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Borough's first Public Safety Day brings together all branches of Public Safety for a "get to know us" opportunity. See page 8.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month Dedicated to End Abuse

By Jane Dornick

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October, 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week at the local, state and national levels. In October of 1987 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed, the same year the first national toll-free hotline was begun. In 1989 the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation was passed by the U.S. Congress and every October since then, the issue of domestic violence has been highlighted in local and national venues all over the country.

In October of 1994, NCADV, in conjunction with Ms. Magazine, created the "Remember My Name" project, a national registry to increase public awareness of domestic violence deaths. Since then, NCADV has been collecting information on women who have been killed by an intimate partner and produces a poster each October for Domestic Violence Awareness Month listing the names of



Domestic Violence Response Team members, Jackie Vill with daughter Katherine, and Barbara Gillen.

those documented in that year.

The South Plainfield Public Library has an exhibit on display during the month of October of red wooden

silhouetted figures representing women from Middlesex County who were murdered in an act of domestic

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## State Asked to Investigate Bus Depot Land Purchase

The Borough Council voted to adopt a last minute resolution asking for an investigation by U.S. Attorney Chris Christie into the purchase of the Suburban Transit Bus site on New Market Avenue. The vote went along party lines (4 to 2) at Tuesday evening's regular public council meeting. The resolution contends (1) that no ordinance was enacted to purchase or sign a contract which included an indemnity and hold-harmless agreement; (2) that the property was overvalued because of contamination; (3) that an environmental study by PMK Group Inc. was overlooked and (4) that taxpayers will likely have to foot the bill for the cleanup. The property was slated to be used as a parking lot for the Ponytail Softball organization. It was purchased by the borough in December 2006 using \$750,000 of Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund money.

Suburban Transit operated a bus depot on the site for 46 years until

it shut down in 1999. During that period, oil burning and diesel tanks were installed on the property. When an appraisal was done by Middlesex County in October 2005 prior to purchase, it noted contamination which was then investigated by the borough's environmental engineering firm at the time, PMK Group Inc. Their initial findings, released in June of 2006, cited the possible existence of two small underground fuel storage tanks, among other potential issues, and recommended collecting groundwater samples and the excavation of the tanks, among other things. Several tanks had already been removed in 1997 and 2005, according to borough building department permit records.

The borough adopted a resolution at their December 5, 2006 meeting accepting the open space grant and no further ordinances or resolutions to purchase the property were passed by

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## Help Local Churches Fight Hunger With Crop Walk

By Nehemiah Thompson, Pastor Wesley Methodist Church

These are hard economic times. It is tough to be poor. People lose their jobs and their apartments and

seek shelter in the church run FISH hospitality program. The number of applicants to use these shelters

(in fact these are Sunday school rooms) is increasing weekly. Wesley Church is one of the shelters. The demand in the South Plainfield food pantry is on the rise. The pantry is located in Borough Hall in the office of the tax assessor.

All churches collect food for the food pantry. This is in line with the teaching of Jesus in Matthew, Chapter 25. To paraphrase, Jesus said, "You gave me food when I was hungry, you clothed me when I was naked and you sheltered me when I was homeless." But they asked, "When did we see you hungry, naked and homeless?" Jesus replied, "Whenever you gave food, clothes and shelter

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The Buddy Walk of South Plainfield-Serving Central New Jersey was held on October 4 at Putnam Park. Organizer Michele Both noted it was hard to provide an exact figure, but estimates that over 400 were in attendance. The annual autumn event raised over \$25,000. In addition to the walk, attendees enjoyed a DJ, vendors, box lunches and activities for children. Members of the South Plainfield Business Association who participated in the walk helped with setup.

## Fire Dept. Memorial Ceremony Kicks Off Public Safety Day

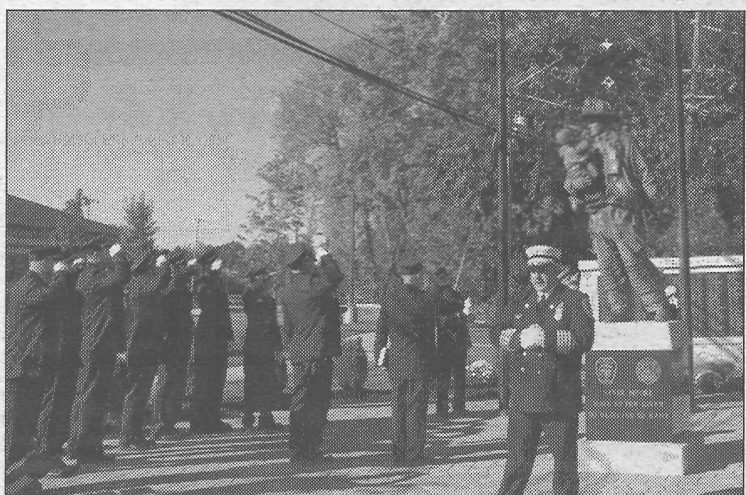
The South Plainfield Fire Department began Public Safety Day by holding ceremonies at the Fireman's Memorial. Each year in October (Fire Prevention Month) a ceremony is held to remember volunteer firefighters who have died during the past year. They were Felix Malecki, Robert Coyle, Russell Dianna, Louis DeFilippo and Joseph Carone. As Chief Larry DelNegro read each name, the fireman's bell was rung in their memory and a Maltese Cross wreath was placed at the memorial.

Chief DelNegro asked that the members remember George Hogan, who

is serving a year in Iraq. An American Flag, donated by Hogan and raised during the ceremonies, was flown at a base in Iraq and during a mission there.

Mayor Charles Butrico and Councilman Matt Anesh both expressed their gratitude to members of the fire department from all of South Plainfield and vowed to give their support to the department for whatever they may need in the future. Fire Department President Gary Stevenson also spoke.

Rev. Charles Mingle, the department's chaplain, began and ended the ceremonies with prayer.



Fire Chief Larry DelNegro and members of the volunteer fire department at their annual memorial ceremony last Saturday.

## Haunted Woods Tour Kicks Off Next Week

It's that time of year again... time for the Almost Famous Players Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour. Show dates are Fri.-Sun., Oct. 24-26 and 31 and Nov. 1. Tours start at 6:15-6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by adult. No refunds after tour begins. Birthday parties (min. 12) available—discounts depending on size of tour; two adults must be in attendance. Buy five tickets in advance and the sixth (same or lower price) ticket is free. Group reservations. Call (908) 346-2290 or (908) 756-8011; leave message. Advance tickets sales until Oct. 22. Reserve your tickets now.



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**The Candidates Debate** will air on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m.  
and Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m.



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#### council meetings

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

Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
October 20 .....	October 27
November 3 .....	November 10
November 17 .....	November 24

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**  
October 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.: November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 1.  
Regular Public Meeting, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: 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**  
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.**

#### ad hoc alternative truck route committee

**Senior Center, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7605**  
Tuesday, October 20

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## In My Opinion

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town. I've lived in South Plainfield since birth and think it's a great town to raise children. My oldest daughter is now attending school and it's important that I start paying attention to what is going on in the schools as well as other issues that are important for my children's future.

Last night [October 1] both gentlemen had class, vast knowledge and leadership skills that I look for in a leader. I thought both were well spoken, had a grasp for what is important to me and my family and know what is best for the borough.

I will be voting Republican in this year's local election.

Congrats to both of you!

**KRISTINE R. NEWMAN-CRAGGAN**

### To the Editor:

Kudos to Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno for their outstanding performance in the council debate on October 1. Their sound common sense answers to the questions posed demonstrate their ability to offer real solutions to the challenges facing our town.

Chrissy and Franky will unite our town, stabilize our taxes and make all of us proud to be South Plainfielders.

**JOSEPH DIEGAN**

### Dear Editor,

I am proud to have had the honor of serving as your mayor for 16 years. During that time I had the pleasure of serving with some of the most dedicated and qualified people I have ever known. With this background in mind, I am happy to report that we are fortunate to have two outstanding individuals running on the Democratic ticket this year. Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno are first-rate. Both are lifelong residents and graduates of our school system.

Chrissy distinguished herself as the goalie of our field hockey team and went on to be the star goalie of her

college team which was an NCAA champion. As so many of our residents have done, she worked her way through college and graduate school, earning high honors at Rowan University and Rutgers. At the ripe old age of 27 she is already recognized as a member of the nationally renowned "Leadership New Jersey." Chrissy Buteas is a member of our Public Celebrations Committee and a member of the Recreation Commission and was previously a member of the Board of Adjustment. Without going on and on, she possesses the combination of intelligence, focus and work ethic that is needed in government.

Franky Salerno embodies the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice which is America. When our country was attacked on 9/11, he was a senior in high school. He enlisted in the Navy and shortly after graduation served over a year in Iraq. When Franky returned home he continued his commitment to service as a member of the Italian American Club and the Knights of Columbus. His dedication to improving lives is the best demonstrated by his coaching of Pop Warner football and recreation basketball. As the expression goes, "Franky Salerno is the real deal." He doesn't just talk the talk, he walks the walk. He will bring that commitment of honest service to the borough council.

I couldn't be prouder of my local Democratic party. I urge every resident to join with me and support the team of Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno for borough council.

**DANIEL J. GALLAGHER**

### Dear Editor,

I attended the council candidates' debate. Listening to Matt and Rob, I know why they deserve re-election.

As a voter and taxpayer, I want accountability and responsibility from  
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## Flu Shots at Senior Center

The Middlesex County Health Department will be offering flu vaccines and pneumococcal immunization to South Plainfield residents 18 and older. Shots will be available at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Friday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Medicare will be billed for influenza immunizations where applicable. Residents without Medicare coverage will not be charged for the immunizations. Proof of age and residency is required; no one under 18 will be vaccinated.

Pneumococcal immunizations will also be available by appointment only to Middlesex County residents who are 65 years of age and older and have not previously received this vaccine. Medicare will be billed where applicable. Proof of age is required.

For a pneumococcal vaccine appointment call (732) 745-3100 Monday-Friday between 2 and 4 p.m.

For more information, call the senior center at (908) 754-1047.

## Fall Clothing Drive at Sacred Heart School

Don't throw it away! Sacred Heart School is having a fall clothing drive on November 7 and 8. They will accept all clean, useable, wearable clothing, shoes, boots, sneakers, accessories, bedding, towels, curtains, stuffed animals and small toys. Place items in plastic bags before dropping off.

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GFWC Suburban Woman's Club President Mary Ann Iannitto and Corresponding Secretary Frieda Walker with Robert Bengivenga, Sr.

## Planfields' UNICO Host Columbus Day Ceremony

By Jane Dornick

Plainfields' UNICO held their annual Columbus Day ceremony at Borough Hall on Monday. The master of ceremonies was Plainfields' UNICO founder Frank Licato. Columbus Day Committee Chairman Robert Bengivenga, Jr., along with his father and UNICO President Robert Bengivenga, Sr., welcomed the crowd on the front lawn. St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church Deacon Robert Gurske read the invocation and the South Plainfield Marching Band, with the color guard present, played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Inside the council chambers, visiting dignitaries spoke about their Italian heritage and of Christopher Columbus and other Italians who helped build this country. In attendance were Senator Barbara Buono, Mayor Charles Butrico, Police Chief John Ferraro, Councilmembers Tim McConville, Ray Rusnak, Ray Petronko and Matt Anesh, SPHS Principal Dr. Ken May, Asst. Superintendent Fred Oberkehr, UNICO Past President Renato Biri-

bin, Board of Education member Debbie Boyle, UNICO District 10 Deputy Robert Tarte, Watchung Borough Council President Tom Franklin, who is a former South Plainfield resident and teacher, and American Legion Chaumont Post #243 Commander Dick Frank.

Rev. Charles Mingle gave the invocation and everyone returned to the front lawn of borough hall for the placement of the ceremonial wreath by GFWC Suburban Woman's Club President Mary Ann Iannitto and Corresponding/Federation Secretary Frieda Walker. Helping to raise the Italian flag were Sen. Buono, Mayor Butrico, Robert Bengivenga, Jr. and UNICO Sgt. at Arms Mike Colucci.

The Plainfield Chapter of UNICO was founded in 1970 Licato, who served as its first president. UNICO's objective is to promote and enhance the image of Italian Americans; to promote Italian heritage and culture; support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural, educational, and literary projects and to cooperate with others in civic, social, cultural development.

## Recreation to Honor Jack English With Cappy Award

The Recreation Department and the Police Athletic League decided several years ago to establish the Cappy Award to recognize men and women who have dedicated years of their life to the youth of South Plainfield. The award is named for the late Tulio Capparelli, a South Plainfield Deputy Police Chief who recognized the potential in every youth in South Plainfield. This year the Recreation Department and the PAL have decided to honor Jack English with the award.

Jack English was born and raised in South Plainfield. With his father and brother he ran a successful business for years. Jack and his wife, Rita, have five children; Jack, Tom, Patrick, Michael and Rita-Claire. Jack spent his early years participating in sports in town and he brought this love of sports and teamwork to his marriage and children. The English backyard was always the place to be for a pickup baseball, basketball or football game.

Jack passed away 21 years ago, but he continues to impact the lives of many in our community. Jack was a man who wanted to give every child a chance to actually enjoy playing sports—no matter what their skill level was. He made it an opportunity to succeed for every kid who wanted to play ball. They never had to win; but he certainly wanted to show them how to win. Most importantly, he wanted all kids to participate and feel part of the team—to be a member of one of Jack English's teams meant being a winner.

Jack never judged a player by their ability; location was more important to him. His teams were always made up of neighborhood kids who had all

different skills. At first, many of these teams started out poorly in the win/loss column but every player received only words of encouragement. By the end of each season his teams did exceptionally well. When you look at the talent level of the teams he coached, the performance levels were remarkable. The real impact could not be found in the scorebooks. It was in the indelible contribution he made to the future of "his kids."

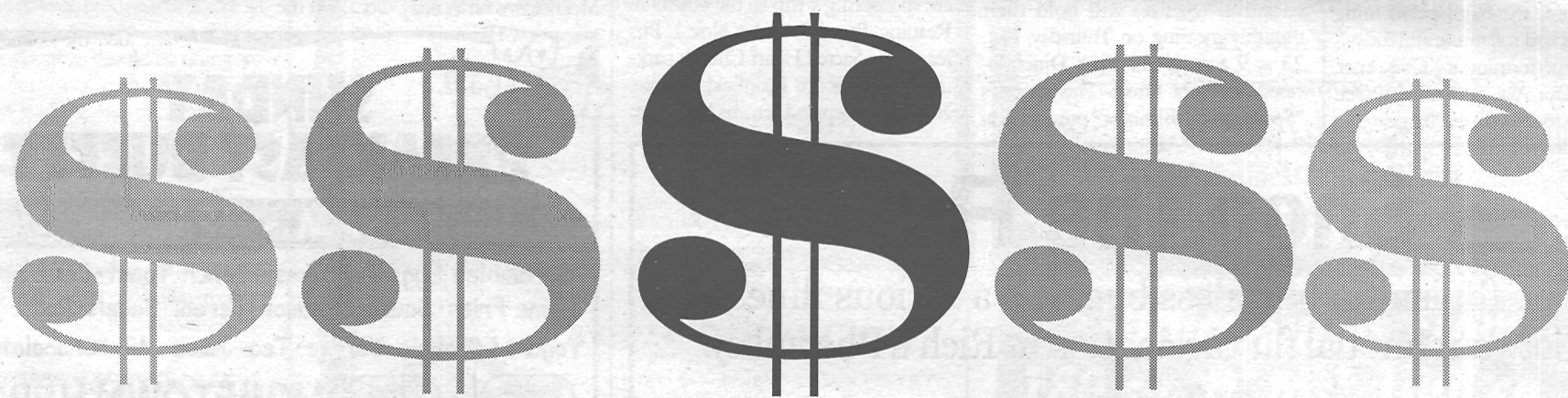
Jack was able to combine his love of sports and his true desire to help every kid enjoy life on a much grander scale when he and Tulio Capparelli began the Police Athletic League Youth Basketball Program. He was able to help many other kids learn to play and enjoy athletic activities in a truly safe and non-threatening way.

He expanded his involvement in youth sports by organizing high school-age basketball teams in regional competition. A whole generation of South Plainfield youth learned how to succeed, how to compete, how to face struggles, and most importantly, how to have fun because of the actions of Jack English. He made children understand teamwork—how coordinated, collective efforts were much greater than the sum of our individual abilities. He helped every player build up self-esteem, he encouraged all to try new things, he made everyone want to participate, and he showed every boy or girl that life was good and fun.

A dinner in Jack's honor will be held at the senior center on Saturday, Nov. 15. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the PAL.



**The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the ENTERTAINMENT BOOK for \$25. Contact Lou Peralta at 908-756-6406.**



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# Around Town

## Marching Band Festival

October 18

South Plainfield High School is hosting the 27th annual Marching Band Festival USSBA Competition on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. at Frank R. Jost Memorial Field. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 students/senior citizens. Hot food, refreshments, baked goods and more! Over 12 local high school bands and color guards.

Questions? Call (908) 754-4620.

## St. Stephens Oktoberfest

October 18

The 11th annual Oktoberfest will be held at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. All-you-can-eat German dinner. Cost is \$11 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children 5-12 and children under five are free. Reservations recommended, but walk-ins accepted. Take-out dinners will be available.

For reservations or information, call (908) 757-4474.

## Pasta Dinner at Sacred Heart

October 18

An all-you-can-eat pasta dinner will take place at Sacred Heart School on Saturday, Oct. 18. Menu includes spaghetti, linguini with clam sauce, meatballs, sausage, Italian bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Tickets will be sold at the door. Adults: \$8, seniors \$6 and children 12 and under \$5. Proceeds benefit the SHS Athletic Association.

For information, call Lisa at the parish office at (908) 756-0633, ext. 10.

## Blackrose to Perform

October 18

Blackrose, the band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits will be performing at KC's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Ave. on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

## American Legion Pancake Breakfast

October 19

American Legion Chaumont Post #243 on Oak Tree Avenue will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$5; children \$3; children under six are free. All profits go to our scholarship fund.

## Columbiettes Fall Fashion Show

October 19

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will host their annual fall fashion show on Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Spain Inn, 7th Street and Rock Avenue in Piscataway. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes an all-you-can-eat buffet luncheon. Clothes from Dress Barn in South Plainfield will be modeled. Proceeds go to support local charities and community events.

For tickets or information, call Emma at (732) 287-2346 or Kathy at (908) 756-3772.

## Flu Shots Available At Senior Center

October 24

The Middlesex County Health Department will be offering flu vaccines and pneumococcal immunization to residents 18 and older. Shots will be available at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Friday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, call the senior center at (908) 754-1047.

## SPBA Meeting

October 23

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. at Sherbar's Diner, located on Front Street. This month's "Spotlight on Business" presentation

will be the John Hancock Financial Network and the "Community Projects" presentation will be by Shirley Thompson.

Contact SPBA President Debra Anne Leporino at SPBAPres@aol.com if you would like to be a guest or guest speaker, or do a five-minute presentation on your company or business at the next membership meeting.

## SPHS Class of 1978 30th Reunion

October 25

SPHS Class of 1978 will hold their 30th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly known as Clarion Hotel & Towers) in Edison. Pre-paid entry only; no tickets will be sold at the door.

For information or to purchase tickets, please E-mail sphs30yr@gmail.com or call Janie at (908) 755-0959.

## SPBA/Commerce Bank Meet & Greet

October 29

The directors and officers of Commerce Bank, along with the South Plainfield Business Association cordially invite you to attend a Meet & Greet Business Reception on Wednesday, Oct. 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Commerce Bank, 2473 Plainfield Ave. Guest speaker will be Frank Winters, AVP, financial advisor with Commerce Wealth Management.

RSVP by October 24 to Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275 or Debra Anne Leporino at (908) 754-6914.

## Columbiettes Plan Trip to Reading

November 1

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring a trip to the outlets in Reading, Pa. on Saturday, Nov. 1. Bus leaves the Sacred Heart Church parking lot, off South Plainfield Avenue, at 8 a.m. sharp and returns by 7 p.m.

Cost is \$35 and includes the bus driver's tip, lunch voucher, coupon book and shopping bag. There will be a stop at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville, Pa. on the return home, with dinner on your own.

For reservations or information, call Kathy at (908) 756-3772.

## Hamilton Commons Condominiums Tour

November 1 and 2

Century 21 Moretti Realty invites you to join them on November 1 and 2 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and see what it's all about. Hamilton Commons, located at the end of South Plainfield Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard, offers 20 units for purchase. Special financing and incentives are available for a limited time.

For information, call Christine Lahey at C-21 Moretti Realty (908) 755-5300.

## — Out of Town —

## Clothing Drive

October 18

Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, 450 Drake Ave., Middlesex is holding a clothing drive (rain or shine) on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Accepting wearable used clothing, shoes belts, handbags, linens and stuffed animals. Please place your items in sturdy plastic bags. A portion of the money collected will benefit Our Lady of Mount Virgin School.

For more information, call (732) 356-6560.

## Diabetes Walk

October 19

The American Diabetes Association (ADA) invites the community to Step Out: A Walk to Fight Diabetes in Morristown on Sunday, Oct. 19 at the

Verizon Wireless campus in Morristown. Check-in begins at 9 a.m.; the walk starts at 10 a.m.

To register or volunteer, call (732) 469-7979, ext. 3511 or visit diabetes.org/stepout.

## Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

October 19

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, Oct. 19 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The Elks, 665 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Light refreshments. Admission is \$10 for members; \$12 for guests.

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

## Ostomy Association of Somerset Meeting

October 21

The Ostomy Association of Somerset County will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in Conference Rooms C and D at Somerset Medical Center, located on Rehill Ave. in Somerville. Guest speaker will be a representative of ConvaTec. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact Ed Wheeler at (908) 534-7897.

## Yvette Glover Returns

October 24

An evening with Yvette Glover and her trio, sponsored by the Metuchen Cultural Arts Commission, will be held Friday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at Metuchen High School, located on Grove Avenue. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$7 for students. Also performing will be Steve Kaplan.

For more information, call (732) 632-8502

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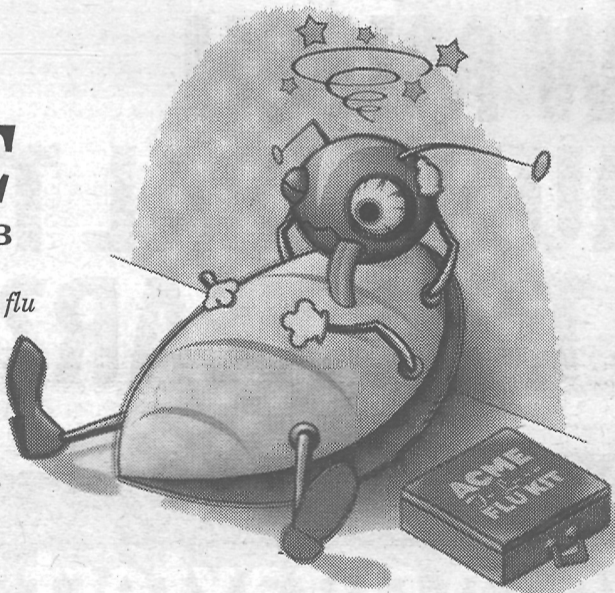
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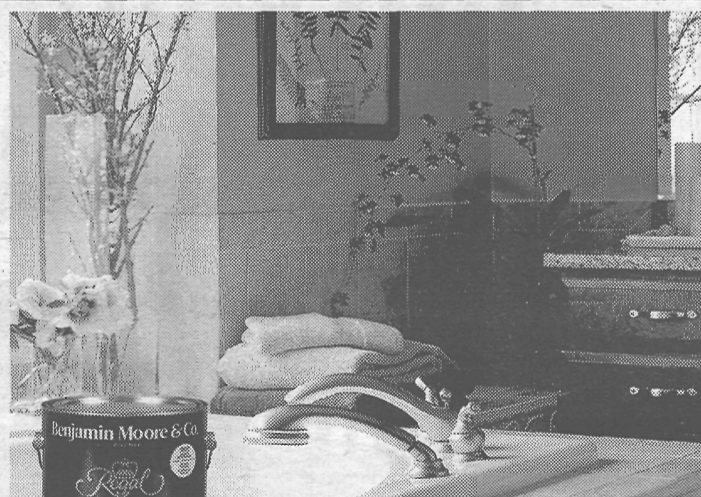
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## Bus Depot Land Purchase

(Continued from page 1)

the council. In spite of that, a contract was signed by former Mayor Daniel Gallagher on December 29, 2006 with a supplemental hold-harmless agreement which makes the borough liable for any future costs associated with the property. The borough did, however, make an agreement with Suburban to hold \$75,000 in escrow for demolition work, which was eventually done at no cost by Jesco Equipment Co. of South Plainfield in October of 2007. During the demolition Jesco discovered asbestos in the building and \$50,000 was spent to remove it. The remaining concrete was ground up this spring by the Department of Public Works (DPW), which was preparing to blacktop the area. DPW Superintendent Joe Glowacki noticed groundwater monitoring wells that were damaged on the site and immediately stopped the work.

PMK did release a written Site Investigation Report (Addendum) to the Middlesex County Improvement Authority two weeks after the purchase, identifying "11 sites of concern" including above and below ground storage tanks and piping, former spill areas, potential groundwater contamination, asbestos and lead-based paint and PCBs. They also gave an estimate of between \$342,000 and \$442,000 to remediate the area. The scope of the work calls for work plans and progress reports, excavation and disposal of soil and the installation of well and groundwater sampling for five years.

Mayor Charles Butrico said he is disturbed that he, and the other Democratic council members, had to find out about this problem through the newspaper. "I am annoyed that there was never a discussion at a council meeting or even in an executive session. This sends a message about how this governing body operates," said Butrico. When asked if he was aware of contamination on the site, he said that he knew there were monitoring wells put there by PMK to test the water every year, but felt that the new environmental engineering firm, T&M Associates, should be doing it.

Democratic Councilman Ray Petronko said the last minute notification of the problem was "irresponsible and we should work together for the borough and not for a party." However, Republican Ray Rusnak said, "We have an obligation to taxpayers to find out what transpired."

Council President Rob Bengivenga said that, "They [the Republicans] have discovered three or four things that the Democrats have done, but this is by far the worst." He also said that this needs "further investigation" and is "troubled" about the hold-harmless agreement put in place by the prior administration and that the purchase price of \$700,000 was so high when the contaminated property was only appraised at \$775,000. Bengivenga said that all of this came to his attention when he was asked about the status of the proposed parking lot by a Recreation Commission member at the beginning of the summer and he began pulling the files on the property. "How could we have purchased the property knowing it was contaminated?"

Since this came to light, Bengivenga said that he has had short discussions with party members regarding funding. He intends to hold an emergency meeting of the finance committee to see what course of action they will take and make this a top priority.

Borough Attorney Jeff Lehrer said that by state statute a closing on real property cannot take place without an ordinance being adopted and any agreements have to be authorized by resolution.

Len Miller of T&M Associates said that he received a copy of the PMK report in May from Business Administrator Glenn Cullen, who was authorized to send it by Bengivenga but was not asked to take any action. He did

say that some kind of clean up must be done and that it has to meet certain criteria depending on what the property will be used for. He said he could not comment any further as he is not in the environmental department although he did not feel that capping was a viable solution because of groundwater contamination and any other unknown contamination at this point.

The N.J. Department of Environmental Protection's Web site lists numerous locations throughout the state containing sites with known contamination, as well as sites that have been remediated. In the borough, there are 64 sites under Active Sites with Confirmed Contamination, including the senior citizens center, borough hall, the DPW on Spicer Avenue, the recycling center, Veterans Park and several gas stations and dry cleaners, along with well known sites such as the Woodbrook Road Dump, the former Tingley Rubber site on South Avenue, Golden Acres Shopping Center, Boro Auto Wreckers on Hamilton Boulevard, Hall's Fast Motor Freight on Oak Tree Avenue and Ferro Corp. (formerly DeGussa) on South Clinton Avenue, along with the Suburban Transit site. This information can be found at [www.nj.gov/dep/srp/kcsnj/](http://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/kcsnj/).

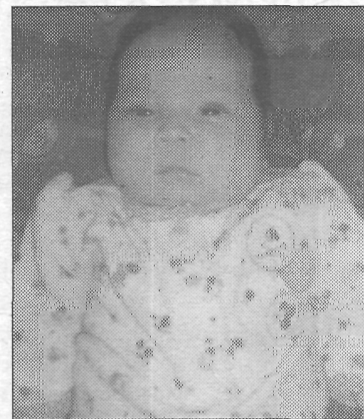
## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Calvin John Smiley National Academic Momentum Award Winner

The Scholar-Baller® Program, in conjunction with the National Consortium for Academics and Sports (NCAS) recently announced that Calvin John Smiley, Lehigh University (political science and Africana studies, swimming) was chosen as one of the winners of the Academic Momentum Award in the Mid-Atlantic region. Sixty-three nominations were received from 39 different colleges and universities across the country.

The NCAS is an ever-growing organization of colleges and universities that provides opportunities for current and former student-athletes to continue their pursuit of higher education, while working in the community with children to address social issues.

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Amy Elizabeth O'Sullivan

### The O'Sullivans Welcome Daughter

John and Maria O'Sullivan of South Plainfield are the proud parents of a new daughter, Amy Elizabeth, born at Somerset Medical Center on August 19 at 11:22 a.m. Amy weighed 10 lbs., 7 lbs. and was 21-1/4 inches long.

She was welcomed by sisters, Michelle and Nicole, and brother John who were very happy with the new addition to the family.

### Danielle Velez Named to Dean's List

Danielle Velez of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for the Spring 2008 semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Danielle is the daughter of Wildredo Velez and attended Bishop George Ahr High School.

Danielle is majoring in materials science and engineering, and will graduate in May 2009.

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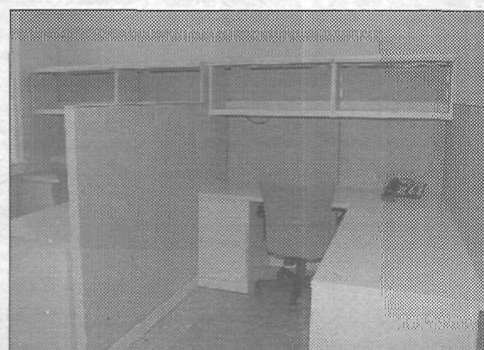
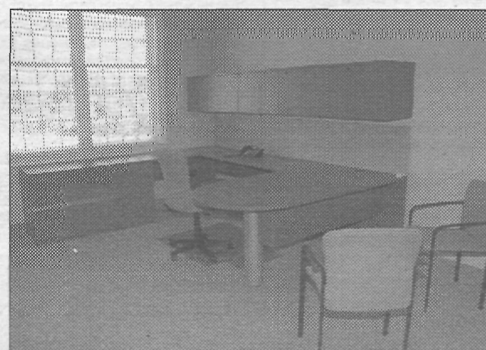
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ELECTION 2008

Go to Sptaxtest.com to Calculate How Much Bengivenga and Anesh Have Raised Taxes



Democrats Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno ask that all South Plainfield homeowners visit the new Web site called sptaxtest.com to confirm how much their property taxes went up under seven short months of Republican control.

Franky Salerno commented, "It's actually kind of funny to see the gyrations of Rob Bengivenga and Matt Anesh about this year's tax bill. Everyone from the former Republican tax collector to Rob's sister has written letters to the editor trying to explain away a 15-point tax increase. On one occasion they said it totaled the cost of a movie and a hamburger. Then they said taxes actually went down this year. Finally they used the equivalent of a slide rule to try to confuse the issue. As Yogi Berra might say "it ain't that hard." In last week's *Observer* Chrissy Buteas and I put in an insert called The Tax Test to enable residents to compute not only what their property taxes are now but what they were under the prior seven years of Democratic control. Several residents told us the test was a little difficult to do without a calculator so we created this Web site to make it easier. All you have

to do is enter the assessed value of your home and it calculates how much your actual taxes went up over the last eight years."

Chrissy Buteas expanded upon her runningmates comments: "We want you to know the facts. No political double talk. Go to sptaxtest.com. You can figure it out on your own. Franky and I aren't running for borough council to confuse people. We are proud to be members of the South Plainfield Democratic Party. The party that kept taxes under control for seven straight years. The party that started 'pay as you go' government. The party which seeks to unite our residents not divide them. We will not support a budget next year that includes a tax increase. No ifs, no ands, no political baloney. In these dire fiscal times, when people worry if they are going to have a job next week or what is happening to their retirement account, we must keep taxes under control. It won't be easy but you have our word that the days of Republican borrow, tax and spend will end if you elect us to the borough council. If you have any doubt, take the tax test. We are confident that after doing so you will support the Democratic team of Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno."

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Girl Scouts Partner With Operation Shoebox

On September 27 over 600 Girl Scouts descended upon the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey's (GSHNJ) North Branch Service Center to take part in Operation Shoebox. The girls, along with dedicated adult volunteers and council staff, packed 525 boxes which will be sent to service men and women fighting for freedom overseas with the intent of lifting their spirits.

The boxes contained toiletries, a box of Girl Scout cookies, a homemade hero card and letters from newly-appointed GSHNJ CEO Su-

san Brooks and Operation Shoebox. Operation Shoebox New Jersey is a not-for-profit organization which holds events throughout Central New Jersey.

GSHNJ enthusiastically delivers the optimal Girl Scout experience to some 40,000 girls and adults in seven New Jersey counties. The council has fully operational service centers and shops in Montclair, North Branch and Westfield. For hours of operation and much more, be sure to consult [www.gshnj.org](http://www.gshnj.org).

Democrats Overpay for Contaminated Property and Leave Taxpayers on the Hook



In 2006, South Plainfield used \$750,000 in open space funds to buy property owned by Suburban Bus Company on New Market Avenue. Now, two years later, Republican officials have uncovered how not only did the former Democratic administration overpay for the property, but that taxpayers are on the hook for environmental clean-up, which could run as high as \$500,000.

"We walked into some huge messes left by the Democrats when we took control in January, but this is the worst," said Council President Rob Bengivenga.

Records show that in 2005 the property was appraised at \$700,000 but that the appraisal explicitly excluded "obvious" environmental risks. The appraisal urged the borough to retain an environmental expert.

Middlesex County hired PMK Group to investigate the contamination, and in June 2006 PMK reported its initial findings and recommended further testing.

Then-Borough Attorney Patrick J. Diegnan completed the sale on December 29, 2006, with the Borough paying \$750,000. This was before a report estimating clean-up costs was issued. A deed shows Suburban Bus purchased the property for \$250,000 in 2004.

About a week after the closing, PMK issued a preliminary report estimating clean-up costs at up to \$442,000. While the agreement between the borough and Suburban Bus sets aside \$75,000 for clean-up, that money was targeted for asbestos clean-up, which was not part of PMK's estimate. Details of the entire transaction have been confirmed by the *Courier News*.

"We should not have paid \$750,000. Not only did the town overpay, but taxpayers are left holding the bag for nearly half a million in clean-up costs," said Councilman Matt Anesh. "This is unconscionable."

According to former GOP Chair Bob Jones, taxpayers can't even get their money back from the polluters. "The Democratic Mayor at the

time signed a hold-harmless agreement," said Jones, an attorney. "Because of this agreement we can't even go after the prior owners. Taxpayers will eat the clean-up costs."

"I can't understand this," added Bengivenga. "They protected the polluters at the expense of the taxpayers."

But it gets worse. Council members never approved the deal. While the council passed a resolution assuring the county the property would be used for open space, the council never enacted an ordinance approving the purchase, as required by State law.

"Once again, the council was kept in the dark," said Anesh. "The council never approved an ordinance, nor was it informed about the hold-harmless agreement that lets the polluters off the hook. It was an illegal transaction."

The site is next to Ponytail Park, and during last year's election Democrats said they wanted to use the site for parking and possibly some ball fields. Funding for the purchase came from the Middlesex County Open Space and Recreation Trust Fund, which is funded by property taxes.

Anesh said he and Bengivenga want an independent investigation. "We'd like U.S. Attorney Chris Christie to investigate this," he said.

According to Anesh and Bengivenga, too many things like this have happened in South Plainfield. They were referring to a series of transactions they say don't pass the smell test. These include the purchase of three shacks along Hamilton Boulevard for \$1.6 million and use of borough-owned property on West End Avenue without payment of taxes or rent for two years by Edgewood Properties, a company owned by mega-developer Jack Morris.

The two also questioned why a Democratic campaign contributor was able to purchase open-space property for nearly \$100,000 below fair-market value.

"The new Republican majority is putting an end to these types of deals," said Bengivenga. "That's why we can't turn back and let the Democrats take the reins again. Taxpayers can't afford it."

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LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1834**  
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY THAT:  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1654 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REVISING ORDINANCE NO. 1365, ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE UNIFORM FIRE SAFETY ACT P.L. 1983, C.383, IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY", SPECIFICALLY, ATTACHMENT A - FEES was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Acting Municipal Clerk  
\$28.50 October 17, 2008

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE No. 1835**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ord. No. 1835 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 ENTITLED: PEACE AND GOOD ORDER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 17, 2008, and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.  
**ORDINANCE No. 1835**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 143 ENTITLED PEACE AND GOOD ORDER OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD.**  
WHEREAS, State statute, N.J.S.A. 26:2B-29, provides that no municipality shall adopt an ordinance or other legislation creating an offense of public intoxication or any equivalent offense, and any existing ordinance or other legislation creating such an offense is repealed; and  
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council are aware that a class action lawsuit has been instituted as against a number of municipalities which maintain an ordinance concerning public intoxication despite the State statute,  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 143 entitled Peace and Good Order of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be revised by deleting Section 143-1 entitled Intoxication.  
This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication according to law.  
ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Acting Municipal Clerk  
\$54.15 October 17, 2008

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE No. 1836**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ord. No. 1836 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SOUND BEEKEEPING PRACTICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 17, 2008, and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, October 27, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.  
**ORDINANCE No. 1836**  
**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR SOUND BEEKEEPING PRACTICES WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
WHEREAS, honey bees are beneficial to mankind and to New Jersey in particular, by providing agricultural fruit and vegetable pollination services in tandem with home garden vegetable and fruit production and by furnishing honey, beeswax and other useful products; and  
WHEREAS, domestic strains of honey bees have been selectively bred for desirable traits, including gentleness, honey production, reduced swarming, pollination attributes and other characteristics which are desirable to foster and maintain; and  
WHEREAS, gentle strains of honey bees can be maintained within populated areas in reasonable densities to fill the ecological niche and exclude unwanted and undesirable races of bees, without causing a nuisance if the honey bees are properly located, carefully managed and maintained:  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** and Enacted By the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that  
**Section 1.** That the finding contained in the preamble of this ordinance is hereby adopted as a part of this ordinance.  
**Section 2.** That Chapter No. 74 of the Code of Ordinances, for the Borough of South Plainfield, is hereby amended by adding a new article No. V, which reads as follows:  
**Definitions:**  
As used in this article, the following words and terms shall have the meanings ascribed in this section unless the context of their usage clearly indicates another meaning:  
1. Apiary means the assembly of one or more colonies of bees at a single location.  
2. Beekeeper means a person who owns or has charge of one or more colonies of bees.  
3. Beekeeping equipment means anything used in the operation of an apiary, such as hive bodies, supers, frames, top and bottom boards and extractors.  
4. Colony or hive means an aggregate of bees consisting principally of workers, but having, when perfect, one queen and at time many drones, including brood, combs, honey and the receptacle

inhabited by the bees.  
5. Honey bee means all life stages of the common domestic honey bee, *Apis mellifera* species.  
6. Tract means a contiguous parcel of land under common ownership.  
7. Undeveloped property means any idle land that is not improved or actually in the process of being improved with residential, commercial, industrial, church, park, school or governmental facilities or other structures or improvements intended for human use occupancy and the grounds maintained in association therewith. The term shall be deemed to include property developed exclusively as a street or highway or property used for commercial agricultural purposes.  
**Certain Conduct Declared Unlawful**  
(a) The purpose of this article is to establish certain requirements of sound beekeeping practices, which are intended to avoid problems that may otherwise be associated with the keeping of bees in populated areas.  
(b) Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this article, it shall be unlawful for any beekeepers to keep any colony or colonies in such a manner or of such disposition as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or property of others.  
**Hive Registration**  
All honey bee colonies shall be registered with the Borough of South Plainfield's Health Department. An annual permit fee of \$25 will be assessed for compliance inspections.  
**Hive Type**  
All honey bee colonies shall be kept in Langstroth-type hives with removable frames, which shall be kept in sound and usable condition.  
**Fencing of Flyways**  
In each instance in which any colony is situated within 25 feet of a public or private property line of the tract upon which the apiary is situated, as measured from the nearest point on the hive to the property line, the beekeeper shall establish and maintain a flyway barrier at least 6 feet in height consisting of a solid wall, fence, dense vegetation or combination thereof that is parallel to the property line and extends 10 feet beyond the colony in each direction so that all bees are forced to fly at an elevation of at least 6 feet above ground level over the property lines in the vicinity of the apiary.  
**Water**  
Each beekeeper shall ensure that a convenient source of water is available to the bees at all times during the year so that the bees will not congregate at swimming pools, pet watering bowls, bird baths or other water sources where they may cause human, bird or domestic pet contact.  
**General Maintenance**  
Each beekeeper shall ensure that no bee comb or other materials are left upon the grounds of the apiary site. Upon their removal from the hive, all such materials shall promptly be disposed of in a sealed container or placed within a building or other bee-proof enclosure.

**Queens**  
All colonies shall be maintained with marked queens. In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusual aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits an unusual disposition toward swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to promptly re-queen the colony with another marked queen. Queens shall be selected from European stock bred for gentleness and non-swarming characteristics.  
**Colony Densities**  
(a) It shall be unlawful to keep more than the following number of colonies on any tract within the borough, based upon the size or configuration of the lot on which the apiary is situated:  
1. one quarter acre or less tract size - 2 colonies,  
2. more than one-quarter acre but less than one-half acre tract size - 4 colonies.  
3. more than one-half acre but less than one acre tract size - 6 colonies.  
4. one acre or larger tract size - 8 colonies,  
5. regardless of tract size, where all hives are situated at least 200 feet in any direction from all property lines of the tract on which the apiary is situated, there shall be no limit to the number of colonies.  
6. regardless of tract size, so long as all property other than the tract upon which the hives are situated, that is within a radius of at least 200 feet from any hive, remains undeveloped property, there shall be no limit to the number of colonies.  
(b) In addition, regarding identification of honey bee hives: the beekeeper shall conspicuously post a sign setting forth his/her name and phone number. It is a defense against prosecution under this subsection that a colony is kept upon the same tract upon which the owner resides.  
(c) Unless marked in accordance with subsection (a) it shall be presumed for purposes of this article that the beekeeper is the person or persons who own or otherwise have the present right of possession and control of the tract upon which a hive or hives are situated. The presumption may be rebutted by a written agreement authorizing another person to maintain the colony or colonies upon the tract setting forth the name, address, and telephone number of the other person who is acting as the beekeeper.  
**Inspection**  
The Borough Health Officer shall have the right to inspect any apiary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in response to a complaint or for detection of honey bee pests and unwanted races of honey bees. Where practicable, prior notice shall be given to the beekeeper.  
**Compliance**  
(a) Upon receipt of information that any colony situated within the borough is not being kept in compliance with this article, the inspector shall cause an investigation to be conducted. If it is found that grounds exist to believe that one or more violations have occurred then the inspector shall cause a written notice of hearing to be issued to the beekeepers.  
(b) The notice of hearing shall set forth:  
(1) The date, time and place at which the hearing will be conducted;

(2) The violation(s) alleged;  
(3) That the beekeeper may appear in person or through counsel, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and provide for a court reporter at his own expense;  
(4) That the bees may be ordered destroyed or removed from the Borough if the hearing officer finds that they have been kept in violation of this article.  
Notices shall be given by certified United States mail or personal delivery. However, if the health officer is unable to locate the beekeeper, then the notice may be given by publication one time in the official journal of the city at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.  
(c) The hearing shall be conducted by the Mayor and council or the borough Health Officer. The burden shall be on the city to demonstrate by a preponderance of credible evidence that the colony or colonies have in fact been kept in violation of this article. If the hearing officer finds that the colony or colonies have been kept in violation of this article, then he may order that the bees be destroyed or removed from the city, not to exceed 20 days and that bees not thereafter be kept upon the tract for a period of two years. In instances where the hearing officer finds that the violations were not intentional and that the beekeeper has employed corrective actions that will probably be effective to cure the violations alleged, then he may issue a warning in lieu of ordering the bees destroyed or removed. Upon failure of the beekeeper to comply with the order, the health officer may cause the bees to be destroyed and the hives structures to be removed. In each instance in which a bee colony is destroyed, all usable components of the hive structure that are not damaged or rendered unhealthy by the destruction of the bees shall upon the beekeeper's request be returned to the beekeeper, provided that the beekeeper agrees to bear all transportation expenses for their return.  
(d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to require the conduct of a hearing for the destruction of (1) any bee colony not residing in a hive structure intended for beekeeping or (2) any swarm of bees or (3) any colony residing in a standard or man-made hive which, by virtue of its condition, has obviously been abandoned by the beekeeper.  
**Section 3.** If any provisions, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the Borough Council in adopting this ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, voidness or invalidity of any other portion hereof, and all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable for the purpose.  
**Section 4.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately after final adoption and publication in accordance with the law  
ATTEST:  
Joann Graf/Acting Municipal Clerk  
\$329.65 October 17, 2008

(1) The date, time and place at which the hearing will be conducted;

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

The library will be closed on Friday, Oct. 17 for a staff training workshop. The library is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Children's programs will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for four years old and over, Wednesday morning at 10:30 for 2s and 3s, Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. for children four years and older, Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for 2s and 3s and 1:15 p.m. for children 4 and older. At 10:30 a.m. on Friday is Baby Time Songs and Rhymes for children up to age two. At 4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24 there will be a special Halloween movie for children five and older. The movie runs approximately 80 minutes. Parents or guardians must stay with the children during the movie.

Young adult movie: There will be a movie for young adults ages 12 and over on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m. The movie will last approximately 90 minutes. Please register for the movie so we know about refreshments. Please, no younger child as this is a scary movie.

On Saturday, Oct. 18 is the annual pumpkin painting for children of all ages. The program starts at 9:30 a.m. and you can stop in any time until 12:30 p.m. Please bring your own pumpkin! The library will not be supplying the pumpkins this year. The li-

### Juniorettes Seek New Members

The South Plainfield Juniorettes are a group of young women who improve the community through various volunteer service projects. Juniorettes meet new people and always have fun.

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brary will provide paints and trimming for the pumpkins.

On Monday, Oct. 20 at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Halloween movie for preschool children. The movie will last approximately 40 minutes. Parents or guardians must stay with the children during the movie.

The library has books to help make Halloween enjoyable for everyone: "Halloween Treats: Recipes & Crafts" (641.568 MAG), "Hocus Pocus: Halloween Crafts for a Spooktacular Holiday" (745.594 HOC), "Halloween: A Grown-up's Guide to Creative Costumes" (745.5941 OSU) and "The Halloween Handbook: 447 Costumes" (394.2646 CLA). Check the library's Web site ([www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us)) for additional books and other resources on the Internet.

The library's circuit music CDs which were kept behind the circulation desk are now on a new display rack with the library's music CDs. Four CDs may be checked out at a time. The circuit CD collection has a wide variety of music styles. Stop by and take a look at the selections that are available.

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## Hometown Heros Celebrates Expansion

Mayor Charles Butrico cuts the ribbon in the new dining area at the re-grand opening celebration at Hometown Heros last Saturday. Councilman Joe Scrudato, owners Charlie and Debbie Kurland along with the Hometown employees were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Hometown Heros recently expanded the deli-restaurant, doubling the size of their facility. With the newly renovated kitchen, they now offer grilled items and introduced a breakfast buffet every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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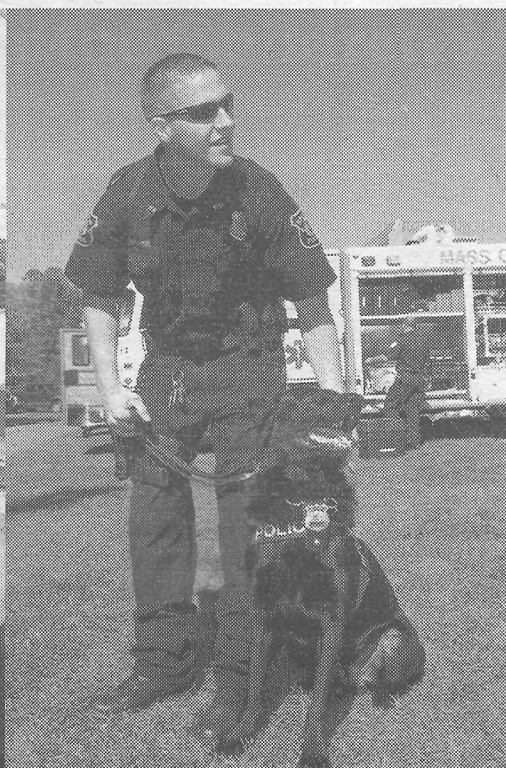


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# Safety On Display



## Residents Get Close Up Look at Public Safety

By Jane Dornick

All branches of borough emergency services came together for the first annual Public Safety Day last Saturday at Veterans Park. The event combined the fire department's open house and the police department's bike rodeo, and included demonstrations by the rescue squad, Office of Emergency Management, Fire Prevention Bureau, 911 communication dispatchers and the Domestic Violence

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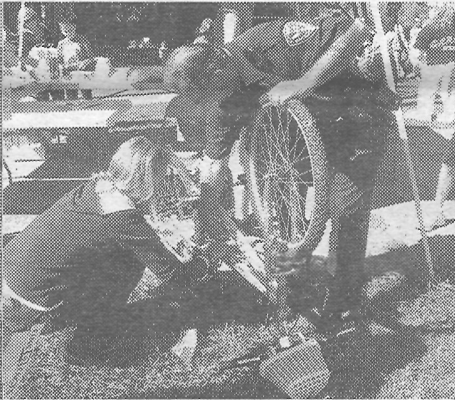
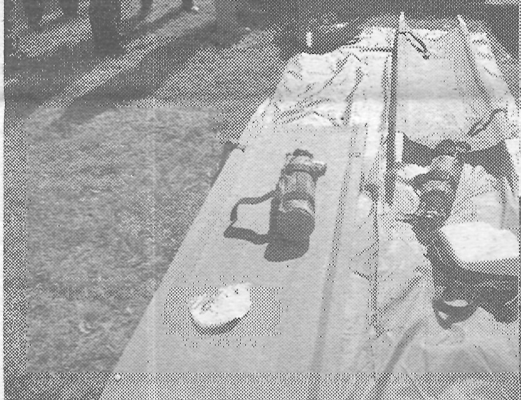
Also participating were various Middlesex County agencies including the Fire Marshals Office of Emergency Management Services, the task force, members of HAZMAT, the SWAT team, the N.J. State Police helicopter, the Edison K-9 team and Somerset Medical Center EMS.

The park was filled with equipment and apparatus on display with demonstrations, lectures and hand-outs from various

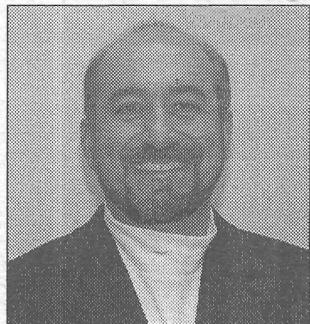
organizations. Children and adults had a chance to see inside emergency vehicles and to ask questions. There was a motor vehicle extrication demonstration by the fire department. Police Officer Karl Schuetz registered bikes, and DARE Police Officer Dave Franchak fingerprinted children for the identification program.

The Edison Twsp. police brought their German Shepard K-9 dog. The rescue squad held a Teddy

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# Old Timers Motorcycle Club Run for the Children Draws 700



South Plainfield Police prepare to lead the bikers on the 55-mile run through Somerset County.

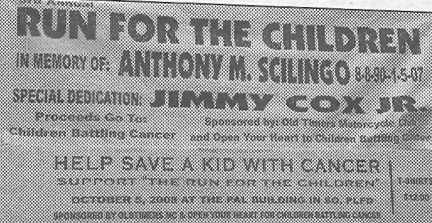
Despite the nip in the air and puddles of water in the parking lot and in the field behind the PAL from the rain showers the night before, the Third Annual Run for the Children Battling Cancer attracted more than 400 motorcyclists on October 5.

Sponsored by the Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Century 21 Moretti Realty to benefit the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., more than 700 people attended the after-ride picnic and car show held at the PAL. Musical entertainment was provided by Phil and Heide Russo and their band, Mirage. Bob Boyle from Vistar/Roma donated the hamburgers, hot dogs and sausage, with rolls provided by Jimmy from

Weston/Freihofers. A car show was added to the program this year and was successfully run by Ron Fusco.

The South Plainfield Police Department led the run, with the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department providing back-up during the 55-mile round trip ride through scenic Somerset County. Spectators lined the route, waving and cheering as the motorcyclists passed by. All 410 motorcycles returned safely to the PAL about 1:30 p.m.

The first 50/50 raffle winner of the day was Hank Marder, who won \$610. The motor scooter was won by Hector Perez, who also won the second 50/50 raffle drawn later in the day. Hector donated back a portion of his winnings to the Open Your Heart Foundation.



An event of this size would not be possible

without the dedication of the following individuals and businesses: Mel Tomei, Butch Piazza, Cindy Piazza, Gary Kline, Joe Papa, Pete Quadrel, Andy Meyer, Tommy Amoine, Tim Bashira, Kenny Fisher, Billy Macalara, Dennis Lopes, Tom Kaiser, Andy Dachille, Tony Scilingo, Sue Caruso, Paul Pine, Chris Pine, Richie DelGado, Dave Stanski, Bob Bender, Paul Baldasare, John Timm, Kathy Timm, Jimmy Cox, Joanne Cox, Jimmy Cox, Jr., Lenny Olim, Pat Donnelly, Janet Donnelly, Bob Ackerman, Marge Ackerman, Nicole Moretti,

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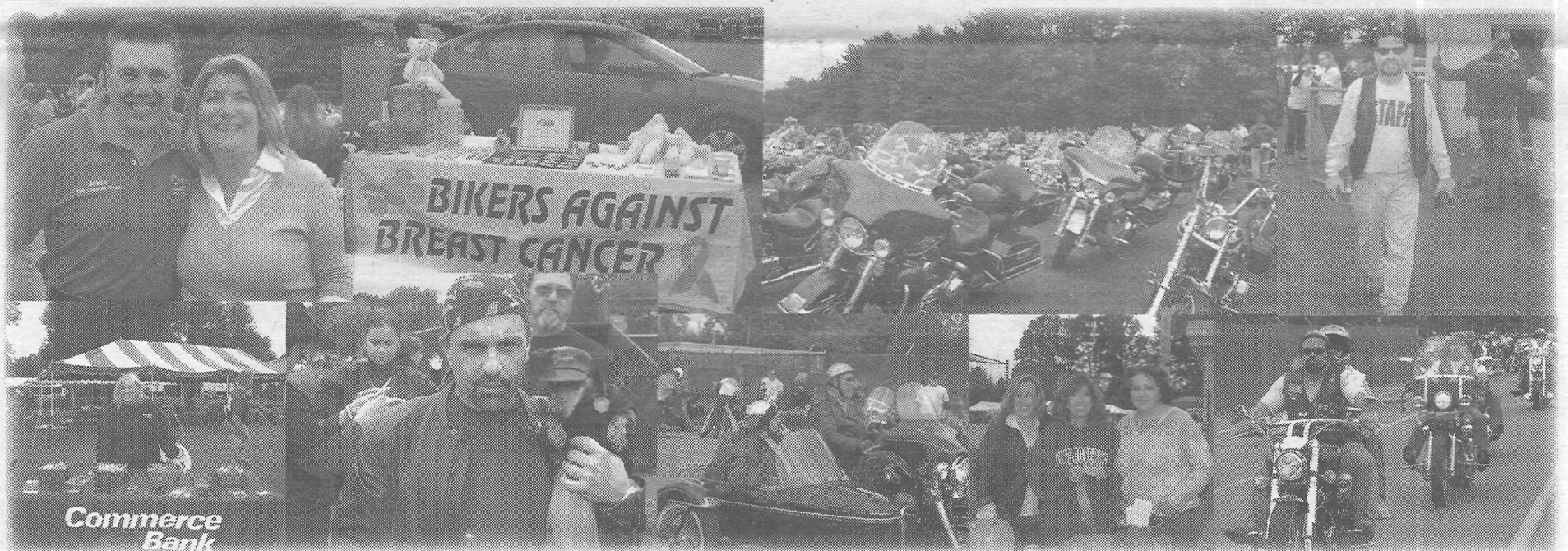
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When asked about this year's turnout, Rich D'Urso, founder of the Old Timers Motor Cycle Club, said, "This was the best year so far in terms of attendance, and we will be hard at work planning next year's event very soon. I want to personally thank everyone involved with planning and organizing, and if I forgot to mention anyone, it does not mean your efforts were not appreciated."



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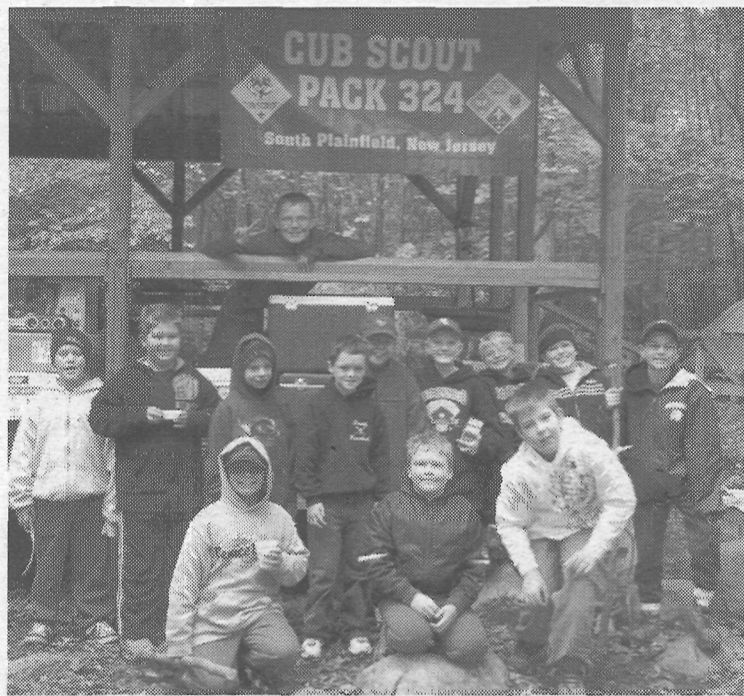
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Cub Scout Pack 324 at the annual 2008 Fall Cubelos Camping Trip.

## Cub Scout Pack 324 Holds Fall Camping Trip

South Plainfield Cub Scout Pack 324 held its annual 2008 Fall Cubelos Camping Trip October 3, 4 and 5 at the Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway. Forty-nine Cub Scouts and family members camped for three days. The scouts participated in archery, BB guns, crafts, rock throwing at targets, soap box derby cars, field sports, rock wall, obstacle course, boating, Whittling Chip and the fishing derby.

In the fishing derby Matthew Waters won the gold medal (first place) for the most fish caught with nine. Jack Scudato won the bronze medal (third place) for the third smallest fish caught, a whopping three and three-quarters inch. The scouts also acted in two skits during the final fire ring ceremony entitled "100 Meter Hurtles & What is Your Sin?"

An unexpected event happened during the trip. Diane Schaeffer fell into a hole the first night, severely injuring her ankle which required immediate medical attention. All of the scouts quickly worked together to light up the trail with their flashlights

so the paramedics could navigate their way to the waiting ambulance.

Additional highlights of the trip were when "Chef Extraordinaire" Gary Lampasona cooked a delicious pasta bolognese dinner for the scouts and parents as well as Joe Scudato building the world's biggest camp fire, which could be seen from space via satellite.

The weekend would not have been what it was if not for Cub Scout Leaders Scott Waters, Ken Wolpin and Gary Rohrer for planning a great event.

The scouts who attended were Mike Behr, Shane Brophy-Knight, Ryan Carey, Justin Cavaliere, Sebastian Cordoba, Bobby Gwiazda, Troy Harzula, Caleb and Chris Kuberit, Mike Lampasona, Tim Nuber, Joe Risoli, Max and Sebastian Rohrer, Isaiah Salazaar, Jack Scudato, Ben Sheaffer, Nick Smiljanic, Nick Spadavecchia, Max Strassberger, Matt Watters, Christian Wizda, Connor and Zach Wolpin.

Siblings of the scouts who also attended were Olivia Brophy-Knight, Edward Sheaffer, Colin Carey and Thomas Smiljanic.

## Moretti Century 21 Gives Back to Kennedy School

Kennedy Elementary School lost more than half of its playground equipment during the 2005-2006 school year when three separate play structures were inspected and deemed "unsafe" in the context of current New Jersey safety standards. A dedicated group of parent volunteers formed a committee to rebuild the playground and has received help thanks to the generosity of Moretti Century 21 Real Estate, which donated \$100 towards the playground.

Between the current economic climate and the constant barrage of fundraisers sent home by the school's PTO in support of school functions, in-school fundraising has been an uphill battle for the committee. "The cost of new equipment and its installation is substantial," says Melissa Noble, playground committee co-chair. "Without the support of community business and organization leaders like Moretti Century 21, it would take years of fundraising to replace what has been lost for the children. We sincerely appreciate their generosity."

Since the large wooden playset and two separate swing sets were removed from the playground, the one remaining playset becomes overcrowded during recess periods, discouraging some children from using it and increasing the risk of injury due to collision. Betsy Cabrera, playground committee co-chair notes, "Recess is the only unstructured social interaction kids get during the school day and they need a safe place to play and interact. Good play systems inspire creativity and promote physical activity to help combat childhood obesity. That's why we feel it's important to rebuild the playground for the kids."

The committee is working toward a goal of installing a new swing set before the end of the school year and must raise \$7,000 by the end of April.

To donate to the Kennedy School Playground Fund or learn more about the playground committee and how you can help, contact Melissa Noble at noble2269@msn.com.

## SPHS Music Boosters

# MUSIC NOTES

If you were unable to attend the marching band competition at Hillsborough on October 11, you missed a phenomenal show. Our Marching Tigers and Color Guard have an updated and refined routine that looks and sounds better than ever. They received a score of 76.4, which put them in second place in Group III-A Class. So do not miss another opportunity to see our teenagers perform an awesome routine.

Our 27th Annual Marching Band Festival & USSBA Competition will be held this Saturday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. at Frank R. Jost Memorial Field, Cady Lane (off Maple Avenue, behind the PAL building). There will be plenty of hot food available, desserts and promotional items. Watch over 13 bands and color guards from the area perform. Other bands attending will be from Scotch Plains, Cranford, Westfield, JFK Iselin, Union, Metuchen, Watchung, Rahway, Ridge, Northern Burlington County, South Hunterdon, North Plainfield and Perth Amboy. The evening will begin with the singing of our National Anthem, performed by the high school chorus. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for

students/senior citizens.

The citrus fruit fundraiser is now underway. See any student in the music department to place your order. All orders must be in by November 5 with payment so the fruit can be delivered to the high school by December 15, just in time for the holidays. If you would like to send fruit as a gift outside the area, we have three options available at a slightly higher cost to include shipping and handling. These direct order forms will be available at the festival, or call Pam at (908) 412-9704.

Gourmet popcorn orders must be turned in by November 3 and will be delivered before Thanksgiving. A great treat to eat while watching football. We have also started our Yankee Candle fundraiser. Get your holiday shopping done early by placing your order today. Yankee Candle fundraiser ends October 31 to meet holiday season delivery, so don't delay.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. Please come for lots of information regarding future concerts, fundraisers, trips and events

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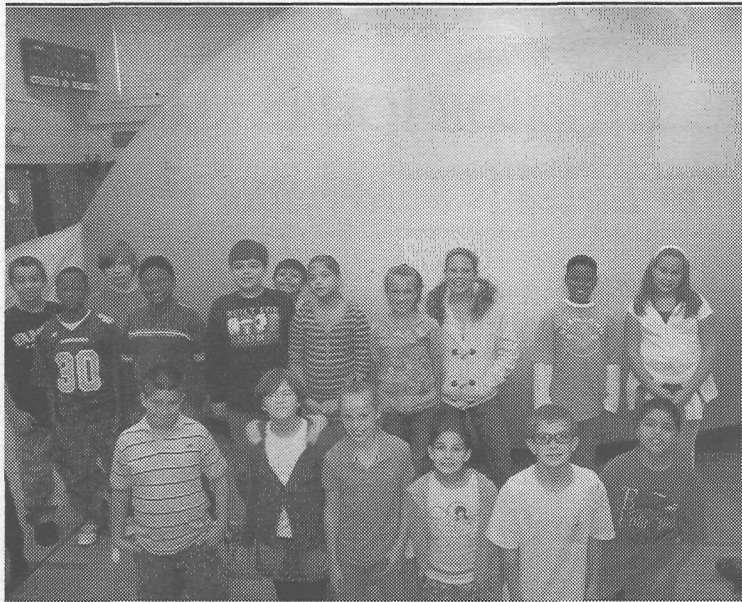
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Elizabeth Mazzacco's fifth grade class as they prepare to enter the Skydome at Grant School.

## Grant Students Seeing Stars

By Jane Dornick

Mobile Ed Productions brought their portable, inflatable planetarium to Grant Elementary School on October 3 and took the budding astronomers on a tour of the solar system.

Students entered the dome and were introduced to a "star-filled" sky. The presenter navigated the night sky with a laser pointer, and guided students through the stars of the North-

ern Hemisphere exactly as they appeared on the day of the show. Classes learned how to identify stars and constellations and were introduced to Greek mythological characters and saw how those heroes of the past can be found in the stars. They were able to witness the night sky in different seasons and from different global perspectives and were treated to a slide presentation of the Solar System.

## Students Needed for Study Abroad Program

The Interamerican University Studies Institute is offering a Spanish immersion summer program in Costa Rica, for high school students who are interested in environmental biology. Costa Rica ¡Pura Vida! combines intensive language instruction, individual homestays and field trips to three areas of the country.

The program is open to student's

ages 15-17 with two years of high school Spanish and a course in biology (by June 2009). Scholarships available. The scholarship application deadline is December 5. The priority application deadline is February 6, 2009.

Session information and details are available at [www.iusi.org](http://www.iusi.org) or call (800) 345-4874.

## Suburban Woman's Club NEWS

Chrysanthemums were everywhere and the atmosphere was gala and full of laughter for husbands/guests night that the Suburban Woman's Club celebrated at the American Legion Post. The guests certainly appreciated the work of Ann DeMico and committee members Grace Bertucci, Lucy Hudson and Diane Gallo.

The decor was delightfully autumn and the food was excellent. Maybe the Suburban Woman's Club should publish a cookbook since they have so many good chefs as members.

The guest speaker, Rev. Mike Riley, was perfect for the occasion. His sense of humor, which is demonstrated in his column in the *Asbury Park Press* and the *Courier News*, was very evident when he explained his mixed-up ancestry which almost made him "his own grandfather." Laughter responded to his twisted explanations of the outcome of his attempts at family planning which became effective after one misstep. He was certainly enjoyable.

The future holds many activities, namely a yard sale on Saturday, Oct. 18 at the American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave. from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The lawn will have so many bargains that it would be a shame to miss. Come early and stay late!

On November 9 the Suburban Woman's Club will sponsor a theater party at the Circle Players in Piscataway. The play will be "The Clean House" by Sarah Ruhl. It is a comedy about fighting the dirt in your house and in your life. Housecleaning and joke telling are taken to a new level of meaning in the lives of four women. The tickets will cost \$17. Tickets can be obtained from any member or by calling (908) 757-8360.

The next meeting of the Suburban Woman's Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6 beginning at 1 p.m. and will have a guest speaker. Refreshments and tea and coffee will be served.

Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning,  
Publicity Chairman

## Middlesex County Mobile Passport Office to Visit Senior Center

The Middlesex County Mobile Passport Office will be in South Plainfield on Friday, Nov. 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the senior center.

Middlesex County Clerk Elaine M. Flynn urges residents to take advantage of this program.

Flynn said that the mobile program has been so successful because it allows residents to apply for their U.S. passports close to home without the need to drive into New Brunswick. "This service is another joint county and local government venture making

government services more user friendly for the residents of Middlesex County," said Flynn.

Applications may be downloaded from the Department of State's Web site at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) or at the senior center and completed in advance.

In addition to the passport service, Notary Public oaths will be administered to those who have applied to the State of New Jersey and have received their completed paperwork.

For information on U.S. Passport requirements, please call the county passport info line at (732) 745-3404.

## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

October 10, 2008

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

- Case #10-07/S/U/V-2L Corporation, Block 304; Lot 3; Sage Street. The applicant's request that this application be DISMISSED without prejudice for lack of prosecution was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #24-08-MCS Properties (Enrico Pigna), Block 3; Lot 11.336 Fifth Street. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- Case #25-08-Robert Abbate, Block 195; Lot 16; 178 Daniel Street. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

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

\$32.30

October 17, 2008

### NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT Countrywide SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION Middlesex COUNTY

DOCKET NO. F-30274-08

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: **Viola Gennaro and Joseph Gennaro**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center; 701 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (215) 627-1322, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-6 is plaintiff, and Joseph Gennaro and Viola Gennaro, h/w, et al are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-30274-08 within thirty-five (35) days after October 17, 2008 exclusive of such date or if published after October 17, 2008 (35) days after the actual dated of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of governing the courts.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated March 13, 2006, made by Joseph Gennaro and Viola Gennaro, h/w as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for America's Wholesale Lender recorded on April 27, 2006, for Middlesex County in Book 11507, Page 371 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, The Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-6, by Assignment dated July 29, 2008; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 138 Linda Lane, Edison, NJ 08820. Lot: 8 Block: 411.

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

YOU, Viola Gennaro and Joseph Gennaro, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the record owners of the mortgaged premises and because you executed the bond or note and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

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## Life Line Screening October 25

Residents living in and around the Plainfield community can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening Radiology will be at the Trinity Reformed Church on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 401 Greenbrook Rd. #2 in Plainfield. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack," is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women. Through preventative screenings, the risk of having a stroke can be greatly reduced.

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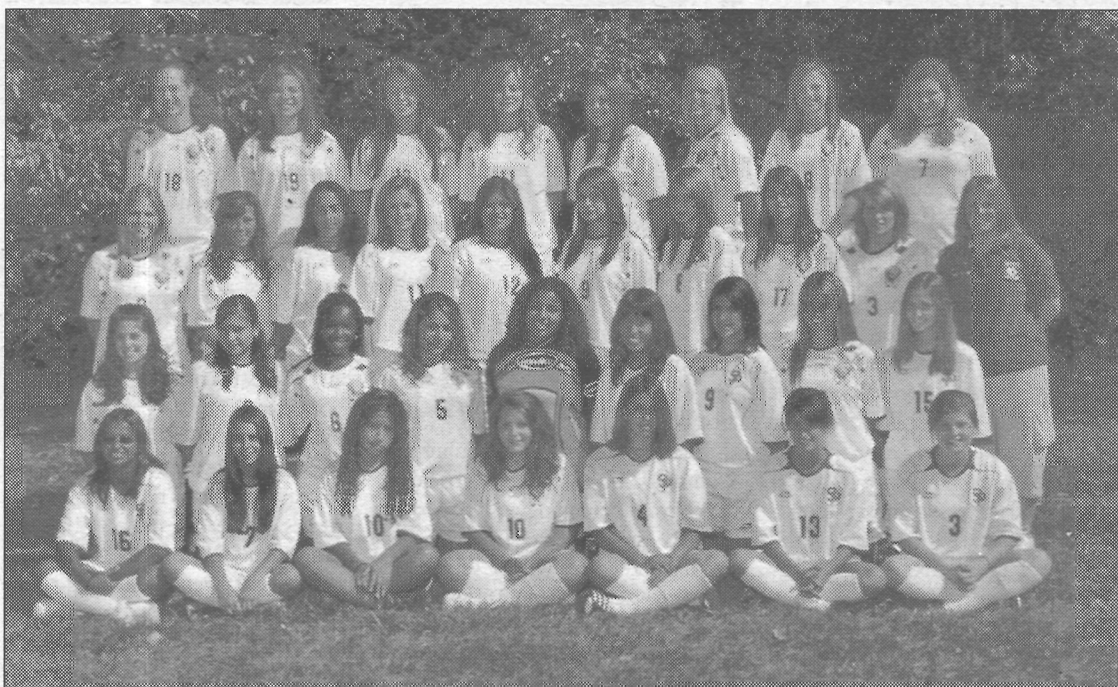
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# Sports



2008 South Plainfield High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team.

## SPHS Girls Soccer Defeat Perth Amboy

The South Plainfield High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team played a great game against Perth Amboy, winning by a score of 4-3.

The girls put their hearts and souls into the game, winning in double overtime. Scoring goals were Bria Edmonds, Katie Baldisarre and Kerry Yordanis. Bria scored the first goal, early in the first half, getting the Tigers off

to a good start. Katie scored two goals, including one on a penalty kick. Towards the middle of the game, Perth Amboy came back and tied the score.

Goalkeeper Kirsten Nuber saved a penalty kick for the Tigers late in the first half. After blocking the kick, Kirsten was run over by an attacking player and had to come off the field with a bloody nose, but recovered

quickly and was back defending the goal in the second half.

In double overtime, after numerous shots on goal and several great plays by both teams, Kerry scored the winning goal against the Perth Amboy goalie.

The girls soccer team's next game is at home on Saturday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. Great job ladies!

### Traveling Soccer

## Hammertime Plays to a Tie

On Sunday Hammertime took on Spotswoods' Lightning team. Hammertime's defense, consisting of Jessica Neal, Katherine Vill, Megan McDermott, Nicole Sottiriou, Taylor Henry and Sarah Walsh, were very tough this game. Sarah threw her body in for blocks. Katherine and Nicole kicked the ball across the field, and Jessica, Megan and Taylor took the ball away from Spotswood.

Hammertime's offense, consisting of Gabby Cusick, Sarah Cargill, Claire Nagel, Stephanie Boettger,

Katie Gray, Emily Kuchinski and Kylie Donnelly, continued to put on the pressure in an attempt to keep the lead.

The goalies for the game were Michaela Butrico and Sydni Surowiec, who both made some awesome saves. Practice and determination is starting to pay off.

The game ended in a 3-3 tie. Keep up the great work girls!

Hammertime's next game is at home on Sunday, Oct. 19.



## Dan McCreesh To Play on Monmouth Team

Dan McCreesh, former SPHS golfer, has been chosen to play on the Division 1 Monmouth University golf team. Dan shot an 84 in his first tournament playing with players from LaFayette, St. Peters and Fairleigh Dickinson.

In another tournament, Monmouth took third place out of 16 teams at the University of Delaware Invitational, finishing ahead of Rutgers, Bucknell and Lehigh.

Dan, SPHS Class of 2007, was one of the top players at South Plainfield High School. He was chosen as MVP at the Freedom Cup matches between Union and Middlesex County.

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## Register for Recreation Youth Wrestling

Registration for the South Plainfield Recreation Youth Wrestling program will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PAL building located on Maple Avenue.

Registration is open to all South

Plainfield children ages 5-11 as of October 1, 2008. Cost is \$35 per child. Parents must accompany child at registration. A birth certificate is needed for first time sign-ups and proof of residency is required.

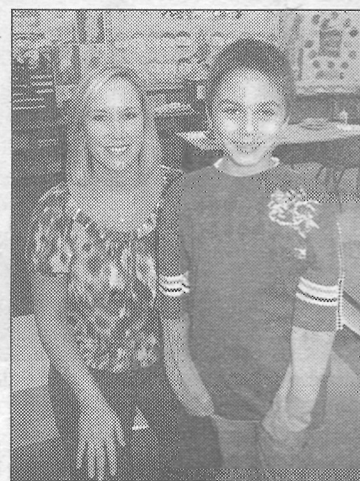
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## JUNIOR JOURNALIST

### Vito Tartza Named Junior Journalist

Untitled  
By Vito Tartza

Pumpkins, pumpkins, pumpkins.  
All nice orange pumpkins.  
Get a knife and cut the eyes out,  
and then cut the mouth out,  
and then shout, shout, shout.  
Pumpkin season's here!



Junior Journalist winner Vito Tartza with teacher Maureen Wilson.

Vito Tartza, Roosevelt School second grader, is this week's winner in the 2008-09 Junior Journalist program. His submission has earned him dinner for his family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal, Hometown Heros on Hamilton Blvd. or the *Observer* office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

The winners will receive a catered dinner for their families from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year-end banquet in May of 2009,

where they will additionally be recognized for their efforts. Junior Journalists also have the opportunity to win the Ruth Kurland Memorial \$1,000 savings bond which will be awarded at the banquet.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

## Help Keep Our Kids Warm

The McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals is asking for your participation in their annual program, "Keep Our Kids Warm." With the great success of last year's sweatshirt drive, we once again are asking for sweatshirts to be donated for children between the age of five and 17 years old. We can only accept sweatshirts that are newly purchased or have never been worn. No other clothing material will be accepted.

This project is being run in accordance with the borough's director of Social Services, Marge Ackerman. The sweatshirts that are donated will be distributed to underprivileged children throughout our community for this upcoming winter season. Again, we are asking that the sweatshirts that are donated be newly purchased or never been worn and sweatshirts will be the only accepted items.

Donations will be accepted in the main entrance of the funeral home on

Saturday, Nov. 8 between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

It only takes a little to go along way. Let us come together as a community and show the children of South Plainfield who are less fortunate that they are cared for. Your cooperation is greatly needed and appreciated.

As an added addition to our drive, for every 10 sweatshirts donated, the funeral home will make a \$10 donation to the Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to call the funeral home at (908) 561-8000.

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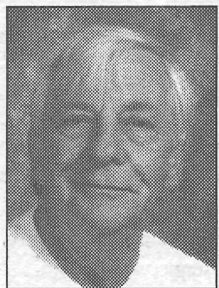
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# Obituaries

## Michael G. Yaworski, Jr., 64



Michael G. Yaworski, Jr. and resided in South Plainfield for most of his life.

Michael G. Yaworski, Jr. of South Plainfield passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 8 at home.

Mr. Yaworski was born in Jersey City and resided in South Plainfield for most of his life.

He worked as a leasing manager.

He is survived by his mother, Ann Yaworski of Plainfield; his wife, Peggy of South Plainfield; three daughters, Karin and husband Patrick Welsh of Dunellen, Sharin and husband Randy Fowler of Ballston Spa, N.Y. and Carolyn and husband Glen Gillish of Walnutport, Pa.; two step-daughters, Karla and husband Kevin Krug of Edison and Tracy Wilshire of North Carolina; two sisters, Dolores Crooker of Woodbridge and Arlene Sandorff of Califon, in addition to four grandsons and six granddaughters, all of whom will miss him more than words can say.

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

The family kindly requests that when sending flowers to the funeral home please send a plant, or in lieu of flowers please be kind enough to make a memorial donation in Mr. Yaworski's name to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1275 York Ave., New York, N.Y. 10065.

## Robert L. Newman, Sr., 87

Robert L. Newman, Sr. died on Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Clark Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Clark.

Born and raised in Plainfield he lived in Middlesex, North Plainfield and Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield in 2000.

Mr. Newman served in the United States Army during WWII and was employed as a bus driver for 40 years with N.J. Transit working the Eliza-

beth-Bound Brook #49 line.

He was predeceased by his son, Kenneth, and by all of his siblings.

Surviving is his wife, Laura R. (Douglass) Newman; five children, Laura Irovando of Piscataway, Theresa Beleno of Allentown, Pa., Robert L. Newman, Jr. (Kathy) of South Plainfield, Wayne Newman (Sharon) of Fullerton, Ca., and Harley Newman (Laurie) of Dunellen; 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

## John "Jay" Sokol, 33

John "Jay" Sokol died on Friday, Oct. 10 at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly.

Born in Elizabeth, Jay was raised in South Plainfield and lived in the borough for most of his life.

Jay graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1993 and during his senior year he was a member of the track team.

For the past six years Jay worked for Component Technologies in Somerset as a line supervisor.

He was predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Margaret and Thomas Creighton, and by his paternal grandfather, Paul Sokol.

Surviving is his mother, Barbara (Creighton) Murphy of South Plainfield; his father, John of Burlington; two brothers, Keith and fiancé Rebekah Loxsternman of Cranbury and Gregory (Natalie Bjornsen) of Edison; a sister, Meghan Creighton of South Plainfield; his paternal grandmother, Sophie Sokol of Toms River; four aunts, Kathleen Creighton of Pt. Pleasant, Nancy Callahan and husband Rick of Lawrence Harbor, Patricia Cullinane and husband Michael of Bridgewater and Elaine Sokol of Toms River; two uncles, Thomas Creighton and wife Kathryn of Bridgewater and Robert Sokol of Toms River; a nephew, Kyle Sokol and several cousins.

Funeral services were held at Mc-

Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

## Hanna (Tiencken) Fuerst, 69



Hanna (Tiencken) Fuerst died on Monday, Oct. 13 at home after a 14-year courageous battle with advanced breast cancer.

Hanna was born on June 26, 1939 in Koehlen, Germany and a few years later her father, Johann Tiencken, died on the front lines during WWII.

In 1947 at the age of eight, Hanna's mother Anna remarried and relocated the family to Ringstedt, Germany where she resided until she immigrated to the United States in 1957, residing in the Brooklyn and Queens area of New York.

In 1961 Hanna married Gerold Robert Fuerst and in 1964 they settled in South Plainfield.

Mrs. Fuerst worked as a waitress for 37 years at the former Coral Lounge which became Jacques, then 2000 Park Avenue Restaurant and Lounge in South Plainfield, before retiring over 14 years ago.

A longtime member of St. Stephens Lutheran Church, Hanna was an avid

knitter. She was a member of the church's knitting group as well as a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens knitting groups. During her longtime battle with breast cancer Mrs. Fuerst became an inspiration to those who knew and cared for her and used knitting as a therapy.

In addition, Hanna loved to dance and was a member of the Deutscher Club in Clark.

She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and dear friend, and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Surviving is her loving husband of 47 years, Robert; two loving daughters, Carol McCarthy and husband John of South Plainfield and Linda Mattson and husband Robert of Readington; two sisters, Gerda Meyer and Marianne Ziegenbein and husband Werner, all of Ringstedt, Germany and three grandchildren, Sarah and Brian McCarthy and Kyle Mattson.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in the name of Hanna Fuerst can be made to St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

## Pasquale "Patty" Politi, 77

Pasquale "Patty" Politi died at his residence on Sunday, Oct. 12 surrounded by his family. Born and raised in Brooklyn, Pasquale had been a resident of South Plainfield for 38 years.

A veteran combat soldier of the U.S. Army, Pasquale received a Purple

Heart for battle wounds in the Korean War. He also was honored with the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal and Bronze Star Attachment and the United Nations Medal. Employed by Hertz-Penske as a mechanic for 25 years, and most recently, retired from the Borough of South Plainfield as a mechanic after 14 years, he loved his job at the borough and valued the many friendships he made there.

He often expressed love for his town and country. He served his country in the 2nd Infantry (Indianhead) Division and was especially proud of his combat division, the first to reach Korea from the U.S. to slow the spread of communism. Pasquale was truly a warrior for his family and country.

He loved fixing things and was always there to help family, friends and neighbors.

Pasquale was predeceased by four older siblings.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine (Santoro) and by three sons, Robert and wife Stefanie of Clinton, Christopher and Tracy of South Plainfield; a daughter, Suzanne and husband Keith Goldberg of Scotch Plains and five grandchildren, Alyssa, Michael, Ava Grace, Gabriella and Nicholas, lovingly called him "E-O", who will miss him dearly. Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be sent to the Musella Foundation for Brain Tumor Research, 1100 Peninsula Blvd., Hewlett, N.Y. 11557 or visit www.virtualtrials.com.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice

#### RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Tommaso Grasso for public improvements at 415 Tremont Avenue, South Plainfield Lot 5, Block 346.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Tommaso Grasso for public improvements at 415 Tremont Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. known as Lot 5 in Block 346 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 3, 2008 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD Public Notice

#### RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Aldo Pigna for public improvements at 126 Faulks Place, South Plainfield Lot 6, Block 197.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Aldo Pigna for public improvements at 126 Faulks Place, South Plainfield, N.J. known as Lot 6 in Block 197 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2008 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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## Crop Walk This Saturday

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This is a fundamental teaching of Jesus to which his church is trying to be faithful, especially because there are a lot of poor people in this world. Many have only one meal a day. Many don't have clean water.

In Africa in many villages women walk many miles to fetch water. So the slogan of the CROP walk is: We walk because they walk.

Churches are promoting this event this Saturday, Oct. 18. If interested in walking in solidarity with the hungry people of the world and the churches of South Plainfield, gather at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500

Plainfield Ave. at 9 a.m. The walk will proceed to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Park Avenue through Spring Lake Park, First Baptist Church, Sacred Heart Church and Pilgrim Covenant Church.

Participants will receive a t-shirt. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the South Plainfield Food Pantry located in borough hall.

Come and support your home town effort to alleviate hunger. For information, call your church, or if you don't have a church connection, call the Rev. Nehemiah Thompson of the Wesley Methodist Church at (908) 251-0992.

## Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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violence. The display also includes various literature on all aspects of domestic violence. Working in conjunction with the police department, the borough has its own Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team (DVCIT). Trained volunteer advocates provide 24-hour on-call services to assist victims of domestic violence in the borough. The purpose of the team is to offer emergency support, alternatives and referrals to victims of domestic violence including their children and fami-

lies. Members are screened by the police department and trained and certified in domestic violence intervention by Women Aware, Inc. in New Brunswick. The goal of the DVCIT is to provide a neutral, less authoritarian atmosphere to victims where volunteers are there to listen and help.

The DVCIT can be reached 24-hours a day at (908) 755-0800 where a team member will meet with a victim privately at police headquarters and provide transportation if necessary. In an emergency, always dial 911.



The Volunteer Fire Department visited Future Stars Pre-School to teach the children about fire safety. The blue room class was excited to get a visit from the fire truck and to learn about fire safety during fire safety month.

## police report

• On Oct. 7 Tyrone E. Williams 44, of Plainfield was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant.

• A Pennsville resident reported that the lock on their van had been punched out and a Rockstar refrigerator, \$1,200 worth of Rockstar Energy drinks, miscellaneous clothing, a promotional tent, GPS unit, a Sirius satellite radio, sunglasses and an AM/FM radio were taken while parked at the Holiday Inn.

• On Oct. 8 Dwight L. Smith, 32, of New Brunswick was arrested for

failure to produce a valid insurance card and an outstanding warrant.

• On Oct. 9 Kwartler Asso. on Montrose Avenue reported that graffiti had been spray painted on several areas of the building.

• On Oct. 11 a Leeds Drive resident reported that the rear windshield of their Acura had been smashed while parked at T&T Nail Salon on Maple Avenue.

• On Oct. 12 Camilla N. Mishoe was arrested for driving on a suspended license, failure to inspect and

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## In My Opinion

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elected leaders. Anesh and Bengivenga showed that. They've cut spending by \$700,000, and they've cut borrowing by two-thirds. I compare this with million-dollar-a-year spending increases under the Democrats, who also borrowed \$2 million a year on average and the choice is obvious.

On their more responsible budget, these two councilmen have done some great work, too. Anesh and Bengivenga started programs like the Safe Streets, Safe Kids program and the Cotton Street Park revitalization. On the traffic front, they support Hollywood Avenue. The Metuchen Road extension was a great idea, because it takes several hundred cars a day off Oak Tree Road.

The other side is making promises, but they fail to explain how they'll pay for them. There were no explanations, which leads me to believe that Salerno and Buteas would go back to using gimmicks. I still remember the last time two Democratic council candidates promised a new library. They said we would have it in three years and that we could count on it. Look where that got us. This year the voters decided during Democracy Week that a new library was not what they wanted.

But Salerno still wants to build a new library, but does not give explanation of where the funds, over five million dollars, would come from. How could he be representing the voters if he wants to do just the opposite of what they voted for?

Based on their results in office, Anesh and Bengivenga have my vote.  
**RUSSELL FRANK**

### To the Editor:

As a longtime resident of our great South Plainfield Borough, I am very discouraged with the current Republican leadership that is at the helm of our borough. We need a change, and we need it now!

Under the leadership of the Republican council, our borough is in shambles, whether it is the Hamilton Boulevard truck issue or our current local tax situation. Our taxes have skyrocketed! Immediately after taking over leadership, the Republicans socked us with an 15 point tax increase, the largest tax increase our borough has seen in years. And if that is not bad enough, just recently they hit us with another eight point increase. Just as important is the fact that under the present failed Republican leadership, the budget they introduced is \$2.3 million higher

than the budget that was introduced in 2007. Even more upsetting is the response from the Republican Council that "we are doing the best we can." Well let's show the Republican Council that their best is not good enough for the taxpayers of South Plainfield.

The taxpayers deserve leadership that does not demonstrate a total disregard for how hard we need to work to support our families. The carefree attitude of the Republican council should not be tolerated.

We need to elect leaders that are not afraid to make decisions with our hard-earned money in the forefront of their decision making. We need to elect Democratic Council Candidates Franky Salerno and Chrissy Buteas to the South Plainfield Borough Council.  
**PEGGY SULLIVAN**

### Dear Editor,

In this year's election, one of the deciding factors for me is going to be the vision that the candidates have. Whether it's for the president, United States Senator, or for the Borough Council, I will be voting for the candidates who share my vision for the future.

Locally, I will be voting for the Democratic team of Franky Salerno and Chrissy Buteas. Although they are fairly new to the political scene, I was very impressed with the well thought-out vision they have for South Plainfield. They were not vague but rather forthcoming with where they'd like to see our borough go. Controlling taxes and spending, keeping the trucks off of our residential streets of Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue, completing the New Market

Avenue extension, and being wise with how the borough spends taxpayers' money. They pointed to the fact that the borough used to contract out with Middlesex County to repave our roads. This venture saved the borough hundreds of thousands of dollars over the past 10 years, while repaving over 200 roads. Rather than continue the process, the current council majority chose to repave one road, in house, at a cost of almost \$200,000.

Franky Salerno and Chrissy Buteas exemplify what their slogan says: "Fresh Leadership from a New Generation." Franky Salerno and Chrissy Buteas are exactly what we need. Please vote for them on Election Day.  
**CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY**

### To the Editor:

How ironic that the Democrats are the self-proclaimed "winners" of the council debate. I was there, and their accounts are nothing short of delusional. Anyone who attended saw that Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga were head and shoulders above the other two.

But don't take my word. I put the debate on YouTube so voters can decide for themselves. People can see Salerno read his answers directly from a script. And they can see Buteas repeat false tax figures, even after being corrected. They can also see how these two had no ideas for controlling spending other than "green energy."

While it takes gall to proclaim yourself the winner after an abysmal performance, it even takes more to have your party chair's relatives write letters making the same silly assertions. Both writers last week who bashed Matt Anesh are related to Democratic

party boss Patrick Diegnan (one is a brother-in-law and the other is a niece, who wasn't even there).

If the Democrats performed so well, why aren't real people saying so? That's because the real audience saw Anesh and Bengivenga turn in a top-notch performance.

Again, don't take my word. Go to [www.spgop.com](http://www.spgop.com) and watch for yourself.  
**COUNCILMAN TIM MCCONVILLE**

### Dear Editor,

I must admit I am a supporter of the Democratic team of Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno because of their unequivocal opposition to the Republican plan to return trucks to Hamilton Boulevard. I am also impressed by their detailed plan for South Plainfield's future including not supporting a tax increase next year and restoring open space preservation program.

I have had the pleasure of meeting Chrissy and Franky during the campaign and really like them as people. All of that being said, even I was impressed by their performance at the recent council debate.

While Mr. Anesh and Mr. Bengivenga continued to be negative about everyone and everything that was proposed by anyone but Republicans, candidates Buteas and Salerno talked about how to make our wonderful town even better.

I know in these difficult times we are all worried about who should lead us. Based on their platform and their success in the recent council debate, Democrats Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno have my vote and I urge everyone to support them on Election Day.  
**DEBBY BERGEN**

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