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WE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER



Boy Scout Troop 125 members hold a "Flag of Honor" displaying the names of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Borough Gathers at Memorial to Honor Pledge Made Seven Years Ago

memorial brought back a myriad of memories of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. The event, entitled "September 11, 2001-We Will Always Remember," was organized by Joann Graf and Marie Smith.

Spring Lake Park began to fill with people well before the 7:30 p.m. ceremony. Master of ceremonies was Bill Cochrane. Behind Cochrane stood members of the South Plainfield Police Department, fire department and rescue squad. The ceremony began with the presentation of colors by VFW Boy Scout Troop 125. "The National Anthem" was sung by SPHS 2008 graduate Taylor Kurliew. It was followed by "The Pledge of Allegiance" and an opening prayer by Reverend Charles Mingle, chaplain for both

the fire department and rescue squad. Sharing their own memories, the speakers recalled their personal experiences of 9/11 and the process of healing since the attacks. They included Bill

The South Plainfield 9/11 Remembering Police Sgt. Wayne Diana,

who spoke eloquently of his immediate trip to the site, his work there, his feelings and memories of those heart wrenching days following the attacks.

Additional speakers were American Legion Post 243 Commander Richard Frank, Marie Smith and Sabrina Marchena, who spoke about the loss of her friend, Sgt. Trista Moretti, who was killed in Iraq in 2007.

Elks Club member Artie Sabia presented a flag listing the names of the victims. The closing prayer was offered by Reverend Nehemiah Thompson and "Taps" was played by Justin Lesky.

The most poignant part of the ceremony was the solemn and silent lighting of the candles. After the lighting the crowd made its way down to the bank of Spring Lake to place the miniature memorials. Within minutes the shoreline was ablaze with dozens of tiny lights, each a tribute to the lives lost and for healing wishes for those who lost Cochrane, Mayor Charles Butrico and family members and friends.



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



Gravesite of Donald G. Ranger in the Netherlands.

To the Ranger Family of South Plainfield:

In July 2005 my girlfriend, Bea Jacobs, adopted the grave of Private Donald G. Ranger of New Jersey, located in The American Cemetery in Margraten, The Netherlands.

We both know the history of World War II and pay our respect for those men and women who lost their lives for our freedom by taking care of his grave. We visit his grave several times a year on special days or just when our heart is telling us it's time to visit the memorial. We don't know the people who took care for his grave in the years between, this is confidential.

Soon afterwards I started researching the soldier whose grave I adopted as well as Donald G. Ranger. I started the research on the Internet addressing American archives. The 1930 census information revealed that the

Ranger family living in South Plainfield, Middlesex, New Jersey had five members: father, Alfred H., mother, Margruitte; sons, Donald G., Alfred H. and James B.

I learned that Alfred H. was married to Audrey J. Knott Ranger. They had three children: Janet A. Ranger of Rahway, Linda C. Ranger and Ronald W. Ranger, both of South Plainfield, and three grandchildren.

In this article, Donald G. Ranger is mentioned and the other brother, James B. Ranger of Fripp Island, S.C.

Alfred passed away on December 15, 1997, but his wife Audrey and his brother, James B. Ranger, could still be alive. Alfred's children are mentioned in area telephone books and I'm trying to contact them as well.

I sent a letter to the National Personnel Records Center to request information about the military records. Nothing could be retrieved due to a fire in the department.

I sent a letter to the Department of the Army to request a Individual Deceased Personnel File (IDPF). In August 2008, I received a 50-page photocopy of the IDPF and learned that Donald was married at the time he died. A handwritten letter by his widow Bernice revealed that she remarried with Mr. Anthony Franchino.

With that information I went on. On the Internet I found recent information of a Bernice Franchino (85), a resident in Arbor Glen, Somerville, and of a Bernice Franchino, who was a principal of a school in Bridgewater back in 1964.

That is why I am writing the Observer because I believe Donald Ranger could be related to the Ranger Family of South Plainfield.

For my research I'm looking for: a photo of Donald G. Ranger, a short story about his life and circumstances of his death, the names and addresses of known relatives for further research and the names and addresses of people who took care of the grave before 2005. Any more information would be appreciated as well.

On behalf of my girlfriend and myself, many thanks for reading this letter. I hope to hear from you soon.

KIND REGARDS, **BEA JACOBS AND JAC ENGELS GELRESTRAAT 79 5951 JE BELFELD** THE NETHERLANDS, EUROPE E-MAIL:

JACENBEA@GELRESTRAAT79.COM Editor's Note: The following information is from various Web sites regarding The American Cemetery in The Netherlands:

"The American Cemetery in The Netherlands lies along the Maastricht-Vaals motorway in the municipality of Margraten. One of the largest cemeteries in the world, it contains the graves of no less than 8,301 liberators, nearly all of them Americans. The white marble crosses and stars of David are memorials to the often young soldiers who paid the ultimate price in World War II so that we could live in freedom today. All of the graves are adopted by civilians. The idea of adopting the graves of American liberators originated in February of 1945. A person adopting a grave was expected to regularly visit the grave adopted, to lay flowers, and-if that person so desired-to maintain contacts with the surviving relatives in the U.S."

Dear Editor,

It is human nature to make sure we find the time to complain about something or someone. We are quick to pass on information about a negative experience we had. We rarely take the time to give the same consideration

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for witnessing something good.

I am in the process of buying a house. Donna Macan of Moretti Realty is my realtor. For many years, I have participated in the Labor Day Parade in one way or another because of my kids. I was either with Girl Scouts, cheerleading or the swim team. This year my daughter, Justice, decided she wanted to sit and enjoy the parade. So it was decided our family would finally get to see the parade the best way...from a sitting position.

It was a wonderful surprise when Donna called and asked us if we wanted to sit at the Moretti office property. With a bathroom close by, we jumped at the chance. I saw something that I never realized Moretti Realty did each year. Moretti had a breakfast spread for all their employees as well as any guests that were there, but the one thing I was impressed with was that Moretti bought cases and cases of bottled water for people walking in the parade. At first when I saw the nice cold water (they had coolers filled with ice) I thought it was for the guests, but as the parade started coming their way they all ran into the parade and offered water to people walking, people performing, people riding on floats. Anyone who needed a cold drink Moretti was there. I saw people grateful. I heard people say "I knew we could always count on you."

I guess when I walked the parade I just did not pay enough attention to notice this act of kindness and then it hit me. We as a culture sometimes just do not pay attention when there is kindness around us. Moretti had nothing to gain by doing this. They did not hand out their business card with each bottle of water or try to drum up business when giving a hot person a cold water. They did it just to be nice and do something for their town.

I was already glad Donna Macan and Moretti were my realtors because of the great level of service I was getting, but now I am even that much more impressed with them.

NANETTE BABINETZ

Dear South Plainfield Neighbors,

"Parents Outraged..." for having to buy school supplies? While I can certainly understand that people would be upset by a "... broken promise ..." I would like us all to consider whether or not there is outrage as we read on a few more pages. What about the broken promises that should be considered an outrage to our military personnel?

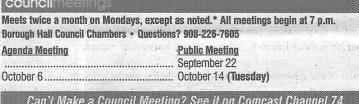
When I consider seeing school-aged children in the bagel shop, the Chinese take-out, the pizzeria, the drug store candy counter, the quick stop shopping places spending several dollars on before and after school snacks, I question how parents could be outraged for having to spend some of that money for school supplies for these same children.

Yes, there truly are students whose families cannot afford school supplies. These are the same families for whom we should all feel outrage; they are struggling to put food on the table. Having worked in the school system for 30 years, I do not know of one teacher who does not have on hand, from his or her own personal expenditures, supplies to give to those students who are truly in need.

Please pick up your copy of last week's Observer, and read and act upon the two articles from Franklin Rainear of the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home. One addresses food for needy families, and the other addresses the needs of our active military personnel and wounded returning veterans.

We should all feel outraged! Young women and men, fighting on behalf of our nation, in need of socks, insect repellents, toilet paper, razors, personal

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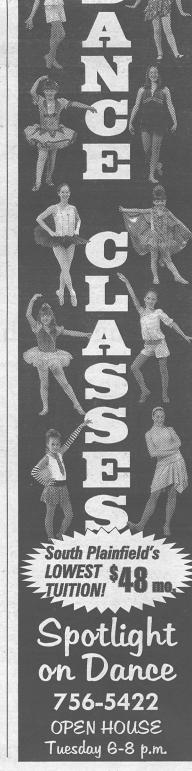
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Driver Killed in Car Crash

On September 13 at approximately 5 a.m., Mary Chinn, 69 of Edison, struck a tree on New Durham Road, near Corporate Court. She was driving a Chrysler PT Cruiser and traveling westbound at the time of the crash.

Chinn was found unresponsive and treated at the scene by paramedics and the South Plainfield Volunteer Rescue Squad. She was transported to John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison, where she died shortly after 6 a.m.

The police investigation shows that Chinn may have suffered a medical episode prior to the crash. There were no other vehicles or persons involved. The exact cause of death is pending the results of an autopsy.

Town-Wide **Boy Scout** Round Up

Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops from South Plainfield will be holding a town-wide round up at Grant School on Monday, Sept. 22 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Representatives from each pack and troop have been invited to attend. If your child is looking for an exciting adventure that includes learning scouting values, come and check us out.

If you have any questions call (908) 755-3213 or E-mail scouting is fun @comcast.net.

Boy Scout troops include grades five through 12. Troop 124 meets at Riley School on Mondays at 7 p.m.; Troop 125 meets at the VFW on Mondays at 7 p.m.; Troop 207 meets at the American Legion on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; Troop 309 meets at Wesley Methodist on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. and Troop 267 meets at the Elks on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Cub packs include first through fifth grade. Pack 207 meets at Franklin School on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.; Pack 224 meets at Riley School on the third Thursday of the month at 6:45 p.m. and Pack 324 meets at Kennedy School on the third Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

You can find additional information on the Boy Scouts of America scouting program by logging onto the Patriots Path Council Web site ppbsa.org.

Ad Hoc Truck Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee is schedule for Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. The public is welcome to attend.



(L-R) Delores Cropper, Mel Brewer, Mary Stevens, Sy Larsen-NJAARP president, Garfield Woodson and Diane Plasse at the AARP Chapter 4144 installation of officers ceremony held in June at the Victorian

BOROUGH NOTES

- The council authorized a refund check for a tax judgment to Days Inn, 2989 Hamilton Blvd. in the amount of \$64,752.84.
- The council will submit a grant application to the NJ DOT for the New Market Avenue-Phase I project.
- · The council voted to waive the fire permit fee of \$42 to the Open Your Heart fundraiser scheduled for October 5 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the PAL Building
- A credit in the amount of \$676.86 was issued toward the 2008 taxes on Block 38, Lot 8 also known as 324 Firth Street.
- T & M Associates were authorized to prepare additional design work for the ADA handicap-accessible ramps project at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.
- A change order was approved to the ADA handicap-accessible ramps project, adding \$50,000 to the contract with S. Batata Construction for additional ADA ramps in the Cedarbrook Avenue, Morris Avenue and Cromwell Place area.
- T & M Associates will conduct a traffic study on Jackson Avenue to determine the merit of a no left hand turn onto Jackson from Hamilton Boulevard and no turn onto Hamilton southbound on Jackson.
- · Leonard Miller, P.E. was appointed as principal representative of T & M Associates and designated as

Crafters Needed for Holiday Boutique at Wesley Methodist

Crafters are needed for the Holiday Boutique that will be held on November 22 at Wesley United Methodist Church. The boutique will operate from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The cost for an eight foot space is \$20 (bring your own table), or \$25 and we supply the table.

Please contact Connie at (908) 755-3850 for registration form or for more borough engineer and environmental engineer to fill the unexpired term of Robert W. Bucco.

- · A contract was awarded to Pinto Bros. Disposal, LLC, the successful bidder for the borough's bulky waste collection service, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, for a total bid price of \$150,000.
- Resilite Sports Products, Inc. was the successful bidder for the purchase of recreation mats at a cost of \$25,728.
- JESCO was the successful bidder for the purchase of 4-wheel drive loader backhoe at a cost of \$71, 652.
- · Taylor Nichuck, Christopher Spayder, Ryan Szumski, Robert Barone, Jr. Anthony Simms and Gilbert McKimm were appointed probationary firefighters of the South Plainfield Volunteer
- A capital budget amendment of \$212,000 was authorized for general improvements including the library roof, DPW yard and garage and the purchase of a 4-wheel loader backhoe.
- · Bernard Nebenzahl was appointed engineering consultant to provide professional services for the new COAH Trust Fund
- The council agreed to amend resolution #08-017 to expand the responsibilities of the Ad Hoc Truck Committee to include supervising the project's planning, financing and construction to help shepherd the project to completion.
- All building permit fees were waived for the SPHS Music Boosters at the PAL on September 1.

ALMOST FAMOUS PLAYERS are collecting empty computer ink cartridges and used cell phones to help raise funds for their 2008 Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour. Current drop-off sites are: Sal's Spirit Shoppe and Twin City Pharmacy near Park Avenue near Rita's and Rich's Pharmacy on Maple Avenue next to Ciccios.

For more information call (908) 346-2290 or E-mail almstfamousplyrs@aol.com.

NEWS Suburban Woman's Club

The Suburban Woman's Club held their first meeting for the 2008-2009 year and it was a great success.

The first activity was a little fundraiser amongst ourselves. We each donated funds that equaled one's weight multiplied by five cents, on the honor system. These funds will be used as seed money for our big fundraising program of the year.

Reports were read by all the chairmen of the various committees in order to acquaint all new members with what we had done so far, and where we hope to take the club in the next year. We discussed who will be the hostess' for our future meetings, our executive meetings, our husbands/ guest dinner and our luncheon at the end of the year. Treasurer Lucy Hudson presented the budget for 2008-2009. She also stated that the names of Filomena Cusanelli-Viola and Virginia "Ginger" Pierce, both of whom died this year, will be listed in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs Memorial Book.

The 'piece de resistance' was a visit from Lindsay Fredericks who attended the Girls' Career Institute at

Rutgers University, sponsored by the Suburban Woman's Club. Lindsay prepared a bulletin board presentation showing some of the activities she attended and pictures of her roommates and the girls on the same floor of the dormitory.

She said the institute helped her be more assured about her decision to attend a university not near her home in order to help her mature. She also spoke about the opportunities that were presented, saying she was most interested in engineering fields where women are employed. Lindsay is a young lady of whom South Plainfield can be most proud. We all enjoyed her lively talk and enthusiasm.

Our next meeting will be our husbands'/guest nite/covered dish supper on Thursday, Oct. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Michael Riley, who is an ordained American Baptist minister and a reporter for The Asbury Press. His column appears on Saturdays in The Courier News. Judith Ambrus, the new College District Vice President, will be an honored guest.

> Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning, Publicity Chairman

Patrick Diegnan Named **Assembly Deputy Speaker**

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Jr., has been named an Assembly Deputy Speaker for the 2008-2009 legislative

Diegnan was elevated to his new leadership post because of his command of legislative procedures, his knowledge of the law and his experience as an effective debater during Assembly floor sessions, according to Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr.

Diegnan currently serves as chairman of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and is a member of the Assembly Education and Regulated Professions committees.

"Patrick's natural ability to boil down complex issues to their essential arguments will be invaluable as we set the long-range goals of our state," said Roberts (D-Camden). "As chairman of the Higher Education Committee, he has set himself as an outspoken advocate for New Jersey's students and for parents who see a worldclass college education as the key to their children's futures."

As Deputy Speaker, Diegnan may preside over Assembly sessions when business takes the speaker away from the floor. He also will play a key role in fashioning the Assembly Democrats' long-term legislative agenda.

"It is an honor to work with my fellow legislators in such an important leadership capacity," said Diegnan. "With many very contentious issues before the Legislature, it is crucial that we chart a clear course for the future of our state. For me, ensuring that we maintain a strong, affordable system of public colleges and universities is part-and-parcel to making New Jersey an even better place to live and raise a

Diegnan, a resident of South Plainfield, is a lawyer and former instructor at Middlesex County College. He is currently serving his fourth term in the Assembly.

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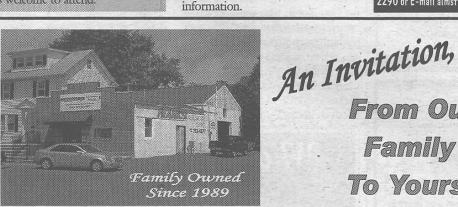
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Knights of Columbus Mums Sale

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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 20, 21, 27, 28 and October 4 and 5.

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

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.

Home Organizing Program at Library

September 21

The South Plainfield Public Library presents "De-cluttering & Organizing: How to Stay Motivated" on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 2 p.m. The program will

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SPBA Meeting

September 25

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold their monthly meeting 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.

E-mail SPBAPres@aol.com to be a guest or guest speaker.

"Into The Woods" at **Edison Valley Playhouse**

September 26-October 12

Edison Valley Playhouse presents "Into The Woods," September 26 through October 12. The play blends familiar fairy tales with the story of a childless baker and his wife, who attempt to reverse a curse on their family in order to have a child. Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine promises a new twist to very familiar childhood and grown up lessons. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for students/seniors. The October 12 show will benefit UNICO-all tickets are \$20. Dinner packages are available.

For tickets, call (908) 755-4654 or visit www.evplayhouse.com.

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Black Rose to Perform At Tim Kerwin's

September 27

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll and today's hits, will be performing at Tim Kerwin's Pub, Rt. 28 in Middlesex, on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Hannon Family/Embrace Kids Garage Sale

September 27

A garage sale/bake sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at 1204 Clinton Ave. starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds go to the non-profit Embrace Kids Foundation in New Brunswick (formerly The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders), which provides funding for children and their families for a variety of services while continuing to support research.

To make a direct donation, or for more information, visit their Web site at Embracekids.org.

Heel to Heal/Walk for Matthew Hannon

September 28

Embrace Kids Foundation is sponsoring a walk-a-thon entitled "Heel to Heal" on Sunday, Sept. 28. Registration begins at 9 a.m. at Johnson Park, River Rd. in Piscataway. Wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$25 per person, \$50 per family and \$100 per team. Our team is called Matty's Marchers. If you can't walk, but would like to make a donation directly to the foundation, checks can be made payable to "Embrace Kids" and designated for Matty's Marchers.

For more information, E-mail Chris Hannon at cjh973@yahoo.com.

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

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- Out of Town -

Greenbrook Manor Yard Sale

September 20

Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 303 Rock Ave., Green Brook, is hosting a communitywide 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, and with a bandana and 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)

Woodbridge WOWs

September 21

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, Sept. 21 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The Elks, 665 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members, \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

CHATS Meeting

September 22

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will present adoptee Geri Noble, who was adopted at two years old and was reunited with her birth mother more than three years ago, at their meeting on Monday, Sept. 22 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield from 7:15-9:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

Senior Health & Fitness Walk

September 24

Senior citizens 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. at Roosevelt Park in Edison. Check-in starts at 10 a.m.; walk begins 11:15 a.m. Participants will receive t-shirts and a boxed lunch. Blood pressure and glucose screenings will be done prior to the walk.

Walkers must register with their local senior centers or by calling (732)

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 information, call (973) 994-1143 or (800) 367-6274.

People With Disabilities Ministry

September 25

The Diocese of Metuchen, Office of Respect for Life, will be hosting an evening of reflection and roundtable discussion on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane in Piscataway. Discussion will focus on ways to bring vitality to the diocese's newly formed People with Disabilities Ministry. All are welcome. Pre-registration is required.

To register, call (732) 562-1990,

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.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Abigail M. Petritsch Accepted Into Lycoming Scholars Program

Richard Storah Celebrates Twentieth

Anniversary with Cablevision

Abigail M. Petritsch, freshman at Lycoming College, has been accepted into the Lycoming Scholars Program, a special program to meet the needs of students with superior intellectual ability.

Abigail, of South Plainfield, graduated from Bishop George Ahr High School in Edison.

Scholars are admitted to the program by invitation based on high school achievement. Scholars must complete distribution courses at a higher level, as well as an independent project in their junior or senior year.

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South Plainfield resident Richard

Storah recently celebrated his twenti-

eth anniversary with Cablevision. In

his current capacity as logistics opera-

tions coordinator, Richard is respon-

sible for remote replenishment of

Cablevision's logistics location in Pis-

cable box repair person while attend-

Richard started at Cablevision as a

This semester, the scholars will examine a timely issue, "Picking a President." The program is team taught by Lycoming faculty members who serve as discussion leaders. Several speakers from Lycoming and other colleges will give presentations to the scholars.

Founded in 1812 in Williamsport, Pa., Lycoming College is a national liberal arts school dedicated to the undergraduate education of more than 1,450 students.

For more information, visit www. lycoming.edu.

John Bickham, president of cable

and communications for Cablevision,

notes, "We wish to congratulate Rich-

ard on achieving this significant mile-

stone at Cablevision and for making a

meaningful contribution to the award-

winning television, voice and high-

speed Internet services we offer to our

growing base of customers."

ing school full-time.



Matthew Olpinski

Matthew Olpinski To Attend RIT

Matthew R. Olpinski of South Plainfield, son of Kathy and Robert Olpinski, has enrolled for the Fall 2008 semester at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

Matthew, a recipient of an RIT grant, will major in new media/design and imaging in RIT's School of Design. Matthew is a June 2008 Timothy Christian School graduate.

Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized for academic leadership in computing, engineering, imaging technology and fine and applied arts, in addition to unparalleled support services for students with hearing loss.

Marla Vandermark is currently conducting a fundraiser.

Vandermark is a consultant for Arbonne International, a Swiss health and wellness company that specializes in skin care products for everyone from babies to adults. She will be donating the profits, 35% of sales, toward

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Matthew Noll, Danielle Lauer Are Engaged

Matthew Noll and Danielle Lauer

Kenneth and Maureen Noll are excited to announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Noll, to Danielle Lauer, daughter of Barbara Lauer of Pittsgrove. Both are graduates of South Plainfield High School Class of 2002.

Matthew is a graduate of George Mason University and currently employed with Homeland Security in Washington, D.C. Danielle is a preschool teacher currently employed with Kindercare in Fairfax, Va.

The wedding will take place in Virginia on October 10, 2009. The couple will reside in Fairfax, Va.





LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

September 12, 2008

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on September 11, 2008.

- Case #60-05-Joseph Lemmo. Block 301; Lot 1.01;
 Carnegie Street. The applicant's request for a use variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #19-08-Tara A. Diegnan. Block 266; Lot 7; 111 Front Street. The applicant's request for a use variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- C. Case #23-08-Garrett Cassio. Block 345; Lot 8; 223 Tremont Avenue. The applicant's request to erect a front porch with a front setback of 25' was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Beth Khidre Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

3.30 September 19, 2008

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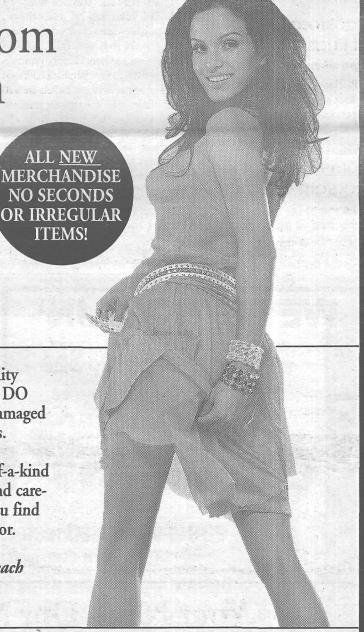
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Fungus Fest 2008

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Answers to these and other questions about mushrooms will be answered at Fungus Fest 2008, which will be presented by the New Jersey Mycological Association on Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum on East Hanover Avenue in Morristown.

The event is free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children.

Information and directions are available at the club's Web site, www. njmyco.org.

Trendy New Salon Caters to Multi-Cultural Clientele

Tame Unisex Salon & Boutique owner Melinda Darby loves the traffic that backs up in front of her salon at the corner of Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue. "I love my location! It's in the heart of traffic, allowing drivers to view our weekly specials," says Melinda, who writes specials in the salon's front window. "Last weekend, we gave away free haircuts and had a great turnout due to the people who drove by and were stuck in traffic."

Melinda is skilled in personal shopping and rare finds, which is evident when you visit her boutique and browse through the racks of clothing. She can also assist clients in how to shop for apparel for themselves or family members.

Manager Christine Monteleone is qualified in all aspects of cosmetology,

as well as being fluent in Polish.

"I'm looking forward to giving back to the community and becoming a household name," Melinda continued. "I am a wardrobe stylist, but I wanted to open a salon and boutique, something unique. When you walk through the doors you'll see that a lot of thought and time went into interior decorating. I want people to come and enjoy the atmosphere."

Tame Unisex Salon & Boutique is a family-oriented business, offering outstanding customer service to every person who walks through the door. A multi-cultural salon, Tame serves clients of all ages.

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Tame Unisex Salon & Boutique offers clients unique apparel and accessories, as well as hair cuts and styling.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

All children's programs will resume on October 7.

At 2 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 21 there will be an adult program on "De-cluttering and Organizing-How to Stay Focused." Registration is requested. Come and learn how to fall house clean before you start. Do people still fall house clean?

One of the library's longtime employees, Millie Condon, will be retiring on October 1, after 25 years working part-time at the South Plainfield Public Library. We wish her a long, healthy, happy retirement.

Banning books has been in the political news recently. Each year during the last week of September, Banned Books Week celebrates the freedom to read. During the first Banned Books Week in 1982, the most frequent questions asked were, "Why was the book banned?" "Where was it banned?" "When was it banned?" The American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom prepared "A List of Books Some People Consider Dangerous," by Robert P. Doyle. The first list contained 404 titles-this year's list contains more than 1,700. Each entry offers a brief explanation of the reasons, location and dates for the challenged, restricted or banned titles. Why does this matter? This freedom, not only to choose what we read, but also to select from a full array of possibilities, is firmly rooted in the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guarantees freedom of speech and freedom of the press. Although we enjoy an increasing quantity and availability of information and reading material, we must remain vigilant to assure that access to this material is preserved; would-be censors continue to threaten the freedom to read and come from all quarters and all political persuasions. Even if their motivations for restrictions are well intentioned, censors try to limit the freedom of others to choose what they want to read. (Doyle, Robert P., Banned Books Resources 2007,

Sex, profanity and racism remain the primary categories of objections, and most occur in schools and school libraries. Frequently, challenges are motivated by the desire to protect children. Individuals may restrict what they themselves or their children read, but they must not call on governmental or public agencies to prevent others from reading or seeing that material. (Doyle, Robert P., Banned Books Resources 2007, p. 7)

Come to the South Plainfield Public Library and look at the list of banned books. You may have read some of the books. All the Harry Potter books are on the list, as well as "Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger, the "Captain Underpants" books by Dav Pilkey, "Beloved" and "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison, and "The Complete Fairy Tales of the Brothers Grimm." Exercise your freedom to read and come to the library and check out a book. Don't just wait until Banned Books Week.



Hawaiian Night at the Community Pool

Three hundred and sixty South Plainfield Community Pool members enjoyed a night in the tropics at the annual end of the season Hawaiian Night party held on August 28. Music by DJ Greg Lind played while guests consumed 40 pizza pies, 340 hamburgers and 350 hot dogs grilled up by Tom McCreesh and Sal Serverini, along with potato and macaroni salad, popcorn and cotton candy. The lifeguards held a pie eating contest and scavenger hunts, and raffled off "lifeguard" logo apparel with the grand prize of a free pool membership for the next season. The event is a place for friends to gather one last time before the summer comes

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Event volunteers Michael Boyle and Kelly Richkus.



Two-hundred forty-six runners take off at the 18th Annual Labor Day 5K Race.

5K Race and Family Fitness Walk Takes Off Under Sunny Skies

The 18th Annual Labor Day 5K Race and Family Fitness Walk, sponsored by The South Plainfield Education Foundation, The Club at Ricochet and The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness (SPASA), started the South Plainfield Labor Day festivities under a sunny, but cool sky. The 5K race helps to raise money and educate students on how to make good choices and not abuse drugs. Participants receive literature about antismoking and anti-steroid use that helps promote a healthy way of life. The Education Foundation also supports numerous scholarships and programs for the students of South Plainfield. One major program at the high school is the Tiger Gold Program which rewards students for academic achievements, community service, etc. The foundation hopes to expand programs to all schools in the district with positive incentive programs. The foundation is also looking to provide some funding for special guest speakers which schools would normally be unable to afford during the school year.

For more information visit their Web site at www.spnet.kl2. nj.us/Spvision2001.

Participants from more than 20 towns and plenty from South Plainfield could be found in front of Frank Jost Field on Labor Day. Two hundred thirty-six runners and 34 walkers participated in this year's event. It was great to see so many of our student athletes participating again this year.

The 5K Race and Family Fitness Walk path followed the parade route in reverse, with the 5K runners turning around

at the Middle School, while the 1.5 mile walkers turned around at the traffic light at Front Street and Maple Avenue. Each group started and ended in front of the Jost Field entrance.

The overall winners for this year's race included Anjelica

pre-registered entrants and a free month's membership to all the second place finishers. A big thank you to *Twin City Pharmacy*, which purchased a case of oranges for the runners, then donated additional money to help cover first prize awards. An

of the street for runners to get a quick drink. All the water and cups were donated by *Flanagan's Restaurant*. This year marked the return of pre- and post-race massages from *Aiello Chiropractic*. The post race water was made available from a donation from event a success. We would like to thank Carolyn Allen, Bob Boyle, Ellen Decker-Lorys and Stan Lorys, Kevin Hajduk, Kevin Hughes, Shannon Jefferys, Frank Mikorski, Marge, Mike and Sandy Reedy, Frank Rainear and Kelly Richkus for all of their help. This year there were a number of student and community volunteers we wish to thank, including Ian Collins, Ricky Harzula, Lindsay Fredericks, Krisha Patel, Doug Porzio and Susan Tian, and numerous other unknowns for all of their help setting up, distributing water, recording the finishers, etc.

We would also like to thank the mayor and the council, The South Plainfield Board of Education, and all of those involved in making our South Plainfield Labor Day Parade one the biggest events in the State of New Jersey.

Last, but certainly not least, we would also like to take a moment to thank all of the community sponsors for their support. Please patronize these businesses and thank them for their support of the community and the 5K Race and Family Fitness Walk: Giakas Cleaners, K.C.'s Korner Bar and Restaurant, South Plainfield Funeral Home, Casablanca is Hair, Spring Lake Shell Service Center, McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, Mohn's Florist, Boyle Memorial Fund, Hometown Heros, Buy-Rite Auto Parts, Presto Printing Service, Schulz Landscaping and Ciccio's Pizza.

If you would like information on becoming a 5K Race corporate or community sponsor or volunteer, contact Marjorie Reedy at mreedy@lynn-huddsteel.com.

 Submitted by Fred Oberkehr and Rob Richkus



Brinkofski of Somerset, with a time of 18:38 for the females, and Tim Morgan of South Plainfield, with a time of 15:39 for the males. The second place overall winners were Susan Richardson of Lawrenceville, with a time of 19:45, and Mike Loenser of South Plainfield, with a time of 15:50 for the males.

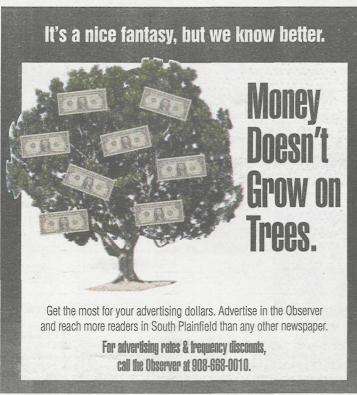
We would like to thank the Observer for all of their support and coverage of the race before, during and after the event. Another special thank you is sent to Joe Romer Trophy for donating the trophies in all categories. Kudos to Rudy Willemson and the staff from The Club at Ricochet for supplying shirts to the first 200

additional donation to the race prizes was two gift certificates of \$50 donated by Sportsworld. We would like to thank Sherban's Diner and Restaurant who, once again, donated the runners' and walkers' bib numbers. The Bagel Pantry donated all of the bagels available to the participants after the race. A new corporate sponsor, Lynn/Hudd Steel Corporation, of South Plainfield, has joined our cause and provided the prize money for the overall winners' category. A new attraction for the race, which was greatly appreciated, could be seen in front of Flanagan's Restaurant. Water tables were established on both sides

a combined effort of *Columbia Bank* and *Commerce Bank* of South Plainfield. We would also like to thank *The Home Depot* for their donation this year with gift certificates. It is with great sadness that after 12 years this will be the last year that Home Depot will be a part of the 5K Race and Family Fitness Walk.

We would like to acknowledge the help and support the race receives from the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and the South Plainfield Police Department, who each year lead the race and help ensure the safety of all the participants.

So many volunteers gave their time to help make this year's



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ELECTION 2008

Buteas/Salerno Demand GOP Disband | Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga: "Coalition for a Better South Plainfield"



Buteas and Franky Salerno have demanded that a political front committee formed by the Republican Party immediately cease operations. Chrissy

Buteas summed up the Democrats' outrage over this political ploy saying, "The Coalition for a Better South Plainfield was formed by the Republican party to spread a message that seeks to divide the north and south sides of our borough and to avoid reporting campaign contributions. I urge every resident to visit the Web site: www.elec.state.nj.us. Click on "view a report" on the left side and then click on "view a party or PAC report" on the left side. A new window will then come up. Under the location tab select "South Plainfield Borough." Under party affiliation select "Republican". Then click on "Search" (you may have to allow pop-ups). When the other window comes up, click on "Coalition For A Better South Plainfield." The facts are there in plain view. Never in the history of our great borough have people wanted to retain power so much that they have sought to deceive our residents by forming a phony organization whose sole purpose is to spread a negative message. Over the last few weeks you have seen a handful of signs around town that ridicule residents who live off Hamilton Boulevard by referring to "their neighborhood." This divisive message was reinforced by a glossy expensive insert in last week's newspaper. Shame on the Republicans for trying to pit one side of town against the other. We

Democrats Chrissy are all South Plainfielders!"

Franky Salerno also expressed his concern over this reprehensible tactic: "I served in Iraq because I love this country. Freedom of speech is the foundation of a free society. But with freedom comes responsibility. That's where ethics comes in. Why do they feel it necessary to hide behind a hateful organization and where is the money coming from to support it? This is the worst type of politics. The people of South Plainfield deserve better than this. The Republican party must immediately disband this "Coalition." I suggest they redirect their focus and come up with ideas that will unite our town and make it stronger rather than divide it for personal political gain. Chrissy and I are proud to support Mayor's Butrico's plan to keep trucks off Hamilton Boulevard. We feel it is a safety issue for all residents of our borough. Imagine if that awful accident involving two tractor trailers had happened in front of Roosevelt School where our Future Stars program is also located. The life of a child or parent from any part of town would have been put at risk."

Chrissy Buteas summed up the Democrats message saying: "We will never hide behind phony groups. We are proud to be members of the South Plainfield Democratic Party. Remember on Election Day: Vote for Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno... honest service from a new generation for all residents of South Plainfield!"

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Change is Happening



Everybody knows that change takes time. But in just eight months, Matt Anesh, Rob Bengivenga and the new council majority have been changing South Plainfield govern-

ment for the better. And there's more to come. "Some good things have happened," said Anesh, who heads the Public Safety Committee. "We're just about to kick off the 'Safe Streets, Safe Kids' pilot project, which is designed to cut down speeding in our residential neighborhoods."

"As part of the project, we'll be testing speed humps, which are designed to slow traffic," explained Bengivenga. "Residents told us speeding was a big problem, and it's one of the first things we wanted to tackle."

"We're also enhancing traffic-safety markings near our schools," he added. "And just last week we installed handicapped ramps on Franklin Avenue. In addition to assisting the disabled, the ramps make it easier for moms and dads pushing strollers or kids on tricycles to stay on the sidewalks-and off the streets."

According to Anesh, he and Bengivenga want to expand 'Safe Streets, Safe Kids' next year. "If the pilot test is successful, we'll look at expanding it to more neighborhoods."

Bengivenga also pointed to the road work on Tompkins Avenue and South Plainfield Avenue as positive change: "These projects are almost entirely grant funded and are coming in way under budget."

Parks and open space are also on the list of accomplishments, according to Anesh.

"We've made parks a priority," he explained. "When we started looking at our parks in January, we saw that Cotton Street Park was having flooding problems. Rob worked with the Recreation Commission and they were able to find a local builder to donate topsoil. That, in addition to new storm sewer lines, solved the problem."

"People who live near the park can't stop raving about the difference," added Bengivenga, who is the council liaison to the Recreation Commission. "What's nice is that this project was a joint effort between the Recreation Commission, the council and the private sector."

"We've also been fighting to preserve open

space," added Anesh. "Rob sponsored a resolution in June asking the county to buy Adams Farm and Quincy Place, which are proposed for development and are in the Dismal Swamp. It would be a shame if development marred that area."

According to Bengivenga, though, the biggest challenge this year has been finances.

"Most people know that we inherited a fiscal nightmare when we took over," he explained. "The Democrats didn't budget one dime for tax appeals, which were over \$500,000 and they relied upon \$1.8M in one-time revenue, which experts will tell you is foolish and risky."

"It was so bad that at one point we didn't have the money to pay the school board and had to delay our payment," explained Anesh, who has been in finance for over 15 years and is a vice president for Merrill Lynch.

"Things have really turned around," added Bengivenga. "We've cut borrowing by twothirds, and next year's operating expenses are down \$700,000 from last year's. The budget is still a work in progress. We're not done; we're looking to cut even more."

"We've focused on cutting expenses," added Anesh. "Salaries are the biggest part of the budget, and despite contracts that mandate 3.9% raises, next year's budget is almost flat, even with state-mandated pension costs rising.

"Part of the savings comes from cutting administrative costs," explained Bengivenga. "Administrative salaries are down over \$100,000 because we combined positions."

"We're working hard, but we're not going to make any promises just to get elected," said Anesh. "We'll leave that to others. We will say, however, that if we are re-elected we will continue to bring change to South Plainfield. We'll continue to cut waste and spending, continue to plan low-budget projects that benefit our neighborhoods, and continue to fight for our families and seniors. Let's keep change going."

To find out more about Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga, to get a lawn sign, or to volunteer for the campaign, visit the new Republican Web site at www.spgop.com.

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Garage and Bake Sale and "Heel to Heal" to Benefit Local Child

Matthew Hannon is a South Plainfield twoyear-old who was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in May 2007. After undergoing aggressive chemotherapy, Matty had his left arm amputated. He is currently undergoing scans every six months, and has to remain cancer-free for five years before doctors will consider him to be "cured."

On Saturday, Sept. 27 the Hannon Family will hold a garage sale/bake sale at 1204 Clinton Ave. beginning at 9 a.m. All of the proceeds will go

to the non-profit Embrace Kids Foundation in New Brunswick (formerly The Institute for Children with Cancer and Blood Disorders). This foundation helps children who have been diagnosed with cancer and blood disorders and their families by providing funding for a variety of services while continuing to support research

On Sunday, Sept. 28 family and friends of the Hannon Family will participate in "Heel to Heal," a walk-a-thon sponsored by Embrace Kids Foundation. Their team is called "Matty's Marchers." If you would like to join the team, contact Matthew's father, Chris Hannon, via Email at cjh973@yahoo.com.

To make a donation directly to the foundation, checks can be made payable to "Embrace Kids" and designated for Matty's Marchers.

To walk on your own for Matty, register online at www.embracekids.org, or in person beginning at 9 a.m. at Johnson Park on River Rd. in Piscataway. Wear comfortable clothing. Cost is \$25 per person, \$50 per family or \$100 per team.

After the walk, have lunch at Bear Rock Cafe off Stelton Road in the Hadley Shopping Center (by Regal Cinemas) in South Plainfield. Show proof of participation in the walk and receive \$2 off any sandwich, salad or pizzata (excludes children's menu items). You can view their menu at www.bearrockcafe.com.

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Sports

SPHS Fall Sports Season Underway

By Kirsten Nuber

The South Plainfield High School fall sports program had a rough beginning amid a downpour last Friday afternoon.

On both the soccer and field hockey fields, players had to be extra careful on the slippery grass from the heavy rain. The cold temperature didn't help conditions either; it left athletes' muscles tight and more susceptible to injury.

Soccer–The girl's varsity soccer team defeated New Brunswick by a score of 3-1.

Field Hockey—The girl's field hockey team played Old Bridge High School and had to settle for a tie after no score in double overtime.

Volleyball-The varsity volleyball team had an away game against Mother Seton Regional High School and lost. They lost the first match, won the second, but lost the third match. The setter was Allyson Paterak; Bianca DeDolce and Jackie Kuckuch were top spikers.

Football—The varsity football team lost to Edison by a score of 24-20.
Great job by all SPHS athletes!

U-11 Girls Traveling Soccer Kicks Off Season

On September 14 Hammertime played the Readington Rockets in the first game of the season. Despite the heat and the 5-3 loss, the girls put forth their best efforts to make a comeback. The Rockets scored the first goal of the game, but Hammertime was determined to come back to do the same.

With the fancy footwork of Claire Nagel, the nonstop aggressiveness of Taylor Henry, Jessica Neal and Nicole Sottiriou, they managed to get the ball down the opposite end of the field.

Kaitie Gray got her foot on the ball with help from Sarah Cargill to score Hammertime's first goal of the half. During the second half it looked like Hammertime was going to come from behind. Justice Lipuma scored their second goal, assisted by Taylor Henry, and Sarah Cargill scored their third goal.

All the girls on the team played great and are looking forward to playing the Millburn Crusaders on Friday at home. -Submitted by Sandy Surowiec



After years of buying quilt raffle tickets, local resident Marge Reedy (above) was the lucky winner of the South Plainfield Historical Society and Public Library quilt raffle drawn on Labor Day, September 1. The handmade quilt raffle has been a traditional fundraising event for the Historical Society since the 1970s when the quilt was made by the skilled hands of members and friends. Times have changed, and now the quilts that are raffled come from Pennsylvania and Missouri. This year's quilt was made by Missouri Mennonites. The quilt raffle tradition to benefit free public programming events will continue next year. Also pictured is Historical Society member, Bill Tuthill.

SPHS Music Boosters

Music Notes

It was great to see everyone on September 10. For those who could not attend our meeting, you missed a great performance by our marching band and color guard. We had the pleasure of getting a sneak peek of their repertoire. The highlight of the performance was a type of "Simon Says" called a march-off. Congratulations Alex Vajda for a job well done!

The first marching competition with USSBA was on September 13 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. While everyone was a bit nervous for the first competition of the year, the students did a marvelous job, receiving second place in their group. You can expect to see a great performance every time you watch them.

The next competition is on Saturday, Sept. 27 in Somerville. You can view 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. Information is also posted on the high school music department Web site.

Like popcorn? The music department is selling gourmet popcorn. Place your orders with any music student before November 1 to have it in time for

Thanksgiving-it's great to nibble on anytime, especially watching football!

Our ad book campaign for 2008-2009 is underway. The ad book is open to the entire music department and all businesses; show your support of the music programs by placing an ad. Please remember to get your ads in to meet the deadline.

Clothing orders for the music department are due by September 24. Additional forms for the ad book and clothing are located in the band room for your convenience. You can also E-mail your form to pamhuss@netzero.net.

Music parents—mark your calendars! There is a special festival meeting on Monday, Sept. 22 at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. We need lots of help from the parents of the entire music department for our 27th annual band competition, to be held on Saturday, Oct. 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 more than a dozen bands around the area!

-Submitted by Pamela Hussey

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PARENTS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS SPHS Back-to-School Night Thursday

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 6/7, 7/8-7:30 to 7:40
- Period 2-6:45 to 6:55
- Period 9-7:45 to 7:55
- Period 3–7:00 to 7:10
- Period 10-8:00 to 8:10

• Period 4/5, 5/6–7:15 to 7:25 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.

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Is Born

Delegations from three New Jersey Girl Scout councils convened on September 6 at the Union County Performing Arts Center, approving a merger to form Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. The new council, which will enthusiastically deliver the optimal Girl Scout experience to over 28,000 girls and 11,000 adults in a jurisdiction covering seven New Jersey counties, will commence operations on October 1.

The meeting concluded an 18-month process which saw staff, operational volunteers, governance volunteers and others work together to carefully construct an effective and efficient high-capacity council as part of Girl Scouts of the USA's national realignment movement.

With in excess of 300 supporters and friends of the movement in attendance to witness the convergence of the three councils, the meeting featured addresses by newly-named CEO Susan Brooks and Board President Tiffany N. Wilson, as well as a visit from State Assemblywoman Linda Stender. Maria Vizcarrondo, currently the director of Newark's Department of Child and Family Well-Being, guided the assembled group through the program in her role as mistress of ceremonies. Kim St. Bernard, Girl Scouts of the USA Realignment consultant, was also in attendance to witness the final steps of the process.

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The focus of the meeting centered on the process necessary for all three councils to formally dissolve and join as one. Attorney Al Zager, along with leadership from all three existing councils, gained the consent of their voting delegates to make the merger official.

Following the merger proceedings, the Honorable Sherry A. Hutchins-Henderson was on hand to swear in individuals who will comprise GSHNJ's first board of directors as well as Board Development committee.

The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex and Hudson Counties, the Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council and the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council will unite to create a new, high-capacity council that will capably deliver innovative programming and leadership development opportunities. The newly-formed council has the potential to serve a population of nearly 150,000 girls across a region that spans New Jersey from east to west, covering the counties of Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Somerset, Union and parts of Middlesex and Warren.

For more information, be sure to visit www.gshnj.org.







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hygiene items, sunglasses; the list goes on. Let's get outraged and act upon that injustice. Outraged school parents, you might have to replace a few pens or a pack of paper, but at least your children come home every night to be with you.

Please consider the outrage of the parents and families of our military sons and daughters whose arms and legs need to be replaced; whose sons and daughters may not come home for months or years or never again.

Frankly, the rest of us are outraged over your pettiness.

ROBERT SELIGA AND MARIA LA SALVIA-SELIGA

Dear Editor,

Two weeks ago we heard Barack Obama state that the Republicans just didn't get "it!" This problem has definitely afflicted the South Plainfield Republican Council majority! They just don't get "it!" "It" as it applies to South Plainfield is the routing of truck traffic next to an elementary school. The following appeared in an article on page 3 in a recent Observer:

"He [a tractor trailer operator] was traveling northbound on South Clin-

ton Avenue near Ingersol Road when the vehicle jackknifed and crossed into the southbound lane where it was struck by the other tractor trailer. The Estes truck was empty and the Veckridge Chemical truck contained 20 empty chemical drums.

"Middlesex County Haz Mat responded to address the large diesel fuel spill. South Clinton Avenue was closed for approximately five hours."

All we need to do is change the street intersection names to read Belmont Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard next to Roosevelt School and we have a whole different problem on our hands. Shame on the Republicans and our school board for allowing this to happen! Our school board is supposed to be looking after our children's welfare and yet has stayed silent during this debate! Does their silence denote party affiliation? What has either the council or the board done to prepare for the eventual hazardous spill or accident right outside of the school doors? How soon can buses be there to evacuate the children? Where will you take them? Will the buses even be allowed through due to road closures? Will the windows lining the Belmont side of the school protect those children and teachers from a hazardous spill or the daily exposure to diesel

The flyer in the Observer from the Coalition for a Better South Plainfield" questioned why the truck ban was not implemented for other streets in South Plainfield. I truly wish truck traffic could be banned from any residential areas, but unfortunately that does not seem possible. The one big difference on those roads and Belmont/Hamilton is that those routes do not have any of our elementary schools located on them!

Please, parents of the Roosevelt Elementary School students and all other parents who want to keep our children out of harms way, write the address below and let the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation know that we will not tolerate our children and teachers being put in harms way! Commissioner Kris Kolluri, Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 600, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0600.

DEBORAH FALATO

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to respond to Councilman Joe Scrudato's letter in the September 12 issue of the Observer. Starting with taxes. Since we are on a fiscal year, let's take the year ending in 2000. The municipal tax was .753. In year ending 2007 it was 1.002. Since he mentions open space-in 2000 it was .015. In year ending 2007 it was .070. And while we are at it let's consider county taxes. In year ending 2000 they were at .548, while in 2000 they were .604. It is my understanding that state aid is down \$277,415. Surplus is down \$564,000. State mandated pensions are up an estimated \$466,000.

He also mentioned "pay as you go." I, quite frankly, do not understand this quote. If we float a bond don't we have to pay it back? Don't we have to pay the interest on those bonds? In other words we are borrowing money to pay our current obligations for whatever projects we undertake. Is that pay as you go? And where does this money come from? Our taxes! It is more like "pay today for what we spent in the past." Simply, don't we have to pay our bills? Since this is "one town" as Mr. Scrudato mentions then can we expect to see new fancy lighting along the truck routes of Plainfield Avenue, Oak Tree Avenue, Murray Street, New Market Avenue, along with new curbs

and sidewalks? Then we can ban trucks from these routes also.

RICHARD V. PETRONE

Dear Editor,

I had to chuckle when I read the letter to the editor from the former Republican tax collector in last week's paper. He did everything but use a slide rule to try to explain away the largest municipal tax increase in South Plainfield history. I served as borough administrator for five years. Despite the campaign of misinformation by the Republican candidates, it is really quite easy to calculate the impact of the 2008 increase. Every tax bill states the value of your home as "net value." My home's net value is \$100,000. In 2001, the municipal tax rate was .861. Multiply $$100,000 \times .861 = $861...$ that was the municipal portion of my property tax bill in 2001. In 2007 the rate was .890. Therefore my tax in 2007 (seven years later) was \$890. On January 1, 2008 the majority on the council changed from Democrat to Republican and a new mentality came into play. The days of making tough choices to keep spending under control were over. Ridiculous projects like (Continued on next page)

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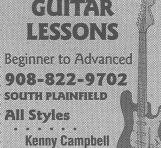
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the paving of a road to nowhere were funded, employees were given enormous raises and rather than cutting positions, new positions were added at high salaries. The result was inevitable. On July 1, seven months after taking control, the first Republican budget came in with a tax rate of \$1.044. Multiply that by my home's assessed value and the total equals

Bottom line: my taxes increased \$29 in total during the prior seven years of Democratic control. They increased \$155 in just seven months of Republican control. Keep in mind this is not my total tax bill. The Board of Education and the county also are a part of the overall bill. However, the municipal portion of the tax, the only portion that the council controls, went up over five times as much in the seven months of Republican control as compared with the prior seven years of Democratic leadership. You don't need a slide rule to compute this one.

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Obituaries

Angelina (Impagliatelli) Sobieck, 88

Angelina (Impagliatelli) Sobieck died on Monday, Sept. 8 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Mrs. Sobieck resided in South Plainfield since 1953.

After raising her children, Angelina worked in the South Plainfield High School and Plainfield High School systems as a cafeteria worker for about 10 years.

She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Mrs. Sobieck was predeceased by her brother, Philip Impagliatelli.

Surviving is her husband of 57 years, Henry; a daughter, Barbara Sobieck of Lafayette, Colo.; a son, Thomas of Glen Gardner; a sister, Florence DeMattino; two grandchildren, Eric and Dana Jaggi and two nephews, Matthew Impagliatelli of Cypress, Texas and Ted Jarusewski of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Florence M. (Helmag) Herzog, 96

Florence M. (Helmag) Herzog of Windsor, Va. passed away peacefully at home on Friday, Sept. 12 surrounded by her loving family.

Florence was born July 4, 1912 in Jersey City. She resided in Maplewood for 47 years prior to moving to Virginia in 2006.

Florence was a 1931 graduate of St. Vincent's Academy in Newark. Following graduation, Florence worked for Seton Hall University and the Maplewood School System. After leaving the school system, Florence worked until her retirement in 1978 with the Public Service Transit System.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Charles G., who passed away in 1958 and by a son, William Herzog.

Florence is survived by a daughter Carol and husband Edmond Gauthier of Windsor, Va.; three grandchildren, Suzanne Forster of South Plainfield, Brian Gauthier of Basking Ridge and Keri Gauthier of Virginia Beach, Va. and two great-grandchildren, Megan Forster and Grace Gauthier.

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

Virginia "Ginny" H. Sturtz, 60

Virginia "Ginny" H. Sturtz died on Sunday, Sept. 14 after a long battle with cancer at the Center For Hope Hospice in Scotch Plains.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Ginny had resided in Plainfield for the past 23 years.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

September 10, 2008

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on September 9, 2008.

- Case #06-03-154 Martin Associates, LLC. Block 282; Lot 14; 154 Martin Drive. The applicant's request for final major subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary
- Case #08-06/Minor-Walter Klink, Block 282; Lot 35; 124 Norway Lane. The applicant's request for (4) waivers and minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions

Respectfully submitted, Mary Beth Khidre Recording Secretary-Planning Board

September 19, 2008

An avid gardener who enjoyed animals, Ginny enjoyed architecture and visiting museums.

She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and was known to never complain and always think of others

She worked for Digital Solutions in the data entry department in Somerset.

Ginny was predeceased by her parents, Francis and Alice Sturtz.

Surviving is her husband, Stewart N. Feinstein; a daughter, Michelle Valente and husband Sanguino of Highland Mills, N.Y.; a brother, Joseph Sturtz of Burlington, Vt; four grandchildren, Frank, Vinny, Ida and Kimberly; two nieces, Arielle and Savannah and a nephew, Douglas.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Katherine (Lyons) Cerilli, 74

Katherine (Lyons) Cerilli died on Sunday, Sept. 14 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Wilkes Barre, Pa., Mrs. Cerilli resided in Brooklyn and the Bronx prior to moving to the Dunellen and Piscataway area 40 years ago.

An avid Yankees fan who liked to play computer games on her lap top, she enjoyed following her favorite TV programs such as, "Walker Texas Ranger," "Murder She Wrote," "Diagnosis Murder" and "Dancing with the Stars."

Faithful to her Dunkin Donuts coffee, Katherine loved crocheting, but more importantly, her pride and joy were her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her sister, Dotty Matthews.

Surviving is her husband of 25 years, Roy; a daughter, Deb Hernandez of Piscataway; five grandchildren, Matthew Rinaldi (Jennifer Curtis), Danielle Pent (Michael Pent), Rosa Hernandez (Robert Carter), Kelly Palma (Joe Palma) and Donald Ivy. Also surviving are seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Robert Bittle, 81

Robert Bittle died on Sunday, Sept.

Born in Scotch Plains, Robert resided in Watchung for 30 years and then Milford before settling in Manahawkin in 2007.

He graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He was a selfemployed builder, worked as a code enforcement official for East Brunswick and most recently, retired as a construction official from the Borough of Raritan.

Robert was former captain of the Watchung Fire Department. As an avid boater and fisherman, he was a member of the Village Harbor Fishing Club.

He was predeceased by his wife, Rosaline in 2006 and a brother, Rich-

Robert is survived by his children, Judith Mueller and husband Robert of Bridgewater, R. Gary Bittle and Antoinette of Sussex and Lauren Joyce of Glen Gardner. He will be missed by his seven grandchildren, Jillian, Adam, Katherine, Michelle, Kailey, Amanda and Kevin.

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Eunice E. Reese, 81

Eunice E. Reese passed away on Monday, Sept. 15 at the Southern Ocean Center in Manahawkin. Born in Westport, Conn., she resided in North Plainfield for 41 years before moving to Manahawkin.

Mrs. Reese graduated from Plainfield High School. She was a former employee of Teppers in Plainfield and the Nancy Taylor Business Institute in Plainfield. She was also a former member of the North Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies Auxiliary and a former member of Eastern Star, Lydia Chap-

Mrs. Reese was predeceased by two brothers, Leslie Eddy of Alexandria, Va. and Walter Eddy of Somerville.

Surviving is her loving husband of 59 years, William E. Reese; four daughters, Marianne McDermott and husband Charles of Lanoka Harbor, Sharon Padula and husband Lenny of South Plainfield, Bahbi Ronchi and husband Rick of Bel Air, Md. and Joan Koelmel and husband Gordon of Green Brook; seven grandchildren, Kelly Derflinger, Kim Wilcox, Bill Padula, Vinnie Padula, Desiree Woodard, Crystal Ronchi and Anthon Ronchi; three great-grandchildren, Ashlee, Shanyne and Emma and a brother, Stuart Eddy of Hockessin, Del.

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

Neighbor Concerned About Bees

By Libby Barsky

Eleanor Painton of Linden Avenue appeared before the Borough Council about a problem she is having with bees.

According to Painton, a family moved in next door to her recently and last year began to cultivate a bee colony with one hive. This year they have four hives and the bees have been swarming on Painton's deck.

The increased activity of the bees on her property has caused Painton anxiety about the status of her son's health. She said her son who lives with her is allergic to bee stings and she is worried about the possibility of a hive being hit and bees stinging or swarming him.

"I'm losing sleep over this and I am hoping the council can help," said Painton. She asked the council to introduce an ordinance to help with the problem.

Councilman Matthew Anesh visited Painton's home, looked at her property and tried to meet with the neighbors, but no one was at home.

Anesh said when he Googled the subject of bees, he found that New Jersey has 15,000 backyard beekeepers, and although some communities have enacted ordinances to prevent beekeeping, the ordinances have been fought by the NJ Beekeepers Association.

The borough council will research the ordinances put into place by Alpine and Closter, Anesh said, and then discuss the criteria regulating bees, such as the amount of buffer needed between properties, source of water and what agency would enforce an ordinance.



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