

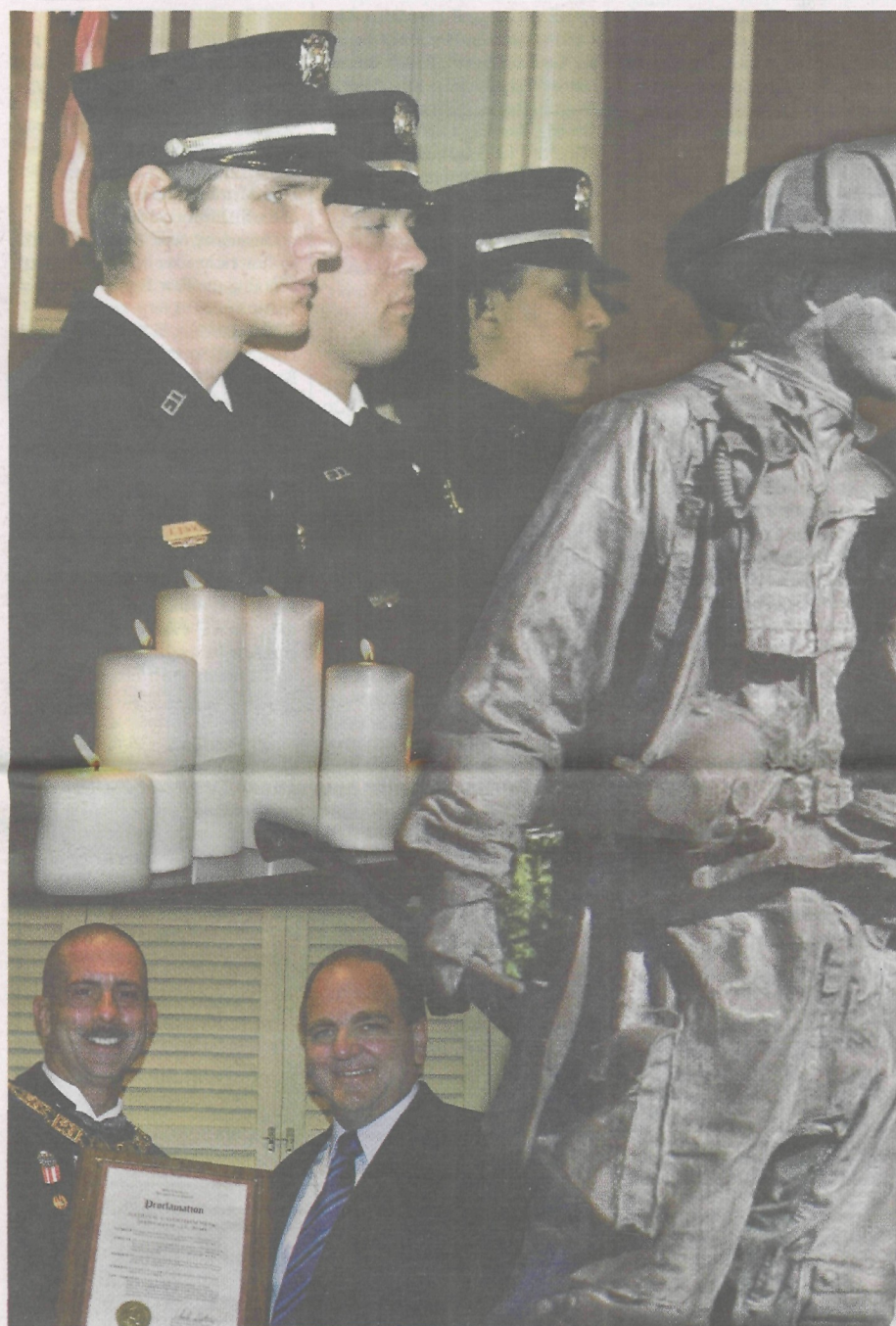
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We Will Always Remember

September 11
2001

In Honor of the Service & Sacrifice

The heroes and victims of September 11, 2001—a day etched in the minds of all Americans—were honored by the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 at a Patriot Day ceremony.

Following a welcome by Exalted Ruler Bill Reuter and a prayer by Peter Smith, Elks members offered words of remembrance.

Mayor Charles Butrico spoke to the audience about the significance of 9/11 to the history of this country, and then presented Reuter and the Elks with a Patriot Day Proclamation on behalf of the Borough Council. Councilman Rob Bengivenga offered a personal experience from 9/11. "September 11th is a day of remembrance and honor," he began. "I remember nine years ago. I was asleep in my dorm room when my roommate came in saying his dad's building just got hit by a plane. I asked him what he meant. He said the Pentagon and the World Trade Center had been hit. We turned on the TV and that's when I saw the buildings burning. I looked at him and said my aunt is in one of those buildings. No phones worked that day, and as tears came down our eyes, we got word his father was okay and we risked his life to help save others. Unfortunately, my aunt was not so lucky, and she will be forever remembered. We need to always remember the spirit we had that day and the unity we felt as Americans."

Exalted Ruler Bill Reuter had this to say: "Our Patriot Day service is a simple, but very moving, service. It is a way for us, as Elks, to honor the victims of 9/11 and to honor the men and women who have put on the uniforms of our armed services."

Flag Raising Inspires Hope, Honors Service

UNICO services at the Firefighters Memorial last Saturday honored those who perished, were injured and those who rushed to aid victims of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The mayor and council, members of the Board of Education, police and fire departments, rescue squad, American Legion and more than 100 guests attended. Rev. Charles Mingle offered an opening prayer. Master of ceremonies was Councilman Rob Bengivenga; speakers included Mayor Charles Butrico, UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga and Council President Matt Anesh. UNICO Vice President Robert Bengivenga raised a flag with the names of all those who perished and a wreath was placed at the memorial.



In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

The South Plainfield Education Foundation held its 20th annual 5K Run and 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk on Labor Day. There are many people that we need to thank for making this event such a huge success.

First, I would like to thank Rob and Kelly Richkus—Rob ran this event for the last several years along with Fred Oberkehr. Rob and Kelly helped us with all the planning stages.

Second, I would like to thank all of the people from our foundation who helped with the event—Carolyn Allen; Shannon Jefferys and her children, Christopher and Dylan; Debbie, Bob and Patrick Boyle; Myra Stillman; Linda Kelly; Frank Mikorski and Mike Reedy.

We also need to thank all of our sponsors for this event:

Twin City Pharmacy, for being a major sponsor and providing the oranges; The Boyle Memorial Fund, for being a major sponsor for this event; Joe Romer Trophies, for supplying all of the trophies; Bagel Pantry, for supplying the bagels; TD Bank and

Columbia Bank, for supplying the water and bags for the runners and for all the stuffing of the bags, and the staff at TD Bank for helping to hand out water to the runners; Flanagan's Restaurant, for helping us with tables and water for the runners; Rudy at Ricochet Racquet Club for supplying all the t-shirts; Giakas Cleaners, for supplying all the safety pins for the runners/walkers; Kevin Hughes at the PAL building, for the tables and chairs and helping place the signs for us; South Plainfield Funeral Home, Schulz Landscaping and R&C Auto Body, for their sponsorship; Mohn's Florist, Hometown Heros and Presto Printing Services for their continued support of the South Plainfield Education Foundation. Please patronize all of our sponsors. They do so much for South Plainfield!

This was our 20th year of sponsoring the 5K Run and Family Fitness Walk. William Beegle started this event 20 years ago in conjunction with the S.P.A.S.A. (South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness). When Mr.

Beegle retired from the South Plainfield School District, he approached the South Plainfield Education Foundation to see if we would be interested in continuing the race each year. Rob Richkus and Fred Oberkehr ran it for the last several years. We are grateful to all of them for their help over the last several years in continuing this event.

Through this event, we are able to continue a scholarship in Mr. Beegle's name each year for \$1,000.

This year we had over 300 people participate! We want to express our gratitude to all who participated and those who sponsored us. We are looking forward to next year's race!

**SINCERELY,
MARJORIE M. REEDY,
PRESIDENT, SOUTH PLAINFIELD
EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Dear Editor,

It has been my pleasure to once again serve on the South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee. The committee is comprised of a wonderful group of hardworking committee members who spend countless hours planning our Labor Day festivities. I would like to thank our chair, John Sorrentino, and all members, including Joe Scudato, Matt Anesh, Pat DeSantis, Debra Ann Leporino, Don Alexa, Debbie Boyle, Jeff Williams, Gary Prendergast and Jignesh Shah, for all of their time and dedication. The committee enjoys planning this exciting community event every year and already looks forward to planning next year's festivities.

The day would also not be possible without the commitment of the entire South Plainfield community. Special thanks to the South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management, CERT members, fire department, police department, rescue squad, department of public works, recreation department, fire prevention, Middlesex

County Parks Department, health department, administrator and clerk's office, superintendent of schools and board of education, neighboring emergency service organizations, the Observer, Pat Vargo, Petra Solar, Inc., Pinto Brothers, Comcast, AKA, Knights of Columbus, Hall's Trucking, Ram Trucking, Somerset Medical Center, Mike Buteas Construction, Cedarbrook Cardiology, A.J. Jersey Inc., Extreme Clean Auto Spa, Campbell-Fire-EMS Sales, 7-11, Midco, McCrisky-Gustafson Home For Funerals, GeoPeak Energy, Paulo's Restaurant and Bar, Columbia Bank, Buono/Diegnan/Barnes, Edison Heating & Cooling, Brenntag, Oak Tree Discount Wine & Liquors, Penyak Roofing, Skylands Bank, D'Annunzio & Sons, Jo-Ann's Dance Studio, Buttafuoco, Arce & Price LLC, Insurance Restoration, Approved Fire Protection, South Plainfield Education Association, KC's Korner, My Way Carpet, Dr. Kenneth May, Anthony Massaro, our parade marshals, judges and announcers for their support.

On behalf of the mayor and entire council, I would once again like to thank everyone who contributed to the festivities on Labor Day.

**SINCERELY,
CHRISSE BUTEAS,
COUNCILWOMAN**

To the Editor:

On behalf of Sacred Heart School, we just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Joe Tomei, dispatcher at Hall's Fast Motor Freight, for coordinating the truck and flatbed for our Labor Day parade float. Without his hard work and the generous donation of the truck from Hall's and the flatbed from RAM Trucking we could not have had a Labor Day float this year.

The children at Sacred Heart truly enjoy participating in the parade every year and appreciate your support

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of the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade. We also want to thank our driver, Ron Konya, for a smooth and safe ride.

**SINCERELY,
DEBBIE METZ AND
SACRED HEART HSA**

Dear Members and Friends of the SP Historical Society,

On Sunday, Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m., an historic marker will be dedicated honoring the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

The church is, in the words of past Historical Society President Larry Randolph, "the oldest living link to South Plainfield's past" which "can trace its origin back to the first settlers of Piscataway Township." The structure has been located at 201 Hamilton Blvd. since 1879. The original meeting house was built in 1792 on what is now the site of the Baptist cemetery on New Market Avenue.

Please join the Historical Society, Pastor Gordon Braun, Mayor Charles Butrico, council members and the congregation for a short ceremony honoring the history and heritage of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

The historic marker is a gift from county freeholders and the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission. The Historical Society nominated the church for the award in 2005. The words on the marker are those of

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Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

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October 4 October

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Suburban Woman's Club NEWS

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield opened its new year with a meeting held at the American Legion and three prospective members were introduced. The new budget was approved and the club's fundraisers were announced. The G&G Boutique/Yard Sale to raise scholarship money will be held on the American Legion grounds on Saturday, Oct. 2, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Angela Desantis, the club's candidate to the Girl's Career Institute at Douglass College, and alternate candidate Joelle Butrico entertained members with stories and photos describing their wonderful experiences. Each year the club members look forward to hearing about the high school juniors' weekend spent at Douglass College.

The next meeting of the Suburban Woman's Club will be the husbands/guest night on Thursday, Oct. 7. Club members will prepare a covered dish supper to share with guests. Entertainment provided by Fred Quinn entitled, "A Stroll Down Memory Lane."

Anyone interested in learning more about the club may call the membership chairman at (732) 549-9633.

Joe's Crab Shack Hosting Special Olympics Fundraiser

Patrons of Joe's Crab Shack, located on Stelton Road, have an opportunity to support Special Olympics New Jersey (SONJ) when they dine on Thursday, Sept. 23 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Simply clip out the coupon on page 8 of this week's *Observer*, or visit www.sonj.org and download a special coupon found on the Special Olympics New Jersey homepage. Present that coupon at the restaurant and 10% of your check will benefit SONJ.

This fundraiser is one of many Law Enforcement Torch Run activities that take place throughout the year. Local law enforcement and athletes will be on hand to wait on tables and collect "tips" to help support the more than 21,000 Special Olympics athletes who train and compete in New Jersey.

For more information, call (609) 896-8000, ext. 269.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

With the summer vacation season ended and school back in session, things may seem a bit down right now. (Then again, there are surely many parents who are a bit cheerful nowadays.) While we can't guarantee a complete removal of depression, here's something that might lift your spirits some: the latest news from the South Plainfield Library.

First off, we'll be restarting Sunday operating hours this weekend. So, to review, here is our schedule: We're open on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 1:30 to 5 p.m. We'll let you know about any changes.

Miss Linda and Miss Mija are away, so children's programs have been cancelled. They'll be starting up again on Tuesday, Oct. 5. We should all be recharged from our summer activities by then.

At this writing, we're still working on making needed upgrades to our computer system which would allow more of our public computers to be available. We hope to have this all fixed up in the very near future. We appreciate your patience until then. By the way, please remember that you must stop by the reference desk to reserve a computer before it can be used, and that usage times have now been limited to periods of 30 minutes, with time renewals based on availability.

There have been some developments on the upcoming A/V front. We've recently purchased a number of new DVD titles, including full-season sets of *N.C.I.S.*, *The Office* and *Grey's Anatomy*, as well as the feature films *The Runaways*, *Letters to Juliet* and *The Backup Plan*. In addition, we've recently received a large number of donated titles and have inherited more discs from the late, lamented DVD Circuit. Some of those incom-

ing titles include the Western comedy *Blazing Saddles*, the Oscar-winning drama *Gran Torino*, the fantasy adventure *The Golden Voyage of Sinbad*, the post-Apocalypse thriller *28 Weeks Later*, a number of discs from the *Dora the Explorer* series and that enduring cinematic achievement, *Snakes on a Plane*. We'll get these discs ready for borrowing as soon as possible.

We've mentioned this several times before, but it bears repeating. Last week, we started a new policy regarding young people who use the library. Specifically, on weekdays from 2:30 to 6 p.m., young people age 12 to 18 who aren't accompanied by an adult must present their library card (their own card, not someone else's) and a photo I.D. (such as school I.D.) in order to be admitted into the building. Anyone who doesn't qualify on that basis will be instructed to leave. Regarding the photo I.D., young people may, with direct parental permission, have their photos taken by our new circulation desk camera for inclusion in our files (and only our files) for future identification.

Now, make no mistake. We at the library do not relish having to card young people under these circumstances. In fact, it's a stone drag to have to resort to this, since the majority of young people who use our facilities are well-behaved and respectful of others. However, our experiences with a small but very disruptive group of young people have forced us to take this action in the interests of both our staff and other patrons. If you have questions or comments about this or any library policy, don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

That's about all for now. If you want to contact us, please call us at (908) 754-7885. You may also leave a note in our community suggestion box, located back by the public photocopy, or at the circulation desk.

For more information, check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next Friday.



South Plainfield Police Officer Peter Papa takes the sergeant's oath from Mayor Charles Butrico while his wife, Marjorie, looks on.

Peter Papa Promoted to Sergeant

Peter Papa, a seven-year veteran of the South Plainfield Police Department, was promoted to sergeant at the September 7 Borough Council meeting.

Papa was the valedictorian of his graduation class at Ocean County Police Academy. He also attended Middlesex County College in pursuit of a degree in criminal justice.

Papa began his law enforcement career with the Seaside Heights Police Department. He joined the South Plainfield Police Department in 2003, serving as a patrolman as well as a detective. He was temporarily assigned to

the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force where he served as a narcotics investigator.

Papa has received numerous department letters of commendation and honorable service medals. He is the instructor in defensive tactics and CPR and is trained in accident reconstruction.

Papa and wife Marjorie live in South Plainfield. He is the son of Joseph and Martha Papa. He has a sister, Annette. Law enforcement is a family tradition. Peter's father, Joe, has been a police officer in South Plainfield for more than 20 years.

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30. Contact Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

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events

"Don't Cook Friday" Spaghetti Dinner

September 17

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will be holding its annual "Don't Cook Friday" spaghetti dinner on Friday, Sept. 17 at the Knights hall, located at 334 Hamilton Blvd. from 4 to 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors and \$4 for children. Take out dinners are also available.

Historic Marker Dedication

September 19

The public is invited to the dedication of an Historic Marker at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 11:30 a.m. The marker, a gift from the county freeholders and Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, honors the oldest living link to South Plainfield's past. The church, founded in 1792, is located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and Church Street.

OLC Spaghetti Dinner

September 25

All are invited to attend the spaghetti dinner at Our Lady of Czestochowa, located on Hamilton Boulevard, on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost for adults, \$8; seniors, \$7; children five to 12, \$5; under five are free. Dessert and salad are included. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For info, call (908) 753-4077.

Knights Annual Mums Sale

September, October

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will be conducting their seventh annual Mums sale beginning late September and running through mid October. High quality mums in various colors will be on sale at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. This fundraiser supports the Knights various charitable works throughout the year.

Thank you for your support.

Paper Shredding at The Senior Center

September 25

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in conjunction with the Borough of South Plainfield, will sponsor a free paper shredding event on Saturday, Sept. 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the truck is full, at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Confidential papers—old files, receipts, bills, financial statements—will be shredded on-site. No need to remove staples, paper clips or paperboard binder covers. Books, magazines, newspapers or plastic won't be accepted.

For more information, email solid waste@co.middlesex.nj.us or call (732) 745-4170.

Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament

September 29

The inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cost: \$150 per player in advance.

Registration 7 to 8 a.m.; shotgun start, scramble format at 8:30 a.m.; reception and lunch at 1:30 p.m.; and awards ceremony at 2 p.m.

To reserve a spot, send check payable to Gary Kline, 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467.

For information, call Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946.

Woman's Club G&G Boutique/Yard Sale

October 2

Suburban Woman's Club presents G&G Boutique/Yard Sale on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain date October 3) at the American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave.

Scrapbooking Croptoberfest at Elks

October 3

South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave. is holding a scrapbooking croptoberfest on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Registration fee: \$35 (mail in by September 24) or \$40 at

the door. Eight full hours of cropping time, lots of layout ideas, door prizes and fun! Light breakfast served along with lunch. Snacks and beverages will also be provided. Space is limited so register today.

For more information, call Sandi Smith at (908) 656-4041.

Rescue Squad Comedy Club Fundraiser

October 3

A fundraiser at the Stress Factory Comedy Club, 90 Church St. in New Brunswick, to benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Headliner comics are Buddy Fitzpatrick and Melvin George. Dinner at 5 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

For tickets, call Andy at (908) 548-3861.

Girls Field Hockey Wine Tasting Fundraiser

October 9

Wine director Kevin Kessler of the Wine Chateau, located at 1380 Centennial Ave. in Piscataway will be selecting six wines to taste during a fundraiser held to benefit the SPHS Girls Field Hockey Association. He will describe the wines and answer questions. The event takes place on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m.

A selection of cheese, meats, fruit and finger food to complement the wine will be served. Cost is \$40 pp.

For information, email Gary Prendergast at gsprendergast@comcast.net or call (908) 208-3151.

SPHS Class of 1984 25th Reunion

October 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will hold a 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Leon's Catering Hall in Berkeley Heights. \$60 per person includes dinner and open bar. Dress is casual.

Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current locations and addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible. If you, or someone you know, is a member of

the class of 1984, please forward this information to Lisa Petrozicello Carone at lpetro@comcast.net or Bill Price at bprice31@hotmail.com.

MOMS Club of South Plainfield Open House

October 14

The MOMS Club of South Plainfield will be holding an open house and pot luck brunch to welcome new members on Thursday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. (We are not a religious organization). Come to see what we're all about.

The MOMS Club is a national support group for mothers who stay at home with their children. Children are welcome at all MOMS Club activities.

For more information, come to our meeting or visit us online at www.momsclub.org/.

— Out of Town —

German Biergarten At Deutscher Club

September 17

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Ln. will hold an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, Sept. 17 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Open to the public; rain or shine. German and American food and beverages available.

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

High Holy Days at Temple Sholom

September 18

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains invite non-members for Yom Kippur on Saturday, Sept. 18. The congregation will hold a young family service at 10 a.m. in the Temple Sholom Chapel located at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church. There will also be a family Torah service in the main sanctuary at 2 p.m.

If interested in attending, non-members can call (908) 889-4900.

Blackrose to Perform

September 18

Blackrose, the band, playing classic rock and roll and today's hits will be

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

Sept 23 Italian Classes Begin
Sept 25 Paper Shredding 9-11AM
Oct 11-15 Indian Head Resort
(Call the center for more info)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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performing on Saturday, Sept. 18 at Tim Kewin's Pub, 353 Bound Brook Road (Rt. 28) in Middlesex at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Cafe Worship at Willow Grove

September 18

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In My Opinion

(Continued from page 2)
 borough historian Larry Randolph.
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 DOROTHY MIELE, PRESIDENT
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Dear Editor,

I'm writing to comment on our outrageous water bills ever since New Jersey American Water Co. took over from Elizabethtown Water Co. What once was a three month bill—only two or three years ago—has become a monthly amount. In July it was \$90! Yes, we watered our garden, but not a ridiculous amount. And there are only two of us in the household. Last month we were gone for two weeks—and, after the July bill, decided it best not to water the garden at all. That bill was \$42.

People who have Middlesex Water have not experienced anything like this increase. Is it because no one has complained that American Water Co. feels they can charge these rates? I'm open to suggestions on how we can make our voices heard with this company.

**SINCERELY,
 VIRGINIA L. GREEN**

Dear Editor,

Last week I experienced the proudest moment since I have been honored to serve on the South Plainfield Borough Council. When I saw the first truck go through the newly opened New Market Avenue Extension I knew just how smart the people of South Plainfield are.

As you may recall, when Chrissy Buteas and I ran for council we wholeheartedly supported keeping trucks off Hamilton Boulevard. The Republicans wanted to put the trucks back. In fact they ran most of their campaign opposing Mayor Butrico's plan to build the truck bypass. They even passed an ordinance to put trucks back on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue and went so far as to contact the state to put them back. If it wasn't for Mayor Butrico's veto and the fact that Chrissy and I were elected, you'd see 16 wheelers rolling past Roosevelt School today. The Republicans hope you forgot that.

This year Mike English, Jeff Will-

iams and John Sorrentino are running on the Democratic slate under the slogan "Demand the Straight, Honest Truth." Well the straight, honest truth is the Democrats have always worked to keep trucks off Hamilton Boulevard and the Republicans tried to put them back. Everyone should keep that in mind when they vote.

COUNCILMAN FRANKY SALERNO

Dear Editor,

I appreciate seeing that Democrat mayoral candidate Michael English is promising "straight and honest talk" as part of his campaign. Recently, I read information regarding Mr. English's record that truly gave me pause. In keeping with his pledge and putting politics aside I am hoping that he will address four main, surrounding facts that are a matter of public record.

1. When you were elected mayor in the 1980s, spending jumped your first year (1983) by about a million dollars. Why?

2. That same year (1983), taxes went up 55%. Do you believe that was fiscally responsible?

3. There have been questions regarding your leadership of the South Plainfield Housing Authority. Councilman Bengivenga's recent letter quotes a *Home News* editorial calling the authority an "emblem of what people hate about government" and said the group needed a goal beyond spending. Do you think mistakes were made or that inexperience may have played a role, as others have suggested?

4. You were also a Board of Education member. Your second year on the board (2005) you voted to raise taxes by about \$375 for the average family (which most people would agree was a massive tax hike). Why did you feel that was necessary? Given the substantial surpluses that resulted in later years, do you still think it was the right vote?

At a time in our history when voters are demanding more accountability from their elected officials, I believe answering these questions will go a long way in authenticating Mr. English's campaign slogan.

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September 18-19, 25-26

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Science and Religion Forum

September 19

You are invited to an adult forum series, "Science and Religion, Perfect Together" on Sunday mornings at 11:30 starting September 19, held in the lounge at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains. Everyone is also welcome to our worship services at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Refreshments are served during social time from 11:15 to 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 232-5678.

Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

September 19

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Sunday, Sept. 19 from 7 to 11 p.m. at The Knights of Columbus Hall, Morrissey Ave. in Avenel. Light refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

policereport

• On August 31 a Maple Avenue resident reported that the driver side rear door of their vehicle had been scratched.

• On September 1 a Carbray Court resident reported that their vehicle had been keyed.

• On September 2 Dalina Milport, 33, of Newark was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• On September 3 Pathmark reported that a male had left the store without paying for assorted packs of gum worth \$285 and a DVD worth \$5.

• On September 4 Wilber Alvarado, 28, of Hyattsville, Md. was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and driving on a suspended license.

• On September 6 Michael Erin Clark, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and failure to inspect.

• A Wickford Road resident reported that their 2003 Kawasaki motorcycle and been knocked over damaging the crash bar.

• On September 7 Jordan A. Mitchell, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant.



Ashlyn Piro (left) enjoys a cotton candy, while Alma Steyka (right) prepares food for the annual Elks picnic.

Elks Enjoy Perfect Weather at Picnic

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 held its annual family picnic on September 5. The day was a perfect, late summer afternoon with low temperatures and a light breeze all day.

In addition to the many local lodge members and their families, guests came from numerous lodges throughout the area. Large tents were set up on the lawn for the guests to sit and enjoy the food while viewing the fun.

Activities included a horseshoe tournament and a raffle. Children enjoyed hula hoop and water balloon contests. Additional events included a moon-walk, duck pond, spin art, musical chairs bean bag toss, balloon dart shoot and soccer shoot.

A popular game sponsored by the Piscataway Fire Department, "House on Fire" gave children the opportunity to man a fire hose and douse flames.

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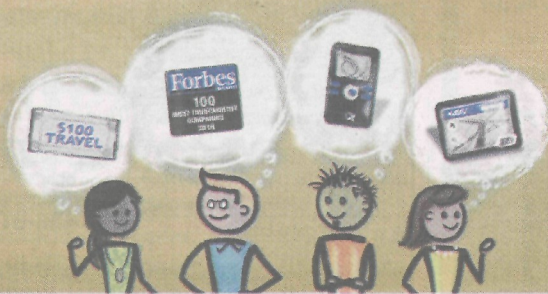
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Labor Day Parade headlines a day-long celebration of family and fun



In case you would like to see more.. Next week's issue will feature 5K race results as well as additional photos from Labor Day.

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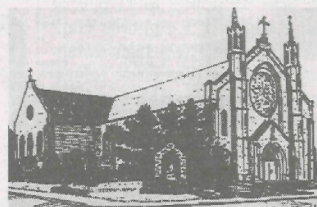
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Sports



Mighty Mite football squad lining up against Delaware Valley.

SP Eagles Football and Cheer Second Home Game

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer held their second home game on September 12 against the Delaware Valley Dawgs.

Flag (5-7 year olds)—Solomon Chainey started the game with an interception, followed by Logan Betyeman completing a 10-yard run. Codey Adams also had an interception. Joshua Fuentes, Mark Molinaro, Jalen Russel, Chris Poggio, Darin Larsen, Gregorio Zambrana and Anthony Nigro had 30-yard touchdown runs. Mitchell Dudak completed a pass to John Padovano, which ended in a touchdown. Julian Irizarry, Andrew Van Herk and Zachary Esporin each had a five-yard touchdown run. Additional touchdowns were scored by Michael Darling, Josh Liberato, Al Fuschetti and Lamont Watson. There were a lot of strong defensive plays by Bryce Hollis, Steven Orlovski, Colin Carey, Cody Adams and Xavier Santos.

Mighty Mite (7-9 year olds)—Joe Sacco had a three-yard run and scored on a safety. Alex Amato had a key block

that allowed Nick Fager to complete a 45-yard run for a touchdown. Alex also carried the ball for a successful extra point play. Sebastian Santos worked a quarterback sneak into a 29-yard touchdown run. Kenny Clevenger recovered two fumbles to keep the momentum with South Plainfield. Evan Cabrera had two great tackles, which was especially impressive since he very recently moved up from the flag team. Brandon Cangialosi played an excellent game with several key tackles and two runs of 20 and 25 yards. Brandon Leary made his debut as quarterback, and also had a 22-yard carry. The offensive line of Robby Ginda, Ryan Carey, Austin Scott, Sam Nieves, Divon Pender, Josiah Harvey, Cody Hunter and Alex Pear led the way by keeping a tight control on the line of scrimmage. The MM team finished with a victory, defeating the Dawgs 22-7.

Junior Pee Wee (9-11 year olds)—Brenden Hedden helped the team with a fumble recovery. Jacob Painton sacked the Dawgs QB. Eagles QB Nik

Peterson (#5) threw a 40-yard pass that was caught by Connor Adams. Charles Lovett, Connor Adams and Mathew Panganiban each helped out with multiple tackles. Jalil Palms had key tackles and runs. Michel Clevenger had a fumble recovery. The JPW team was not successful against Del Val, losing 13-0.

Pee Wee (10-12 year olds)—This year's motto for the PW team is shaping up to be phenomenal second half defense. That wasn't enough for a win after yielding a couple of first half scores, but the Eagles' defense shut down the quick, powerful Del Val offense by forcing several fumbles. Joe Penyak continued his disruption of numerous snaps as noseguard. Meanwhile Ed Kobilis, Dheer Patel and Noah Chainey moved to interior positions which required the Del Val line to adjust after they shut down the interior running game. DaMarquis Price and Michael Soto responded to their new assignments at the ends limiting the mobility of Del Val's speedy backs and chasing down numerous ball carriers. Soto was critical in the blocking of a Del Val attempted field goal. Linebackers William McLaughlin, Dominic Labrutto, Ryan Marston and Ben Lundy were given more freedom to exploit the weaknesses in the offense and flew to the ball carriers with tremendous hits. Bryan Scipio Jr. and Josh Ward, who drew the assignment of chasing the Del Val receivers, showcased their speed and agility breaking off coverage to assist on numerous swarm tackles. Danny O'Shaunessey, Mike McCormick and Irvin Arevalo once again were rotated throughout the interior line demonstrating their continuing development in the game. The PW team was unfortunately without Anour Faïda due to an illness.

Despite the chilly rain, it was another great day of football and cheer at the Kenneth Avenue Fields. The Eagles will be away the next three weeks, returning for a home game on October 10.

The Eagles give a special thank you to the Department of Public Works for the tremendous job maintaining our fields this year. We would also like to thank the police and rescue squad for their continued support.

—Submitted by Terry Housel

Bombers Win Back-to-Back Cal Ripken District 9 Title



The nine year-old Bombers won the Cal Ripkin District 9 Tournament.

The nine year-old South Plainfield Bombers won the Cal Ripken District 9 Tournament held at Community Park in North Brunswick earlier this summer. The Bombers, undefeated in the tournament, earned the number one seed in the second round of the tournament by allowing the fewest runs in the first four games compared to all other teams.

In game one of the pool play portion of the Districts, South Plainfield defeated a very good Edison team, coming from behind to win 6-3, thanks to Coach Born's decision to play "small ball." Down 3-1 with a runner on second, Coach Born called on Matt Cassio, Joseph Sacco and Sam Wolak to bunt. All three laid down perfect bunts for base hits to start the Bomber's rally capped off by Chris Born's single that drove in two runs, giving the Bombers the lead. Chris Shine pitched three strong innings followed by TJ Massaro who closed out the game with three solid innings.

In game two, SP defeated North Edison 11-0 playing superb defense and pitching. Key contributions came from Ryan Massett and Cliff Adkins with RBI singles and Brian Maszczak's two hits.

Game three saw the Bomber bats come alive. They defeated Colonia, 14-4. Born and Marrero each had four hits. Chipping in were Massaro and Shine with two hits each.

In the final game of pool play, SP defeated Spotswood, 21-0. Alex Amato led the way with three doubles, and David Loniewski, Justin Jones, Joseph Sacco and Adkins had two hits each.

After earning the number one seed in the second round, SP defeated Monroe in the semifinals, 10-4, thanks to aggressive base running and timely hits by Massaro and Amato. Shine pitched three dominating innings. Marrero

came in to close out the game.

In the championship game, the Bombers defeated South Brunswick, 8-1. On the mound Shine and Massaro kept a good hitting team in check. On the offensive side, Jones started it off with an RBI single that drove in Maszczak. After a walk, Born drove in two more runs for the early lead. After that it was defense and pitching that stopped any comeback attempts. With a runner on third and only one out, Marrero made a great play at short, checked the runner back at third and fired over to first for the second out. From there Jones fired a strike to Born to stop an aggressive runner from third to complete the double play and get the Bombers out of the inning. The Bombers put on some insurance runs capped off by Massaro's inside the park home run!

This is the Bombers' second District 9 title; they won the tournament last year. Also this summer the Bombers won the Bridgewater Summer Splash Tournament held in Bridge-water and advanced to the semifinals of the North New Jersey State Cal Ripken Tournament.

Team members are: Cliff Adkins, Alex Amato, Chris Born, Matt Cassio, Justin Jones, David Loniewski, Michael Marrero, Ryan Massett, TJ Massaro, Brian Maszczak, Joseph Sacco, Chris Shine and Sam Wolak. The team was managed by Wendell Born along with coaches David Loniewski, John Marrero and Gregg Jones. Special thanks to Ed Amato, Tom Cassio and Tom Massaro for their coaching assistance during the season.

To the Bomber parents and fans—a huge thank you to all of you for your support and commitment this season to the Bombers!

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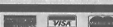


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Obituaries

Joseph J. Conte, 79

Joseph J. Conte of South Plainfield passed away at his home on Thursday, Sept. 9 in the care of his family.

Born in Jersey City, Mr. Conte resided in South Plainfield for seven years and was a former resident of Toms River and Osbourn, Idaho.

He was formerly employed as a truck driver with Vanguard Driver Leasing of Exton, Pa. and retired in 1998 after 16 years of service.

Mr. Conte formerly owned and operated Conte's Deli in Wall Twp. and Conte's Restaurant and Steakhouse in Osbourn, Idaho.

He was a member of the Barber Shoppers Quartet in Idaho, the Springfield/Hillside BPOE Elks Lodge #2404 and was a US Army veteran having served during the Korean War. He enjoyed bowling, but most of all loved to make his friends and family laugh by telling them his jokes.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Beverly Conte (Lass) of 42 years; devoted father of Robert Sullivan, Deborah Conte, Michael Conte and his partner Theresa Zdep and the late Arthur K. Sullivan; dear brother of Philip Conte, Marcello Conte and wife Maria and Marie Glenn. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and was the loving uncle of Mary Ann Thran.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Ste. 301, Robbinsville, N.J. 08691 or the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., P.O. Box 631047, Baltimore, Md. 21263-1047 would be appreciated.

Rose Mary Pendolino, 90

Rose Mary Pendolino died on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at the Regency Jewish Heritage Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Somerset.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Rose lived in Green Brook before settling in Piscataway nearly 30 years ago.

She owned Rose's Dress Shop in Middlesex for 20 years, and enjoyed dancing and dining out with her friends.

She is predeceased by two sisters, Anne Wilson and Katherine Romanowicz.

Surviving are three sisters, Virginia Beck of Piscataway, Frances Rossi of Green Brook and Marion Celentano of Edison and two brothers, Alexander Pendolino and wife Irene and Eugene Pendolino of Pennsylvania. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

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

Maria Eugenia (Fusco) Falsetta, 70

Maria Eugenia (Fusco) Falsetta died on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at Haven Hospice located within JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., she lived in Long Island for several years before moving to South Plainfield to be with her family a few years ago.

Maria retired in 2006 from the New York School District where she was employed as an administrator.

She loved gardening, spending time with her family and was often found dancing and going to garage sales and flea markets.

Maria leaves behind her mother, Helen (Sardo) Fusco of Green Brook; three children, Steven D. Livengood and Laurel Tobin and husband Wayne, all of South Plainfield, and Diane Vodsarik of Edison. She also leaves behind her friend, her cat Gabby.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, The New Jersey Chapter, 14 Commerce Drive, Suite 301, Cranford, N.J. 07016 or to Christ of King Anglican, P.O. Box 1657, St. Augustine, Fla. 32085.

Bernice L. (Lapp) Squier, 92

Bernice L. (Lapp) Squier passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in North Plainfield, she graduated from the former Penn Hall School in Pennsylvania and attended New York University. She settled in South Plainfield in 1950.

Bernice has been a member of the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield since 1930.

She was a homemaker for most of her life and a very modest and humble woman who enjoyed swimming. Her abilities as a swimmer earned her a spot in the 1936 Olympics as a member of the US Women's Swim Team, winning the Bronze Medal in the relay event.

Predeceased by her husband, John, who died in 1971, she is survived by two daughters, Nancy Squier of South Plainfield and Peggy Bunnell and husband Jeffrey of North Plainfield; a granddaughter, Susan Jackson and husband Erik; and by two dear great-grandchildren, Connor and Kaelynn.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18 at 11 a.m. in the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. A reception will follow services in the parish hall.

Private funeral and burial services were held in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Living Memorial Fund of the WAPC.

Walter H. Heer, Jr., 82

Walter H. Heer, Jr. died on Tuesday, Sept. 7 at Care One-The Highlands in Edison.

Born in Edgewood, Pa., Mr. Heer was raised in Wilkesburg, Pa. and was a resident of South Plainfield since 1956.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1951. Walter was a member of the Pitt Alumni Association and an avid sports fan, primarily of Pitt Football.

Walter worked as a salesman for Appleton Electric Co. in Long Island City prior to his retirement.

He was a long time active member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in

South Plainfield, sang in the church choir, and was a member of the church council and served as their financial secretary.

He was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Predeceased by his wife, Joan (Brown) Heer who died in 2007, Walter is survived by three daughters, Joyce Keller and husband Don of Oakhurst, Christy Wagner and husband Dave of Perkasi, Pa., and Sandy Buck and husband Bob of South Plainfield; a son, Rick Heer and wife Diane of Feeding Hills, Ma.; 11 grandchildren, Jonathan Keller and wife Allyson, Kristin Heyser and husband Chip, Suzanne, Brian and wife Becky, Kelly, and Andrew Wagner, Caitlin and Tyler Heer, and Michael, Kyle and Adam Buck; and six great-grandchildren, Abby, Anna, Danielle and Melissa Keller and Alex and Jillian Heyser.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Sept. 19 at 12:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield.

Funeral services are under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Walter's name to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Anne (Acocella) Chirichillo, 90

Anne (Acocella) Chirichillo died on Saturday, Sept. 11 in South Plainfield.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, Anne resided in Roselle for many years.

She worked as a seamstress and later became a supervisor for the former Elizabeth Shirt Co. in Elizabeth.

Mrs. Chirichillo was a lifelong member of St. Anthony Padua Church in Elizabeth and she was also active with the Altar Rosary Society.

In addition, Anne was devoted to her entire family.

She is predeceased by her husband, Frank, who died in 2001, and by three brothers.

Surviving is a son, Frank and wife Laura of South Plainfield; two sisters, Nancy Marczak of Linden and Rose Previte of Leesburg, Va.; three

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From the Republicans

OPINION

Now's Not the Time to Surrender To More Apartments

In the wake of a recent proposal to add 700 apartments along New Brunswick Avenue by Harris Steel, Councilmen Matt Anesh, Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak are saying now is not the time to give up.

"We need to draw a line in the sand," said Anesh, who is running for mayor. "If elected mayor I will do everything I can to fight for our residents, who I know don't want to see 700 more apartments in South Plainfield."

These types of projects hurt our small town atmosphere, according to Rusnak, who is seeking reelection. "They flood our schools with new kids and strain our emergency services, like police, fire and rescue squad."

The Republicans pointed to a long history of opposing these types of

huge projects. For instance, back in 2005 the all-Democrat council rezoned the Tingley Rubber property for several hundred units of age-restricted housing.

"We told the council it was a bad idea," explained Anesh. "Residents opposed the plan, and we told them the developer would eventually come back looking to remove the age restrictions."

"As usual, the Democrats wouldn't listen," added McConville. "But just as predicted, the developer (big-time Democrat contributor Jack Morris) came back and got the age restrictions removed."

"We weren't able to stop them when it came to the Tingley project because the council was all Demo-

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From the Democrats

OPINION

Keeping Trucks Off Hamilton Blvd. Is an Example of Straight, Honest Talk

Democratic candidate for mayor Mike English along with council candidates Jeff Williams and John Sorrentino used the completion of the New Market Avenue truck bypass as a great example of the difference between straight, honest talk and political baloney. Mike English commented: "Back in 2007 Mayor Butrico and the Democrats on the council promised to take trucks off Hamilton Boulevard. The Republicans, led by Matt Anesh, opposed taking trucks off the Boulevard. In fact in 2008 the Republican Majority led by Mr. Anesh and his running-mates Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak passed an ordinance to return trucks to the boulevard. They even went so far as to petition the county and the state to overrule the mayor's

plan to keep trucks off. It is only because of Mayor Butrico's veto of the ordinance that trucks did not return. If the Democrats did not take back the council in 2008 trucks would be rolling down Hamilton Boulevard today. Now that he's running for mayor, Mr. Anesh and his running-mates, McConville and Rusnak, are acting like they supported the project. That is the definition of double talk. It is no wonder that people are sick of politics."

Jeff Williams expanded on Mike English's comments: "The English team believes in straight, honest talk. The challenge of keeping trucks off Hamilton Boulevard is not over. The bypass which opened last week is only Phase I. Under Mayor Butrico's

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grandchildren, Susan Tangiers and husband Richard of Ellicott City, Md., Frank Chirichillo and wife Stephanie of Manahawkin and Michael Chirichillo of Austin, Texas; and four great-grandchildren, Richard and Tyler Tangiers and Catherine and Christine Chirichillo.

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

Terry D. Jamieson

Terry D. Jamieson entered into eternal life on Thursday, Sept. 9.

Born and raised in Windsor, Ontario, Terry moved to New Jersey in 1962 and later relocated to Delaware for his career six years ago.

Having served in the United States Navy, Terry served two years active duty on the USS Graham County LST1176 out of Portsmouth, Va. and was honorably discharged as a seaman.

He retired from General Motors two years ago as a skilled trades welder.

He was a true family man who loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed gardening, crossword puzzles and landscaping, had a passion for detailing his high end autos and was a huge sports fan, especially the New York Rangers and New York Giants.

He was a wonderful father and grandfather and Terry will be missed by all who knew him.

Terry is survived by four beautiful children and their spouses, Christine Nafziger (Richard) of Toms River, Suzanne Shaw (Jarrath) of High Bridge, David Jamieson (Lisa) of Middlesex and Jeffrey Jamieson (Annette) of Little Ferry; eight adored grandchildren; and by his former wife, Sylvia Jamieson-Reilly of Annandale.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Raymond E. Cuneo

Raymond E. Cuneo passed away on Saturday, Sept. 11.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. on February 17, 1921 to his late parents, Peter and Rose, he was the youngest of 10 children and was the only surviving family member.

Raymond was honorably discharged from the United States Army having served in World War II as a medical supply soldier in India. After returning from the service, he married Eileen Kearns of Troy, N.Y. in 1948. He moved to South Plainfield in 1954 and then to Piscataway in 1964. He also lived in Readington and at Lake Packan in the Poconos in Hawley, Pa. before moving to Lakewood in 2001.

Raymond worked most of his career as a stationery supply salesman for Boorum and Pease Company of Elizabeth. He was an avid fisherman and enjoyed ballroom dancing

throughout his life.

Eileen passed away in 1964 and a son, Peter, passed away in 1970.

Raymond is survived by four children, Raymond Jr. of Asbury Park, Paula Faro of Haddonfield, Christopher Cuneo of Middlesex and Mary Ellen Cuneo of Piscataway; and by three grandchildren, Jacob, Daniel and Katiana. He later married Mildred Bartolo in 1965.

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

Eleanor "Nor" Riorden, 94

Eleanor "Nor" Riorden passed away on Sunday, Sept. 12 in her home after a brief illness.

Born in Harrison, Mrs. Riorden resided in Livingston and South Plainfield before moving to Conway, S.C. in 2006.

Eleanor was an avid gardener and worked at Forbes Garden Center in East Hanover for many years.

Upon moving to South Plainfield she became a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and the Caring and Sharing Organization of

Sacred Heart RC Church where she was an active parishioner.

She is predeceased by her husband, Edward.

Surviving is a daughter and son-in-law, Maryellen and Hank Grabarz of Conway, S.C.

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

Donations in Eleanor's memory may be made to Agapé Hospice, 223 Laurel Street, Conway, S.C. 29526.

Christine "Tillie" Caravello, 77

Christine "Tillie" Caravello died on Sunday, Sept. 12 at home surrounded by her loving children, family and friends.

Born in Hudson, Pa., she lived in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield in 1960.

She was employed at the former Lakeside Restaurant for many years and was also formerly employed by the Med Tech Group.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

She is predeceased by a son, Michael; a brother, Joseph and two sisters, Helen and Eleanor.

Surviving are two children, Patricia Caravello and Harold Caravello and wife Jill; a granddaughter, Wenoa and husband Bryn; a great-grandson, Dylan Michael; a sister, Emily Sempervire; a daughter-in-law, Dr. Michelle Caravello and many nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08820.

From the Democrats

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plan, Phase II will connect New Market Avenue with Belmont Avenue. In addition, former Mayor English is the chair of the truck bypass committee which will be meeting next week with the DEP to obtain permission to extend Hollywood Avenue to Metuchen Road. When these two projects are completed the truck issue will be permanently resolved. Mike English, John Sorrentino and I support both projects and we will work to have them completed—no fine print—just straight, honest talk!"

John Sorrentino summed up the

Democrats philosophy saying: "Mike, Jeff and I trust people. We think that our residents deserve the straight, honest truth. We won't say we are for something during election and then oppose it after we are sworn in. The Republican act concerning keeping trucks off Hamilton Boulevard is really disturbing. I live on the south side and let me tell you something: If Mike English is mayor and Jeff and I are members of the council, trucks will never be permitted on Hamilton Boulevard. That's called straight, honest talk."

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Iceberg Lettuce	Romaine Lettuce	Green Leaf Lettuce	Vine Ripe Tomatoes	Red & Green Bell Peppers	Green & Yellow Squash
2 ^{hd.} \$1 ⁵⁰	2 ^{hd.} \$1 ⁵⁰	2 ^{hd.} \$1 ⁵⁰	79¢ ^{lb.}	79¢ ^{lb.}	39¢ ^{lb.}

1 doz. extra large Eggs	Bosc Pears	Carving Pumpkins	We also have Gourds, Indian Corn, Caramel and Candy Apples!	Pecorino Romano Cheese	Boar's Head Pepperoni Pouch
99¢ ^{dozen}	89¢ ^{lb.}	29¢ ^{lb.}		\$5 ⁴⁹ ^{lb.}	2/\$5 ⁰⁰

Boar's Head Ever-Roast Chicken	Boar's Head American Cheese	Boar's Head Low-salt Ham	Boar's Head London Broil	Boar's Head Combo 2/3 lb. Honey Maple Turkey 1/3 lb. Swiss Cheese
\$5.99 ^{lb.}	\$3.99 ^{lb.}	\$5.99 ^{lb.}	\$7.99 ^{lb.}	\$6.99 ^{lb.}

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