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House Fire Leaves 4 Homeless

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Fire Dept. was called to the Mulhearn residence on E. Fairview Ave. early Tuesday morning. When firefighters arrived, flames were shooting out of the kitchen window and smoke was billowing from the roof. It took nearly an hour to extinguish the blaze. The home sustained structural, smoke and water damage. The Plainfield Fire Department was also called in to help contain the fire. Fortunately the Mulhearns had just left for work and dropped off their children, Vincent, 9, and Felicia, 12, at school. No one was injured in the blaze.

After extinguishing the fire, fireman threw some stuffed animals out the window, trying to salvage what ever they could for the family. During the afternoon, the residents were allowed into certain areas of the home to retrieve clothing and any other valuable items.

The cause of the fire is under investigation. The origin of the fire appears to be in the kitchen area.

Several school PTAs have already made cash donations to the Mulhearns.



Firemen fight the flames at a house fire on E. Fairview Ave. on Tuesday morning.

Homeowner Don Mulhearn had been instrumental in the installation of a new playground at Kennedy Elementary school, volunteering many

hours of his time.

Send monetary donations to Assistant Manager Julie Skula, c/o Com-

merce Bank on Plainfield Ave.

The family will be residing with relatives.

Teen Cyclist Injured in Hit and Run

A 13-year-old female cyclist was struck by a motor vehicle at the intersection of Park and Oak Tree avenues last Tuesday, Oct. 5.

The suspect's vehicle was traveling west on Oak Tree Rd. and made a right turn onto northbound Park Ave. After striking the cyclist, the motor vehicle, described as a beige minivan with a rounded front, pulled over briefly, then fled northbound on Park Ave.

The vehicle may have damage to the hood as well as the right front quarter panel and lower front bumper areas. No description of the driver was given. A possible partial plate number, "15CU," was provided by witnesses. It is unknown if the vehicle had a New Jersey registration.

The victim was transported by Edison Rescue Squad to Muhlenberg Hospital where she was treated for cuts, scrapes and bruises and released.

Anyone who may have witnessed this accident or have information on the suspect vehicle should notify Sgt. Kevin Murtagh, Traffic Safety at (908) 226-7679.



"Silent Witness," the exhibit now showing at the public library through October, draws attention to the issues of domestic violence.

Library Exhibit Focuses On Domestic Abuse

The South Plainfield Free Public Library will host the exhibit "Silent Witness" throughout the month of October.

The exhibit is being shown in recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness month. This exhibit has been featured at South Plainfield Library for the past several years in order to call attention to the problem of domestic violence. The exhibit may be seen at the library during regular library hours. Related literature is available, and a member of the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team

will be available each Thursday during October from 7-9 p.m. to answer any questions on the subject.

The exhibit is being presented by the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Educational Outreach Program, in cooperation with the South Plainfield Police Department, Women Aware, Inc. and the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team.

South Plainfield Free Public Library is located in the Municipal Complex on Plainfield Ave.

For more information, call the library at (908) 754-7885.

Mark your calendars!

VOTE 2004... yours counts. Make an educated choice.
ATTEND THE BOROUGH
COUNCIL CANDIDATE'S DEBATE ON OCTOBER 25.

Columbus Day Services Held Monday

Columbus Day was celebrated on Monday with ceremonies held at Borough Hall. The annual program was sponsored by the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO.

Kicking off the ceremonies for the second year were the South Plainfield High School Band and Color Guard, with the "Star Spangled Banner." Plainfields' UNICO Sgt.-at-Arms Louis DeFillipo lead the flag salute.

Many dignitaries were on hand including, Sen. Barbara Buono, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, Assistant Superintendent Anthony Masaro, Police Chief Robert Merkler, Councilmen Ed Kubala, Dennis Cerami and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and several officers from UNICO around New Jersey.

The Keynote speaker was Laurie Colettie, a principal in Old Bridge, who spoke on Columbus and how his determination to prove the world was not flat lead to the discovery of America. He did not give up on his theory until he found someone who was willing to listen. It is a lesson everyone of us should remember.

Renato Biribin, former president of Unico National and Plainfields' UNICO asked the audience to help in stopping the continual perception which portrays most Italians as criminals. In particular, he sited the new animated movie *Shark Tale*, which is geared toward children. The movie is about a fish who accidentally kills an "Italian" mobster shark and how the

fish must contend with five families of the undersea mafia. Bringing the mafia theme to a children's movie has brought together many irate Italian organizations into action. They have formed a group called CARRES (Coalition Against Racial, Religious and Ethnic

Stereotyping). For more information on the group, log onto www.italic.org.

Closing the program contained raising the Italian Flag in front of Borough Hall and a wreath ceremony, followed by *God Bless America* played by the SPSHS Band.



Renato Biribin, Senator Barbara Buono and Deborah Curdo raise the Italian Flag at Monday's Columbus Day Ceremonies at Borough Hall.

**Deadline for October 22 issue
is Monday, October 18 at 5 p.m.**

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for the latest meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, October 18	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, November 8	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
Nov. 2 and Dec. 7

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Oct. 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Oct. 28, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—Nov. 9, Dec. 14,
Jan. 11, 2005, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—Oct. 18, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15,
March 15 and April 12

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
October 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
Nov. 2 and Dec. 7

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
November 10, December 8 and January 12, 2005

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave. (No meeting in October),
November 15, December 13, January 31, 2005, (No meeting February) and March 21

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email: spobserver@comcast.net or fax 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 400 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Observer. All letters must be submitted with name and phone number, for verification.

To the Editor:

The past few weeks, the residents of South Plainfield have had quite a number of issues to deal with. Along with the politics of a local election, we have a national election this year. In the schools, you can hear the children's upsetting comments on the current financial situation of the BOE, how sad. The war in Iraq and the remote possibility of terrorist activity in a school within our state can be mind-boggling.

On Sunday, the South Plainfield High School Music Boosters are hosting an event that the residents of the community should be proud of.

For 23 years, the parents have been presenting their Marching Band Festival. A huge amount of hard work, energy and time is given by parents to get this festival off and running.

However, it cannot compare to the dedication put forth by the students. Many of these kids are attending early a.m. classes, their normal school day, two-three hours of after-school practice and quite possibly attending an evening lesson or activity or completing a few hours of homework. Their weekends consist of practicing for and performing at a football game AND in a competition, often located a few hours away, not returning until the wee hours of the morning. God bless them.

Take some time with your family this Sunday to come together as a community and let our children see how important they are and how proud we are of them. They need to know.

**SINCERELY,
A PROUD MOM**

Dear Voters,

I have had the privilege of working with Kathy Thomas on a variety of projects over the years. We met while serving on Riley School's PTSO together when our children, now teenagers, were in elementary school. We didn't always work on the same committees, but we were members of the same team working toward a common goal.

Kathy was one of two Girl Scout leaders of my daughter's troop. I would help out on rare occasions and was able to witness the patience Kathy had when dealing with 10 first-grade girls. Their boundless energy and decibel level never rattled her. If it did, she never let it show. Mistakes made by the scouts were turned into opportunities to teach life's lessons. She has a gift for listening and offering thoughtful comments.

A few years later Kathy and I worked on the Playground Committee at Riley School. She could be counted on to complete the tasks she volunteered for. When advice was needed regarding State legislation, I relied on Kathy to point me in the right direction. Later, when I needed public support, she was there.

Together we've served as chaperones on overnight trips to (Girl Scout) Camp Hoover and the fifth grade trip to Stokes State Forest. Once again Kathy demonstrated patience and an understanding of the age group she was in charge of. The kids didn't have to do things her way. She was there to guide them as they learned to solve problems their way. To this day Kathy has enviable patience when working

IN YOUR OPINION

with young people. It's no wonder her teenage daughters enjoy her company and their home is a welcoming place for her daughters' friends.

Kathy is an intelligent, thoughtful woman, with years of dedicated community service as part of her resume. She approaches new challenges with an open mind and listens to all sides of the argument before forming her opinion. She knows how to research a project before coming to a conclusion. And, if she learns something she wasn't expecting, she allows herself to change her mind.

She has lived in this town since she was a little girl. South Plainfield represents much more than a council seat to Kathy Thomas. It's her hometown. Like her own home, she wants it to remain a welcoming and vibrant place.

I will be voting for Kathy Thomas on Nov. 2. If you want a council person who will listen to your concerns, and respect your opinion, I urge you to do the same.

DEANNA FREDERICKS

To the Editor,

The Knights of Columbus recently completed several service projects in our community. We would like to sincerely thank the following companies for their donations. We could not have done this without their generosity. Taylor Rental in Piscataway, A-Tech Landscaping, Lehigh Utility, Stilo Paving, KLK Trucking, Colonial Fence and Sherwin Williams and Cornerstone Architects, all in South Plainfield. A special thanks also to Bob Longo, Don Jackson, Frank and Bill Butrico and Tom Sikanowicz.

We would also like to thank the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for allowing us to sell mums from their property and the South Plainfield Observer for advertising the sale. The proceeds from the mums will help us continue to provide service to our community. Thank you for your support.

**SINCERELY,
THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

To the Observer,

I have to put in my two cents about this BOE financial mess. I have followed all of the stories in the Observer for quite a few years now, but this BOE story I must respond to. I totally understand where Dawn Jeffreys is coming from. I think she should have stayed on the Board of Education; we would all be better off. I remember Dawn stating when she resigned, that every time she spoke up

at the meetings there was a lot of eye rolling.

Well you know what, from everything I have taken in from this financial dilemma, I think we should start with the fact that the South Plainfield Board of Education has at least half of the board members on the board since 1999. In the *News Tribune*, it was stated, this problem happened "a few years ago". What do they mean by a few years? Half of you were there. What happened? Were you sleeping through the board meetings, if you were able to make them at all? Also, some of the members do not have any children in our schools. I know this is not a prerequisite for being a board member, but why would they even have an interest then? Perhaps just to reap the benefits?

I also feel that if some of their backgrounds were checked into a bit more closely, you would definitely find conflicts of interest, where some people on the Board of Education have a daytime job reporting to "very, very close friends" of other people on the board. I truly believe a county and state investigation should be done. I also believe that in doing so, they will find out a lot more is going on than meets the eye.

**SIGNED,
CONCERNED CITIZEN**

Dear Editor,

This week Marge Reedy, Bob Jones and I must share some news with voters that is, at best, troubling. As revealed in our weekly column, the all-Democratic mayor and council have mishandled our borough's finances. And because of their reckless antics, our town is now in debt for \$1.6 million, a debt we will not finish paying until 2012.

Let me be more specific. Between 1996 and 2003 the Democrats were involved in a secret dispute with PARSA, the agency that handles our sewage. The council settled the dispute for \$2,000,000. This dispute never made the newspapers. And in 2003 when council candidate Bob Jones

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Correction

In last week's *Milestones*, "Januses Celebrate 50th Anniversary," the date of the wedding was incorrect. The Januses were married on Oct. 30, 1954. Also Walter is a Past Commander of the American Legion. We regret the error.

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The Three Divas are Florence Lazzeri, Margaret Southwell and Marilyn Spesak.

The Three Divas in Concert

"The Three Divas" present a musical celebration of best known opera, operetta and Broadway selections on Sunday, Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. as sponsored by the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission. This program, the first of a concert series for the year, will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center, intersection of Plainfield and Maple avenues.

The Three Divas consist of Florence Lazzeri, lyric soprano of Scotch Plains; Margaret Southwell, coloratura soprano of Fanwood and Marilyn Spesak, mezzo soprano of New York City, formerly of Roselle Park. They will be accompanied by Paul Kueter of North Plainfield.

Lazzeri is no stranger to music lovers in this area. As founder of the ensemble, BEL MUSICA, she has performed throughout New Jersey and the metropolitan area. With a diversified professional career, she com-

bines operatic and non-classical music in her repertoire. As a recipient of a Union County HEART Grant, she toured the public schools in Union County with "The A-B-C's of Opera," a musical introduction to opera for students from grades two through six. She has sung leading roles in *La Boheme*, *Tosca*, *Carmen* and *Die Fledermaus*, as well as performing on the major cruising ships throughout the Caribbean and the West Indies.

Southwell lived in England for 10 years, where she was principal singer with the *Opera 70 Opera Company*. Upon her return to the United States, she sang with the Mannes Camerata and the NJ State Repertory Company.

Spesak has worked with various opera companies throughout the tri-state area.

The program is free. For further information, call (908) 668-3972.

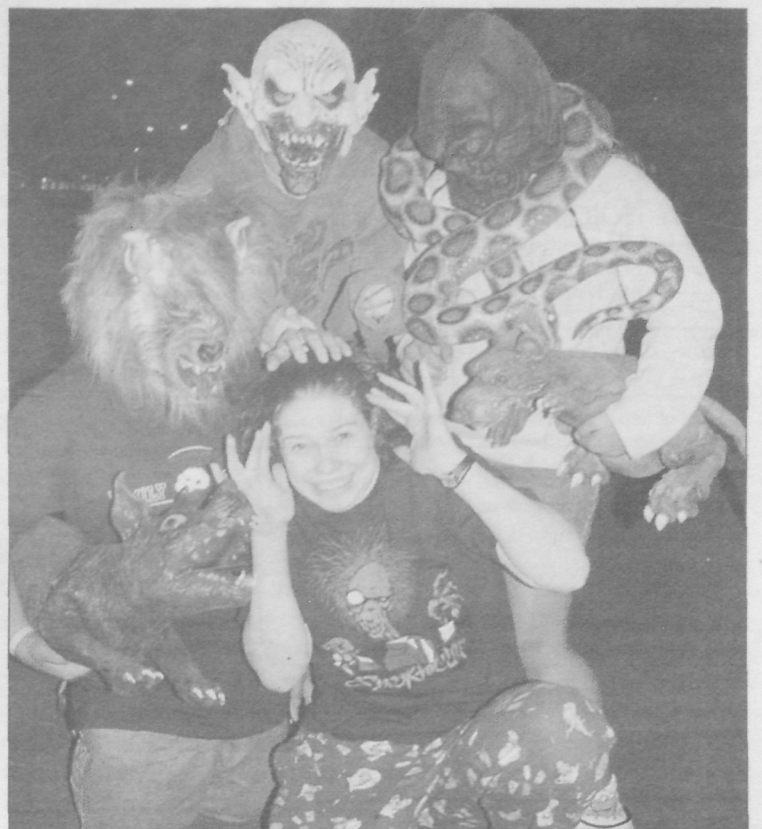
Almost Famous Players Return to Putnam Park

Last year's Almost Famous Players Putnam Park Haunted Woods tour began as an experiment and surpassed everyone's expectations. The goal of the volunteer theater troupe was to provide the town with a different kind of entertainment, raise money for a good cause and allow members to do what they love most—perform. Mayor Dan Gallagher said, "Last year's Putnam Park Haunted Woods tour presented by South Plainfield's Almost Famous Players was an absolutely enjoyable show. The actors are real troupers who continued to perform despite the rain. I plan on going back this year, it's a night I wouldn't miss! Almost Famous Players has my support and that of the council."

The performing troupe will present their second annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour on Oct. 22, 23, 24, 28, 29 and 31. The six day run will hopefully reduce the size of the tours.

There are over 50 teens and adults involved in this year's production. Once again, the show will combine comedy with combat and scares. The show is directed by Patricia Abbott. Combat director is Christopher Abbott. Tech Director/Stage Manager is Dan Nigro. Dan has been working hard creating some amazing set pieces.

Due to the overwhelming response, it is strongly advised to reserve advance tickets. Halloween night tours are by reservation only. The first tours on



Kaitlin Bundy as Professor Irena is surrounded by some of the creatures she encounters in Transylvania.

Oct. 22-29 start at 6 p.m. and run every 25 minutes, until about 10 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. The Halloween tours begin at 5 p.m. and run until about 10 p.m. Tickets on Halloween are \$7 for adults and \$5 for children. All Halloween tickets are by reservation only. Groups

of six or more must reserve in advance for any of the shows. If paid in advance every sixth ticket is free.

For more information, please call (908) 756-8011, leave your name, phone number, date you'd like to attend and number of people. Someone will call you back within a few hours.

Antiques Appraisal at Library

There will be an antiques appraisal program at South Plainfield Public Library on Sunday, Oct. 17, from 2 to 4 p.m.

By popular demand, Watchung-based appraiser Allan G. Snyder will once again conduct the program. He will offer brief appraisals of antiques and collectibles brought by members of the public. Participants are limited to two items each. Ap-

praisals will be conducted on a "first come, first serve" basis. There is no charge for this program and pre-registration is not required.

South Plainfield Free Public Library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex.

For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

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Cedar Oaks' Snoezelin, or sensory room, was created to offer a place where such residents could reduce anxiety and agitation in lieu of pharmacological intervention. This same concept was introduced at Cedar Oaks to provide our Alzheimer and Dementia residents with a pleasing atmosphere that may enhance their quality of life.

Families and staff have found Alzheimer and Dementia residents who utilize our sensory room to be less agitated and confused. Alzheimer residents who used to wander the halls at night have enjoyed a better night's sleep, which assists them in their confusion of time and place. Facility staff can utilize this room to tackle their stress at work and home as well.



**CEDAR OAKS
CARE CENTER**

For additional information, please feel free to visit Lorie Antonelli, Director of Recreational Services, Cedar Oaks Care Center, 1311 Durham Ave., or call at (732) 287-9555 ext. 139.

It's Monday morning, Columbus Day and I am trying to recall all the events I witnessed over the weekend that gave the children of South Plainfield an opportunity to participate in athletic events. It's staggering the number of choices the kids had. Friday, I saw our high school boys' and girls' soccer teams play. The field hockey team won again the same afternoon. The cheerleaders started showing up for the football game around 6 p.m. at Frank Jost Field. The boys who play football had a great game against Spotswood and the fans were led in cheers by the members of the cheerleading squad and the South Plainfield High School Marching Band. At half time, hundreds of Pop Warner players, cheerleaders and their parents were honored.

Before 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, over 200 wrestlers were at the PAL Recreation Complex participating in the Annual Fall Wrestling Tournament. Behind the PAL and at Veterans Park, 436 boys and girls played soccer games from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The JV Football Team had a game in the morning and inline skaters were using the skate park and hockey rinks located behind the municipal building. Off Kenneth Ave., there was a Fall Baseball game and on the soccer field, young boys and girls were participating in Traveling Soccer. In Spring Lake Park, the tennis courts and the basketball courts were full all day long and the high school band could be heard practicing for hours in the afternoon behind the school.

Before the sun was up on Sunday, the handball court in Putnam Park was being used by several players. Hundreds of young boys and girls participated in Pop Warner Football. The softball fields in Ponytail Park were filled with girls playing in Fall Softball. Traveling Soccer was being played at several sites throughout town all day long. Again, the courts were filled all day in Spring Lake Park. Several children were fishing and others were sailing miniature boats in the lake. The skate park was packed again and children played basketball all afternoon at the PAL Recreation Complex. For those over 13-years-old, the weight

room gave them the opportunity to lift weights or use the aerobic equipment.

All of these events took place in less than 60 hours. And I am sure there were other activities that I am not aware of. None of those would be possible without the generous voluntary efforts of the parents. Be it the Athletic Booster Club serving everyone at the football games, the parents who winterized the baseball fields, the soccer parents who lined the soccer fields, the wrestling parents who worked for over 12 hours on Satur-

day, all the parents serving as coaches, teachers and taxi-drivers, everyone proved that their children come first.

The events may be typical but I believe collectively they make our town a special place to live and grow up in. As Recreation Director, I want to thank all the parents for everything they do. Sometimes you don't hear it enough how generous you are. It's no wonder so many of the parents today were children who grew up here and know a good thing when they see it.

Submitted by Michael English, Director of Recreation

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SEXUAL HARASSMENT ASSAULT RAPE

Around Town

VFW Holding Dinner

October 15

The VFW Post 6763, located at 155 Front St., will be holding a dinner on Friday, Oct. 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$7 per person. For information, please call (908) 668-9751.

Octoberfest Dinner at St. Stephens

October 16

St. Stephens Lutheran Church will be holding their Annual Octoberfest all-you-can-eat German Saurbraten dinner on Saturday, Oct. 16. There are two settings, one at 5 p.m., the other at 6:30 p.m. Take outs are also available.

Cost is \$13 for adults, \$11 for seniors. Children under five are free. All proceeds go to charity. Reservations are recommended. Call (908) 757-4474.

Columbiettes Fall Charity Fashion Show

October 17

The South Plainfield Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus Council 6203 will host a joint fall charity fashion show on Sunday, Oct. 17 at the Spain Inn Restaurant in Piscataway. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Women will be modeling fashions from Coldwater Creek, while the men will don outfits from Eddie Bauer, both stores located in Menlo Park Mall.

Luncheon is an all-you-can-eat buffet. A cash bar will be available. All proceeds go to the organizations' local charities.

Tickets cost \$28 and must be purchased in advance by calling Geri at (908) 753-2032. Deadline is Saturday, Oct. 9.

Cafe Everest Supports Lupus Walk

October 17

Chris Kousouris and Anna Hatzinikitas, owners of the Cafe Everest Diners on Park Ave., are enthusiastically supporting the Lupus Walk, which takes place in Johnson Park on Oct. 17 in Piscataway. Registration begins at 9 a.m., walk starts at 10 a.m. Rain or shine. Chris and Debie Ostapovich, one of their popular waitresses, will also be walking along with friends and employees who might join them.

Not only has Cafe Everest provided space in the diner for advertising the walk, but the waiters and waitresses will wear shirts and hats displaying the Lupus logo on special days. Help

What's happening in OCTOBER

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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Senior Center EVENTS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
ATTENTION: Flu Shots Have Been Cancelled Candidates Debate Monday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m			Weekly Shopping 14 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10-11am Computer Class 11 & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 15 Pizza lunch available
Knitting/Crocheting 18 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 19 Ladies Social 10am	Exercise 8:30am 20 Line Dancing 10am Computer Classes 10, 11:30, 1pm AARP Crafts 1pm	Weekly Shopping 21 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11 & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 22 Lunch available Womens Self Defense Course 6-8pm
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

Chris, Debi and the team raise funds for Lupus. Your dollars can support the Lupus Foundation, too! Bring this article to Cafe Everest and 10% of your purchase will be donated to The Lupus Foundation of America, NJ Chapter.

Sent donations: Lupus, New Jersey Chapter, PO Box 1184, 150 Morris Ave., Springfield, NJ 07081, (800) 322-5816, nj4lupus@aol.com.

AARP Oct. Meeting

October 18

The October meeting of the South Plainfield Chapter #4144 will be held on Monday, Oct. 18 at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. A speaker from our State Office will discuss the hope for establishment of the MFP programs, which have been successful in many states. The principle of these "Money Follows Person" programs is to increase the choices available in community and home-based care.

Also, Sgt. John Gillespie of the Middlesex County Sheriff's office will bring animals from the K-9 Unit to show the expertise of the handling and training of the Search and Rescue Unit.

South Plainfield Republican Meeting

October 20

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Ave. The meeting begins at 8 p.m.

All residents of the borough are invited to attend to meet council candidates Marge Reedy, Ray Rusnak and Bob Jones and discuss any borough issues and concerns. For more information, visit www.spgop.com.

SP Fire Dept. Bingo

October 22

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will be honoring all its members by constructing a Firefighters Memorial. They will be holding a bingo to help support the construction of the memorial on Friday, Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Food and drinks will be available. Prices are reduced from the last bingo and are as follows: \$1 (Packet 2 face); Extra packets- 4 face (\$2), 6 face (\$3); 50/50 Bingo games- 4 face \$1 a sheet.

The Bingo takes place at the Sacred Heart School on South Plainfield Ave.

Sexual Harassment, Assault, Rape Seminar

October 22

Woman's S.H.A.R.P. (Sexual Harassment Assault Rape Protection) Seminar will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Friday, Oct. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. The mini-course will deal with the psychology of predators and victims, safety awareness and effective defensive skills. The course will be presented by the ATA Black belt Academy. Speakers include the South Plainfield Police, Crime Prevention Officers, Gail Dougherty, LCSW of Domes-

tic Violence Intervention Team and Master Tom Guerin (S.H.A.R.P. certified). Donation of \$20 goes to Women Aware, the South Plainfield Team. To register, contact the ATA Black Belt Academy at (908) 755-5440.

Main Street Brass Quintet to Perform

October 24

The Mainstreet Brass Quintet will perform a concert at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Oct. 24 at 3 p.m. Tickets are adults \$10, seniors \$8. To purchase tickets, call (908) 756-0632 ext 10.

— Out of Town —

Evening For Singles

October 16

Young professional singles 25 to 49 will hold a singles dinner at the Morristown Headquarters Plaza Grill in Morristown on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$37 in advance or \$42 on day of event.

RSVP required by Oct. 15 to Diana at (732) 764-9073 or angelicbutterfly@iwon.com.

Colonia High Reunion

October 16

Colonia High School Class of 1969 will hold their 35th class reunion at LaGriglia in Kenilworth on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 7 to 11 p.m.

Contact Robin Zeiger at (908) 654-8813 or promarengine@aol.com. You can also visit classmates.com for more information.

Trip to Philadelphia

October 16

Bernardsville Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Historic Philadelphia on Saturday, Oct. 16. A professional guide will take you through the city sights.

The fee is \$34 per person. For information, call (908) 766-2546.

Dressage, Horse Trials

October 16-18

The most talented horses and riders on the East coast will test their mettle at the Eastern States Dressage and Combined Training Association Horse Trials, which take place at the Horse Park of NJ on Oct. 16-17.

The Horse Park of New Jersey is located at 626 Rt. 524 in Allentown. Competition is tentatively scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. both days.

For more information on the event, contact Liz Schuster at (609) 397-9497 or visit www.esdcta.org.

True Love Waits Seminars

October 16 and 23

LIFENET is sponsoring two *True Love Waits* Adult Training Seminars. First date is Oct. 16 at the Church of Grace and Peace in Toms River and the second date is Oct. 23 at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown. Both programs run from 8:45 to 1:30 p.m. The training prepares adults to present the *True Love Waits* program to teens in their home churches. True Love Waits encourages and equips middle and high school students to make a decision to chose sexual abstinence until marriage.

To register or for information, call Chris Flaherty at (973) 509-8123.

Woodbridge WOWs Dinner/Social

October 17

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows and Widowers (WOWs) will hold a dance/social on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m., featuring the Bill Gerry Trio Live, at the Elk's Hall in on Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Refreshments will be served. Cost is \$8. For information, call (732) 297-1775.

Musical Theater Fare

October 17

The PeopleCare Center at 120 Finderne Ave. in Bridgewater, will present two performances of "Always...Patsy Cline," on Saturday, Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 17 at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$20; seniors are \$15. Tickets may be purchased through the mail or at the PeopleCare Center, 120 Finderne Ave., Bridgewater.

For information and tickets, call (908) 725-2299.

One Man Art Show for Artist, Simon Bull

October 17

Top selling European artist, Simon Bull, will bring his One Man Art Show on Freehold at the North Star Gallery on Sunday, Oct. 17 from 1-5 p.m. The North Star Gallery is located in the Freehold Raceway Mall, second level Nordstrom's wing.

No admission is charged. For event information contact Laura Wicks at (732) 294-1777.

Holocaust Survivor to Speak at Stockton

October 19

The Richard Stockton College of NJ Holocaust Resource Center is hosting an evening with Holocaust survivor Hannah Goslar Pick on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets must be purchased in person at Stockton's Performing Arts Center's Box Office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. All tickets are \$1.

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From the Republicans

Talk About Reckless...

Democrats Raise Sewer Tax, Squander Surplus and Put Town in Debt Until 2012



Borough residents, who already faced a 25 percent sewer-tax increase this year, have only seen the tip of the iceberg, according to council candidates Marge Reedy, Ray Rusnak, and Bob Jones. In a move the three called "reckless and irresponsible," the Borough Council has indebted the town until 2012 as part of a settlement with PARSA, the Plainfield Area Regional Sewerage Authority.

The settlement puts South Plainfield in debt for \$1.6 million and covers disputed charges from 1996 to 2003. The settlement was approved in March but has not received any publicity.

According to Jones, the council's actions show a lack of fiscal responsibility. "They knew they had a multi-million-dollar dispute over sewer bills going back to 1996, yet they've been using hundreds of thousands of dollars in sewer surplus each year to prop up the general budget. Now we're in debt until 2012," he said. "Why were they spending the surplus when they knew we had a problem?"

Under the terms of the settlement South Plainfield agreed to pay PARSA \$2 million. The borough paid \$400,000 in March and must pay the remainder, \$1.6 million, over the next eight years at \$200,000 a year.

PARSA documents described the dispute as one that was "continuing" and having occurred "over the course of the past several years."

"The Democrats knew we had a problem, but they squandered the sewer surplus instead of saving it," said Rusnak. "Over a year ago Bob Jones asked the mayor and council

whether there was a problem after noticing a mention of a possible dispute in the PARSA minutes. They brushed his questions aside and told him the problem had just arisen and that the council did not know how much was in dispute. This was obviously untruthful."

"What's worse," added Reedy, "is that the council is still raiding the sewer surplus in this year's budget. Talk about reckless."

When asked in April about raising the sewer tax, Democrats scoffed at the notion they were raising taxes. Democratic Mayor Daniel Gallagher said the sewer payment was not a tax—it was a fee. In fact, Democrats are campaigning on a claim of "no tax increase."

Jones described this as a "bait and switch." "They raised the sewer tax 25% and then took sewer surplus and put it in the general budget so they could say they did not raise municipal taxes. In other words, they overcharged us on the sewers so they could hide a tax increase. Even if you don't consider sewer charges a tax, which I disagree with, we still had a tax hike."

Reedy explained how the Democrats' actions are a double whammy: not only are they raising the sewer tax, but they are indebting us until 2012 for charges incurred over the last eight years. Is this what they mean by "pay-as-you-go" government?

Copies of the settlement and the PARSA resolution accepting it are available at www.spgop.org.

2004 VOTE

From the Democrats

Democrats Ask Republican Council Candidates To Come Up With One Positive Proposal Before Election Day



Democratic Council members Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas have urged their Republican opponents to use the remaining weeks of the campaign as their chance to set forth positive proposals for South Plainfield's future. Council President Dennis Cerami articulated the Democrats hope. "It's less than three weeks until Election Day. The campaign is reaching the finish line and once again the Republicans have not set forth even one new proposal to improve the quality of life in South Plainfield. Week after week they complain about the Democrat's approach to government. So far they have complained about our record of no municipal tax increase in five of the last seven years, they have questioned our plan to build a new 15,000 square foot state of the art library on Plainfield Ave., they have challenged our open space plan, which has preserved over 150 acres from development with another 20 acres slated for next year. Last week they even questioned our commitment to 'pay as you go government.' We get the idea...the Republicans are against everything. But what are they for? They have basically been running the same campaign for 10 straight years. Can't they come up with even one new, positive proposal for South Plainfield's future?"

Council member Kathy Thomas expanded on her running mate's comments. "I decided to run for borough council because I wanted the ability to help make good things happen in South Plainfield. When you look at the record of accomplishments over the last 11 years, it's just amazing. Beautiful senior housing across from Riley School, the doubling of the PAL, improvements to the community pool, upgrading of every park in the borough, new hockey rink and in line skating facility behind borough hall, installation of lights at the soccer complex, pop Warner

fields, girls pony tail and boys little league complexes, expansion and improvement of Putnam Park, 150 acres of open space, new curbside bulk pickup program, 130 roads repaved 'pay as you go,' purchase of over \$2M in new equipment for our police, fire, rescue squad and emergency management and no municipal tax increase for the fifth time. We, of course are proud of that record, but we are not satisfied to just run on it. We welcome the opportunity to compare our vision for the future of South Plainfield with our Republican opponents."

Council member Charlie Butrico summed up the Democrats position. "I'm tired of reading the weekly Republican negative releases and letters in the paper. If Kathy, Dennis and I are elected, Hamilton Blvd. will be totally reconstructed, a new library will be built, 20 more acres will be preserved as open space, the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial site will be cleaned up and clean commercial uses will be built there, we will pursue extending New Market Ave. to Belmont Ave. and banning trucks on Hamilton Blvd., there will be a new kitchen and other improvements at the Senior Recreation Center and new lockers and a changing area at the PAL, new restroom facilities, tennis courts and jogging stations at Putnam Park, new curbs and sidewalks on Maple Ave., we will continue to work on getting Helen St. done and of course, 'pay as you go' and keeping taxes, spending and borrowing under control. I urge the Republicans to tell our residents what they would like to see accomplished. They should use the remaining days before election to tell the voters their vision for South Plainfield's future. It's what a campaign is supposed to be about. You have the Democrats commitment that Dennis Cerami, Kathy Thomas and Charlie Butrico will continue to work on new programs to keep South Plainfield one of the nicest communities in the entire State of New Jersey."

Trailer Helps Teach Thousands of Children About Fire Safety

About 5,000 children throughout Middlesex County have been taught the dos and don'ts of fire safety over the past 12 months with the help of

the county Fire Academy's Fire Safety Trailer.

"The Fire Safety Trailer has proven to be tremendously popular and for

good reason," said Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano, chair of the county's Law and Public Safety Committee. "Real-life situations are simulated, giving children the chance to see, feel and hear what an actual fire is like."

Fire Academy instructors have conducted about 100 free programs at schools, firehouses and organizational and community events since last summer. The trailer was paid for by a \$30,000 grant from the state Deputy Fire Chiefs Association and about \$30,000 in county funds.

It includes kitchen, living room and bedroom areas, in which instructors offer safety tips. The bedroom door can be heated to 105 degrees Fahrenheit

and children are taught how to feel a door before going through it. If it's hot, there's probably fire on the other side and they need to find another way out.

"Our instructors offer practical tips such as feeling the doors or making sure that pot holders, which are flammable, aren't stored near the stove," Rafano said. "The kids love it and the parents appreciate it."

Children, most of whom are pre-kindergartners to third-graders, stand outside the trailer as fire instructors light a t-shirt on fire. The flames set off sprinklers, which douse the flames.

The trailer also is equipped with a CD-Rom that simulates the noise pro-

duced by hurricanes and tornadoes, which makes visitors feel like they are in the middle of a storm.

The trailer remains in high demand, Rafano said. "We've found an effective tool to teach the youngest among us about the dangers of fire and how to stay safe. It's a winning idea for everyone."

The Fire Safety Trailer is just one of the ways the county has developed to teach residents of all ages about fire prevention and safety. Programs to teach preschool and school-age children, adults and senior citizens are available.

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IN YOUR OPINION

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questioned the administration after reading about a possible dispute in the PARSA minutes, his questions were dismissed and he was lied to.

Under the terms of the settlement South Plainfield only paid PARSA \$400,000 immediately. The town is responsible for paying the rest over the next eight years. In other words, we must pay PARSA \$200,000 each year until 2012.

While the secret nature of the PARSA dispute as it progressed should cause concern, even worse are the actions taken by the council while it knew it had a multi-million-dollar dispute on its hands. Despite knowing the town faced a huge potential settlement, the council each year shifted "surplus" from the sewer budget to the regular budget. In 2004 alone the council raided the sewer fund for over \$300,000. Yes, instead of saving the money to pay our debt to PARSA, the council spent it.

Reckless. No other word suffices to describe the council's actions. We are now indebted until 2012 because the Democrats spent the money we owed PARSA.

No wonder the sewer tax went up 25% this year after being raised just a few years ago. Who knows what's to come. And with the Democrats in total control, we may never know what else is being hidden from us.

It's time! We need a few Republicans on the council to act as watchdogs so this won't happen again. Marge Reedy, Bob Jones, and I will make sure these shenanigans stop. It's time to Take Back South Plainfield from this type of mismanagement and abuse. We believe we are the ones to do it, and we ask you to give us the chance.

RAY RUSNAK, BOROUGH COUNCIL CANDIDATE

Dear Editor,

You really have to give the Mayor and Borough Council credit for all the

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improvements to our recreation facilities over the last few years. Things such as the improvements to Putnam Park, the skateboard park, the improvements to the Community Pool (especially the new liner), the expansion of the PAL building, improvements to the Pony-tail softball complex, the new lights at the soccer and football fields and the paving of the parking areas at the junior baseball fields.

They have done all of these things without raising municipal taxes in five of the last seven years. This is a record that every taxpayer should focus on when they go into the voting booth on Election Day and it is one of the many reasons why you should vote for Dennis Cerami, Charlie Butrico and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council. These council members have managed our tax dollars well and they have made a major contribution to our recreation programs. Please support them on Election Day.

BOB KUCHERA

Dear Editor,

Our town's election is very important this year. After considering the candidates carefully, I've chosen Marge Reedy, Ray Rusnak, and Bob Jones. These three candidates are examples of the type of people we need in public office!

We need a change and these are the people to do it. They are working hard to bring back two-party government, something our town needs badly. They are also right on the issues, whether it be senior housing, eliminating pay-to-play or bringing back open government.

All three of these candidates have the good judgment needed to be on the council. And I'm especially impressed by Ray Rusnak, who has a business background. That type of background is something that our governing body needs.

The right choice this year is Reedy, Rusnak, and Jones.

DEBBIE BOEHM

Dear Editor,

I've known Bob Jones for years, and while I'm not normally one to make a big deal over a candidate, I'll make an exception this time. Bob would be a great councilman for South Plainfield. He's hard working, honest, and committed to our town.

You might not know what a great background Bob has. He worked his way through law school at night, no easy feat. He now practices law and teaches law at Fairleigh Dickinson University. And despite a full plate,

Bob found time to work tirelessly for children with cancer as a board member, fundraiser and volunteer for the Ronald McDonald House. There's a lot more, but I don't want to make this a novel.

It would be a shame if we pass up the opportunity to elect such a well-qualified candidate. Bob's got my vote. I hope he gets yours too.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
BRUCE MADDEN**

Dear Editor,

This year's election is extremely critical to the well being of not only our Country, but also our Borough. We have the ability to elect responsible leaders who have a record of accomplishment and distinguished service to South Plainfield. We have the ability to re-elect Councilman Charlie Butrico, Council President Dennis Cerami and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas on Nov. 2.

I have known all of them for many years. They have demonstrated the innate ability to make decisions that are financially prudent, yet compassionate to their fellow residents. Their record of accomplishment speaks for itself. They have been able to build both senior housing and a senior recreation center when other leaders just talked about it for years. They have been able to preserve over 100 acres of open space while also upgrading and improving every Borough park in town. They have had Belmont Ave. totally repaved, with sidewalks on both sides of the street so our children can safely walk to school and did I mention, it was entirely paid for by a grant from the State of New Jersey—at no cost to us. They have purchased a new ambulance for our volunteer Rescue Squad and a new bucket truck for our Public Works Department. All these accomplishments and NO TAX INCREASE! These are my kind of leaders.

Please join me on Election Day and vote for the Democratic Team of Butrico, Cerami and Thomas. We need their leadership.

**SINCERELY,
DANIEL C. SEBBAN**

To the Editor,

In this year's race for the Borough Council, the proof really is in the numbers. For the fifth time in the last seven years, the Democratic team has delivered with no municipal tax increase. They also have reduced the town's debt by 50 percent over the last 10 years. The Democrats also have preserved over 100 acres of open space. The fis-

cal discipline instituted by the Democrats has helped to keep South Plainfield's tax rate one of the lowest in the county.

If you want further proof that people like the direction that the borough is heading, just drive around town and see how many people are putting on additions to their homes. People like to live in South Plainfield for many different reasons, such as schools, recreation programs and being close to family, but one of the main reasons is that it is affordable. For that we should thank the Mayor and Council who have kept a sharp eye on the budget and who have helped to make South Plainfield a great place to live and raise a family.

On Election Day, vote for the Democratic team of Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council.

ANN CAMPANELLI

Dear Editor,

People have been writing each week about the signs appearing in town that advertise "no tax increase." But as mentioned repeatedly, our town's taxes did go up. The sewer tax went up 25 percent.

Given this increase, I too call upon the Democratic candidates to take down their misleading signs. Mr. Cerami, Mr. Butrico and Mrs. Thomas, take down your signs.

DEBORAH SMITH

Dear Editor,

I am truly worried about the repercussions to our high school students in light of our district's financial difficulties. I speak of the high school because that's where my children are currently attending. At a recent BOE meeting, three students read essays they each had written describing their high school journey. I worry that some of our current students might miss part of their journey... the freshmen might not be able to start their journey by experiencing the full extent of the activities and opportunities previously offered; the sophomores might not be able to continue their journey as fully as they would have expected; the juniors might not be able to build upon their journey to add to their college applications; and the seniors, well,

they might miss their last chance to experience activities, opportunities, etc.

My family has already experienced the crunch of our district's financial problems firsthand. Recently, my sons asked for money for tickets to attend a play at the State Theatre with their English class. The next day they came home and said the class would not be going, because there are no funds available to pay for substitute teachers. Attending the Shakespeare play and being able to visualize what they were reading in class would have been a great opportunity for these students.

It made me begin to wonder what other academic related trips the high school, as well as our other school students, might not be able to take advantage of due to our district's financial difficulties. What other academic/extracurricular activities will be affected? I hope that the students of South Plainfield will not feel a direct impact more than necessary as the BOE deals with our district's financial problems.

C. STALLONE

Residents of South Plainfield

On Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2004, the choice is clear as to who will best represent you on our Borough Council.

Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas know your concerns and what you want done: stable taxes, reduced debt, senior services, recreation, open space, road improvements, public safety and a new library. Each has been addressed as you requested.

Our municipal tax rate, the only portion of your taxes under the control of the governing body, has not increased for five of the last seven years. Debt service, money owed in your name, has been reduced by nine million dollars; our seniors enjoy a state-of-the-art recreation center, a new senior bus and a new Meals On Wheels vehicle. We have installed lighting for night play at two little league fields, Pop Warner and the soccer field. Improvements continue at our P.A.L. and community pool. With the acquisition of 20-plus acres this year, our open space land for recreation will be greater than 230 acres and growing. Also, please visit our beautiful Monument Park.

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Spring Lake Park Goes to the Dogs



Story/Photos by Patricia Abbott

On Oct. 3 Spring Lake Park played host to the Plainfield Humane Society's Annual Alumni Day Dog Walk. Approximately 30 dogs and their owners attended the event. Alumni Day was free of charge and there was a suggested \$10 donation to join the walk around the park. All walk participants received ribbons and PAHS bandanas. The humane society has held an Alumni Day for ten years while the walk is in its third year.

There were fun-filled activities for both the pets and their owners. Youngsters enjoyed face painting by Girl Scout Troop #88 from Bernardsville as well as balloon creations by Tony Contreras and his wife Pat Van Slyke. Somerset County 4-H Wags and Whiskers Dog Club presented a dog obedience and agility demonstration. The purpose of the club is to learn the responsibilities of dog ownership including dog care,

handling, and grooming. Dogs are trained on simple commands while the members develop sportsmanship, co-operation, and public speaking skills



through demonstrations, exhibits, and dog shows.

Two of the members are former South Plainfield residents. Brittney and Christina O'Brien currently reside

in Bridgewater. Brittney, a sophomore at Bridgewater-Raritan High, is the newly elected president of the club. Brittney has a rescued mix shepard she trained for four years until the dog could no longer physically compete. She has been a member of the club for six years. She now uses a neighbor's rescued golden retriever. Christina attends Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School and has been a member of the club for three years. She has a Yorkie terrier that she has trained for the past two years. Last year she retired her dog and now uses a friend's pug. Other 4-H members in attendance were; Kelly Allison; Bridgewater, Brian Franchuk; Branchburg and Erik Loreng, Fanwood.

The Plainfield Humane Society's mission is to find a loving home for every homeless pet. They are a private 501(c)3 organization that has been in continuous operation since 1933. They perform animal control services for six communities and promote responsible pet ownership through community outreach and education. The organization is kept busy handling over 1200 animals each year, approximately 500 dogs and 600 cats, as well as small animals and birds. Ninety-five percent of all dogs and almost half of the cats find loving homes. There is no predetermined limit on the cost of rehabilitating sick or injured animals. And there is no time limit for any animal staying as the Shelter. The cost of adopting any dog, cat, puppy or kitten is \$150. The adoption fee includes spaying/neutering, required vaccines and tests for common canine and feline diseases.

The afternoon concluded with the Blessing of the Animals at several area churches.

Almost Famous Needs You!

If you are among the nearly 1000 people who journeyed through the Haunted Woods Putnam Park last October, then you are aware of the hard work and detail that went into making the show a true Halloween spectacle.

This year the cast and crew are hard at work and counting down the days until opening, Oct. 22. Despite their hard diligent efforts the group is far from ready to open. They are in desperate need of a generator to power some of the special effects and lights and several 100 ft. outdoor extension cords. They have a large generator to handle most of the electrical needs but still need to borrow a smaller one to light the paths.

Also needed are adult volunteers to help with security. In addition to the two to three security personnel

that will walk with each tour they need assistance guarding the numerous entrances to the park. The 50 plus teenagers and adults still hope to open on schedule, but if they cannot find the necessary generator and extensions by this weekend they will have to cancel the first weekend. This means they will be unable to accommodate the expected crowds. They are looking for people to help sew or loan costumes as well. If you can offer any assistance please call (908) 346-2290 and leave a message.

They are also seeking vendors from local nonprofit groups for the ticket area. They currently have vendors selling water, soda, glow sticks, a face painting booth and a game.

For more information call the number above.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Allan M. Kleiman

IT'S ALIVE! at your library during Teen Read Week 2004.

What's big and "read" and is for 12-18 year olds? It's the intersection of horror, suspense, graphic novels, black and white movies from the 1950s and even concepts like genetic engineering. It's programming and reading and ways to increase adolescent literacy all rolled up into one week-long celebration known as Teen Read Week.

We hope that teens will be reading for the fun of it as the South Plainfield Public Library celebrates Teen Read Week, October 17-23. We join hundreds of other libraries, schools and bookstores who are encouraging teens to celebrate this year's theme, "IT'S ALIVE! @ your library."

Teen Read Week is a national literacy initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association. The initiative is aimed at teens, their parents, librarians, educators, booksellers and other concerned adults. It began in 1998 and has been celebrated the third week in October.

Literacy is a topic of national concern, and falling test scores and lower graduation rates among teens today are still a serious issue. However, according to the National

Education Association Web site, a 2001 poll conducted by Peter D. Hart & Associates indicates that "Teenagers, age 12 to 18, rated reading, math, and writing as the first, second, and third most important things people need to learn to be successful in life. Young people put this to practice, demonstrating a healthy amount of reading." Not only do they read, but the poll also indicates that they describe the experience as "relaxing ... rewarding ... stimulating."

A reading habit increases reading proficiency. One of the most important ways teens acquire the habit is by watching adults they respect. Being

around adults with a reading habit can counteract the latest statistics from The Nation's Report Card (<http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard>), that indicate that in homes across America the number of different types of reading materials has decreased and a smaller percentage of 17-year-olds saw adults reading in their homes.

As part of this year's activities, YALSA is holding the first national teen vote to determine the 2005 theme for Teen Read Week. Teens nationwide will be able to vote during Teen Read Week, Oct. 17-23, for the 2005 theme. The online vote will allow teens to choose from three options: Get Real; Get Active; and Think. Choose. Do. There also will be an opportunity to suggest a theme for future years.

So celebrate Teen Read Week with your teens! Come visit us and we'll suggest lots of ways for teens and families to discover that It's ALIVE! @ your library: For further information, and to vote for next year's theme, visit their web site at: www.ala.org/teen-read.

Books to Keep—Every year from November until the middle of December, the libraries of Middlesex County participate in a program called, "Books-to-Keep." This program started in 1990 to promote the joy of reading, encourage library use, and pride in owning a book. People are encouraged to donate children's and young adult NEW books which then will be distributed through social service agencies to needy children before the holidays. The program also accepts cash donations which are used to purchase extra books. This program is solely sponsored and operated by staff members from public libraries of Middlesex County. The next time you are in the mall, purchase a book for a child who otherwise wouldn't have a book of their own. Your donations can be dropped off at any library in the county.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Atonda Friday requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a use variance to continue previously granted mother/daughter with deed restrictions, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 121 Palmer Avenue on Block 14, Lot 2 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 28, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00

October 15, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Nancey Pender requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 8x15 deck. Proposed deck exceeds lot coverage by 116.5 square feet or 1.55%; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1906 Holly Avenue on Block 64, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2004 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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Sports

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

Field Hockey Corner

By Sharon Miller

Rankings—The magic of this team continues as they are ranked No. 1 in Middlesex County and move up to take the No. 7 spot in the state Group III rankings! (rankings as of Oct. 06)

Weekly Wrap-up—Congratulations to the team for a 7-0-1 record after tying Sayreville and defeating Old Bridge, Monroe, Metuchen, and East Brunswick.

Week of Sept. 26—The team defeated Old Bridge 2-1. Within the first ten minutes, Jackie Muglia scored the first goal of the game, followed shortly by a goal for Old Bridge. The game remained tied, until the final 19 seconds when Stefanie Miller blasted in

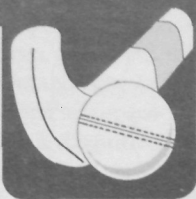
the game-winning goal unassisted. An extremely exciting game of the week against Sayreville ended in a 1-1 tie which even a double overtime could not break. Jess Miller tied the game for South Plainfield when she fired in a goal 12 minutes into the game off a pass from Melissa Szeliga. The team had an amazing 20 additional shots on goal and played an absolutely great game.

Game Schedule

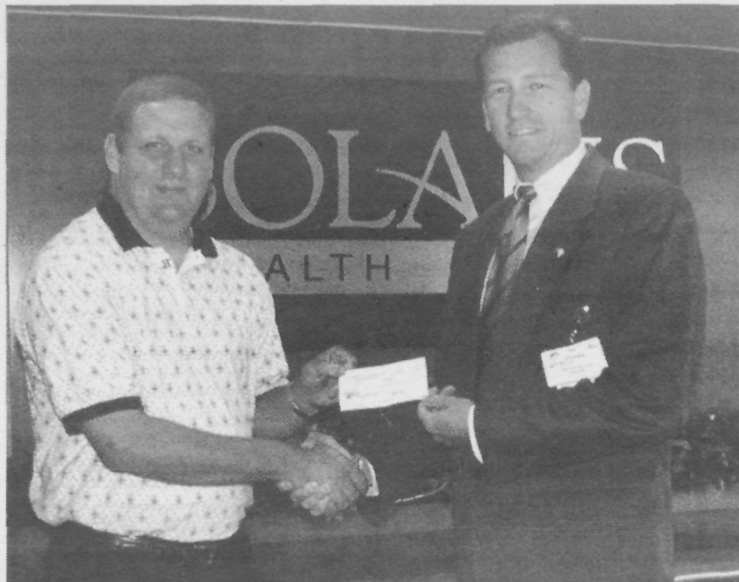
Week of October 10
Oct. 16 Saturday—home game against South Brunswick at 11 a.m.
Week of October 17
Oct. 18 Monday—away game against Sayreville at 3:45.....must see game of the week....if you only see one away game this year, this should

be the one!
October 20
Wednesday—home game against Monroe at 3:45
Week of October 31
Nov. 1, Monday—home game against Johnson Reg-Clark at 3:45
Special Events—The Greater Middlesex Conference Tournament will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 26 and Thursday, Oct. 28 with the championship game being played on Saturday, Oct. 30. Schedules for these games are not yet available.

Please come out and support a wonderful team of players.
The best of luck to players and coaches for a great season. Go Tigers!



Coaches Care Donates \$17,000 To Aid Sick Children



Tom McCreesh presents a \$8,500 check to Steve Toal, director of JFK Foundation.

The Coaches Care Foundation held its first annual charity golf tournament this past June at the Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes. The sold out tournament allowed the charity to raise \$17,000, which was divided equally between two charities.

Coaches Offering Assistance for Children's Health (COACHES CARE) was formed in 2001, with the goal of raising money for children in hospitals. Since its inception, the charity has donated all of their proceeds to the Children's Fund at JFK Medical Center. The Fund ensures that all children who enter the hospital for a stay, receive a gift, which helps ease their anxiety. For the first three years of the charity, COACHES CARE has donated over \$20,000 and computers to the hospital. Those laptop computers are now being used by children in the pediatric portion of the hospital. This year Coaches Care added The Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation as a recipient of half of the golf tournament proceeds. Both the OYH Foundation and the Children's Fund received a check for \$8,500 from Coaches Care chairman Tom McCreesh.

Although the June golf day was a bit cold and rainy, the participants did



Bob Bors, auction winner of lunch with Phil Rizzuto, with The Scooter.

not let that affect their giving spirit. There were prizes given for longest drive, straightest drive, and closest to the pin. There were also two car prizes, for a par three hole in one.

The winning foursome consisted of Terry McCreesh, George Bailey, Sean Bailey and Kevin McCreesh. Among the auction prizes were autographed materials from Bruce Springsteen, Sandy Koufax and Whitey Ford, as well as a lunch with Phil Rizzuto.

Coaches Care has scheduled Saturday June 4, 2005 as the date for next years golf outing.

South Plainfield Soccer Club Weekly Roundup

U-8 Storm—Improved their record to 3-1-0 by defeating Piscataway 4-0.

U-9 Thunder—Played in the Wall Tournament.

U-9 Rockets—Gained valuable experience in the Wall Tournament (0-4-0 tournament), 0-6-1 overall record.

U-10 Hotspurs—Defeated the North

Hunterdon Rage 5-2.

U-11 Bullets—Played the Wall Tournament (2-1-0 tournament record), 5-1-0 overall record.

U-12 Power—Defeated Monroe 6-1.

U-12 Sonics—Lost 2-0.

U-12 Spirit—Lost 5-0 against West Windsor-Plainsboro.

U-13 Fire—Lost a close contest to South Brunswick by a score of 4-3.

U-14 Blast—Won against Millburn Cyclones.

Support the athletes who play for the South Plainfield Soccer Club. Come out and watch their games. Visit our website at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com.

South Plainfield Pre-Season Wrestling Tournament

By Bob Hunter

The second annual South Plainfield Pre-Season Fall Classic Wrestling Tournament held at the PAL this past weekend was a huge success. Wrestlers from Maryland, Delaware, New York as well as some of New Jersey's best, battled it out for individual titles. It was a surprise to see the quality of the wrestling for this time of year, with the season still two months away.

South Plainfield had a good showing with Ryan Walsh (50) taking second place in the Bantam Division. In the Midget Division, South Plainfield sent four to the finals with Anthony

Ashnault (60) winning the first championship of the day. Kyle Brady (65) had a good tournament coming in second place. Tyler Hunt (70) claimed the second title of the day. Ryan Billich (100) finished in second place after a great effort in the finals. In the Junior Division, Ryan Sacco (80) got the things rolling with big win in the finals taking first place. Nick Heilmann (85) followed his teammate with a dominating win in the finals. Jonathan Conroy (Hwt) finished in second place.

In the High School Division, South Plainfield only hand a handful of wrestlers available due to football, but still had a good showing with Patrick

Hunter (103) winning a 4-0 decision in the finals. Billy Ashnault (119) finished in second place, losing a tough match 2-1 in the final. Jimmy Conroy (130) won his title match with an 8-0 major decision.

Special thanks go out to the South Plainfield PBA 100 for donating tee shirts to the wrestlers and for their continued support of youth wrestling. Proceeds of the tournament will be used to supplement the high school wrestling awards dinner and other related wrestling activities throughout the wrestling season. Special thanks to all the volunteers who made this tournament a success.

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Sports

2004 Pocono Open Champions



Hideway Hills, Olde Homestead and Hawke Pointe were the host for the Annual Pocono Ryder Cup event. The champions squeezed out a 38-29½ victory in the three day Ryder Cup format. Pictured left to right are: Bill Schulte, Ralph Fech, Jack Kudrick, Tom McCreesh, Joe Sosnak, Bob Besser, Len Padula, Charles Woodhull, Bill Lane and Tom Casvant.

By Lee Flanagan

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

I would like to thank all the volunteers for supporting our efforts in the fall maintenance of the SPJBC Complex.

Currently, Fields #1, #2 and #3 have been worked on. We still need to work on Field #4 and the clubhouse area. We are looking to see some new faces this Saturday, Oct. 16. This is very important because the Executive Board members will be conducting player registrations on Saturday.

I cannot stress enough those individuals that volunteer their time now will be given first consideration when selecting managers and coaches for the 2005 season. Volunteering now when you are not assigned a work detail really shows your interest in the SPJBC. We are here to make the playing conditions better for the kids. Again, this Saturday, Oct. 16, we are seeking volunteers again from 7 a.m. to 12 noon. There are families that did not com-

plete their obligation to the SPJBC in the spring and summer, so now is the time to fulfill that obligation. Many tasks still need to be completed. See you on Saturday.

The registration fee for the 2005 season will be \$95. The next registration dates are Oct. 14, 15 and 16. Oct. 14 and 15 we will be at the SPJBC Clubhouse from 6-9 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 16, we will be at the same location from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is our early bird sign up. If you wait until Jan. 2005, it will cost \$20 more.

Come on out and get your child registered for our new and exciting season. You can also sign up to manage/coach and umpire at this time.

Opening Day for 2005 is April 9. The Women's Auxiliary will be accepting orders for clothing on these dates also.

We will have the brand new Mercedes at the baseball registrations this

week. Tickets are now available.

Come out and get your ticket.

This fall we will be revisiting the SPJBC Rules and Bylaws. Any recommended changes must be submitted by Nov. 1. If you have a recommendation to the Rules and Bylaws Committee, please visit our website at www.spjbc.com. Charlie Huber is the Chairperson of the committee. He is looking for two other individuals to serve on the committee.

Blast Win Big Over Milburn Cyclones 13-0

The Blast had their biggest offensive showing of the year by destroying the Milburn Cyclones by a score of 12-0. The Blast's top scorer was Jose Fernandez who tallied three Goals. Ian Collins, Ken Breslau and Kevin Veliz each scored two goals. Single goals were scored by Jonathan Cursi, Nicky Pauls and Rafael Urena. Unfortunately, a goal scored by Joseph Gonzalez was disqualified because of an offside penalty.

Nick Jeglinski and Jared Christopher split time in goal and both contributed to the Blast's second straight shutout of their opponents.

The Blast dominated throughout the game and had many scoring chances. The Cyclones were only able to put a few shots on goal throughout the entire game. This was a great victory for the Blast.

The Blast's next game will be away playing the Central New Jersey Silver Bullets Fire.

PLEASE NOTE: Last week's goals previously reported as being scored by Max Cordova were actually scored by Rafael Urena.

Submitted by Jim Christopher



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Showing great progress and good sportsmanship were: Nicholas Plate,

South Plainfield Football Eagles

On Sunday, Oct. 10 the South Plainfield Eagles hosted the Montgomery Wildcats, their last home game of the season.

The Flag team has come so far since their first game in August!

Nicholas Scalera, Connor Skelly, Samuel Thibault and Kyle Wong.

The Mitey Mites played a very good game against a strong Montgomery team. Troy Davisson had a few tackles and several assists to stop the wildcats. John O'Sullivan and Vincent Pellegrino both made many key blocks on offense. Joey Pellegrino had a nice touchdown run with Kyle Brady scoring the extra point. Nicholas Brinks

made many key tackles and also had a few nice kickoffs, making the Wildcats start deep in their own zone. Kyle Dickerson once again played a strong game making several nice tackles.

The Junior PeeWees defeated the Montgomery Wildcats 13-0. The offense was led by Troy Heilmann handing off to Jordan Gamble for a 50 yd. touchdown. Mike Molinaro ran in the extra point. Assisting on offense were: Patrick Boyle, Tyler Calderone, James Cianfrocca, Mike Dolan, Justin Glover, Robert Suriano and Mike Tangorra.

The big defensive play of the game was Mark Tomei's 50 yd. interception return for a touchdown followed by a kick for the extra point. Defense was strong against the Wildcats with Raymond Perez, Mike Molinaro and Eric Burnham each providing sacks. Anthony Torchia and Ryan Bors had great tackles in the backfield while Dylan Dorey grabbed the fumble recovery. Defensive pressure was provided by Corey Stasenko, Stephen Petriello,

Tyler Hunt, Erick Rodriguez and Claude Payne.

The Junior Midgets defeated the Wildcats 12-0. Their defense was outstanding, preventing the Wildcats from scoring and forcing turnover. Pat Milard and Nick Heilmann were responsible for sacks which resulted in loss of yards for the Wildcats. Mike Wagner intercepted and ran the ball to the five yard line and on the next play ran in the touchdown. Tarek Wakins ran the ball well throughout the game and also had an interception, forcing another turnover. Nick Heilmann blocked the punt, while Jimmy Gorman caught the blocked punt in the air and ran it in for a touchdown. Jarell Wakins played an outstanding game on defense as cornerback. Defensive leaders were: Antonio Spalleri, Anthony Cianfrocca, Kyle Hughes, Mike Jefferys and Matt Cooper. Offense was led by Brandon Downes as QB, with Frank Malecki, John Wylam and Seth Yocum providing great offense.

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Knights Hold 2004 Installation of Officers



The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus with Father John Alvarado.

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus held their installation of officers ceremony on Sept. 11 to install the incoming 2004-2005 Council Officers. The ceremony was held at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a dinner at the Knights Hall.

The 2004-2005 Council Officers are: Chaplain-Father John Paul Alvarado, Grand Knight-Joe Scudato, Deputy Grand Knight-Steve Belenger, Chancellor-ob Walker, Re-

corder-Tony Moskal, Financial Secretary-Larry Makowski, Treasurer-Bill Hartmann, Lecturers-Andrew Provenza, Fred Brisebois and Mark O'Brien, Advocate-Gene Baker, Warden-Gene Buldowski, Inside Guards-Mike Butrico and John LoBosco, Outside Guards-Jim Vokral and Bill Kelly, One Year Trustee John Weakley, Two Year Trustee Lenny Kleczkowski and three Year Trustee Pat Bonaventura. Fourth Degree Officers are: Friar-

Father J. Maciej Melaniuk, Navigator-Tony Moskal, Captain-Gene Buldowski, Pilot-Tom Elko, Admiral-Pat Bonaventura, Scribe-Joe Scudato, Purser-Gene Baker, Comptroller-Larry Makoski, Inside Sentinels-Jerry Douglas and Jim Vokral, Outside Sentinels-Andrew Provenza and Bob Walker, One Year Trustee-Paul Grzenda, Two Year Trustee-Frank Dominguez and Third Year Trustee-Lenny Kleczkowski.

Engine City Technical Institute Announces Open House

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IN YOUR OPINION

Continued from page 6

five more scheduled for this year.

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All of these improvements, within our ability to pay, did not just happen. Much credit is due Charlie, Dennis and Kathy. They are dedicated public servants who have done an outstanding job and have earned our continued support.

Charlie, Dennis and Kathy have my vote for re-election to Borough Council and I ask that you give them yours.

SINCERELY,
DANIEL J. GALLAGHER

Dear Editor,

Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas deserve to be reelected to the Borough Council. They have delivered on their promises to the residents of South Plainfield. They promised to keep taxes down. They have delivered with no municipal tax increase in five out of the last seven years. They promised to stop needless borrowing and they delivered by reducing borrowing by 50 percent. They promised to complete the senior housing project and build a senior recreation center and they did accomplish both projects. They promised to preserve open space against unnecessary development and they delivered by

preserving over 100 acres of open space. They promised to make significant improvements to the Borough and they delivered with things like the improvements to Putnam Park, the expansion to the PAL building, a new skateboard park, improvements to the girls' softball complex and improvements to the Community Pool.

Now they have started on the building of a new library. In a world where too many politicians just talk and talk, it is refreshing to have elected leaders who set clear goals and accomplish them. On Election Day, vote for Charlie Butrico, Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council because they have demonstrated that they keep their promises to the people of South Plainfield.

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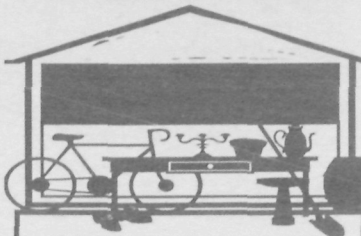
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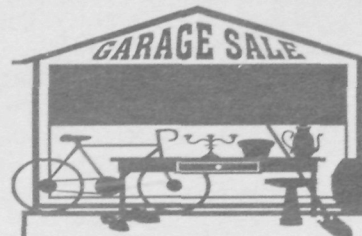
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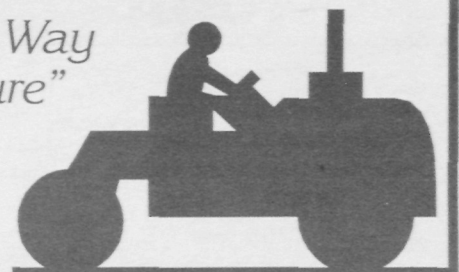
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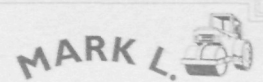
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police report

- Victor Maurice Howard, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for exhibiting a fraudulent insurance card and inspection sticker, driving on a suspended license, possession of a controlled substance and multiple outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.
- Marcelino Mera Collao, 45, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Morris Ave. resident reported that the passenger side rear window of their vehicle had been smashed. Nothing was taken.
- An E. Fairview Ave. resident reported that a computer that was left in a box that Federal Express was supposed to pick up was missing.
- Canada Dry on New Durham Rd. reported wooden pallets valued at \$805 were taken on two separate occasions.
- Sacred Heart Church reported that a window had been broken on the south side of the school.
- On Oct. 6 Kimberly Anne Mims, 39, of Elizabeth was arrested for driving on a suspended license, operating an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.
- CVS on Oak Tree Rd. reported that a woman at the drive-up window

had tried to order Percocet with a fraudulent prescription.

- A Durham Ave. resident reported that the bottom panel of a wooden door to their house had been kicked in, however a burglar alarm went off and the suspect fled the scene. Nothing was taken.
- On Oct. 7 Darlene Renne King, 41, of Rahway was arrested for driving on an expired license, driving without license in possession, driving on a revoked license and two outstanding warrants during a motor vehicle stop.
- John M. Gundy, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to use headlights, failure to keep right and careless driving.
- An Edgar Ave. resident reported that three BMX bikes from the front yard were taken.
- Anthony W. Husser, 33, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a revoked license, missing a license plate, displaying a fictitious plate and an outstanding warrant.
- An employee of Home Depot reported that the third brake light lens of his vehicle had been removed. The manager of Home Depot reported that gas had been siphoned from a rental truck and \$400 worth of aluminum

ramps had been removed from the truck.

- On Oct. 9 Cecil James Hamilton, 43, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated reckless driving and speeding at a motor vehicle stop.
- Won Kim, 27, of Edison was arrested for driving on a revoked license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Calderone St. resident reported the theft of a Honda XR 70 dirt bike from the basement storage space.
- Ken's Links on Hamilton Blvd. reported that a window air conditioning unit had been pushed in. The cash register had attempted to be pried open without success. However, a paintball gun, a CO2 tank, two tank caps and a bag of paintballs were taken. The north side of the building had also been shot with paintballs.
- A customer at CVS on Oak Tree Rd. reported that his unlocked mountain bike had been taken from the front of the store.
- A Plainfield Ave. resident reported the theft of a six foot inflatable lighted Frankenstein from the front lawn.
- A Front St. resident reported a rock had been thrown at his house, which left a crack in the siding.



Members of the South Plainfield High School band practice for Sunday's Marching Band Festival.

SPHS Band Hosts Annual Marching Festival Sunday

"Support Our Troops" is the theme at this Sunday's 23rd Annual Marching Band Festival. At 1 p.m., the excitement will begin to reverberate from the Frank R. Jost Memorial Field as the South Plainfield High School Music Boosters begin the festivities.

The SPHS Marching Band is thrilled to present a special exhibition by the 105-piece Annapolis Naval Academy Marching Band. Contributing to the patriotism of the day, color guards from the four branches of the military are invited to present their flags.

The SPHS Band and Color Guard members are honored to welcome colleagues from Dunellen HS, Warren Hills Regional HS, JFK Memorial HS, Kearny HS, Nottingham HS and Plainfield HS.

Family and friends are invited to send messages to the performers in the form of FlowerGrams, CandyGrams and AirGrams. SPHS Booster parents will be selling a variety of delicious food and baked goods throughout the day.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students and children 10 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the field on Sunday. All proceeds from this event are given to the SPHS Music Boosters and scholarships to graduating high school seniors in June.

Plan on coming out and showing your enthusiasm as these high school students exhibit support for our nation, our community and our invited performing guests on Sunday, Oct. 17.

Obituaries

Michael P. Bizup, 79

Michael P. Bizup of Orangeville, Pa. passed away peacefully on Saturday, Oct. 9 at his home, with his loving family at his side.

Mike was born in Lopez, Pa. on Aug. 6, 1925, a son of the late John and Catherine Kusnerak Bizup. He attended local schools and served with the U.S. Army Field Artillery in New Guinea and the Philippines during WWII.

After the war Mike began working in New Jersey. He married the former Lillian Mattichak of Lopez, Pa. on Sept. 1, 1951. They recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary. They resided in South Plainfield. Mike worked for Lockheed Electronics, retiring to Orangeville in 1988. He was a loving spouse, father and grandfather and really enjoyed being with his family. In retirement he also took up gardening and beekeeping.

Mike was a member of St. Vladimir's Orthodox Church in Lopez, Pa. and a member of the Millville American Legion.

He was predeceased by three sisters, Mary Baran and infant sisters, Eva and Edna Bizup; five brothers, Andrew Bizup, Joseph Bizup, John Bizup, Adam Bizup and Gilbert Bizup.

Surviving are his wife Lillian at home; a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Jean Bizup of South Plainfield; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Richard Hawkins of Wallingford, Pa.; three sisters, Kathryn Raido of Jersey City, Helen Pyzolo of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Anna Petroski of Derby, Conn. He was also survived by

two grandsons, Matthew and Christopher Bizup and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at P. Dean Homer Funeral Home in Dushore, Pa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are directed to: Geisinger Medical Center, Attn: Dr. Makary, 100 North Academy Ave., Danville, Pa. 17822-2001

James B. "Jim" Conlon, 71

James B. "Jim" Conlon died on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Sayre, Pa., Jim grew up in Avoca, Pa. He later resided in Newark and Hillside before settling in Piscataway in Dec. of 1962.

He served in the United States Army as a corporal during the Korean Conflict.

A retired firefighter for the city of

Newark after 25 years, he also was an insurance broker, truck driver and a retired member of the Carpenters Union Local #155 of Plainfield.

Jim was a very talented person, who was generous to his family and friends. He played softball in the Piscataway 35+ league with the Rumdummies, enjoyed tennis every Sunday with friends and was an avid golfer. He was also an active communicant of Our Lady of Fatima RC Church in Piscataway.

Affectionately known as PopPop to his surviving wife, Gail A. (nee Grau) Conlon; seven children, Kathleen Arancio, James Conlon, Nancy Belford, Claire Conlon, John Conlon, Suzanne Lyons and Patricia Breitenbach and his 17 grandchildren.

He is also survived by a sister and four brothers, Sister Mary Louise Conlon, John, Joseph, Thomas and Patrick Conlon and numerous nieces and nephews.

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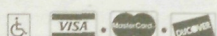
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