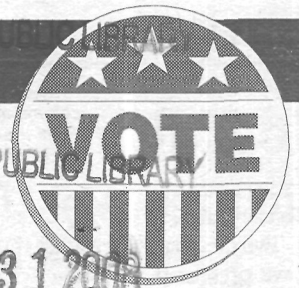


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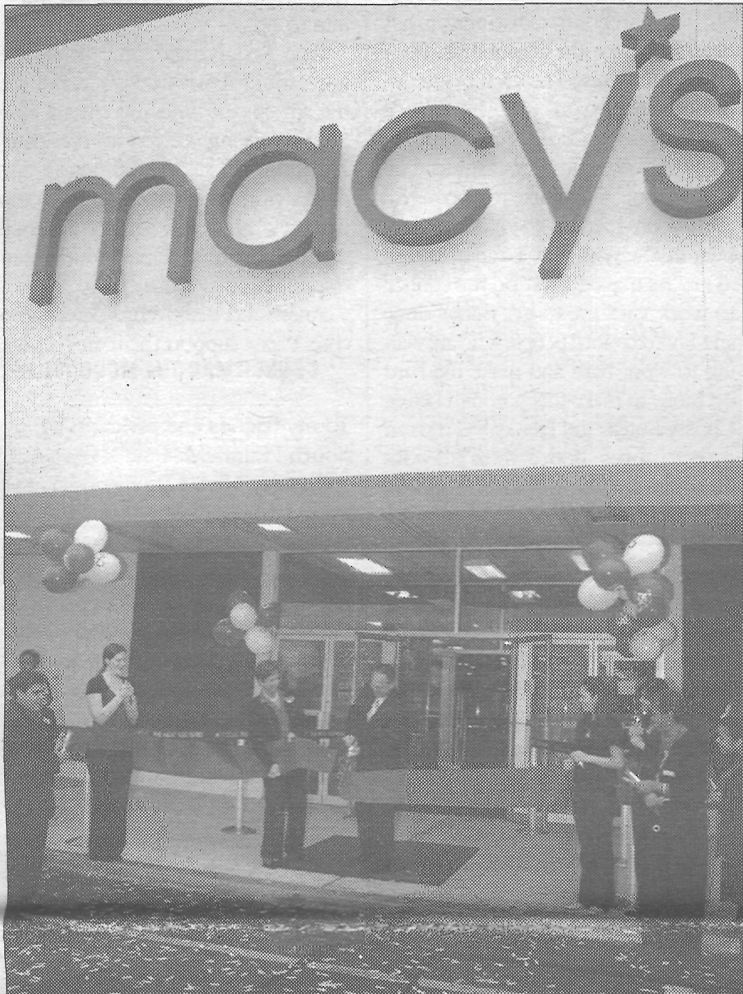
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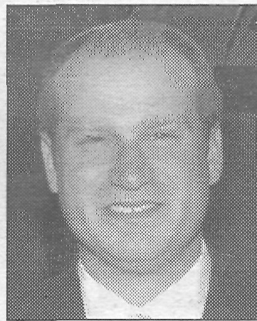
Store manager Karen Kerris and Mayor Charles Butrico cut a ribbon in front of the Macy's store in the Middlesex Mall to kick off the celebration of Macy's 150th anniversary. The first 150 shoppers received a \$15 Macy's gift card.

## Democrats and Republicans Vie For Control of Borough Council

*Number of Registered Voters Up 11.2% Over Last Year*



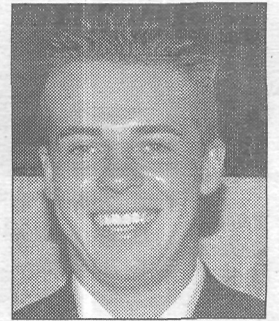
Matt Anesh



Rob Bengivenga



Chrissy Buteas



Franky Salerno

In addition to next week's Presidential Election on Tuesday, Nov. 4, votes cast locally will have an effect on business in the Borough.

On the local level voters will decide the fate of the four candidates running for two available seats on the Borough Council.

Republican incumbents Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga are seeking re-election and Democratic challengers and newcomers Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno are hoping to unseat the two councilmen, who have both served one term.

With this election, the voters have

the opportunity to sway control of the borough council.

Currently there are 14,349 registered voters in the Borough of South Plainfield; 4,393 Democrats; 2,222 Republicans; and 7,731 Undeclared. The number is an increase of 1,549 voters (11.2%) over the number of registered voters in November 2007.

Polls will be open locally from 6 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Due to the extremely large voter turnout anticipated, it is strongly recommended that voters go the polls as early in the day as possible and try to avoid voting after 7 p.m. when the longest wait is anticipated.

As long as voters are in line by 8 p.m. their vote must be counted.

Polling places will be designated on sample ballots, which were mailed to registered voters on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

**Vote**

Vote Tuesday, November 4  
Polls are open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

## Builder: Bus Site Clean Up Overstated

The cost of cleaning up the former Suburban Transit Corp. bus site has been a hot issue during the last month. Estimated cleanup costs—according to PMK Group, a consulting and environmental engineering firm hired by Middlesex County—may be as high as \$442,000. However, another environmental assessment completed in 2005 disputes the amount of contamination on the property.

After reading news articles concerning the purchase of the property located on New Market Avenue, local builder Larry Massaro has come forward to say the clean up of the

property may not be nearly as costly as reported, because he had already completed a Phase 1 cleanup on the property in 2005.

Massaro, owner of Lordina Builders, explained that he had a contract to purchase the property in 2005 for \$750,000. He made a \$10,000 down payment and performed a Phase 1 cleanup of the property. He then paid Terms Environmental Services, Inc. of Berkeley Heights \$15,000 to perform an environmental study to investigate specified areas of concern and provide a complete summary report of the results. He wanted to determine

the extent of remedial activities that would be required since he planned to build houses on the site.

Massaro asked Suburban Transit for an extension on his contract, but was refused. Shortly thereafter, the Borough purchased the property  
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### SOUTH PLAINFIELD POLLING PLACES:

District	Polling Place	Address
1 & 7	Franklin School	1000 Franklin Avenue
2 & 8	The American Legion	243 Oak Tree Avenue
3 & 13	Riley School	100 Morris Avenue
4, 10 & 15	"New" Roosevelt School	135 Jackson Avenue
5 & 14	Middle School	2201 Plainfield Avenue
6 & 11	Rescue Squad	2520 Plainfield Avenue
9 & 12	Kennedy School	2900 Norwood Avenue

## 2005 SPHS Graduate Takes Part In Hofstra Presidential Debate

By Libby Barsky

Former South Plainfield High School student Christina Martin, who graduated in 2005, helped bring the third presidential debate to Hofstra University's David S. Mack Sports & Exhibition Complex in Hempstead, Long Island. Christina is currently a senior Hofstra. The debate was broadcast nationally on October 15.

"In my sophomore year I was one of three students serving on the Board of the Middle States Commission on Higher Education when the Provost mentioned that Hofstra would be sending an application to the Commission on Presidential Debates and asked if anyone would be interested in being involved. I got involved in the application process," Christina said.

Christina was notified of Hofstra's selection as the debate site when she was in London during the first semester of her junior year. She learned of the need for volunteers to help with the project. "I knew



Christina Martin

that this was something that would be exciting, but I didn't want to be on the floor with the debate. I knew that this was something I wanted to be part of by putting it all together," she explained.

Christina put her application/resume together to be a volunteer and included a long list of her stu-

dent involvements on campus which included being a delegate in student government. She was chosen out of the 300 volunteers to be one of three to work with the Commission on Presidential Debates at the media center and the Commission and the Secret Service to oversee the issuing of press credentials. "There were 3,100 press credentials issued. I was responsible for issuing credentials to members of the press as well as individual staff members of the McCain and Obama campaigns. I also gave credentials to the Hofstra Republican Group and every member of the Biden family," she said.

Christina was located in the media center separated from the debate. However there was a lot of activity in the hall where she met Caroline Kennedy, Bill Richardson and Mitt Romney while they were being interviewed. "I think that what was the most interesting was dealing with the individual members of the press."

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Haunted Woods Tour runs Oct. 31-Nov. 1. Tours start at 6:15-6:30 p.m. Children 12 & under must be accompanied by adult. Call (908) 346-2290. Proceeds benefit local organizations.



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# In My Opinion

## To the Editor:

Two candidates for council this year have presented a positive, change-driven plan for our town and those two candidates will have my vote.

Their plan includes restoring fiscal integrity, rejuvenating our parks and neighborhoods and rekindling our sense of community.

A few examples of the specifics of their plan may give a clue about whom I mean. They've significantly cut spending and borrowing, with spend-

ing dropping \$700,000.

They created the "Safe Streets, Safe Kids" program and worked to revitalize Cotton Street Park.

They've also brought back the curb restoration program, and they've used grant money to resurface Tompkins and South Plainfield avenues and put handicapped curb cuts by most of our schools.

If you haven't guessed by now, these are all of the accomplishments by Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga. I'll be

supporting Anesh and Bengivenga.

**RICHARD FRANK**

## Dear Editor,

Since this is the last *Observer* before Tuesday's election, we wanted to thank the public for their fantastic response to our campaign. It's been an honor serving the people of South Plainfield, and we hope we've earned the public's confidence so that we can continue that service.

As members of the minority for two years, we fought hard to be watchdogs for the taxpayers, especially when it came to how the town spent money and whether we were getting the most from land sales and land purchases.

As part of the new majority, we've only had nine months to show what we can do, but look at the progress: We've cut spending and borrowing, we've worked on traffic relief, and we've focused on innovative programs that benefit families and neighborhoods. The "Safe Streets, Safe Kids" project, the Cotton Street Park Revitalization, and the Metuchen Road extension are several examples. These are low-cost, high-impact ideas that are making a difference.

If re-elected, we will continue to make fiscal accountability our top priority. We'll also remember that families and neighborhoods are the core of our community, and we'll continue to focus our efforts on ideas that benefit them.

We hope we've earned your support next week, and most importantly, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you as members of South Plainfield's council.

**COUNCILMEN MATT ANESH AND ROB BENGIVENGA**

## To the Editor:

During the last 10 months, since the Republican Party have had control of our local government, I have been very disappointed with the lack of progress our borough has seen. I compare this to the last decade where the borough residents had enjoyed the lowest tax rate in Middlesex County, where we had seen our parks improved and where preserving open space was a priority.

Under the Republican leadership we have seen our town divided and have had to endure a 15 point tax increase. This has been especially painful because of the tough economic times we are in and is made worse by the fact that the Republican leadership has failed to make the hard decisions

to keep our taxes affordable.

It is time to get things back on track. The Democratic team of Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno have pledged to have no tax increase next year. They are also committed to restoring honest government to South Plainfield.

Over the last decade under Democratic control, a lot of wonderful things had been accomplished in South Plainfield. The Democratic team has controlled spending and kept municipal taxes under control. South Plainfield was ranked number one in the County as the town with the lowest municipal tax increase since 2001. Unfortunately, that distinction has been lost since the Republican Party raised our taxes. The Democrats introduced the pay-as-you-go approach to managing tax dollars and in doing so we reduced the debt considerably.

I, for one, would like to once again see the progressive changes we have seen in the past, but I can't do that alone. As mayor, I rely on the council to work with me to get things done and I need council people who are willing to work hard and make the hard decisions to make this borough better. Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno can make it happen. Both of these individuals truly care about South Plainfield. They both have a vision and will continually bring fresh ideas to the council for consideration. This differs sharply from the Republican candidates who have divided our town.

When you go to the polls this year, I ask you to join me and to cast your vote to elect Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno. They will make a real difference for all of us.

Thank you for your support.  
**MAYOR CHARLES BUTRICO**

## Dear Editor,

As a member of the Borough Council, I've had the chance to watch Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga as they've worked hard for the people of South Plainfield. As a witness to what these two have done, I can tell you without any hesitation that they have earned the chance to continue to serve our town.

Matt Anesh is an ideal councilman. He's always done what's right for our

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residents, and he's never been afraid to be an independent, thoughtful voice. He considers his vote his bond with the public, and he's always voted his heart, regardless of what his party (or for that matter, anyone else) wants him to do.

Rob Bengivenga comes from the same mold. I wish people could see the amount of time and energy Rob puts into being our council president. He treats it like a full-time job and makes working for the public his top priority. Nobody on the council spends more time helping residents or researching issues than Rob.

Anesh and Bengivenga deserve our vote. Please support them on Tuesday.  
**COUNCILMAN TIM MCCONVILLE**

## To my friends and residents of South Plainfield:

Tuesday, Nov. 4 is one of the most important days in an American's life. It is a day when you, as a resident of South Plainfield, will choose who will represent you and be your voice on the South Plainfield Borough Council for the next three years. I cannot stress how important this election is to the borough and that is why I am asking for your support for Democratic candidates, Chrissy Buteas and

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## Voters: Help Feed the Hungry Nov. 4

All South Plainfield residents are asked to bring a can or box of food to their polling place when voting on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The food donations will be used to help replenish the food bank, which is running very low at the present time.



## Can't Make a Council Meeting?

Regular Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 74 Mondays, 7:30 p.m. Agenda and/or Other SPECIAL Meetings air Saturday at 8 p.m.

(Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

To purchase a copy of a complete Borough Council meeting, contact the Observer.

Current BOE Meetings air on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

## 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

November 3

November 17

### Public Meeting

November 10

November 24

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

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.

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.

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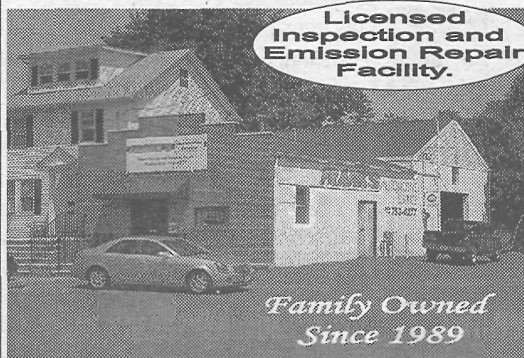
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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

Tuesday is Election Day which is a legal holiday in our state. The library will be closed that day. Election Day was set by Congress as the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November (meaning the earliest date can be November 2). This year we are in the midst of one of the most exciting elections in decades. For the first time ever we have an African-American as a nominee for president and the oldest man to run for the presidency for the first time, if elected John McCain, would be 72 years and 144 days old versus Ronald Reagan who was only 69 on his inauguration day in 1981. Also for only the second time in American history is there a woman at the top of a major party ticket (Geraldine Ferraro ran as the vice-presidential nominee on the Democratic ticket in 1984).

The library has a lot more materials on presidential history and topics. For example there is "Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages that Shaped Our Recent History," by Kati Marton; "Great Presidential Wit...I Wish I Was in the Book," by Bob Dole; "Hail to the Chiefs: Presidential Mischief, Morals, and Malarkey from George W. to George W.," by Barbara Holland; "Inside the White House: The Hidden Lives of the Modern Presidents

and the Secrets of The World's Most Powerful Institution," by Ronald Kessler and "My Fellow Americans: The Most Important Speeches of America's Presidents from George Washington to George W. Bush." This is just a small sample of the materials available that treat the history and politics of the presidency and the biographies of the people who have held that position as well as their families.

Also this Sunday, Nov. 2, professional antiques appraiser Allan Snyder will return to the library. There will be a limit of two items per person and he will see people on a first come basis.

Miss Linda and Miss Mija will have their usual story times this week: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. for three year olds, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. for Time for Twos; and Friday at 10:30 a.m. for Baby Time. All programs are drop in and last about one hour. Also, Miss Linda has added a Monday Morning Movie for preschoolers at 10:30 a.m. Furthermore, on Monday, Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Miss Linda is having a Thanksgiving craft for ages five and older. Registration is required and there is a \$2 fee due at registration. Space is limited.

If you have any questions, call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## Motorcyclist in Serious Condition After Crash

A motorcyclist pinned underneath a van had to be extricated last Thursday afternoon after colliding with a van pulling into the parking lot at 340 Hamilton Blvd.

According to South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Supervisor, Lt. Kevin Murtagh, Martin Alpert, 64, of South Plainfield was traveling on the southbound side of Lakeview Avenue passing stopped traffic on the left before the New Market Avenue intersection when he struck the van. After being extricated by the fire department, he was treated at the scene by Somerset Medical Center EMS and Muhlenburg Hospital paramedics. Alpert was then air-lifted by helicopter from the grounds of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick where he was placed in surgical intensive care with multiple injuries.

Alpert sustained a serious back injury and was scheduled to be transferred to Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation in West Orange on Monday.

The van, driven by Sheryl Lampasone, 46, of South Plainfield and owned

by Hometown Heros, was making a left turn just past the New Market Avenue intersection into the store parking lot.

At presstime, the accident is still under investigation.



Members of the Domestic Violence Response Team with Capt. Paul Brembt and Police Chief John Ferraro.

## Purple Ribbons Remind of Domestic Violence Month

October has been declared Domestic Violence Awareness Month. It is a time to recognize all of the important work done by domestic violence programs that need to continue the effort. All residents are urged to participate in the acknowledgement and support of victims and to focus on programs and continued to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators accountable for their actions.

Battering is more than physical abuse. It is methods of domination enforced by violence in which all parts of a victim's life are subject to the batterer's control. In addition to physical abuse, it generally includes sexual, emotional and economic abuse. Batters choose to cause fear, injury and/or pain in order to gain control.

The goal of the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Response Team is to provide services to victims designed to ensure their safety and access available resources. The team strives to create a safe haven where victim's questions can be answered and concerns expressed. They operate under the guidance of the Borough of South Plainfield Police Department. To con-

tact a team member on a non-urgent matter, please call the police department at (908) 755-0700 and ask for a team member to either call or meet you. For all urgent or life threatening situations dial 9-1-1.

Please take notice of the purple ribbons tied around the trees in town during the month of October. If one person is able to see her/himself in a controlling, violent and dominating relationship and realize the unhealthy and dangerous consequences most often resulting from these relationships, they are one step closer to making victims survivors and helping them take back control of their lives.

## Recycling Center Holiday Schedule

The recycling complex on Kenneth Avenue will be closed on Tuesday, Nov. 4 for Election Day and on Tuesday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. Both the recycling center and the yard waste site will be open instead on Wednesday, Nov. 5 and 12 from noon to 7 p.m.

The complex will also be closed on Thursday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.

Leaf collection starts November 10. The yard waste site will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday through Saturday and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays until December 15. Yard waste decals are available in the clerk's office in Borough Hall from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bring registration of the vehicle you will be using.

Leaf bags are available at the public works garage, 405 Spicer Ave. Bring your leaf coupon from 7:15 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday, Nov. 1 only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The recycling center regular hours are noon to 7 p.m. Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

## Council Tables Bee Ordinance

By Libby Barsky

Borough residents have been keeping beehives in their backyards as a hobby without any restrictions describing the size of their property or the number of beehives allowed on it until the council introduced an ordinance on beekeeping practices two weeks ago.

The ordinance was the result of a complaint by Eleanor Painton about her neighbor's beehives in the adjoining yard. Painton was concerned about the possibility of a severe reaction to a bee sting her son may suffer if stung.

The second reading and final adoption of the beekeeping ordinance was to take place at the October 27 meeting of the Borough Council. Instead, the ordinance was tabled when Diane Sheaffer of 2529 Linden Ave., who is Painton's neighbor, asked that modifications be made to the ordinance. Sheaffer noted the ordinance allowed for only one type of beehive, the Langstroth type hive, with multiple removable frames. Sheaffer said another type of hive, the Kenyon Top Bar Hive, was easier for hobbyists to take the comb out.

Sheaffer also disagreed with the policy declaring "all colonies shall be maintained with marked queens." Sheaffer pointed out that only purchased queens are marked. Wild queens are not. Sheaffer began beekeeping with a swarm that had left the wall of her friends barn and collected on the branch of a tree. She cut down the branch and started them in their own Langstroth hive, calling herself an organic beekeeper whose honey is given as gifts.

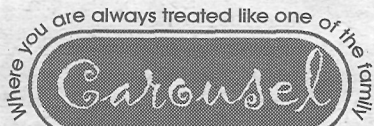
"The bees in that swarm had healthy genes. They had survived the mice and elements for over 30 years," she said.

Sheaffer has no problem with the provision to have colonies registered with the South Plainfield Health Department and pay an annual permit fee of \$25 or forcing the bees to fly six feet above ground level by providing fencing or vegetation six feet high and extending 10 feet beyond the colony. Other provisions include two colonies on a 1/4 acre, four colonies on more than 1/4 acre and that hives be 200 feet in any direction from all property lines of the tract.

If compliance of the provisions of the ordinance aren't maintained, then the owner will be cited for violations and the hearing officer may have the bees destroyed.

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# Around Town

## Edison Valley Playhouse Halloween Production

Through November 15

Edison Valley Playhouse presents "The Mystery of Irma Vep," based on Hitchcock's film "Rebecca," as well as other recognizable films.

The play opens tonight, Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. and runs every weekend through Saturday, Nov. 15. Tickets: \$15 adults; \$12-students/seniors. Dinner packages are available.

Tickets are available at the door, by phone (908) 755-4654 or via E-mail: info@evplayhouse.com. Visa/MC accepted.

## 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 driver's tip, lunch voucher, coupon book and shopping bag. Bus will stop at the Cracker Barrel in Fogelsville, Pa. on return, with dinner on your own.

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

## VFW Country Breakfast

November 2

South Plainfield VFW on Front Street will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Public is welcome.

## Multi-Chamber Networking Event

November 3

The Piscataway/Middlesex/South Plainfield Chamber of Commerce will hold a multi-chamber networking event on Monday, Nov. 3 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Skylands Community Bank, 4900 Hadley Center Drive. Bring a food donation for Middlesex County Emergency Food Network.

Cost is \$15 for members in advance, \$20 at door or \$20 for non-members.

For information, call (732) 394-0220 or log on to chamber@pmspcoc.org.

## OLC Election Day Spaghetti Supper

November 4

Our Lady of Czestochowa Rosary Society will hold an Election Day spaghetti supper at the parish hall from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Adults \$8; senior citizens \$7; children 5-12 \$5. Children under five are free. Tickets can be purchased at the door. Take out available. Call (908) 753-4077 to order.

## Theater Party

November 9

The Suburban Woman's Club is sponsoring a theater party at the Circle Theater Players, 416 Victoria Rd. in Piscataway on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 2 p.m. The play is "The Clean House" by Sarah Ruhl. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

Tickets are \$17 and can be obtained from club members or by calling (908) 757-3680.

## MOMS Club Open House

November 13

The MOMS Club of South Plainfield is holding an open house on Thursday, Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. Meet some of our members and see what we're about. For more visit www.momsclubofsouthplainfield.com or call Nancy at (732) 236-3229.

## Future Stars Host Vendor Night

November 13

Future Stars Preschool is hosting a vendor night on Thursday, Nov. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the gym at the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.

Avon, Arbonne, Longaberger, Home Interiors and more. Stop by and get a start on your holiday.

Vendor space is still available. Call Stephanie Salerno at (908) 930-7744.

For more information, call (908) 405-5643.

## Pancake Breakfast at American Legion

November 16

The American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on Oak Tree Avenue will hold an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$5; children \$3; under six are free. All profits go to the Scholarship Fund.

## JFK Vendor/Craft Fair

November 20

JFK Elementary School will hold its annual vendor/craft fair on Thurs-

day, Nov. 20 from 6-9 p.m. Vendors and crafters wanted!

Please contact Jennifer at (908) 755-8912 or Janice at (908) 756-4175 for more information.

## Holiday Boutique And Tea Room

November 22

Wesley United Methodist Church on Plainfield Avenue is holding its annual holiday boutique and tea room on Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Unique handcrafted items. Jewelry, knitted and crocheted items, wood crafted decorations, original paintings, stationery, ceramics and more. Featuring Longaberger Baskets, Discovery Toys, Dove Chocolate at Home and Party-Lite candles and home furnishings.

Tea room offers a variety of foods including quiche, soups, sandwiches and salads. Enjoy a relaxing lunch while your children create a gift or ornament at our "make-take" table.

For info, call (908) 755-3850.

## Annual World Community Day

November 7

An Annual World Community Day sponsored by the Church Women United, Plainfield Area will be held at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave. in Scotch Plains at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 232-6972.

## Country Store and Church Bazaar

November 7 & 8

St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 264 New Market Ave. in Dunellen, will hold the 38th Annual Country Store and Church Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 7, 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, Nov. 8, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Handmade needlework, homemade baked goods and gently used items. All are welcome!

## German Dinner-Dance

November 8

Join us on Saturday, Nov. 8 for an evening of fun at Singer Hall on Somerset Street in North Plainfield for a real German Schlachtfest at 6:30 p.m. Coffee and homebaked cakes will be served. Music provided by the Werner Goebel Band. Tickets are \$20 for members and \$22 for non-members.

Call Victor at (908) 276-8572 or Joan at (908) 647-0819.

## Tai Chi and Qigong Classes Offered

November 10

The following eight week classes will be held in Ryno Hall in Scotch Plains on Monday nights starting November 10: Tai Chi and Qigong, total wellness system that relieves stress, calms the mind and provides a greater sense of balance, 7 to 7:50 p.m. and Kung Fu basics, including stretching, mat work and basics of self defense, 8 to 8:50 p.m.

For information and fees, contact Lena Anderson (908) 591-1602 or Cara Gutentag (732) 752-9057.

## Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

November 12

The public is cordially invited to attend the monthly educational meeting of the depression and bipolar support alliance on Wednesday, Nov. 12 at 7:45 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. Nominal donation for non-members.

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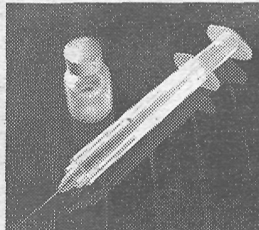
## Who Needs a Flu Shot? YOU-TO PREVENT THE FLU!

Flu shots will be offered at Twin City Pharmacy on Saturday, November 1, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

The flu shot is good for children and parents and grandparents; healthcare workers and childcare workers; teachers and students; pregnant women, bosses and employees.

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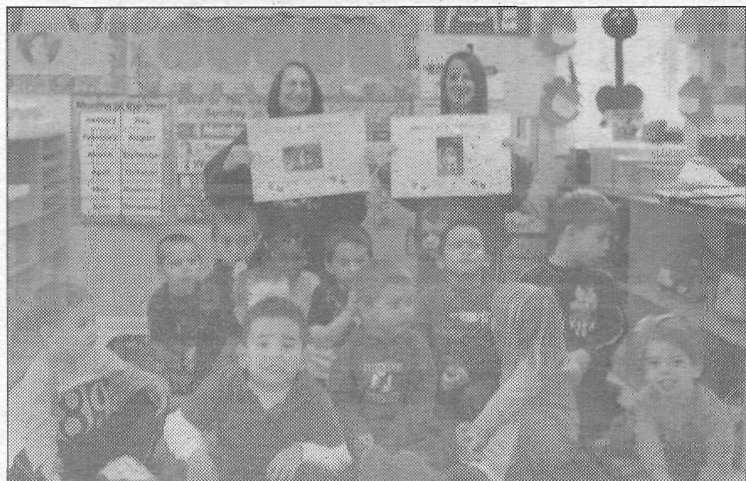


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Small World teachers Heide Stein and Robyn Baldwin present two "candidates" for election to their preschoolers.

## Preschoolers Want to Know What the Barking is All About

With the presidential election fast approaching, Small World Preschool teachers Miss Heide and Miss Robyn decided to discuss making choices and voting, in response to some of the children's interest in what they have heard their parents discussing about the upcoming elections.



To bring the process to a three- to five-year-old level, the school decided to hold an election for "President of Small World." The school is presenting two candidates "fur" president: two puppies, a male puggle named "Brody," and a female mini-dachshund named "Sasha."

The teachers plan to bring in the candidates for a "debate" before election day. Each child will be allowed to vote once by placing a milk-bone biscuit in a bag with the picture of the dog of their choice.

Children who will not be attending school on election day can vote the day before using an absentee ballot. The winner will be announced later in the day and a celebration party is planned with cookie bones and juice for the children.

Parents are encouraged to stop in and see the election posters displayed on the classroom door.

## Open House at Middlesex County College

An open house for prospective Middlesex County College students and their families will be held on the Edison Campus, Sunday, Nov. 2, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the college center.

High school students who are considering continuing their education, as well as anyone who is thinking about taking a course at the college, are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. To register online, visit [www.middlesexcc.edu/openhouse](http://www.middlesexcc.edu/openhouse).

Professors, advisors and administrators will conduct workshops and information sessions addressing everything

a student needs to know about attending and being successful at Middlesex.

"The open house will provide the opportunity to learn about all the college's offerings, including the many dual admissions programs with four-year colleges and universities, the New Jersey STARS scholarship program, career opportunities, financial aid and career services," said Aretha Watson, director of admissions and assistant dean of enrollment and student support services.

There will be representatives from all academic areas, as well as from Project Connections, the outstanding program for college-able students with specific learning disabilities. Student ambassadors will conduct campus tours and discuss student concerns.

For additional information, contact the office of admissions at (732) 906-4243 or visit the Web site [www.middlesexcc.edu](http://www.middlesexcc.edu).

## Middle School PTO Meeting November 4

The Middle School PTO will hold their November meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Sherban's Diner at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

## EVP Holding Auditions for "Striking 12"

Edison Valley Playhouse is looking for singers, actors and musicians 18 and over, for the holiday production of "Striking 12," a contemporary pop-rock musical comedy/concert written by Brendan Milburn, Rachel Sheinkin and Valerie Vigoda.

Bring eight bars of up-tempo jazz/

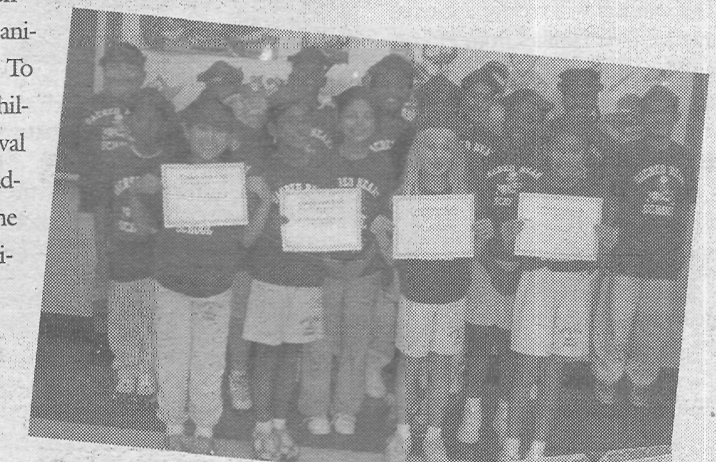
pop/rock audition piece to perform. Musicians are needed who can read music: guitar, drums, bass guitar, violin, cello and keyboards.

Open auditions will be held at the theater, 2196 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison on Saturday, Nov. 1, 1 to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 2 from 5 to 9 p.m.

## SHS Students Get Practical Lessons In and Out of the Classroom

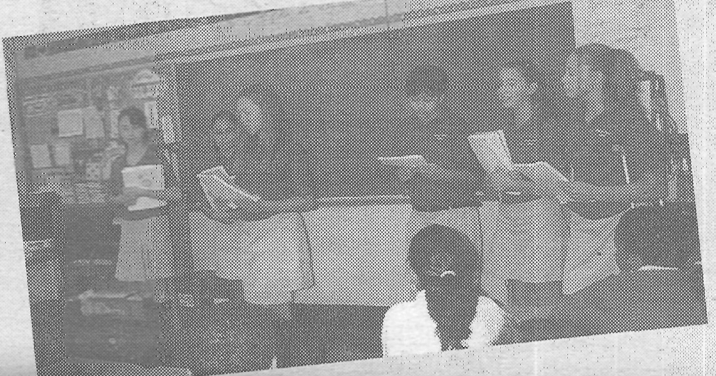
### Fourth Graders Visit Echo Hill Park for Nature Lessons

Stepping out of the classroom for a really hands-on experience, Sacred Heart fourth and fifth graders and their teachers, Mrs. Goetz and Mrs. Carranante, traveled to Hunterdon County's Echo Hill Park for a day filled with fun and learning. Under the supervision of a naturalist, the children were able to discover local plant and animal life while taking a nature hike. To hone in on their outdoor skills, the children (above right) learned about survival in the wilderness, which included building a shelter which is seen here by the proud children admiring their handiwork. A great day was had by all!



### Eighth Graders Teach Civic Responsibility to Fourth Graders

In preparation for the upcoming elections and in celebration of Constitution Day, the fourth grade (right) recently learned about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights from Ms. Sims and her eighth grade class. The children (center) display their "Constitution Kids" certificates and the tricorn hats they made.



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## 2008-09 JUNIOR JOURNALIST

### Zachary Wolpin Named Junior Journalist

Zachary Wolpin, Kennedy School fourth 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



Teacher Cynthia Severino with Junior Journalist winner Zachary Wolpin and Principal Kelly Richkus at the banquet.

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

#### Green

By Zachary Wolpin

Green is awesome.  
Green is great.  
Green is sometimes on your plate.  
Green is grass.  
Green is trees.  
Green can make you laugh and sneeze.  
Green is monsters.  
Green is a color.  
Green can sometimes make you flutter.  
Green is nice.  
Green is cool.  
Green is never in your pool.  
Green is moss.  
Green is a shirt.  
When the light turns green,  
You better be alert.  
Now that you have learned a lot about green,  
Go outside and SCREAM, SCREAM, SCREAM!

### Food Donations Sought for Drive

Franklin Rinear, manager and local owner of South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home, is asking for community support for a food drive covering all of Middlesex County. The items that he receives will be donated to the St. Vincent DePaul Society, Sacred Heart Church. The drop off location is the funeral home, 2456 Plain-

field Ave. Food can be dropped off 24/7 in the flower room.

Please donate food items that do not require refrigeration.

We, at the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home, are working with the community to help those in need and will continue our efforts to do so.

## Luke Painton "Rocks Out" in Music Video

By Jean Fultz

What began as a birthday present for 15 year-old Tanner Painton in August ended up with his younger brother, Luke, a fifth grade student at Grant School, being prominently featured in the latest music video for heavy metal band Motorhead. The music video, set to debut on MTV2 last Thursday at 10 p.m., suffered unexplained technical difficulties and suddenly went off the air after playing for only 20 seconds with no audio.

Both Luke and Tanner are big fans of heavy metal music, as are their parents, Dale and Jim Painton, Jr. For Tanner's birthday in August, the couple bought four tickets to the Masters of Metal Show at Jones Beach. However, that show left them wanting to see more of Motorhead, so they bought four tickets to a concert at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park on September 21.

While surfing the Internet for all things Motorhead, they found the band was scheduled to sign CDs at Virgin Records in Times Square on September 20, and would be performing at Roseland that same night. Opting to leave the boys home this time, they splurged on two more tickets and a trip into NYC for their wedding anniversary.



Wes Orshoski (L) and Greg Olliver (C), co-directors of the music video "Rock Out" with Jim Painton, Jr. (R) and son, Luke.

While at Virgin Records, Jim and Dale met Nigel, a man who flew in from England just for the CD signing and the Roseland concert. "Nigel was like a walking Motorhead encyclopedia," Jim said. He pointed out a director, Wes Orshoski, who was walking around Virgin Records during the signing. After meeting the director briefly, they were told he planned to shoot some scenes for a documentary on Motorhead frontman Lemmy Kilmister, and a new music video at The Stone Pony the next night.

Jim, Dale and the boys arrived at

The Stone Pony early the next day hoping to get a good spot. While waiting outside, they ran into Orshoski again as he and co-director, Greg Olliver, were filming the fans outside for the music video.

They managed to get spots up front and center stage once inside. A few songs into the first set, Olliver asked Jim and Luke if they would pump their fists into the air and scream out the chorus to the song, "Rock Out," for the video. Shortly thereafter, Orshoski gave them his business card and asked them to meet him by the corner of the stage after the show. They wanted to come to the Painton's home "to finish shooting for the video, which was to be about the fans and the band getting ready for, driving to, and finally, 'rocking out' together at the show," explained Jim.

On September 25 Orshoski and Olliver showed up at the Painton home on Hudson Street and shot various scenes for the video with Luke and Jim. In the end, Tanner and mom, Dale, also appear briefly in the finished cut.

Celebrity is no stranger to the Painton family. In 1986 it was Luke's grandfather, James Painton, Sr., and best friend Craig Kehrer, who travelled to London with Howard Stern after winning one of Stern's song parody contests. When asked what he thought about his grandson's sudden fame, he said, "When Luke was still an infant, he bobbed his head up and down furiously—just like those head-bangers in the video. I guess heavy metal music is in his soul. Maybe he'll grow up to be the next Ozzy Osbourne. Actually, we're all very proud."

The full video can be viewed online at [www.mtv.com/videos/motorhead/290890/rock-out.jhtml](http://www.mtv.com/videos/motorhead/290890/rock-out.jhtml).

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

By Jane Dornick

The SPHS Senior Class will be holding a used clothing drive on Saturday, Nov. 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the circle side of the Grant School parking lot. Look for the Roma Food truck. Bedding, shoes, purses and toys will also be accepted. No cardboard boxes please. Best wishes to Guidance Counselor and Senior Class Advisor Cheryl Fox. The boys soccer dinner will take place on Friday, Nov. 14 at the South Plainfield Italian/American Club. For further information please contact Theresa Christopher, Jen Kelly, Debbie Boyle, Paula Breslau or Michele Collins. Cost is \$25 a person; seniors are free. Basket contributions such as car washing items, movie tickets, etc. would be appreciated. The drama department is currently seeking professional stage equipment i.e.; sound equipment, microphone system, storage system that is in good working condition. Please contact Mr. Angeline at (908) 754-4620, ext. 349.

The Middle School PTO is sponsoring a Yankee Candle fundraiser through Monday, Nov. 3. The fundraiser supports the eighth grade Washington, D.C. trip. Sales from this year's seventh grade class will go towards their eighth grade class trip next year.

Orders will arrive the second week of December. For further information on the PTO please visit the Middle School PTO Web site. The November PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4 at Sherban's Diner at 7 p.m. There is no school since it is Election Day. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned the Halloween dance on Friday. The student/faculty basketball game fundraiser will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 25 starting at 6:30 p.m. Entrance fee is \$3 per person.

The SPEA is sponsoring a toy drive to be held during the Board of Education regular public meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 12 and Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. New, unwrapped toys only.

### Clothing Drive at Sacred Heart

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.

For more information or to arrange for a pickup, please call Lisa at (908) 756-0633, ext. 10.

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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ORDER OF NOTICE IN FAMILY CASES  
Judicial District of New Britain  
Docket No. FA-08-4018144  
Plaintiff's Name: Rosa Suarez  
Defendant's Name: Abraham Suarez  
Notice to Abraham Suarez  
Return Date: 11/4/08

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Order of Notice and the Complaint/Application/Motion which asks for divorce (dissolution of marriage).

The Court finds that the current address of the party to be notified is unknown and that all reasonable efforts to find him have failed.

The COURT ORDERS that notice be given to the party to be notified by placing a legal notice in South Plainfield Observer, a newspaper circulating in South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 containing a true and attested copy of this Order of Notice, and, if accompanying a Complaint for divorce (dissolution of marriage), complaint for dissolution of civil union, legal separation or annulment, or if accompanying an application for custody or visitation, a statement that Automatic Court Orders have been issued in the case as required by Section 25-5 of the Connecticut Practice Book and are a part of the Complaint/Application on file with the Court.

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### 2008-09 Junior Journalist Winner



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Debbie and Charlie Kurland present dinner to Junior Journalist winner Vito Tartza and his parents, Donna and Joe; grandmother, Kathleen Ferraro, and sister, Gina.



The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee their accuracy.

## In My Opinion

(Continued from page 2)

Franky Salerno.

Chrissy and Franky are lifelong residents of South Plainfield and both attended South Plainfield High School. After high school, Chrissy attended Rowan and Rutgers universities. Franky decided to enlist in the Navy to serve our country after the World Trade Center disaster. Chrissy is very active in South Plainfield. She serves on the Recreation Committee, Board of Adjustments and the Labor Day Parade Committee. Franky serves on the Planning Board, is a Pop Warner football coach and is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Italian American Club.

Chrissy and Franky are dedicated to keeping trucks off Hamilton Boulevard and in the completion of the New Market extension project. This project will solve the New Market Avenue to Spicer Avenue intersection problem.

Chrissy and Franky pledge to keep taxes flat next year. In just seven months, the Republicans have raised our taxes by 15 points. As a resident of our town, this is unacceptable.

Chrissy and Franky also want to implement a green energy plan for the borough's buildings, equipment and vehicles. It is time for the borough to start saving on energy costs and they are the right people to execute this.

In addition, Chrissy and Franky want to preserve open space throughout our town. This year, zero acres have been preserved by the Republican Majority. While the Democrats were in control we preserved almost 200 acres of open space from development. Chrissy and Franky will continue this promise.

As you can see, South Plainfield needs Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno on the Borough Council. Please vote for them on Election Day and keep our town moving forward.

**THANK YOU,  
COUNCILMAN JOE SCRUDATO**

Dear Editor,

It has only been 10 months since the Republicans took control of the Borough Council. When we first did, I knew we would be up against a lot of obstacles but ready for the challenge. With change comes opposition, and that is exactly what we incurred. We did, however, continue to move forward with a strategic plan that we knew would benefit the residents of the borough as a whole, and not just a chosen few.

All you need to remember in November, as the Democrats like to say, is that the Democrats opposed Democracy Week, they opposed the idea of speed humps, the Democrats voted

against the curb restoration program and ADA ramps along with the idea of revitalizing Cotton Street Park and numerous other positive ideas for our town. My only conclusion to all that is that the Democrats were afraid to see positive programs being implemented by the Republican controlled council. Most of which was paid for by grants received by the town.

Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga have earned and deserve our votes on November 4.

They have worked hard and diligently to make sure all residents benefit and will continue to do so. We are not yet where we need to be, but we are a lot better off than we used to be. Please support them on Election Day!

**COUNCILMAN RAY RUSNAK**

Dear Editor,

I believe that you need to earn the endorsement of the nomination of a councilperson. I am also aware, that to be privileged to serve your community, you have to put forth the effort to understand the position and all its responsibilities. The main ingredient is enthusiasm. Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno have a very strong desire to serve this proud community. They have enthusiastically walked our neighborhoods, listened to the residents and taken notes as to how they can get things done. It was apparent from when I first met these two young adults that they have already given back to our community; through the Planning Board, Recreation Commission and Board of Adjustment.

Their education came from South Plainfield's own school system. Chrissy has an extensive educational background and experience in public work and excels in everything she does. Franky started his career with the U.S. Navy. Both Chrissy and Franky presently serve the borough in so many ways and want to continue their service, and with your support they will be our next new council people. They are two strong young individuals that you will be proud of and they will continue the strong Democratic tradition of stable taxes and always have time to listen to the resident of this great town.

I urge you to support them on November 4 and vote Chrissy and Franky to be our next Democratic council people. They are what this town needs.

**SINCERELY YOURS,  
COUNCILMAN  
RAYMOND S. PETRONKO**

To the Editor:

There are two people that I feel deserve our support on Election Day. They are Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga. In my opinion, they are by far

the best choice to continue to serve our town.

They have restored my faith in our town council by bringing back open, honest government.

When it comes to honesty and integrity—I feel it must be proven—and Matt and Rob have shown me that they do this well and consistently. Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga have my vote for council this year.

**SINCERELY,  
MARJORIE M. REEDY**

To the Editor:

President Kennedy, in his inaugural address, said, "The torch has been passed to a new generation of Americans." On November 4 the voters can pass the torch to a new generation of South Plainfielders, Franky Salerno and Chrissy Buteas, the Democratic candidates for Borough Council.

Chrissy and Franky will bring honest service and integrity to our council. They are dedicated to stabilizing taxes and providing for the safety of our children.

Please cast your ballot for Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno for the best interests of the town we love and care for so much.

**JOSEPH DIEGNAN**

To the Editor:

For more than five years, our forum, now comprised of men and women, avoided endorsing a candidate running for office in this town. Our creed includes the concept that we seek only what is best for our borough and to maintain our dedication to non-partisanship.

With two parties composed of a mayor and council, Democrat or Republican, at least we taxpayers would have knowledge of how and where our money is being distributed. We believe it essential to keep politics in South Plainfield above board, specifically by continuing a two-party system. This will not be possible unless the present

numbers continue. If there is one change in the council, there will not be a true two-party system because the mayor will no doubt stand with the three Democrats, opposed to three Republicans, thus giving the mayor the tie-breaking vote. With two changes, we will not continue with evenness we seek. We can presume thereafter, changes in the legal end and possibly the borough clerk, thus providing the same opportunities that happened recently with the New Market Avenue land sale. We believe that several recent other harmful effects to borough occurred simply because there was not a viable two-party system.

Our only hope in preventing these deals happening again is to assure that the two-party system is instituted and maintained by you, the voters. Our town will then have access to the pros and cons they are entitled to because they are the ones financing each and every project. Then, as befits the Democrats and Republicans, let the chips fall where they may.

"To lodge all power in one party and keep it there is to insure bad government..." —Mark Twain

**WALTER J. PASACRITA,  
CHAIRMAN, SENIOR FORUM  
OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

To the Editor:

Never has the contrast between the political parties in our town been so sharp. The new majority has been bringing much-needed change to South Plainfield, and things are finally going in the right direction.

Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga are a big part of these changes. They're bringing back accountability, focusing our tax dollars on low-cost projects

that benefit families and neighborhoods, and they are pushing hard to control traffic. Let's continue these positive changes! I, for one, have seen wonderful transformation in this town since these two have been elected.

Anesh and Bengivenga deserve to be re-elected. They're taking our town forward, not backward, and they are the best choice on November 4.

**ERIN TREICH**

To the Editor:

For a better South Plainfield—something to remember:

Remember in November—Who raised your taxes one month after taking control of the council? The Republicans.

Remember in November—Who decided to have a full Democracy Week to vote and defeat our much needed library? The Republicans.

Remember in November—Who voted to put the trucks back on Hamilton Boulevard not thinking of the safety of our children going to Roosevelt School? The Republicans.

Who are these Republicans? Anesh and Bengivenga.

Let's bring South Plainfield together and not divide it. Time to elect Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno. Bring back better government to South Plainfield for all the people.

**FRANK SMITH**

Dear Editor,

Politics is a rough and tumble sport. People who get into it know that and can expect a few jabs here and there.

But the one line that everyone seems to agree should not be crossed is attacks on a candidate's family. In fact, even our presidential candidates agree that each other's families are off limits.

I can't understand, however, why this isn't true when it comes to my family. My family came here in 1941 as immigrants from Italy. As a proud veteran, I served our country and was honorably discharged. For many years I have served organizations that seek to make a difference in South Plainfield. The South Plainfield Special Police, South Plainfield Rescue Squad, UNICO, the Cultural Arts Commission, the Historical Society, the Ital-

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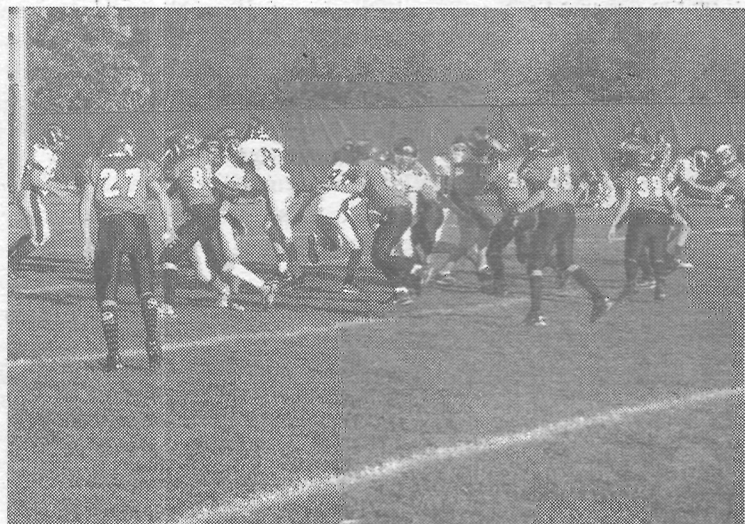
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# Sports

## SPHS Eagles Football/Cheer Gearing Up for Friendship Bowl and Annual Bon Fire



Come and share a fun-filled day celebrating another exciting season of Eagles Football and Cheer on Saturday, Nov. 1. Festivities begin at 3:30 p.m. with a Friendship Bowl Flag Football vs. Phillipsburg Flag.

The annual adult/coaches flag game begins at 6:30 p.m. This event is always a showstopper.

Immediately following the bon fire will be lit. Food, raffles, prizes, music and games all night. Prizes: Xbox 360, TV, iPod, fall yard cleanup by New Image Landscaping, gift certificates to Tarantella's Ristorante, two free Eagles registrations for the 2009 season and much more.



South Plainfield Middle School Tiger boy's soccer team player Eduardo Perez attempts to get around a defenseman from Herbert Hoover Middle School during a recent home game. The team finished the season with a 5-4-2 record.

### Traveling Soccer



## Lightning Battle Against Panthers Ends in Tie

The South Plainfield Soccer Club U-10 Lightning played a tough back-and-forth game against the Cranford Panthers before battling back to earn a tie. Lightning forward Brandon Wizda opened the scoring with a strong shot after a mad scramble in front of the Panthers' goal. Cranford then came back with two straight goals to take the lead, but Lightning never gave up.

South Plainfield controlled the ball for most of the second half. They had many scoring chances and a few near-misses. Their relentless pressure finally paid off when halfback Mason Resende scored off of a feed from Brandon to tie the score at two goals apiece, which ended up as the final score.

The Lightning goal was protected by Anthony Villacencio and Nicholas Pezzolla, who both also played fullback, and Joseph Venirelli, who also played forward. The defense was anchored by fullback James Piedilato, with Jose Arrubla and Joffe Ramos taking turns at fullback and halfback. Eric Akpan and Nicholas Farinella took turns at forward and halfback to

round out the strong total team effort.

Lightning's next game will be contested against North Plainfield Fire Storm at the South Plainfield Soccer Club's home complex on Kenneth Avenue on Sunday, Nov. 2. Go Lightning!

## Roma Foods Day at the Soccer Fields

The South Plainfield Soccer Club would like to thank Roma Foods as well as Debbie and Bob Boyle for their generosity and kindness.

On October 19 the soccer club had a Roma Foods Day with sausage, meatballs and sauce donated by Roma Foods. The club hosted eight games

on that beautiful fall day. Debbie Boyle and Ann Marie Ferrante-Seyffart cooked all the food. Parents of the children in the club worked the snack stand and served meatball and sausage sandwiches all day.

With eight games being played throughout the day, many families sat at picnic tables and enjoyed the good food, good sportsmanship and beautiful weather.

Thank you again to Roma Foods, and Bob and Debbie Boyle for the great fundraiser. Thank you to the families who came out to the fields and gave the food rave reviews.

The soccer club has two games on Saturday (3:30 and 4 p.m.) and three games on Sunday (11:30 a.m., 1 and 1:30 p.m.). Please come down and support our town's soccer players and enjoy some well played games.

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## Help Keep Our Kids Warm

McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals is asking for the public's participation in their annual program, "Keep Our Kids Warm." With the success of last year's sweatshirt drive, McCriskin's is asking for sweatshirts to be donated for children between five and 17 years-old. Only newly purchased, or never worn, sweatshirts will be accepted.

The project is being run in accordance with Director of Social Services, Marge Ackerman. The sweatshirts that are donated will be distributed to underprivileged children throughout our community for the upcoming winter

season.

Donations will be accepted in the main entrance of the funeral home on Saturday, Nov. 8 from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Let us show the children of South Plainfield who are less fortunate that they are cared for.

As an added addition to the 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.

For questions, call the funeral home at (908) 561-8000.

## Scouting for Food Underway in November

It's time again for the annual Scouting for Food drive to be held November 1-15 by South Plainfield Boy Scout troops and Cub Scout packs.

Flyers or bags for donations will be distributed on the weekends of either November 1 or 8, and bags will be collected the weekends of November

8 or 15.

If every household would put out at least one item in each of the bags, the scouts would surpass their previous years of collecting, replenish our depleted food pantries and challenge the scouts by working harder to "do a good deed."

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# Obituaries

## Lydia (Benhuk) Mychalczuk, 73

Lydia (Benhuk) Mychalczuk died at home on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Born in Bom Jardim-Parara, Brazil, she immigrated to the United States in 1962, residing in South Plainfield ever since.

She worked on the assembly line for Electrical Industries located in Murray Hill until her retirement in 1972, when she then became a homemaker. Lydia loved spending time with her family and friends and enjoyed spending time gardening.

Lydia was a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in New Brunswick.

She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen, who died in 1997 and two siblings, Kaiser and Angelica.

She is survived by her children, Pete of Dunellen, Olga Cesare and husband Bob of South Plainfield, Maria Freeman and husband Bob, also of South Plainfield, Michael and wife Sharon of Hillsborough and Mark and wife Jill of Cranford; nine grandchildren, Bobby and Chrissy Freeman, Nick and Matt Cesare, Melissa and Lindsey Mychalczuk and Paulie, Joey and Stevie Mychalczuk; two great-grandchildren, Kylie and Madisyn Freeman and two siblings, Julia Czremetta and Manya Benhuk, both of Brazil.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent in her name to Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James Street, Edison, N.J. 08818.

## Gary Fila

Gary Fila died suddenly on Friday, Oct. 24 at home.

Born in Plainfield, Gary had been a lifelong resident of North Plainfield.

Gary enjoyed pictures and was a photographer for Milan Rose in Hillsborough for the past 20 years.

Surviving are his parents, Joan and Stanley Fila of North Plainfield; a brother, Steven Fila of Voorhees and several extended relatives and friends.

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

## Rose Perniola, 94

Rose Perniola of Clifton passed away at St. Clares Hospice in Dover on Wednesday, Oct. 22.

Private funeral services were entrusted to The South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

## Joseph C. Snow, 59

Joseph C. Snow of South Plainfield passed away at home on Monday, Oct. 20.

Private funeral services were entrusted to The South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

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# In My Opinion

ANITA HOGAN

To the Editor:

As your councilman for 12 years, I had the honor of working day in and day out to try to make South Plainfield the best municipality it could be. I'm extremely proud of the many improvements that were completed during my tenure on the Borough Council, including the total reconstruction of Hadley Road, the expansion and improvements to Putnam Park, the repaving of over 200 borough roadways on a "pay as you go" basis, the preservation of over 150 acres of open space and of course, the completion of Monument Park.

Unquestionably, my proudest accomplishment was that during my tenure as chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, the borough had no municipal tax increase in three out of five years. I know that no other municipality can boast the same accomplishment. That took a lot of hard work and a cooperative effort between the council and the borough departments. I knew that our residents deserved this effort and I am proud that the Democratic Council was able to deliver quality services and a reasonable tax rate.

I'm extremely disturbed with the course of action that this borough has taken since the Republicans were placed in the majority. Even though they're the majority, they continue to blame the previous administration for the fact that they and they alone increased taxes 15 points (fiscal year) since they took control of the council January. At last count there are four Republicans and only two Democrats. The Democratic minority voted against this tax increase. To me that is an uncon-

scionable increase given how people are struggling to make ends meet. And for the first time since the inception of the program, South Plainfield didn't preserve one inch of open space through the county's open space program.

In this years election for borough council, the Democratic team of Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno have a vision for South Plainfield that will lead us back to being fiscally responsible, while resurrecting both the open space preservation program and the repaving program.

Those who know me know that I am a straight shooter. I know in my heart that Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno are two of the finest young people the borough has and they will be terrific leaders for many years to come. Chrissy has a long standing record of service to the borough as a member of the Zoning Board, the Public Celebrations Committee and now, the Recreation Commission. Franky has served as a member of the Planning Board, is a Pop Warner Football coach and a member of the Knights of Columbus. Perhaps his greatest service was as a member of the U.S. Navy during the war in Iraq. Take it from me, Franky is a special young man and will do as great a job representing us as he did representing his country.

I respectfully ask that you join me in supporting the Democratic team of Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno for borough council. Let's put South Plainfield back on the right track with two people who are shining examples of "honest service from a new generation."

**SINCERELY,  
ED P. KUBULA**

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ian American Club, and the American Legion are examples. I care about this town and have done my best to contribute to making it a better place.

Yet every time my son, Rob, runs for office, I have to read things about myself in the paper or in flyers that are not true. It began two years ago when the Democrats send flyers to different areas of town telling people I would be building something in their neighborhood if my son got elected. For example, if you lived in the Sampton Avenue area they told you I was going to build a bank on the corner of Sampton and Lowden. That was two years ago. Does anyone see a bank there? I don't even own the property, nor did I ever. My wife was embarrassed to read that we were allegedly tearing down our house to build high-density condos. Can you imagine having your neighbors read something like this?

The Democrats made up five different stories like these, and not one came true. They even went as far as to investigate me and my wife, even though we weren't running for office, and it was our son who was a candidate.

This year they're telling people I want to build a strip mall where Von Graff's was, and once again, it's property I do not even own or have anything to do with. In fact, to add insult to injury, there is a Buteas-Salerno sign on the property. The truth? While I'm proud of the homes I built back in the '70s and '80s, I have not build anything in South Plainfield since 1992, and even then there were lots of people who built more homes than I have.

What's especially disappointing about all this is that Franky Salerno got up at a council meeting and promised he would not take part in these attacks. He agreed that families should be off limits. He personally told me that he saw what happened in the past and found it offensive. Yet now he's taking part.

I'm not running for office, and I would appreciate their leaving me out of their smear campaigns. I'm sure

Salerno and Buteas must have some positive plans they can talk about. But whatever they talk about, I would hope it would be about real issues facing South Plainfield, not made up stories about me and my family.

I don't know what the Democrats will say about me this year, because in the past they've waited until the last minute to play these tricks (when there's little time to correct the record). I trust the people of this town and know they won't be fooled by these shenanigans. However, if anyone has any concerns, I would be happy to speak to them. You can call me at my home, (908) 753-0247.

**ROBERT BENGIVENGA, SR.**

Dear Editor,

This letter expresses my support for Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga, who are running for re-election.

Matt and Rob have been superb council members. While in the minority they were watchdogs, exposing waste and abuse of our tax dollars. Yet even then, they made sure they weren't just voting "no" on everything. They did whatever was best for our town.

Now that they're in the majority, Matt and Rob have started bringing real change to South Plainfield. They imagined safer streets and parks for our kids, and then came up with "Safe Streets, Safe Kids" and the Cotton Street Park revitalization.

They saw the need to reduce traffic, so they pushed for the Metuchen Road extension, which takes cars off Oak Tree Road, and they started the bipartisan truck committee.

But best of all, Rob and Matt brought back responsible leadership. When they inherited a fiscal nightmare, they fought to get us back on track. Look at the results! In their first budget, which just came out, they slashed spending by \$700,000/

Matt and Rob don't just talk about reducing spending. They're actually doing it.

South Plainfield needs Anesh and Bengivenga. Please support them on Election Day.

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## Sneaker Drive a Good Fit for Middle School

By Jane Dornick

Middle School Peer to Peer recently collected 75 pairs of used sneakers and cleats to donate to the Perpetual Prosperity Pumps Foundation.

After a 30-year career as a builder/developer, Jim Riordan founded Perpetual Prosperity Pumps Foundation in 2004 to provide appropriate technology transfer for small rural farmers in Africa.

Since 1980, the technology is currently being taught by the Kumasi Institute for Tropical Agriculture located in Ghana, West Africa.

Through the sale of the donated athletic shoes, the money is used by the foundation to help year-round crop yields and irrigation, organic farming skills, free eye and dental screening, free malaria medication, rain forest management skills and hunger eradication. Six hundred pair of athletic shoes alone provides a well, irrigation system, increased annual small farm income from 300-500% and sustained balanced nutrition.

For more information on Perpetual Prosperity Pumps Foundation, go to [www.pppafrica.org](http://www.pppafrica.org).



Pictured are Peer to Peer Leader Advisor Nick Deramiah with members (L to R) Katie McHugh, Samantha Hunterton, Gracie Piekarski and Caroline Vill.

## SPHS Graduate Takes Part In Presidential Debate

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Since I was senior staff volunteer, I was answering all the phones and getting requests from India, Bangladesh, China, Sweden and all over the place. The amount of media was incredible," she said.

Christina, who works part time at Hofstra's admissions office, is even more excited about the impact the debate had on the increased number of applications to Hofstra from interested students. "The number of applications has gone up, starting even in March and April. It's unbelievable. There's been an increase in requirements, so the freshman class coming in next September will be an even stronger class," she said.

Christina said that she came to Hofstra because of the spirit she saw on campus, noting, "We aren't a college town, we are a campus community." She first came to Hofstra as a drama major, then switched her major to political science. She became a delegate in the Student Government Association.

When she was on the SPHS debating team during her junior and senior years, it was drama she was interested

in, but teacher Karl Spolarich, who coached the debating team, saw a different future for her. "Mr. Spolarich always told me to go into law when I was on the debating team, but I told him I was heading for Broadway," said Christina.

Christina spent the first half of her junior year abroad in London as an intern for the non-governmental outreach organization, Women for Women International. Meeting with government officials in Parliament on behalf of Women to Women left Christina with the resolve to continue this humanitarian work.

Christina is applying to graduate school to obtain a master's degree in diplomacy and international relations. "Humanitarian work is not a lost cause. My focus is on human rights on the non-governmental level and into policy and outreach," Christina said.

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## Bus Site Clean Up

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for \$750,000, putting \$75,000 in reserve for cleanup, netting Suburban \$675,000. He contends that according to his environmental study, the cost of cleaning the property is far less than the estimated \$442,000 reported by PMK. Massaro's cleanup was done before the buildings on the site were demolished, after a 3,000 gallon #2 fuel oil tank was removed in July of 2005. Soil borings were taken outside of the perimeter of the excavation to a depth of eight feet below grade and a second boring was taken in the center of the excavation to a depth of eight feet below grade. Soil and water tests showed no chemicals were detected except for naphthalene in the soil at a level of 263 ug/kg, and well within acceptable limits.

The environmental report recommended monitoring wells be installed. Massaro contends that all that needs to be done, if contamination is still found, is to remove the top three feet of soil, replace it with clean soil and that would cost around \$70,000, far less than the estimated \$442,000.

Massaro said his next step would have been to request a letter from NJDEP saying the site was clean, but since the property was sold to the borough, Massaro did not follow through.

In last week's *Observer*, we reported

that on December 5, 2006 the council approved an ordinance to purchase the property; however, that ordinance was not to purchase the property but to authorize the mayor and municipal clerk to execute an Open Space Grant and Conservation Restriction Agreement between the borough and Middlesex County for the purchase of the property.

"The report contains no cost estimates, but instead only details of what type of contamination was found. Our own engineers came up with a much higher cost than this man is claiming," said Councilman Rob Bengivenga after reading the report.

"In my opinion, the report also does not include samplings that are as extensive as those done by the environmental experts hired by the county," commented Councilman Matthew Anesh.

As reported last week, it is still not clear as to why the borough signed a hold harmless agreement with Suburban Transit or why an ordinance and resolution to purchase the property had never taken place.

The *Observer* has made an OPRA request to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to determine the status of the property and what permits have been issued. As of presstime, we have not received an answer.

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## St. Stephen's Holds Octoberfest Celebration

By Patricia Abbott

Saint Stephen's Lutheran Church on Park Avenue, celebrated Octoberfest on October 18 with a German theme dinner. Guests of all ages enjoyed a sumptuous meal for a nominal fee.

The menu consisted of roast pork loin, homemade mashed potatoes, green beans, apple stuffing, sauerkraut, rolls, gravy, red cabbage and cold beverages. A dessert table featured a wide array of goodies provided by members of the congregation.

Committee members were kept busy serving the tremendous turnout of diners, and clearing and setting tables as new guests arrived.

Many people took advantage of the take-out service, opting to bring the meal home to their families. It is estimated that over 100 people attended the dinner.

The annual Octoberfest celebration is in its eleventh year. Cooking for the dinner were Jim Flannery, who prepared all the homemade food, including the delicious stuffing, and Mary Flannery.

Social Ministry Committee volunteers for the evening were Dale Morin, Cathy Newman, Frank Gianneschi, Linda Hansen, Lou Hasbrouck, Bob Newman and Michele and Emma Morin.

Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to various charities.

## Sacred Heart School Accepting Items for Clothing Drive

Don't throw it away! Mark your calendars! Sacred Heart School is having a fall clothing drive on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 7 and 8 in the church parking lot.

We accept all clean, useable clothing, shoes, boots, accessories, towels, bedding, curtains,

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## ELECTION 2008

## Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno are Proud of Campaign

As the 2008 campaign comes to a close Democrats Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno take pride in their campaign to restore honest service to the South Plainfield Council.

Chrissy Buteas said, "From the beginning we were warned that our opponents would run a negative campaign. 'Wait until the last three weeks' we were told. Obviously the Republicans have an embarrassing record which they hope the voters won't notice. I guess since Bengivenga and Anesh raised taxes by the highest percentage in South Plainfield's history and didn't protect one inch of open space and supported wasteful projects and failed to disclose conflicts of interest and ties to the trucking industry and stonewalled Mayor Butrico's ethics order and tried to divide our town with their dangerous plan to put trucks back on Hamilton Boulevard they had to come up with some sort of campaign to divert attention from them-

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selves. But even by their standards they have sunk to a new low this year. Their trumped up 'scandal' campaign is a disgrace. It seems Bengivenga and

Anesh will say or do anything to retain power. South Plainfield deserves better. Franky Salerno and I are proud to run on a detailed platform with our borough's future in mind. We want you to vote for us because of what we stand for."

Franky Salerno echoed his runningmates' comments: "We have run on the facts. We want our residents to go to spaxtest.com and see the results when the Democrats were in control versus the Republicans. We have given our word that there will be no municipal tax increase next year. We want the voters to know that one of our first actions in January will be to make Mayor Butrico's ethics order the law in South Plainfield. We will never allow trucks back on Hamilton Boulevard and we will never try to divide our town. The reaction

from our residents has been outstanding. I can honestly say that going door to door has been enjoyable and informative for both Chrissy and me. South Plainfield has so much going for it. I almost feel sad that our opponents have reverted to such nasty campaign tactics. But my parents always taught me to look at the positive not the negative and this campaign is something I will look back on with pride for the rest of my life. It has been an honor to represent the Democratic Party and to run with an outstanding person like Chrissy Buteas."

Chrissy Buteas summed up the Democrats position saying, "Franky Salerno is a terrific person and he will make a great addition to the borough council. He literally put his life on the line for our country and he will continue that service as a council person. We respectfully ask you to look at the record and platforms of both parties before you vote. We are confident that after you do you will support the team of Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno, Democrats for South Plainfield Council. Thank you in advance for your consideration."

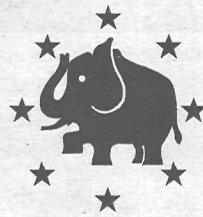
## Anesh and Bengivenga Will Continue To Focus on Accountability

If there's one word that describes the first nine months under the new council majority, that word according to Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga is "accountability." "Residents expect accountability from local officials," explained Anesh, "and we've brought that back to South Plainfield."

Anesh, a vice president for a major financial services firm, went on to explain: "As we've said many times, our top priority after taking office was to get South Plainfield back on track financially. We started doing that immediately, and we're getting solid results."

"We're also being truthful with residents," added Bengivenga. "We're not making promises without any plans for how we'll keep them. Remember, last time our opponents said they would keep taxes flat, they raised them right after the election. Our plan is to cut spending and borrowing, which we've actually started doing. Spending is down \$700,000, and borrowing is down two-thirds."

But according to Bengivenga, leadership means more than just numbers. "We've also focused on low-cost, high-impact programs that help families and neighborhoods, like the 'Safe Streets, Safe Kids' pilot project, which is aimed at reducing dangerous speeding on cut-through streets where kids play."



"The Cotton Street Park revitalization was another effort to focus on families and neighborhoods," added Anesh. "If re-elected, Rob and I will continue to focus these types of

ideas. For example, we want to rejuvenate our business districts, like those on Plainfield and Park avenues, and we want to make the compost and recycling hours more convenient for working parents."

Anesh pointed to traffic as another concern. "One of our first acts was to appoint a committee to look at getting trucks off Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue. Regardless of what the partisans say, I'm proud that we appointed a bipartisan committee that included people from all parties, not just our own. We need to work together toward a solution."

"The committee has recommended Hollywood Avenue as the ideal route. Our goal now is to make Hollywood Avenue a reality," added Bengivenga. "But Hollywood Avenue won't be cheap. That's one of the reasons why we oppose extending New Market Avenue over the Superfund site. Doing that will cost more than \$10 million and expose us to environmental liability. We need that money for Hol-

lywood Avenue, which won't be cheap."

"We wish the other side had listened when for years we asked them not to put all their eggs in one basket with Helen Street," added Anesh, "but that's the past. Let's all get behind Hollywood Avenue now."

Anesh and Bengivenga also want to look for new routes that will reduce traffic other places in town. That's why the council paved Metuchen Road.

"People now have an alternate route to Edison, which will be especially useful when the county closes the Park Avenue bridge for reconstruction," said Anesh.

"Metuchen Road is not a major thoroughfare," explained Bengivenga, "but it takes several hundred cars a day off Oak Tree Rd. While our opponents have criticized this project, we think it was an innovative, low-cost solution."

Anesh and Bengivenga want to keep changes like these going in South Plainfield. They've had nine months to get started, and the results are clear-cut: South Plainfield has a renewed sense of optimism, and that can-do spirit is coming back. Please support Anesh and Bengivenga next week. Imagine what they can do with a little more time.

Let's keep the change going!

To find out more about Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga, go to [www.spgop.com](http://www.spgop.com).

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**ELECTION DAY**  
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## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE 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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on 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.

Introduced: October 6, 2008

Published: October 10, 2008

Adopted: October 27, 2008

ATTEST:

Joann Graf, Acting Borough Clerk

\$54.15

October 31, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Larry and Ann Summers for public improvements at 149 Edgar Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. Lot 9, Block 194.

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 Larry and Ann Summers for public improvements at 149 Edgar Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 known as Lot 9, Block 194 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 17, 2008 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

October 22, 2008

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on October 21, 2008.

A. Case #717—Ware Industries, Inc. Block 255; Lots 8.01 and 9; 400 Metuchen Road. The applicant's request for (5) waivers, bulk variances and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby granted subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$21.85

October 31, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

October 24, 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 23, 2008.

A. Case #22-08—Durham Avenue, LLC. Block 487; Lots 6-8; Durham Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance and site plan approval for an adult daycare facility was hereby granted subject to additional voluntary conditions.

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

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October 31, 2008

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