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## Resident Struck, Killed Sitting in Spring Lake Park

Driver Cites Vehicle Malfunction as Accident Cause



Shirley Boguski

South Plainfield resident Shirley Boguski, 86, was struck by a motor vehicle in Spring Lake Park last Thursday morning while she sat in a lawn chair south of the parking area near Pearl Place. She was dragged about 20 feet across the grass.

Boguski frequented the park daily to

watch people and enjoy the outdoors.

Ty Nguyen, 74, also of South Plainfield, operating a 1996 Toyota, jumped the curb in the parking lot and struck Boguski, who suffered multiple devastating injuries. She was transported via NJ State Police Northstar Medevac Helicopter to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick and died a short time later.

Nguyen reported that his vehicle had malfunctioned after being serviced, and that it accelerated suddenly as he was exiting the parking lot.

The vehicle was impounded for a full mechanical inspection. No charges have been filed and the investigation is continuing.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Officer Peter Magnani at (908) 226-7678 or Detective Vincent Campagna at (908) 226-7669.



Members of the South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee present \$500 checks to the fire department and rescue squad at the September 4 council meeting. The donations were from the vendors that participated in the Labor Day festivities. Pictured are (L-R) Deputy Fire Chief John Mocharski, Rescue Squad Deputy Chief Johnathan Schurr, Debbie Boyle, Councilman Rob Bengivenga, Stephanie Bartfalvi, Debra Leporino, Councilman Derryck White and John Sorrentino.

## Dems Bow Out of Council Debate

The *South Plainfield Observer* and the South Plainfield Business Association will co-sponsor the Borough Council candidates debate at a "Meet the Candidates" event on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Six candidates are running for two open seats on the borough council; however, only four of the six candidates will participate in the debate. Republicans Rob Bengivenga and Richard "Dick" Frank and Independents Paul McCullen and Patricia "Pat" DeSantis will be on hand to discuss the issues.

Democratic Chairman Vinnie Buttiglieri has informed the *Observer* that Democrats Franky Salerno and C.J. Diana will not participate in the debate. "I will not allow them [Salerno and Diana] to be subject to the negative attacks that the Republicans are spewing. The people deserve better," he said. When asked to reconsider the decision, Buttiglieri declined.

The candidates participating in the debate were quick to respond to the Democrats' decision.

Independent Paul McCullen com-

mented, "It is disappointing that at a time when there are many issues important to this community they have decided they are above us all and can't be bothered."

According to the "Meet the Candidates" organizers, the debates offer a unique forum that allows voters to hear firsthand the candidates' positions on local issues and will take place with or without the Democratic candidates' participation.

Speaking on behalf of the Republican candidates, Councilman Rob Bengivenga said, "I'm disappointed personally, but I'm also disappointed because residents' questions will go unanswered. If Salerno and Diana were serious candidates, they'd debate us."

"I am disappointed to hear the Democrats are not participating in the

debates. The debate is an opportunity for the residents to hear our ideas on how to move South Plainfield forward. I personally look forward to the opportunity to share my views with the residents," said Independent candidate Pat DeSantis.

Residents can submit their questions for the candidates to the *Observer* prior to the debate by emailing them to spobserv@comcast.net or they can be submitted the evening of the debate. Each candidate will make an opening statement, after which the moderator will decide which questions will be asked and in what order.

Meet the Candidates on October 17 will be the sole opportunity prior to Election Day for candidates to debate and explicate their positions on relevant issues affecting South Plainfield.

### PROPERTY OWNERS:

Please be advised that the reconciled fourth quarter tax bills will be mailed the week of September 24. The fourth quarter payment is due November 1 and the last day to pay without penalty is November 12. Please note: The first and second installments of 2013 are also included on this bill. The due date for the 1st quarter is February 1, 2013 and for the second quarter, May 1, 2013.



Board of Education Attorney Marc Zitomer administers the oath of office to Pio Pennisi, who is sworn in as a board member, replacing Debbie Boyle who resigned in July.

## Licato Honored at Wish Upon a Hero Night

Middle School eighth grade student Tommy Licato was honored at Wish Upon a Hero Night at the Somerset Patriots game at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater on September 12.

The wish was granted that evening by resident Jill Pavel, whose son, Cory Singer, also suffers from Tourette Syndrome. Tommy's mother, Karen, had submitted his name to the Wish Upon A Hero foundation and he received tickets to the Broadway show, *Newsies*, along with lunch. Cory also sang the National Anthem at the game.

Cory is also the Wish Upon A Hero foundation's national spokesperson

for Asperger's Syndrome and Autism.

Mayor Matt Anesh threw out the first pitch and presented Tommy with a proclamation from the borough naming September 12 Make a Wish Hero Day along with a letter from Councilman Derryck White.

In April, Tommy was sponsored by the Middle School PTO and the Knights of Columbus Squires to attend a conference in Washington, D.C. to be a spokesperson for Tourette Syndrome.

Middle School Principal Kevin Hajduk attended the game along with Curriculum Coordinator Paul Rafalowski and his wife and teacher, Michelle, and high school varsity cheerleaders Aleasia Brown, Nicole Jones, Danielle Palitto, Diamond Pender and Diana Pender.



(L-R) National Tourette Syndrome spokesperson Rachel Reed, National Aspergers/Autism spokesperson Cory Singer, Poster Child Kare Foundation Kyle Stolarz, Tommy Licato, SPHS Principal Dr. James Pedersen, Mayor Matt Anesh, CFO Glenn Cullen, WUAH Hero Director Ryan Rendfrey, Councilman Rob Bengivenga, WUAH National Event Director Jill Pavel and Somerset Patriots mascot Sparkee.



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## In My Opinion

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

### To the Editor:

My name is Michael Gregov and I am a candidate for the South Plainfield school board. I have lived in South Plainfield for the past five years, and have been a New Jersey resident for the last 33 years. I am married with one child, a little boy, who I hope to someday send to the wonderful schools in our town. The education system in New Jersey is one of the best in the nation, but it is flawed in a great many ways. School budgets are out of control, principals being forced to cut programs and teachers instead of reigning in spending. These, among many other things, need to be changed. By running for a position on the school board, I hope to convince others we need to make these changes and put this town back on the right path.

I am not naive enough to believe that things will change overnight. My goal is to be the voice of common sense and reason, and a loud voice I will be. If I feel the BOE is not doing what is in the best interest of the town and its children, I will get the word out. With the Internet, Facebook and Twitter, there is no place for people to hide.

The people I speak to on a daily basis do not trust our school board. They believe the BOE is not doing what is best for the town or its children. Many also feel that the BOE does not really want to hear the opinions of the public and would rather tell us what to do instead of trying to work with us. That is something I will fight to change. Elected officials, whether they be the school board, town council or mayor, work for the people and should listen to their opinions, even if we disagree with them.

Let me tell you some of the things I will support should you elect me to the BOE.

1. I will support giving back the money owed to the town for tax appeals. After all, the BOE is responsible for 57% of the taxes. It is only fair they should pay back the money owed.

2. I will encourage principals to use common sense when looking at acts of bullying. Sometimes these incidents are just boys being boys or girls being girls. We need to raise a generation of children that will grow into self-sufficient adults, who can handle themselves in the real world. I feel we are currently going in the opposite direction, where we are teaching today's

kids that it is acceptable to have other people solve your problems for you. That to me is not acceptable.

3. I firmly believe parents need to be involved in their child's education. It is a known fact that if the parents show an interest in their child's education, the child will be more likely to succeed. This does not mean that the parents should expect special treatment for their child, just because their child is a star athlete or an honor student. All students should be treated equally, no exceptions. What it means is that parents need to ask questions, and show interest in what their child is doing in the classroom. For example, if a parent sees a child is struggling in math, which a lot of children do, and the parent is unable to help, they need to contact the teacher and arrange a meeting, where they can try to figure out the best course of action. Teachers also need to be encouraged to speak with the parents as much as possible, especially for struggling students.

I will admit I am not a financial guru by any stretch, but I believe my experience in the corporate world has taught me that you cannot spend more money than you bring in. If you do, your company will not be around very long. I have also learned how to reduce spending and use the resources we do have, more efficiently. I believe many of these principles can be used in the public sector as well.

For those of you who want to know more or have any questions you want to ask, simply email me at michael.gregov@gmail.com or come to candidates night on October 8 and ask them in person. I will do my best to answer it.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT,  
MICHAEL GREGOV**

### Dear Editor,

I could not believe my eyes after reading last week's *Observer*. In it, council candidate Franky Salerno and his friends and family basically said that his track record as a councilman

is off limits and we're not allowed to discuss it. Let me get this straight:

We're not allowed to talk about how he missed a third of the meetings for two solid years?

We're not allowed to talk about how he never sponsored a single piece of legislation or how he sat there during discussions on the issues?

We're not allowed to talk about how he was nowhere to be found when he was responsible for public works and the town was going through emergencies like floods, blizzards and a hurricane?

We're not allowed to talk about how he voted to raise taxes \$404 in one year?

We're not allowed to talk about how he never attended a single budget work session?

What can be more relevant than a candidate's track record? Granted, Salerno may not feel comfortable discussing his record (I'd be uncomfortable too if I had that type of history as an elected official). But he's a candidate for public office. That being the case, we, as members of the public, have a right to scrutinize his past performance when deciding whether he is a serious candidate or whether to vote for him. If he doesn't like that, he should not be running.

**KENNETH BONANNO**

### Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Wish Upon A Hero (WUAH) foundation, I would like to thank the following people from South Plainfield for helping make our wish grant at the Somerset Patriots game a success:

Mayor Matt Anesh, for throwing a strike on his honorary first pitch and for the proclamations he made to Cory Singer and Tommy Licato; Councilmen Rob Bengivenga and Derryck White; CFO Glenn Cullen, Debbie Boyle (who is our hero for introducing us to Tommy Licato), SPHS Principal Dr. James Pedersen and Middle School Principal Kevin Hajduk, who are heroes to our children everyday;

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and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Genco; the parents and students who came out to cheer Cory on and to celebrate Tommy; high school cheerleaders, Aleasia Brown, Nicole Jones, Danielle Palitto and Diamond and Diana Pender, for cheering all of us on; Teri Pileggi, for all of her help at the high school; all of the volunteers for the evening, Lisa Noble, Ellen Cusick and Rose Stolarz; Marjorie Reedy for announcing the event through the South Plainfield Business Association and the *Observer*; Nancy especially; we appreciate the acknowledgments.

Most of all thank you to WUAH National Spokesperson Cory Singer for having the courage to speak out about Aspergers. Cory has taught us all to "focus on your abilities, not your disabilities." Your rendition of The National Anthem made us all proud and congratulations on your new job as a staff singer for the Somerset Patriots.

Tommy Licato, thank you for inspiring us all to rise above challenges and for helping others with Tourette Syndrome. Tommy has accepted the position of Hero Club President at the middle school and will be mentored by Cory as they raise funds to grant a wish within our community. Hero Clubs will also be implemented

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**FYI** Borough Council & BOE Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 96 Mondays at 7 p.m. BOE meetings air on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*. (Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

### councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

<b>Agenda Meeting</b>	<b>Public Meeting</b>
Monday, October 1	Monday, October 1
Monday, October 15	Monday, October 15

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

### planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641  
Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

### zoningboardofadjustment

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641  
Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

### boardofeducation

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Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12  
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 6:30 p.m.) except where noted\* Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 19

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

The South Plainfield Public Library will start offering adult Crochet Class for Beginners in October. The classes will begin on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 10 a.m., continue on Saturday, Oct. 27 and then there will be two more in November. It is suggested that you attend all four sessions to become comfortable with the craft. Registration is required. The size of the class will be limited to allow individual instruction but the program is free.

The library is also starting a book club. The first meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. I will moderate the club, but all reading choices will be selected by the club members. I think for this club to be successful we need to read books in which everyone is interested. Therefore when you come to our meeting, please feel free to bring title suggestions.

Also, the second meeting of the History of Philosophy Lecture Series, a program concentrating on the Ancient Near East, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. Registration is required.

Every month our patrons check out between 250 and 300 e-books and audio-books through our website, [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). On the right hand side of the center line on the website there is a link for eLibrary/downloads. This will take you to a page that includes not only audio and e-books, but also a link to our downloadable music database, Freegal. In terms of books, both eLibrary and Freeding have a diverse selection of materials; however, one of the big differences between the two databases is that Freeding has a more non-traditional selection of titles. While Freeding does include popular authors such as Sara Gruen and Robert Goolrick, it also has a large

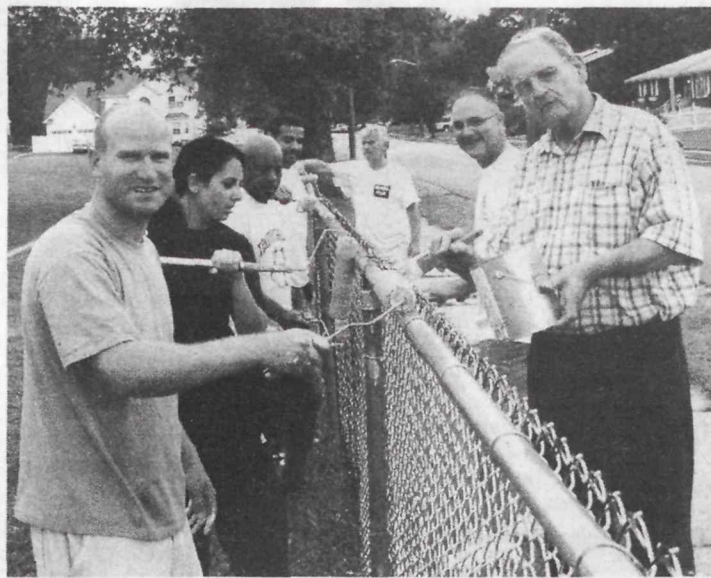
### Taste of South Plainfield Tickets Are Available

Tickets for the Taste of South Plainfield, scheduled for Friday, Oct. 12 at the Senior Center, can be purchased at the *Observer* office, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B. Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door.

selection of unusual biographies that would appeal to the *Fifty Shades of Grey* reader; self-help titles that range from romance to finance to humor. All titles can be searched through categories making it easy to find exactly what interests you. If you have any questions about any of our audio/e-book databases (or anything else) please feel free to contact the library. We are here to assist you.

Miss Mija and Miss Linda are finishing up their preparations for all their Fall/Winter programs which will be starting Tuesday, Oct. 2. You can check out all our children and adult programs on the calendar on our website. And, while we do not have any specific children's programs going on this week, Miss Linda and Miss Mija urge parents and care givers to continue visiting the library and checking out materials to share with the children.

We located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. across the parking lot from Borough Hall. For more information, call (908) 754-7885.



**Councilmen Rob Bengivenga, Dick Frank, Derryck White and Alex Barletta along with former Board of Education member Debbie Boyle, Stephanie Bartfalvi, Micky Martinez and Robert Bengivenga, Sr. paint the fence at Riley School on Cedarbrook Avenue. Residents in the area have complained about the condition of the fence and Bengivenga put together a group of volunteers to help restore it over the Labor Day weekend. Their efforts were cut short by a sudden thunderstorm. The project will be completed within the next few weeks. To volunteer your time, please contact Councilman Bengivenga at (908) 966-1491.**

## police report

### Correction

On August 2, Kester Clercent, Justin M. Claybrook, Errol V. Gayle and Jakim J. Benjamin were arrested at Kohls for shoplifting \$352 worth of jewelry, not Michael Camiola as reported. Camiola is the loss prevention manager for Kohls.

- On August 26 John H. Carter, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for lack of registration and insurance, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- Bryan S. Covington, 29, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and maintenance of lamps.

- Henry J. Pineda, 19, of Somerville was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance in a motor vehicle.

- Harrison A. Pineda, 18, of Somerville was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

- On August 28 Rodney A. Cromwell, 22, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, driving

on a suspended license and careless driving.

- Taylor M. Johnson, 20, of Scotch Plains was arrested for failure to wear a seatbelt and an outstanding warrant.

- On August 30 Scott R. Tarazona, 25, of Bridgewater was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, careless driving and failure to maintain lamps.

- Tina Jones, 25, of Brooklyn, N.Y. was arrested at Target for shoplifting \$1,605 worth of various items.

- On August 31 Vitran Express Inc. on Hollywood Avenue reported the theft of a 46" flat screen TV from their loading dock.

- Travis V. Poyotte-Johnson, 22, of Piscataway was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance in a motor vehicle and speeding.

- Roderick T. Baines, 24, of Englewood was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

- On September 1 Fausto Marmolejos, 27, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled

substance and possession of a controlled substance in a motor vehicle.

- Rodney M. Chavis, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

- On September 2 Benny Rouland, 43, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, driving on a suspended license, speeding, driving on an expired license and failure to maintain a lane.

- Bernard L. Jennings, 55, of

## Meet the BOE Candidates Night Oct. 8

The South Plainfield Education Foundation will be sponsoring this year's Board of Education (BOE) Meet the Candidates Night which will be held on Monday, Oct. 8 at Kennedy School beginning at 7 p.m.

The three incumbents running for reelection for another three-year term are Board President Jim Giannakis, Carol Byrne and Bill Seesselberg. Both Giannakis and Byrne are multi-term veterans. This was Seesselberg's first term. All three candidates ran unopposed three years ago.

Former Board President Jeff Seider is running for another three-year term this year. He had previously served on the board from 1999 through 2001. Steve Bohn, a previous board member, is also running for a seat.

Michael Gregov, who ran last year and was defeated, is running in this year's election.

The newcomer running for a board seat is Kimberly DeAngelis Anesh, wife of Mayor Matt Anesh.

Also on the Tuesday, Nov. 6 ballot is the seat for the one-year unexpired term of former Board Vice President Debbie Boyle, who resigned in July. Looking to fill that seat will be newcomer Michael Hamburg and Boyle herself. According to Boyle, the board's attorney advised her that she is eligible to run in the November election.

Bill Cochran will be the moderator for the evening, and will take questions from audience members. Light refreshments will be served.

Board members who are successful on Election Day will take office at the BOE Reorganization Meeting in January.

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### SENIOR CENTER Calendar

#### SENIOR PICNIC— 12 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26

Cost of \$12 includes hamburgers, hotdogs, chicken, sausage and peppers, salads, iced tea, dessert, coffee, tea and music. Sign up at Senior Center.

#### MONDAYS

Zumba Gold ..... 9:30-10:30 am  
Crocheting ..... 9:30-11:30 am  
Yoga ..... 10:30 am  
Art Class ..... 11:30 am

#### TUESDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm  
Ladies Social Group ..... 10 am

#### WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class ..... 8:45 am  
Line Dancing ..... 10 am  
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm  
Crocheting ..... 1 pm  
Tai Chi ..... 2 pm

#### THURSDAYS

Active Seniors ..... 9:00 am  
Crafts Class ..... 10 am  
Computer.. 10, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

#### FRIDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.  
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### American Legion Flea Market

September 22

The American Legion Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., will host a flea market on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Open to the public.

Members tables for \$10, non-members \$20. Non-members can bring own table for \$15. Call (908) 403-4292 if interested in renting a table.

### Rescue Squad Comedy Night

September 23

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad is hosting a fundraiser at the Stress Factory in New Brunswick on Sunday, Sept. 23. Doors open 5:30 p.m.; show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$35; includes dinner and show. Purchase tickets at the squad building Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. or at the door.

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Community Events to:**  
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For more information, call (908) 917-7920.

### Knights of Columbus Annual Mum Sale

September 22, 23, 29, 30  
October 6, 7, 13, 14

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 ninth annual fall mum sale will be held the following weekends: September 22 and 23, September 29 and 30, October 6 and 7 and October 13 and 14.

Mums in various colors will be on sale at the Rescue Squad, 2506 Plainfield Ave. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Prices are \$7 for 8-inch pots and \$25 for large pots. This fundraiser supports the Knights various charitable works.

### Wednesday at 7 Meet & Greet

October 2

Grow your business with Wednesday at 7 Networking Meet and Greet on Tuesday, Oct. 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Paulo's BBQ, 2341 Plainfield Ave. Refreshments will be served. Bring

your business cards; door prizes.

For more information, call Jill Pavel at (732) 423-7727.

### Medicare Presentation At the Senior Center

October 5

A free no obligation Medicare presentation will be held on Friday, Oct. 5 at 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Explore your Medicare Advantage, Supplement and Prescription Part D plan options for this year's annual election period (October 15-December 7). Information and applications will be available. Presented by Catherine M. Pegeron.

For more information and to sign up, call (908) 754-1047.

### Annual Buddy Walk

October 6

The ninth annual Buddy Walk of South Plainfield will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6 at Putnam Park. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10 for adults (13 and over); kids are \$5. There will be a DJ, raffles, face painting, other kids activities and lunch.

For more information, call (908) 531-5100.

### Mayor's Annual Health & Safety Fair

October 13

The Mayor's Wellness Committee, in conjunction with St. Peter's Healthcare System, will present the second annual Family Health & Safety Fair on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The event will feature free health screenings, and the launch of the kickoff of "The Biggest Loser South Plainfield" contest. The day will also include entertainment, face painting, glitter tattoos, giveaways and prizes.

For more information, visit [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com).

### Irish Wake Show

November 5

The Senior Center is planning a trip to the Irish Wake Show on Monday, Nov. 5 at Doolans in Spring Lake. Bus leaves at 10 a.m. and returns at 5 p.m. Cost: \$68pp; lunch with open

bar. Registration required.

Sign up at the senior center or call Grace at (908) 754-1047. Must sign up by October 1.

### — Out of Town —

### Free Bridge Lessons

September 24

Essex Bridge Center, located upstairs in the VFW Post #2856, 95 W. Mt. Pleasant Ave. in Livingston, will be offering beginning bridge lessons starting Monday, Sept. 24. The morning session will be held from 9:10-11:40 a.m.; evening session from 6:30-9 p.m. The first six lessons are free. No partner necessary. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (973) 535-9262 or visit [www.essexbridgecenter.com](http://www.essexbridgecenter.com).

### Temple Shalom High Holy Day

September 26

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located at the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, invites members of the community to free, family-oriented religious services on Yom Kippur, Wednesday, Sept. 26.

A young family service will be held at 10 a.m. and a family Torah service will be held at 2 p.m. in the main sanctuary.

RSVP to (908) 889-4900 or email [office@sholomnj.org](mailto:office@sholomnj.org).

### Blackrose to Perform

September 29

Blackrose, the band, playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will be performing at Rugs & Riffy's Bar and Grill, 493 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 9 p.m. No cover charge.

### Singles Dance Party

September 29

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.

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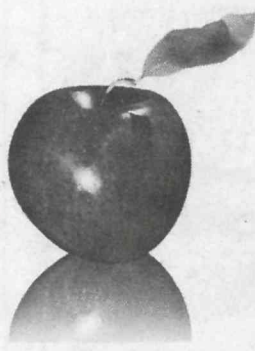
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## Temple Sholom Pray & Play

September 29

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, invites children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray & Play on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 10 a.m. Older siblings are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900.

## Fungus Fest 2012

September 30

The New Jersey Mycological Association will answer questions and more at Fungus Fest 2012 on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum in Morristown. Be prepared to have your eyes opened. Activities, mushroom books, field guides and mushroom arts and crafts will be available for purchase.

Free and open to the public, with a suggested donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for those under 16.

## Crescent Concerts

September 30

Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7th Street and Watchung Avenue in Plainfield, will open the season's Crescent Concerts series on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 3 p.m. with a recital featuring music by J.S. Bach, Bohm, Biery, Mendelssohn, Cook, Finzi and Franck.

## Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

September 30

Register for our biggest and most important fundraiser, The Central and South Jersey Race for the Cure, that will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30 at Six Flags Great Adventure.

Sign up today at [www.komensnj.org/raceforthecure](http://www.komensnj.org/raceforthecure).

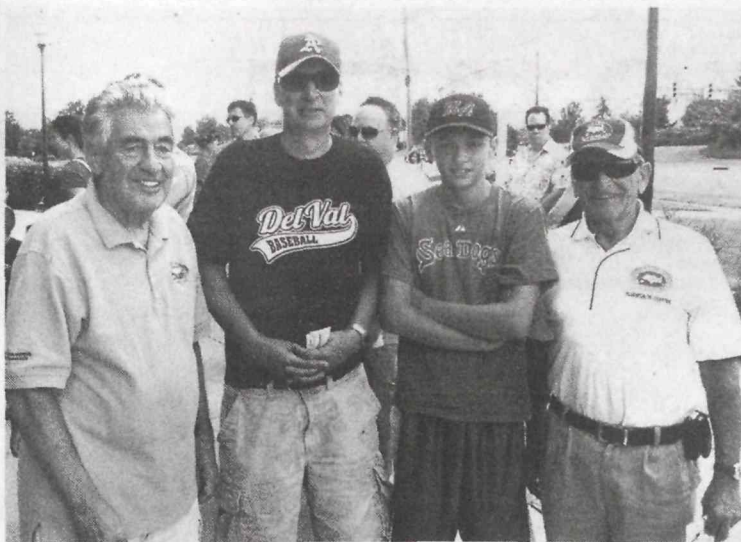
## St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group

October 1

St. Helen's Church Caregiver Support Group, for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones, will meet on Monday, Oct. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Informational and sharing sessions.

For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

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UNICO Past National President Renato Biribin and John DeAndrea, president of the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO, donated tickets to fans Paul and Sean Hanczaryk from Frenchtown so they could attend the game.

## UNICO District X at the Ball Game

Members of five chapters of UNICO District X, including Plainfields', Raritan, Hillsborough, Scotch Plains and Clark, attended a day out at the ballpark to see the Somerset Patriots baseball game in Bridgewater.

UNICO Past National President Renato Biribin and John DeAndrea, president of the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO, donated tickets to fans so they could attend the game, Paul and Sean Hanczaryk from Frenchtown. The Patriots are an independent baseball team in the Atlantic League.

UNICO National, the nation's largest Italian-American service organization, with local chapters throughout the United States, was founded in Waterbury, Conn. in 1922. Its volunteer members support charitable, educational and community service projects while promoting Italian heritage and combating negative stereotyping.

For more information or to join UNICO National, call (973) 808-0035 or visit [www.unico.org](http://www.unico.org).

## MCC Offices Open This Saturday

Students and future students who need enrollment services at the main campus of Middlesex County College may take advantage of special hours on Saturday, Sept. 22. Offices will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The college is located at 2600 Woodbridge Ave. in Edison.

"This is a convenience for adult students and others who might work during the day and find it easier to take care of enrollment procedures on Saturdays," said Marla Brinson, dean of enrollment and student support services.

"Students can come in and register for Fall II, a special concentrated semester that starts on September 24, or our seven-week classes that begin on October 29."

Offices that will be open on September 22 include the enrollment center, cashier's office, admissions, financial aid, the registrar's office, the testing center, counseling and career services, student activities, academic advisement and the college bookstore.

## Digital Sign Sponsors Needed

The South Plainfield Department of Public Works, the Boyle Memorial Foundation and the Borough of South Plainfield are supporting the purchase of a digital sign for the advertisement of events in South Plainfield. PSE&G will no longer allow any postings of events with the use of banners on PSE&G poles.

The financial support of service organizations is needed to purchase the sign. Individual donations are also welcome. The cost of the sign is approximately \$18,000.

The sign, which would be located at Borough Hall, would post events for the South Plainfield Fire Department, First Aid Squad, Soccer Club, Pop Warner, Pop Warner Cheerleading, Junior Baseball Club,

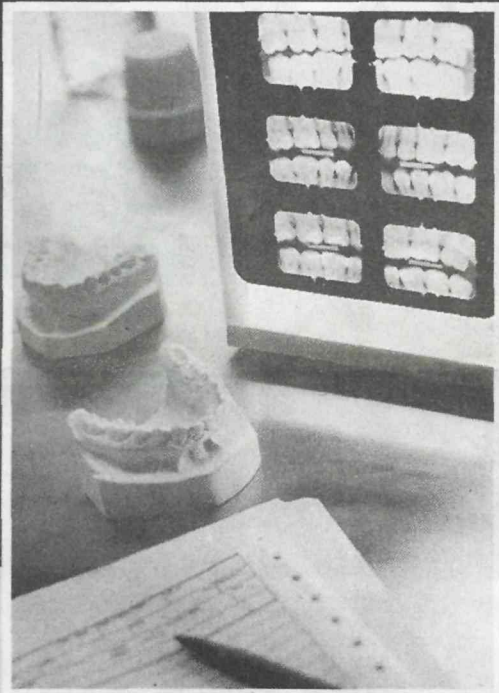
church events, Knights of Columbus, Elks, American Legion, veterans associations, Athletic Booster Club, Music Boosters Club, drama and musical events, UNICO, the Italian-American Club, Lions club, etc.

The sign would be a great way to advertise any upcoming event in South Plainfield. Please help make this a reality.

Donations, starting at \$100 and up, can be made to the Borough of South Plainfield.

For more information, contact Robert Capparelli, Public Works general supervisor, at (732) 684-7938 or Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573.

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Scenes from the 55th Annual Labor Day Parade



See next week's issue for Labor Day 5K Run Race Results & 1.5 Mile Family Walk





Menlo Park Veterans Home residents (left) enjoy the festivities at the Elk's picnic. A toddler (right) mans the fire hose.



## Menlo Park Vets are Guests at Elks Picnic

By Patricia Abbott

The Elks, joined by members of the community, enjoyed the Elk's annual picnic on September 1. The event offered something for everyone—horseshoe competition, a deejay, kiddie games, or just relaxing under the tents set up on the lawn.

The highlight of the day was the huge array of food available. There

was also a special kiddie buffet with macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets, tater tots and watermelon. The children's food was cooked by member Cynthia Freund. The food was donated by Elks members. Al Mateyka and Kenny Purcell manned the grill.

Volunteering in the kitchen and buffet table were Sharon Reuter, Eileen Uken, Joe Czech and John

Shuleski. Jennifer Ocsack and Barbara Muller organized and supervised the kiddie carnival activities, including a hula hoop contest, duck fishing, a goldfish contest, limbo stick contest, spin art, hoop shoot, musical chairs, soccer shoot and a bouncy house.

The Piscataway Fire Department brought their house on fire and let the kids man the hose. Adults joined in with the egg toss and water balloons. A member of the Piscataway Elks Lodge dressed in a clown costume entertained the crowd.

A horseshoe tournament continued for a good part of the day. This year's winners were Dan Uken and Joe JOE Neverowicz.

Approximately 120 people were in attendance. Elks member Lou Peralta arranged to host 15 veterans from the Menlo Park Veterans Home bused to the event.

The picnic was organized by 10 members of the Elks headed by Dan Uken. The South Plainfield Elks have been holding the picnic for 48 years.



Student chefs pose with Bailey, who came to sample some of the delicacies.

## Youngsters Learn to Cook At Bailey's Bistro

Six children participated this summer in the cooking class, Bailey's Bistro, held at Pilgrim Covenant Church. The program is named for a dog, Bailey Sienkiewski, a six year-old puggle (beagle and pug mix) who enjoys eating various cuisines. Each week was devoted to a different mealtime: breakfast, lunch and dinner. The final week the children prepared snacks... for humans and dogs!

At the last class, Bailey came to meet the chefs and sample some of their homemade dog biscuits. In addition to teaching cooking and baking skills, classes incorporated nutrition, kitchen/food safety, basic math skills, fine motor skills and teamwork. The children were able to taste food in class, and bring home

leftovers and recipes.

Pilgrim Covenant Church, in partnership with Three Bridges LLC, will present Bailey's Bistro again on Wednesdays beginning in October. Classes are offered at various times for pre-schoolers, children ages five to eight and ages nine to 12. The theme for the upcoming session is "Autumn Harvest." The children will be creating recipes celebrating fall and Halloween.

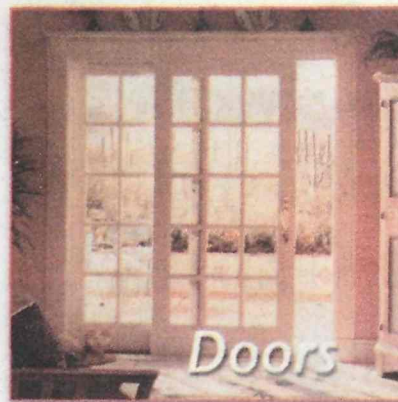
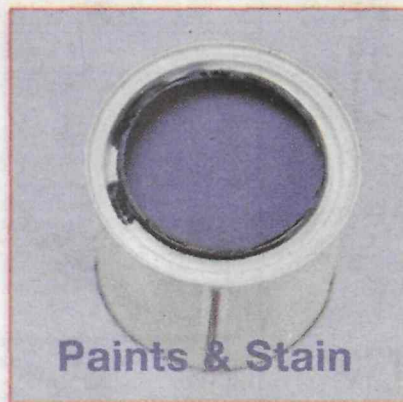
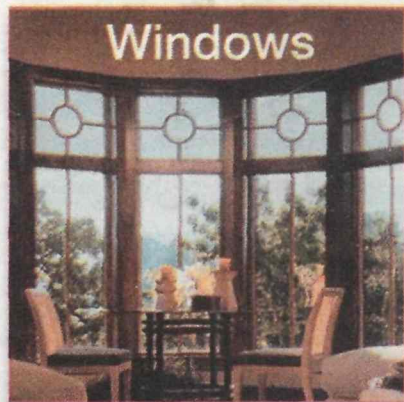
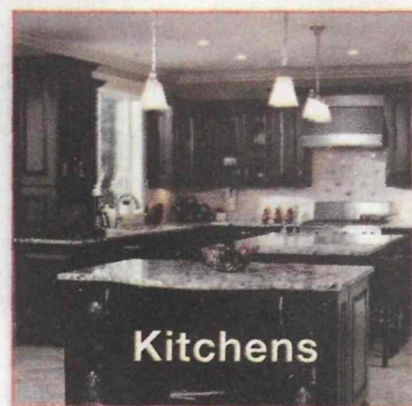
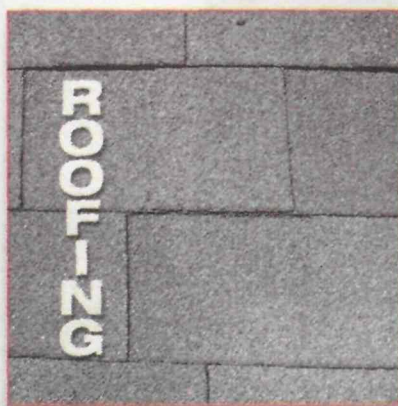
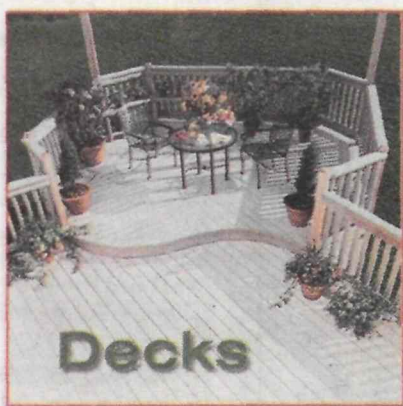
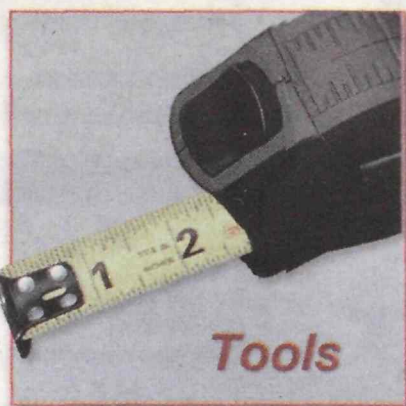
Student chefs were Adam Casagilli, Rabecca Meregildo, Jaimee Meregildo, Jake Aiello, Lydia Adams and Gabriella Ettore. Teachers were Chris Sienkiewski, Rosie Bayak and Gina Birath. Volunteers were Eileen Notte and Rebecca Birath.



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# SPORTS



(L-R) South Plainfield High School Head Soccer Coach Anthony Perfilio, 2012 graduate Samuel Tejada and Assistant Coach Jae Han received Professional Atlético-Choloma Soccer Jerseys-1st Division-Honduras, from Tejada and Edwin Molina (2011 SPHS graduate, not pictured) who are the first players in the history of South Plainfield High School to play for a professional soccer team. Congratulations to the Tejada and Molina families on this prestigious accomplishment.

## Opening Weekend at the Soccer Association

The South Plainfield Soccer Association kicked off opening weekend with great weather and even better play. Congrats to all of the teams that played this weekend. Here are some of the highlights:

**U8 Express**—The U8 Express boys continues their excellent play away from home. After competing very well in their first four games as a new team the previous week in the Piscataway Fall Classic Tournament, they opened their league season on September 15 against Aberdeen-Matawan Inferno. The boys represented South Plainfield very well by having fun and demonstrating great sportsmanship. Team Express was able to secure time of possession in the game thanks to tireless pursuit of the ball by the midfielders, great containment and clearance skills by the defenders, awareness and readiness by the goalkeepers and smart penetrating plays by the wingers and strikers. Although Inferno proved to be tenacious, almost impenetrable in defense, Team Express was able to break the tie in the second half. Overall an excellent team effort.

Their hard preparation work to get off to a good start this season is paying off. Players are Karol Wojewodka, Louis DeBenedictis, Andrew Loniewski, Robert Barrios, Luis Samayoa, Anthony Cortese, Noah Santos, Tommy Smiljanic, John Michael Danks, Keagan Edmondson, Colin Droge, Kurtis Blouin, Bobby White and Lucas Amato.

Coaches are Ed Amato, John Cortese, John DeBenedictis, David Loniewski and Peter Santos.

**U10 Fury**—The U10 Fury girls came to play with energy and focus from the opening whistle. They were able to control the ball in the offensive end during the first quarter, but Highland Park did not falter. In the second quarter, Delaney Born struck for the first goal of the season and that propelled the Fury. A second goal from Delaney made it 2-0 and Alexis Robinson put the nail in the coffin with her first goal and a 3-0 victory. The girls rallied together as a total team effort was on display for all to see. Spectacular goalkeeping from Courtney Nagy and Tori Euston, challenging defense from Nadia Blouin, Gianna Glover and Lena Parlapiano. Stellar ball control from Olivia Olano and Amanda Yuill, providing a precise offense was Lauren Hutchison, Olivia Ardito, Alexis Robinson and Delaney Born.

**U11 Sharks**—The U11 Shark boys showed spirit and pride with a hard fought game against Woodbridge Barcelona. The boys ended in a 1-1 tie after staying tough. Great job guys!

—Submitted by Kathleen Smith



Sujan Singh Puar proudly shows off his three gold medals won at the New Jersey Senior Olympics held September 7-9 in Woodbridge. He won in the long jump, 1500M run and 1500M walk events. Congratulations!

## Golden Tee RESULTS

Chico Perez came in first, Bob Pero second and Dale Dube third in the Stableford Tournament held at the Plainfield West Nine on August 30.

In the Callaway event held September 12, prizes were awarded to Herb Bradley for first place, Rich Santigiamo for second and Bob Bender for third.

Tournaments are held each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Bill Castner, PGA professional, at (908) 769-3672.

## SPHS South Plainfield High School SPORTS SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

3:45pm Fr Football-Carteret (A) Bus 2:30pm  
5:30pm V Volleyball-Monroe JV/4pm (A) Bus 2:30pm  
7pm V Football-Carteret (H)

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

9:30am V Field Hockey-Sayreville JV/11am  
10am BV&JV Soccer-Woodbridge (A) Bus 8:15am  
1pm GV&JV Soccer-Bishop Ahr (H)

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

3:45pm JV Football-Carteret (A) Bus 2:30pm  
3:45pm V Field Hockey-E. Brunswick JV/5:15pm Bus 2:30pm  
4pm GV&JV Soccer-Somerville (A) Bus 2:30pm  
4pm BV&JV Soccer-Ridge (H)  
4pm GV Tennis-No. Brunswick (H)  
4pm Fr Field Hockey-E. Brunswick (H)  
5:30pm V Volleyball-Edison JV/4pm (H)

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

4pm B&GV Cross Country-Perth Amboy (A) Bus 2:30pm

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

4pm GV Tennis-Colonia (A) Bus 2:30pm

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

4pm GV&JV Soccer-Colonia (A) Bus 2:30pm  
4pm Fr Field Hockey-Ridge (H)  
4:30pm V Gymnastics-Piscataway (A) Bus 2:30pm  
6pm BV Soccer/JP Stevens JV/4pm Bus 2:30pm  
6pm V Field Hockey-Ridge (A) Bus 4:15pm

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

3:45pm BJV Soccer-Colonia (A) Bus 2:30pm  
3:45pm Fr Football-Woodbridge (H)  
3:45pm V Field Hockey-Piscataway JV/5:15pm (H)  
4pm GV Tennis-JFK (H)  
4pm GV&JV Soccer-Sayreville (H)  
5:30pm V Volleyball-Woodbridge JV/4pm (A) Bus 2:30pm  
7pm V Cheerleaders-Woodbridge (A) Bus 5:30pm  
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## LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

September 12, 2012—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on September 11, 2012.

A. Case # 747/Site-Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Block 149; Lot 27; R-15 Zone, 1734 Clinton Avenue. The applicant's request for (3) waivers and preliminary and final site plan approval in order to erect a memorial niche was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

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# Sports

## Eclipse Open Season by Battling Back to Tie Bloomfield, 2-2

If you are playing the South Plainfield Soccer Club's U12 Eclipse, never count them out even if your team is ahead by a couple of goals.

Team Eclipse opened their season at the Kenneth Avenue field this weekend and found themselves down 2-0 to a fast and hard playing Bloomfield team. Never giving up, the girls battled constantly and came back. The first goal was scored by Linda Farinella, who scored by following up off an attempt by Samantha Pullen, bringing the girls back to 2-1. The girls were not settling for a loss to open their season, and minutes later Olivia Leonardis tied the game with a beautiful shot and goal.

Offensive and midfielders of the Eclipse include: Samantha Pullen, Sara Gwiazda, Julia Parker, Cameron Marks,

Jill Holobowski, Christina Romano, Linda Farinella, Mackenzie O'Brien, Lauren Zultowski, Melanie Lizano and Kelly Lizano. The Eclipse defense was led by Olivia Leonardis, Kristen Smith, Gianna Sacco, Catherine Delair and Alexis Curtis. The goalie is Kaitlyn Smith. The coaches of Eclipse are Gino Leonardis and Assistant Coach Ken Curtis.

After winning their flight in the spring, the girls have moved up to a highly competitive flight and can use all the support they can get in their upcoming season. Their next game is Sunday, Sept. 23 at home at 12:30 p.m. Come out and support Team Eclipse as the girls are looking forward to a fantastic fall season.

—Submitted by Jenn Curtis

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at other schools in our district. For more information, email [erin@wishuponahero.com](mailto:erin@wishuponahero.com)

Last but not least, Jill Pavel, director of national events for WUAH, your dedication and inspiring work to help others has impacted thousands of lives over the past year. We are proud to work along side you each and every day.

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**ERIN KIMBEL, SR.**  
COORDINATOR, NATIONAL  
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Dear Editor,

In the last few weeks Franky Salerno has been taking a bad break from his previous record when he was on the council. The town should be grateful that he voted against his own party for the apartments on Tyler Place, that they

wanted so badly.

That would have destroyed South Plainfield totally with the added traffic and over crowded schools which can't be controlled with the current Board of Education.

Franky Salerno always voted what was best for the town and not what his party wanted. He understands the problems we have in South Plainfield. Those apartments on the Tingley Rubber site should not have been allowed either as they sit close to the Texas Eastern Pipeline. Also, that area has no water pressure in event of a fire, as Tingley Rubber had an underground water tank to be used for the sprinkler system in the event of a fire. That area should remain as an industrial site and rebuilt so it could have brought in jobs and a high tax revenue. What taxes are going to be brought into the town by apartments? Plus the added traffic and congestion in an already dangerous area.

I am also glad we get to vote for

the Board of Education members in November. It is time to bring in new members on the Board of Education and vote out those we have now. Current members want to hold back surplus funds from the town which is our tax money and belongs to the taxpayers to help out and keep our taxes down. The mayor and council should take over the Board of Education so they could monitor that it is legal.

The most important vote ever is this year for a president of our country. Today the world has no fear of the U.S. We are not strong. Time for a change.

On the bright side, the best move for South Plainfield was new Library Director Linda Hansen, who is doing a super job as she works hard to operate the library with no complaints and this includes the staff who are also excellent. She works hard and gives 110% at all times and should be recognized for her work.

**THANKS,**  
**TONY PISANIELLO**

## Obituaries

### Shirley Boguski, 86

Shirley Boguski of South Plainfield passed away on Thursday, Sept. 13.

She was born on August 3, 1926 in Plainfield to Melvin and Hazel (Stewart) Pyatt. Shirley was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

Mrs. Boguski was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield. She was also a member of the South Plainfield Historical Society.

She is predeceased by her husband, Joseph A. Boguski, in 1977.

She is survived by a son, Bruce J. Boguski, and wife Kathy of Phillipsburg; a daughter, Diane M. Burkhour, and husband Charles of Somerset; and four grandchildren, Bruce, Jennifer, Charles and Dan. She is also survived by a sister, Jeanne Loupassakis, of Freehold and a



Shirley Boguski

dear friend, Charlie Koestner.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in her name to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

### Carmella "Kay" (DiNardo) Gaub, 94

Carmella "Kay" (DiNardo) Gaub died on Saturday, Sept. 15 at the Bay Tree Care and Rehabilitation Center in Palm Harbor, Fla.

She is predeceased by her husband of 15 years, Albert Gaub; three sisters, Gigi, Anna and Lucy; and five brothers, John, Jimmy, Tony, Frank and Dominic.

Surviving is a brother, Ernest DiNardo, and wife Marilyn of Palm Harbor; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

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

### Kathleen Regenye, 59

Kathleen Regenye passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at home surrounded by her family following a two year battle against brain cancer.

Born in Newark, Kathleen grew up in Iselin and graduated from Colonia High School.

Kathy married Clifford "Nipper" on February 14, 1976 and together they settled in Plainfield in 1979 to begin their lives, raising two daughters.

She had been employed, but was



Kathleen Regenye

more importantly a stay at home mom. While her daughters attended school, Kathy fulfilled her love of babies by caring for children of close family and friends.

In addition, Kathy also enjoyed spending time doing ceramics, drawing and reading. She was also a talented artist, spending time oil painting.

After Kathy's diagnosis, she and her family created a website, [www.givekathyhope.com](http://www.givekathyhope.com), where individuals were kept updated and informed of her condition. Kathy found solace and comfort reading the encouraging comments posted, interacting in the blog and most importantly, sending messages to those she loved.

She is predeceased by her father, Ed-

gar V. Abrams, who passed in 1982; a sister, Stefanie; and a brother, James.

Surviving are her loving husband, Clifford "Nipper" of 36 years; two daughters, Katie and Jess Regenye; two brothers, a twin brother, Michael and Joseph Abrams; and her mother, Alice M. Abrams.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Brain Tumor Association, 8550 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Ste. 550 Chicago, Ill. 06031 or visit the website at [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org).

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## OPINION

South Plainfield Democrats



### Getting "It" Done? Getting What Done?

Franky Salerno asked the following in response to the kick-off of campaign season: "What's in a slogan? Apparently not much. Has anyone else thought it's a good thing those signs aren't much bigger, or the Republicans might have to be a little more specific?"

C.J. Diana expanded on his runningmate's comments: "The pronoun 'it' is a slippery one, for it can refer to anything. So we have two questions to ask. What is 'it' that the Republicans have been doing—and plan to do, and secondly, what would Franky and I do to improve the quality of life in this great town? After all, why do we run for public office? To reign free and serve personal interests? Or to serve the interests of the good people who had the good sense to elect them in the first place? For Franky and I, the answer is crystal clear; we don't want to just get 'it' done, we want to work hard for the people of South Plainfield and help to improve our residents' lives." Diana continued, "The Repub-

licans have said they wouldn't let truck traffic back on to Hamilton Boulevard; you don't need to look long and hard around town to see how little they value that policy. They have said they'd lower taxes; taxes have risen every year under Republican leadership, while essential services decrease. They claim to be saving money and creating a more efficient government; all we've gotten is a website to help us pay our higher taxes faster and irresponsible neglect of infrastructure. We've heard a lot of promises about how great things would be under Republican leadership from those on the national ticket, but not a lot of ideas of how to get there. I, for one, would hope it would be different locally, but the South Plainfield Republican "it" platform certainly leads you to believe otherwise. I ask again, what is 'it'?"

Salerno elaborated. "The Diana and Salerno team will hold fast to the promise not to let trucks back on to Hamilton

Boulevard. This will keep our children safe, our air clean, traffic low and our roads in tact. We will invest in infrastructure over time. Just like maintaining a car, it's best to do so steadily. We will not turn a blind eye until emergency repairs are needed that will cost more in the long run, then stick someone else with the bill. We will fight to keep taxes low and with the taxes that are collected, make sure they are used according to the people's wishes. Here we may find a truly valuable use in the borough's web site."

Diana concluded, "South Plainfield is a special place. We are a smart, hardworking people whose values are simple and needs are few. Help us send the Republicans a message that we will not be played for fools; that we want honest public servants; that we want less talk and more action. Elect Franky Salerno and I this November so that we may serve you as you deserve. We've had enough of one party rule."

## OPINION

South Plainfield Republicans



### Does Salerno Seriously Think His Poor Track Record Doesn't Count?

Calling recent statements by local Democrats inexplicable, council candidates Rob Bengivenga and Dick Frank are questioning how someone running for political office can say his track record is irrelevant.

"It's bizarre," said Bengivenga. "The Democrats last week acted as if any mention of Salerno's job performance while on the council is taboo."

"We all get evaluated by the work we do and the results we get," said Councilman Dick Frank. "The public has a right to judge us on our results."

Apparently Salerno and his runningmate don't think so—even going so far as to equate any mention of Salerno's track record to a personal attack.

Councilman Frank called this silly. "They think their track records should be off limits and that voters should ignore their past performance.

That makes no sense."

"I can see why they'd think that way," explained Bengivenga. "If you don't show up at meetings, you don't do your job, and you don't keep your promises, the last thing you want is for people to know."

But it's not just Republicans who question Salerno's job performance.

Salerno's council participation got so bad that former Democrat Councilman Joe Scudato eventually expressed his disgust at a council meeting last year, saying Salerno should return his council salary if he wasn't going to do his job.

"It's not just attendance, though," added Bengivenga. "He never proposed a single measure to improve the town. And for example, while he says he wants to keep taxes flat, he never offered a single idea for controlling taxes or for reduc-

ing spending. In fact, he was nowhere to be found at budget workshops."

"On a personal level, Franky Salerno is a nice enough young man and I'm sure he wants to do a good job," said Dick Frank. "But his record shows he either won't or can't."

According to both GOP councilmen, voters have a right to judge all the candidates on their records.

"We urge voters to compare the records of the candidates," said Bengivenga. "For the past few weeks, we've been talking about our record and our plans for a better South Plainfield, and over the next few weeks we'll continue to do so. When you compare the records of the candidates, we think you'll see that we're the ones who are getting it done for South Plainfield and will continue to do so."

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## OPINION

South Plainfield Independent



## Restoring Trust...

For years party politics has ruined South Plainfield. The Democrats blame the Republicans. The Republicans blame the Democrats. Instead of trying to play the blame game, we need to focus on what really matters—issues that affect you.

This year you have a choice to rise above the two-party system; break with failed governance and try something new. How? By voting for an Independent, like myself, that cares about you.

We should trust that political leadership will spend all of their energy on what's best for the town. We should trust that every day, leaders have put in an honest day's work in trying to make our community better. But that's not what we see. What we see is parties working furiously to raise

funds, and our town littered with billboards. You have to wonder whose interest they really have at heart, ours or theirs?

Parties should be concentrating their efforts on improving our community rather than engaging in petty politics and infighting.

So it's time to restore trust in government. It is time to issue contracts openly and fairly; allow our residents to voice their opinions without feeling threatened; elect qualified candidates that can get the work done; think to our future rather than dwell on the past; and have someone there for you.

This November 6th, let's restore trust in politics, let's restore South Plainfield. It is time for a watchman.

*Vote Paul McCullen, the Independent for Town Council.*

## OPINION

South Plainfield Independent



## I Want to Hear From You

For the past couple weeks, the residents of South Plainfield have already been reading about the disagreements between the Democrats and Republicans. While they both have made some valid points, there is little discussion about the future for our great borough.

My campaign is all about you, the residents. I want to hear from you on what needs to be addressed to reach our hometown's greatest potential and make it everything it can be. I don't have all the answers, but I am certainly available to listen and to be your voice on the council.

For instance, as a resident, I have always been passionate about our youth and providing activities through the borough, church and schools to keep our children occupied and socializing in a safe and productive manner.

I want to hear from you. What suggestions do you have to ensure our kids have every opportunity to succeed? What suggestions do you have to raise the standard of our town? What issues have been bother-

ing you in town that remain ignored or unanswered?

As your Independent candidate for council, I want to interact with you and work together. I look forward to receiving your suggestions on how to improve South Plainfield. I can be reached by emailing me at patds@hotmail.com.

*Pat DeSantis, an Independent Working for You and South Plainfield*

Election 2012

## OPINION

A candidates' debate will be held on October 17, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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Sheryl Ann Klimek and Leonard Vincent LoGatto

## Sheryl Ann Klimek and Leonard Vincent LoGatto Wed

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Lenny, originally from Stat-

en Island, N.Y., is employed by Herr's Foods in Somerset.

Sheryl, who has been a resident of South Plainfield since 1982, is self-employed as a private tutor.

After a honeymoon in the Florida Keys, the couple resides in South Plainfield.

## Cassandra D'Urso, Gerry Butrico to Wed

Richard and Marie D'Urso announce the engagement of their daughter, Cassandra Lauren D'Urso, to Gerry William Butrico, son of William and Suzanne Butrico.

The future bride received a bachelor of science in social work from Franciscan University. Her fiancé earned a bachelor of science in meteorology from Rutgers University. Both

graduated in 2009.

Cassandra pursues work as a professional organizer, while Gerry runs a private math tutoring service as well as his own landscaping business.

The couple became engaged in May of 2012. A November 2012 wedding is planned at Sacred Heart Cathedral Basilica in Newark.



Cassandra D'Urso and Gerry Butrico

Photo courtesy of Paul Francis Photography

## Heather Barrett and John Desko Wed

Tom and Cindy Barrett of Houston, Texas (formerly of South Plainfield) are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Heather Anne, to Andrew John Desko on August 18 at Mountain Springs Lake Resort in Reeders, Pa.

The bride is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and Boston University. She is employed by the New Jersey Water Authority in Somerville. The groom is a graduate of Franklin High School in Franklin, Pa. and Slippery

Rock University. He is employed by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission at Tyler State Park.

After their honeymoon in Costa Rica, the couple will reside in Buckingham, Pa.



Heather Barrett and John Desko were wed on August 18.



Nicole Miglis and Jonas McGaha were wed on July 29.

## Nicole Miglis, Jonas McGaha Are Wed in Sea Bright

Charisse and David Miglis, Sr. are pleased to announce the wedding of their daughter, Nicole Christian Miglis, to Jonas Michael McGaha. The blissful couple was married on July 29 at sunset in Sea Bright on the beach. The traditional ceremony was held at the Merimakers Water's Edge in Sea Bright with Rev. John Orlando (Nicole's uncle) officiating.

Nicole is the granddaughter of the late Charles Miglis and Margaret Miglis of South Plainfield. The groom is the son of Mr. David McGaha and Mrs. Tracy McGaha of Lynchburg, Va.

The happy couple are 2012 graduates of Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. where they

met. Nicole met her childhood best friend and maid of honor Stephanie Whitney at the South Plainfield Community Pool. The bridesmaids were cousins of the bride, Raquel Orlando, Gabriella Borowski, Brittany Rae Martin and sister of the groom, Ashley McGaha. The groom's best friend, Robert Kolpack, served as best man. Groomsmen were DJ Miglis, brother of the bride, Isaiah Luce and Charlie Nelson, and ushers were cousins of the bride, Matthew Borowski and Carlo Orlando.

The newlyweds traveled across the country where they reside in Bakersfield, Calif. They will honeymoon and vacation in Mexico.

## Daniel Lyew Admitted to American International

Daniel Lyew of South Plainfield has been admitted to American International College in Springfield, Mass.

Lyew, a graduate of South Plainfield High School, is a

physical therapy major.

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