard died on Saturday, Sept. 6 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Gouverneur, N.Y., she had been a resident of South Plainfield for 42 years.

Marie retired from ITW in Somerset where she was employed as a machine operator. She enjoyed crocheting, taking trips to Atlantic City and loved spending time with her husband at their home in Dade City, Fla.

Marie is survived by her husband, Walter C. and two children, Walter "Butch" Leonard and wife Wendy of South Plainfield and Brenda Vogel and husband George of Phillipsburg. She will be missed dearly by five grandchildren, Brandon, Michael, Stephen, Brianna and Joseph, who referred to her as Mee-Ma. She is also survived by two sisters, Sally Lickers of Niagara Falls and Sandra Petrie of New York and by a

brother, George Tully of Hampton.

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

-Memorial contributions in her name may be sent to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Mary Fratesi, 98

Mary Fratesi of Piscataway passed away on Sunday, Sept. 7 at The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born in Philadelphia, she was a life-long resident of Piscataway.

Mrs. Fratesi was a homemaker and enjoyed cooking for her family.

She will be sadly missed by her family and friends and all those who were fortunate to have known her.

Mrs. Fratesi was predeceased by her husband, Michael J. Fratesi, who passed away in 1986 and three brothers, Thomas, Anthony and James Stamile.

She is survived by a son, Robert A. Fratesi of Piscataway; two sisters, Stella E. Fratesi of Piscataway and Connie Cohen of Wildwood; two brothers, Peter H. Stamile of Piscataway and Donald Stamile of Toms River; two grandchildren, Marylynn Cassone of Shaftsbury, Vt. and Robert M. Fratesi and wife Denise of Celebration, Fla.; three great-grandchildren, Anthony Cassone of Shaftsbury, Vt., Ashley Fratesi of Celebration, Fla. and Alexis Fratesi of Celebration, Fla.

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

James H. Simmons, 80

James H. Simmons quietly and peacefully passed on to the next phase of eternal life on Thursday, Sept. 4 sur-

rounded by his loving wife and children.

Born in Jersey City on October 27, 1927, he recently celebrated his 59th wedding anniversary with his wife, Veronica Simmons.

After briefly serving as a Merchant Marine in Naples, Italy during WWII, he was a co-owner of Jack and Gene's Coffee Shop in Plainfield. He later worked at David Smith Steel in South Plainfield for 35 years, retiring as foreman in 1986.

A 60-year resident of South Plainfield and a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church, he will always be remembered as a loving, generous, strong, hard-working father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Throughout his battle with heart disease, he continually amazed his doctors and family with his ability to recover again and again. He is admired for his strength and resolve to live, as well as his positive attitude of carrying his cross without complaint. He enjoyed the company of his friends and neighbors that frequently stopped in to chat and check on him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Veronica Simmons; six children, Paul Keller and wife Diane of South Brunswick, Patty Donati and husband Louis of Coral Springs, Fla., Jacqueline Lombardi and husband Dr. Robert Lombardi of Edison, Alice Simmons of Port St. Lucie, Fla., Deborah Lanza and husband Thomas of South Plainfield and James Simmons, Jr. and wife Michelle of Hamilton; a sister, Cookie Hackman and husband Clarence; 25 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in James's name may be sent to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2506 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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