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## Missing Borough Woman Found Dead

By Jane Dornick



SPFD members raise the flag at the department's memorial service prior to their open house last Saturday. See page 7 for additional photos.

The body of missing South Plainfield resident Tania Silva was found last Wednesday afternoon at a recycling center in Philadelphia. Dental records positively identified her. Workers found the decomposed body of the 35-year-old woman wrapping in three plastic bags. She also had a bag over her head and her hands were wrapped in duct tape. According to an autopsy performed by the Philadelphia Medical Examiner's office, the cause of death was strangulation. The investigation was turned over to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's office after Philadelphia Police concluded that the crime had not been committed in their jurisdiction.

Silva had been living with her boyfriend Paul Cibelli Jr., 42, along with his recently widowed father, Paul Cibelli Sr., in Cibelli's father's home at 171 Robert Pl. for the last six months. According to Cibelli, he last saw his girlfriend at 1:30 a.m. on Friday. He awoke that morning and found her missing, however her purse, cell phone and car were still at the home.

A long time friend of Silva's, Fernando Barrientos, who had introduced the couple, arrived that Friday to help Silva move into her own apartment, because the two had not been getting along. At that time he called



Tania Silva

the South Plainfield Police Dept.

On Wednesday more than 100 volunteers, including NJ State Police recruits, met at the Senior Citizens Center to search along the train tracks behind Sampton Ave. and Metuchen Rd.

Cibelli was arrested in New Paltz, NY on Sunday, after police received

a call regarding a man wandering around the hallways of a hotel naked. He was charged with public lewdness and released on \$5,000 bail. He then admitted himself into Benedictine Hospital in Kingston, NY, where he remains under psychiatric care. While in the hospital he was rearrested and charged with criminal mischief after hotel personnel found his room in disarray and covered in feces. A New Paltz judge ordered bail set at \$250,000. Cibelli was arraigned on Wednesday.

Silva graduated from high school in Lima, Peru with Barrientos. She attended college in London, returned briefly to Peru and came to the U.S. five years ago. She worked as an analyst for JP Morgan Chase in Iselin, as well as their offices in Delaware and Houston. Her father, Moises and stepmother, Elvira, live in Houston and flew to New Jersey to claim Silva's

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## Memorial Service, Open House Mark Fire Prevention Week

Last Saturday, the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department opened their doors for the residents in honor of Fire Prevention Week. The event was rescheduled from the previous Saturday due to inclement weather.

The open house was preceded by memorial services which were held for the first time at the new

Fireman's Memorial across from the fire house.

Services began and concluded with prayers by Rev. Charles Mingle. The event was attended by Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas, Councilmen Charles Butrico and Dennis Cerami and members of

the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.

After the flag ceremony, a wreath in the shape of a Maltese Cross was placed in front of the memorial.

Fire Chief Larry Del Negro spoke of the dedication of the many volunteers who have served in the past and are serving today. "It is our job to learn from them and set the path for those who will serve in the future."

The Firemen's Memorial is nearing completion. The statue is placed among the swirl of bricks. The paths, lighting and landscaping are all in place. A granite wall will soon be installed behind the statue, with the names of all firefighters who have served since its inception. In the 100 years of the department's history, only 10 chiefs have served. Their names will be engraved on a stone near the granite wall.

The public is invited to visit the memorial and see just how beautiful the whole area has become in the past few years.

The bricks that have been purchased will be placed in the crescent shaped area along the path, just behind the granite wall. It's not too late to order a brick. If you are interested, call the firehouse at (908) 756-4761 for more information.



Tour guides Chris Abbott and Darren Kazkowski of South Plainfield and Kat Jenkins of Hopatcong rehearse a scene from the upcoming Haunted Woods Tour.

Only 7 Days Left 'til the Tour!  
Get your tickets now!

## Get Scared Silly at Haunted Woods Tour

Show to Benefit Rescue Squad, Fire Dept.

Join investigators Lewis and Clark for a frighteningly fun Halloween show and have fun being scared silly. Show dates are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday, Oct. 27, 28, 29 and 31. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday shows begin with a twilight tour at about 6:15 p.m., still some daylight for those who maybe afraid of the dark!

Tours start approximately every 25 minutes until 10:15 p.m. Tickets for adults are \$6 and children accompanied by an adult are \$4. On Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31, the first tour begins at 5:10 p.m. and tours run until 9:30 p.m.

Tickets for adults are \$7 and children accompanied by an adult are \$5. Reservations are required for groups of six or more.

Call (908) 756-8011 for advance tickets and information. Reservations

are recommended.

Proceeds from the show will go to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and Fire Department.

Almost Famous Players Haunted Woods Tour is in desperate need of a loan of a small generator to power our ticket area. We are also looking for people to do incidental scares, this doesn't require any acting experience just the ability to scream and scare people, we are also in serious need of 'retainers' individuals who walk the tour with the actors and help keep the audience spread out so that everyone can see, quiet, and on the trail, 16 and over only please. Adults/parents welcome!

Our show opens in less than a week, please call (908) 346-2290 or email [angelonly@aol.com](mailto:angelonly@aol.com) if you would like to assist.

## Residents Beware: Scam Artists Committing Burglaries

The South Plainfield Police Dept. are advising borough residents to be aware of scam artists that have been traveling around the area committing residential burglaries.

A homeowner reported being approached by two middle eastern men who claimed to be working in a neighbor's yard. They requested that she accompany them to the rear of her residence at which time one suspect entered the house and removed jewelry from the master bedroom.

Both suspects are described as

being middle eastern with accents. One suspect is described as being 5'6" to 5'7" tall, thin build, clean shaven and dark complexion. The other suspect is 5'10", medium build, clean shaven and dark complexion. Both suspects were wearing white dress shirts and dark dress pants.

Police are requesting the public's help in identifying these individuals and are advised to contact the South Plainfield Police Dept. at (908) 226-7688 in the event they encounter this type of situation. All calls will be kept confidential.



# IN YOUR OPINION

## To the Editor,

This past Saturday my wife and I had the honor of attending a dinner for a very special person, Michael Capizola. Coach Capizola, or "Cap" to those that know him, has spent the past 25 years coaching the South Plainfield High School Cross Country Team.

A former team member of mine, Renato Biribin Jr. ('86), took it upon himself to organize a dinner to recognize this great accomplishment. Over the past year, he reached out to runners far and wide who had the privilege of running for Coach Cap and the response was unbelievable. They came from as far as California, Florida and Rhode Island and they represented almost every graduating class from 1981 to his present day students.

Twenty-five years of coaching any sport is an accomplishment in and of itself. What makes Cap's situation all the more special is that for the past 25 years he has literally run every step of the way with the kids he coached. Those countless thousands of miles and the manner in which he coaches have earned him the respect and admiration he truly deserves.

It was amazing to sit there and listen to the runners share their thoughts and experiences on his 25 years of coaching, some of whom weren't even born when I ran for him in 1984 and 1985. I'm hoping that if all goes well my son will get the chance in five years to run with him too.

JEFFREY TEMPLE (1985)

## Dear Editor:

This is an open letter to Republican council candidates Anesh and Bengivenga and Republican Chair Robert Jones. Please tell your 'supporters' to stop destroying our campaign signs. We know your response will be that you have nothing to do with it, but come on.

Over the last two weeks five large campaign signs have been mutilated. This is not the work of kids, because of the detail involved in the vandalism. The signs have been cut down from their legs and then cut up with wire cutters. In some cases the steel legs have been bent beyond recognition and a couple of the signs have actually been removed from their locations. Some

person with construction type tools is doing the dirty work.

The Democratic party is proud of the fact that we always run clean campaigns regardless of the baseless dirt that is thrown at us. Try following our lead. The voters will respect the effort.

ED P. KUBALA AND  
KATHY THOMAS

## To the Editor,

The Grant School PTO held their Oct. 11 meeting in the Grant School Library at 7 p.m.

The fifth grade Stokes' Yankee Candle Fundraiser is underway. If you have any questions please contact Debby Di Dolce. The book fair was a huge success, along with picture day.

Please do not forget to join the PTO for the fee of \$1 per family. Your participation can make a difference.

The activity fee of \$25 per child eliminates general fundraising. These sheets along with the volunteer forms for various programs at Grant School were attached to the Grant Newsletter that were sent home the week of Oct. 8. Please help out wherever possible.

The Grant School Halloween get-together will take place on Thursday, Oct. 27 at United Skates, now located across from The Club at Woodbridge in the new sports complex, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at Grant School beginning the week of Oct. 17 and cost \$9 per child, which include a slice of pizza and a drink. Skate rental is additional and you can bring your own skates. There will be no drop-offs, children must be accompanied by an adult who will remain at United Skates until the end of the evening. Tickets can be purchased at the door. There will be music and dancing.

The next Grant School PTO meeting has been changed to Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. There will be a meeting for the fifth grade Stokes parents interested in being on the committee for fundraising on Nov. 16 from 6 to 7 p.m.

Principal Whalen ended the meeting with his "Principal's Report" and entertained any questions.

Thank you to all the people who have already volunteered at the various Grant activities which have already

## Submit Letters to the Editor:

Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters. Any letter received without identification will be discarded.

Letters may be submitted to the Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax 908-668-8819 or by email: spobserver@comcast.net. Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m. Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 400 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and to limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject.

taken place and to all those who attended the PTO meeting.

SINCERELY,  
DEBBIE BOYLE, CORRESPONDING  
SECRETARY, GRANT SCHOOL PTO

## To the Editor;

The fall season brings on the sign of an upcoming election—plans for the new library.

The Observer showed an impressive artist's rendering in a recent issue. Not shown was the proximity to the surrounding buildings and the small setback from Plainfield Ave. required for a building that size. Also shown were pedestrians walking in the driveway and street, with no sidewalk space left after the planting of the planned trees. The entrance is on Plainfield Ave., indicating the hope that patrons would not mind a long walk from the rear parking lot down a driveway across the drive-through lanes to the front entrance, with no protection from exiting traffic or the weather. The upper area is described as being accessible "through a planned stairway and the installation of an elevator is under discussion."

The architects and our borough representatives should not even have to discuss the need for an elevator for our seniors and those physically challenged to use the upper floor and make it a requirement.

Mayor Gallagher concedes there will not be enough parking, stating negotiations with the funeral home to use their property to connect with the borough hall lot. Should a private business give up some of their property to correct the inadequate planning of the borough government? If the mayor is successful, library patrons would effectively be parking in the current library lot, since the borough lot closest to the planned library is now filled with police vehicles. The only benefit that can come from this solution is that patrons will be able to exit the library lot and make a left turn by exiting at the light at Municipal Drive. Imagine trying to make a left upon exiting at the new library's own driveway—with pedestrians weaving between cars and cars waiting for an opening in traffic.

The Planning Board should continue its diligent review of all the plans making sure no construction or access detail is overlooked, and the library staff and planners must ensure that the new building will be equipped and viable for working, reading, research, and community programs—a library we can be proud of. If the new facility is not done correctly now, there will be no opportunity for a second chance in the near future.

After the next few weeks, we probably will not hear much more about this library until the leaves turn next fall. As of now, there is no firm financing in place. All South Plainfield Library users should stand firm in their resolve that we get the state-of-the-art,

well-equipped and user-friendly library that will serve our needs for many years to come—not just an inadequate building crammed on a small lot to fulfill a three-year-old campaign promise.

SINCERELY,  
BILL SEESSELBERG

## Dear Editor:

For the past four years, I have had the privilege and good fortune to work with 18th District Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan on legislation of benefit to senior citizens, middle-income homeowners and parents of school-aged children. The experience and knowledge they possess on issues like public safety, local education, and consumer rights have proven to be invaluable assets to the Legislature.

A retired FBI agent and former Edison police director, Assemblyman Barnes has put his professional law enforcement background to good work as chairman of the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee. With his leadership and input, the state enacted the first child-proof handgun ban in the country and tougher laws against drunken driving.

Assemblyman Barnes also played a pivotal role as vice-chairman of the Assembly Consumer Affairs Committee, helping to fine-tune laws combating identity theft and the predatory practices of telemarketers.

Assemblyman Diegnan, a lawyer and a former college instructor, serves as vice chairman for the Assembly Education Committee and for the Assembly Judiciary Committee. One of the Legislature's most committed advocates for public education, he takes tremendous pride in the fact that Middlesex County's 18th District boasts the state's highest high school graduation rate.

Because of his knowledge of the law and education issues, I selected Assemblyman Diegnan to serve as my designee on the special committee that

will examine the state's problem-plagued school construction program.

Working with Senator Barbara Buono, Barnes and Diegnan have succeeded in bringing increased levels of property tax relief to their district. They also have consistently supported legislation that would authorize voters to call a special constitutional convention to fix the state's outdated property tax system.

They joined in sponsoring the new state law that made New Jersey the fourth state in the country to track its most dangerous sexual predators through the use of satellite monitoring technology.

The 18th District Assembly team of Barnes and Diegnan has few peers in the state Legislature in terms of leadership abilities, hard work and personal integrity. They have proven themselves worthy of reelection to the state Legislature and I wholeheartedly urge Middlesex County residents to support them on Election Day.

SINCERELY,  
ASSEMBLY SPEAKER ALBIO  
SIRE, D-WEST NEW YORK

## Dear Editor:

As a member of the South Plainfield Library Board of Directors, I would like to thank the Republican candidates for their suggestion of a library foundation but would like to point out that we already have one. Councilwoman Kathy Thomas was instrumental in creating the foundation during the past year.

In addition, plans for the new library are not behind but are coming along nicely. The architect's renderings of the proposed building will be on display in a few days at Boro Hall.

SINCERELY,  
DONNA EGAN

## Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter to support  
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## Senior Center to Sponsor Medicare Drug Program

The start of the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug program is quickly approaching. Beginning Jan. 1, 2006, new Medicare prescription drug benefit offers help beneficiaries with rising out-of-pocket drug costs, especially those with low incomes. Insurance companies and other private companies will work with Medicare to offer these drug plans.

Medicare will begin accepting applications on Nov. 15. It is extremely important for all Medicare participants to learn as much as possible in order to make an informed and educated decision on which plan will be best for you.

In an effort to assist our local residents in gaining the information they need, the Office on Aging has made arrangements with the NJ State Health Insurance Program to have their director, Debbie Breslin, give an in depth presentation on Medicare Part D. The program will be held Monday, Oct. 24 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Whether you are a senior, a caregiver or an interested family member, everyone is encouraged to attend this important program.

For information about the new Medicare Prescription Drug Program, call the Senior Center at 908-754-1047 or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) or call 1-800-MEDICARE (TTY 1-877-486-2048).

### Correction

In last week's *Publisher's Note*, we incorrectly identified Dawn Jeffreys. We regret the error.

## Send in Your Junior Journalist Entries

The *Observer* is accepting entries for the Hometown Heros Junior Journalist Contest.

You can bring your entries to the



Representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 6763, Metro Kopchak (left) and Rudy Poczak (right), recently presented Unity Bank Vice President Regional Sales Manager Kimberly Buckl and Assistant Vice President Branch Manager Linda Teixeira, with a plaque for their generous contributions which are used to aid veterans, their families and the community of South Plainfield. The VFW also presented a plaque to Albert Ladish (not pictured) for his generous donations towards the hospitalized veterans, which are used for parties and recreation, etc.

## Historical Society Proposes Historic Marker For Mill

The South Plainfield Historical Society has submitted a preliminary request to the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission to designate the ruins of the New Brooklyn Grist Mill as an historic site. If accepted, the historic marker will be a gift from Middlesex County and the Board of Chosen Freeholders working in collaboration with the Cultural and Heritage Commission. The commission is particularly interested in sites that are little known to the public.

The mill was located on the south bank of the Cedar Brook along the old roadway known as the "Road from Bound Brook to Rahway." The mill pond was located to the east of the roadway. The mill was built by Quaker William Laing, who with his brother, purchased 700 acres of land in 1692 in what is now South Plainfield from John Barclay, a proprietary official. This was the beginning of two centuries of gristmilling at this site. Exactly when the mill was built is not known, but William willed it to his sons in 1732 upon his death. Records indicate it was running much earlier.

The Village of New Brooklyn (later changed to South Plainfield) grew up near the mill. By 1828, it contained 10 houses, and by 1850, a general store. The mill was the first significant industry to develop in this corner of Historic Piscataway Township. The coming of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in 1875 probably enhanced the mill's large operation, for it was known to have five pairs of running stones which ran 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Grain shipments were thought to be brought here from Somerset County, for there were no large farms in the immediate area which could keep the mill as busy as it was. Thus began

## Father Alphonse Stephenson Returns to Sacred Heart

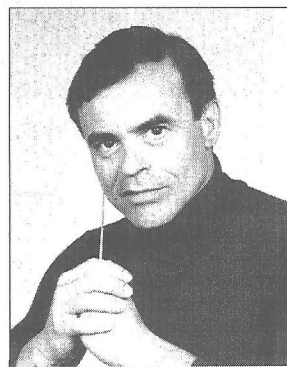
Sacred Heart Church has announced that Father Alphonse Stephenson and his symphony orchestra, St. Peter by the Sea, will present a Christmas concert at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, Nov. 27, at 3 p.m. This will be Father Stephenson's sixth appearance at Sacred Heart.

Father Alphonse Stephenson is well known for his versatility: part maestro, part comedian and part priest.

Father Stephenson's first orchestra was formed in New York's Theatre District while he served at St. Malachy's, the Actor's Chapel. In 1980, Michael Bennett, the late Broadway director and choreographer, hired him as conductor and music director for his smash hit, *A Chorus Line*. He conducted nearly 3,000 performances of the famous musical.

His concert will consist of traditional Christmas music and other seasonal favorites. Father Stephenson also entertains his audiences with his good cheer and charisma.

His orchestra consists of 45 mem-



Father Alphonse Stephenson

bers, who collectively have hundreds of years of study and performed tens of thousands of concerts and recitals.

The performance will take place at 3 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

General admission is \$25; students and seniors, \$20. Tickets are sold after all masses. For information, call (908) 756-2523 or (732) 549-9633.

South Plainfield's moniker as a "blue collar town."

The grist mill passed into the hands of the Randolph family until 1844. The Randolphs constructed a fulling mill for processing of flax at the site, providing work for the men of the village. The Dunn family was next to own the mill, but hard times followed and the mill was sold at a sheriff's sale in 1856 to settle a debt. The mill passed through a series of ownerships and appears to have been rebuilt during the Civil War. By 1890, a state survey noted that the mill was owned by H.J. Baker and Bro. and had a fall of nine feet and the utilized horsepower was 28 net and 40 gross.

Soon after, the mill passed to the Middlesex Water Company whose main interest was not milling, but the pond as a source of drinking water. It then rented the mill to a series of owners. The last miller was Frank R. Kellogg who also operated a hay, grain and feed business, plus a lactose factory until the fire of 1909 destroyed the entire complex. It was not rebuilt. At the time of the inferno, the mill was described as a five-story structure and the largest building in South Plainfield. It was also the center of community life where "frolics and festivals" were

held for generations of residents.

The mill lies in ruins under the ground in back of the Firemen's Memorial. In March 1986, the South Plainfield Historical Society requested Sheffield Archaeological Consultants of Wayne to undertake test excavations. This project was a Stage II Evaluation Level investigation that was directed toward the intensive investigation of the mill site in order to collect and analyze sufficient data to permit a definitive evaluation of this site by the criteria of eligibility of the National Register of Historic Places.

"The field survey and test excavations have determined that a significant portion of the mills complex is extant. The remains of a dam, sheet iron flumes, turbine, wheel pit, stone floor, raceway walls, and wooden beams were found. On the basis of the presence, integrity, and significance of the historic resources, the site is considered eligible for inclusion on the State and National Register of Historic Places." - Sheffield Archaeological Consultants. The South Plainfield Historical Society did not go forward and nominate the site because of the cost involved and the fact that archaeological sites are far more difficult to place in the national register.

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### Public Service Announcement

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### Amateur Radio Operators Being Sought

Looking for residents who may be interested in obtaining a Technician Class FCC License to help our borough in time of need and for special events. Age and Gender are not issues, only the desire to participate. Depending on response, (8) week course is planned for Jan. 2006, meeting (2) hours per week.

If interested contact the Observer at (908) 668-0010 or e-mail at [spobserver@comcast.net](mailto:spobserver@comcast.net) by Nov. 11, 2005.

### Public Service Announcement

We at Mohn's Florist were  
sorry to hear of the closing of Von Graffs  
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Redler a friend as well as a friendly competitor, and we wish  
him well in his new endeavor. We invite all former customers of Von  
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# Around Town

## VFW Cabbage Dinner

October 21

The South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post No. 6763, located at 155 Front Street, will be holding a ham and cabbage dinner for all on Friday, October 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults-\$7, children, 12 and under are \$4. Takeouts fifty cents extra.

For information, call (908) 668-9751 after 3 p.m. or noon on weekends.

## Free Community Picnic

October 22

In celebration of their 40th year, Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, located on Kenyon Ave. will be holding a free community picnic on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 2 to 7 p.m.

Tethered hot air balloon rides, aerobics, puppet show, door prizes, fire truck, face painting and plenty of food, all free. Everyone is welcome.

For information, call (908) 757-7598.

## St. Stephen's Oktoberfest

October 22

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church on Park Ave., will hold their Eighth Annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. with all you can eat authentic German food.

Advance tickets: adults-\$10, children 5-12-\$5 and seniors-\$8. Takeout dinners available.

Tickets available from the church office by calling (908) 757-4474.

## Trip to Resorts Casino

Sunday, Oct. 23

Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Atlantic City Resorts Casino on Sunday, Oct. 23. Bus leaves the PAL at 10:30 a.m. and returns at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person with \$22 in slot credits. Only 43 tickets are available.

Tickets can be purchased at the PAL weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## What's happening in OCTOBER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am 24  
Yoga 10:30-11:30am  
Art Class 11am  
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse 10am

Woodloch Pines Pocono Resort  
Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Info at Senior Center  
Oct. 23 Speaker Program 1 PM  
"Medicare Prescription Plan D"  
Oct. 28 Middlesex County Flu Shots  
9:30 am to 12:20 pm

Bingo 10am-2pm 25  
Ladies Social 10am  
Lunch Available

Exercise 8:30am 26  
Line Dancing 10am  
Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm  
AARP Crafts Group 1pm  
Tai Chi Class 2 pm

Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am 20  
Exercise Class 1:15pm  
Practical Crafts 10am  
Computer Class 11am & 1pm

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## Senior Center EVENTS

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October 26

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For information, call (973) 994-1143.

## Starlight Singles Social

October 25

Starlight Socials Christian Professionals for Singles in their 20's, 30's, and 40's will hold a dinner with late night live band music on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at Champs Restaurant in Menlo Park Mall in Edison.

Cost is \$3 surcharge, plus cost of whatever you order for dinner plus tax and tips.

For information, call (732) 764-9073.

## Financial Seminar

October 26

A seminar on investing for fixed income will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 26 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in Centennial Hall at Muhlenburg Regional Medical Center on Park Ave. in Plainfield.

## Woodbridge WOWs

October 30

The Woodbridge Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will hold a fundraiser Halloween Dance on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elks' Hall on Rahway Ave., in Woodbridge. Costumes optional for prizes. All welcome. Call (732) 297-1775.

## YMCA Trunk or Treat

October 30

The Metuchen YMCA and No. Edison/Metuchen Girls Scouts present a Halloween Trunk or Treat Spooktacular on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 4-7 p.m. at the YMCA on 65 High St.

Cost for member-\$8, children-\$4, non-member-\$10 and \$5 for child. Admission includes craft activities, games, movies, trunk or treating, pizza, drinks and more.

For information call Marie Patterson or Ruth Deluca at (732) 548-2004.

## Knights Open House

October 24

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes Council #6203 invite you to an Open House at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Hamilton Blvd. on Monday Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

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## ProCare Free Events

October 27

In celebration of National Physical Therapy Month, ProCare Physical Therapy is sponsoring *Try PT First Seminar* and Open House on Thurs-

day, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. All attendees receive a coupon for a free screening. ProCare is located at 4500 New Brunswick Ave. in Piscataway.

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## Kennedy School Trunk-R-Treating

Friday, Oct. 28

Kennedy School PTSO is hosting a Trunk-R-Treating fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the school parking lot. Families can decorate the trunk of their vehicles and win prizes. Decorating time is from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Children can trick-or-treat in their costumes from trunk to trunk from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and visit the "haunted school." Admission is \$10 per family for candy and haunted school regardless of whether you enter a vehicle or not. Food and drinks will be sold. There will also be games, raffles, a 50/50, pictures and crafts.

For more information contact Barbara Bythell at (908) 754-9629.

## SP Town History Day

October 30

The Third Annual South Plainfield Town History Day will be held on Sunday, Oct. 30 from 1-4 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, on Maple Ave. Admission is free.

Guest speaker will be Gov. William Livingston, New Jersey's first governor, as interpreted by the distinguished American Historical Theater of Philadelphia at 1 p.m. Dr. Richard F. Veit will present a new, half-hour slide program on local history.

For more information, contact Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073 or Kathy Horvath at (908) 754-7268.

## Out of Town

## Wardlaw-Hartridge Annual Fall Fair

October 22

Saturday, October 22 is the date to circle for family fun and games. The day begins at 9 a.m. with coffee and pastries at the Edison independent school that serves PreK through grade 12 students. Children of all ages are invited to participate in the games in Laidlaw Gymnasium, or for children who prefer to do craft projects, tables will be set for them to work creatively with beads and other projects.

For information on this event, call the school at (908) 754-1882.

## Chats Meeting

October 24

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet on Monday, Oct. 24 from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. "The Pro's and Con's of Search and Reunion—and How Does One Begin?" will be led by Betsy Forrest. Check out [www.chatsnj.com](http://www.chatsnj.com) or call (732) 227-0607.

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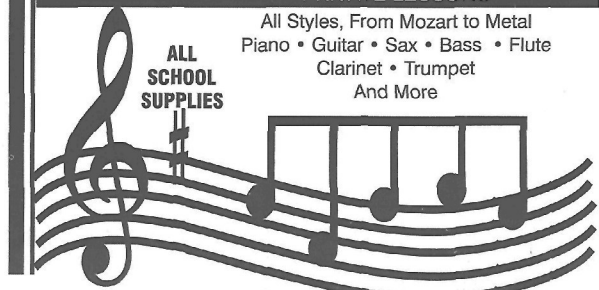
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# Milestones

### Louis DeFillipo Celebrates 90th Birthday



Louis DeFillipo

The family of Louis DeFillipo held a surprise 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party for him last Saturday. Family members came from as far away as Georgia for the special occasion. Lou was surrounded by his wife Anna, children, grandchildren, great grandchild, brothers, sisters and other family members.

Born on Oct. 18, 1915 in South Plainfield and raised here, Louis has always been an active resident of the Borough. He has served as a member of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, Elks, Unico and many other service organizations.

Lou was so pleased and surprised at the outpouring of good wishes on Saturday that he was heard to exclaim, "Let's do this again tomorrow!"

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Chriss Grippio

Do you like magic? If you do then you can't miss magician Joe Fisher's magic show sponsored by the library on Wednesday, Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. While there is no cost for this program we do require you to call the library (908) 754-7885 and register so we know how many people to expect.

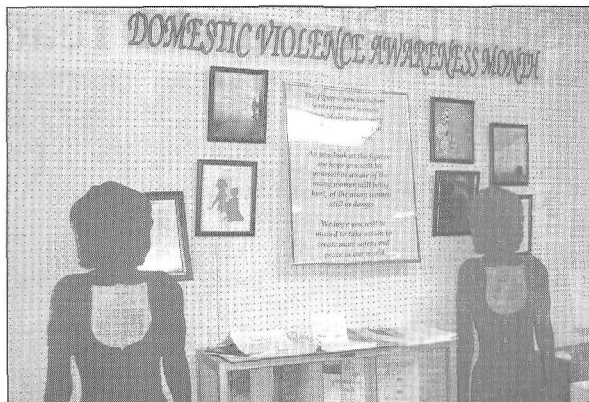
Also, mark your calendar for Sunday, Nov. 6, to meet Feather Schwartz Foster at the library at 2 p.m., author of "Ladies: A Conjecture of Personalities." Although a work of fiction, this book is a series of letters by American First Ladies from Washington to Eisenhower discussing everything from chores to houseguests to customs. And all the letters are based on facts. So this should be a very interesting

afternoon. Again this is a free program and no registration is required.

And it is not too late to decorate for Halloween. To help you we have books on pumpkin painting and carving, costume creation (including "The No-Sew Costume Book," "Hocus Pocus! Halloween Crafts for a Spooktacular Holiday" and "The Halloween Handbook," which includes 447 costumes for adults!) and many more. Plus we have audio CD's of spooky sounds. So let us help you with your Halloween parties.

Please remember our regular storytimes/craft times are Tuesday at 10:30, Wednesday at 6:30 and Thursday at 1:15. All these are drop in programs for three-year-olds and up so there is no need to register.

See you at the library!



## Domestic Violence Awareness Exhibit Featured at the Library

Mayor Daniel Gallagher officially named the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in a proclamation several weeks ago. In it he recognized the important work being done by domestic violence programs. He also urged all residents to participate in scheduled activities and programs and to work toward improving victim safety and holding perpetrators accountable for their actions.

The goal of the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team is to provide services to victims designed to ensure their safety and access available resources. The team strives to create a safe haven where victim's questions can be answered and concerns expressed. The group is affiliated with the Woman Aware program and operate under the guidance of the South Plainfield Police Department. To contact a team member on a non-urgent matter you can call the

South Plainfield Police Department at (908) 755-0700 and ask for a team member who can call or meet with you. The team also has a full time social worker, Gail Dougherty, who can be reached at (908) 754-4986. For urgent matters or life threatening situations always dial 911.

Make a point to visit the South Plainfield Library and view the Domestic Violence Exhibit, along with Silent Witnesses, which will be on display through the end of the month.

"We believe that battering is more than physical abuse. It is a method of domination enforced by violence in which all parts of a victim's life are subject to the batterer's control. In addition to physical abuse, it generally includes sexual, emotional and economic abuse. Battersers choose to cause fear, injury and/or pain in order to gain control. We believe that battering is absolutely unacceptable and wrong."

## Hams Seeking New Members

The Amateur Radio Operators (AROS) would like to increase the number of operators who would be available for community needs. They plan to conduct a course for interested residents which would enable them to earn a Technician License. The successful completion of the course would prepare an individual for the FCC Exam. The AROS will provide the instructors and mentors.

Amateur radio operators can communicate with the world. Proper training, equipment and dedication will start a hobby without age, gender or other restrictions except those posed by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) in the form of license restrictions.

South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management has a volunteer group known as CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) that are trained to lend assistance as needed. Part of the team consists of amateur radio operators who can augment communications as needed i.e., emergencies, parades, races, shelters, searches (missing persons), etc.

It is anticipated that the course would consist of meeting weekly for a two-hour session for eight weeks. The course would start in January of 2006 and end at the beginning of March 2006. Estimated cost is \$20 for the study manual and \$15 for the FCC exam.

AROS are asking existing AROS who are not part of the CERT unit to participate. If interested, call (908) 668-0010 or e-mail [spobser-vcv@comcast.net](mailto:spobser-vcv@comcast.net) with name, address and phone number by Nov. 12. If you have questions, you will be contacted. The first meeting is Nov. 19.

## Missing Woman

(Continued from page 1)  
body. She will be buried in Peru.

Cibelli grew up in the borough and graduated from SPHS. He later moved to South Jersey, was married and is recently divorced. He was an aviation mechanic, working at Philadelphia International Airport, but has been unemployed for over a year. Shortly after Silva's disappearance, Cibelli hired criminal defense attorney Alan Zegas of Chatham. Since then police have been unable to question him.

According to South Plainfield Police Capt. Paul Brembt, "The Middlesex County Prosecutors Office is investigating the case with the help of the SPPD Detective Gene Bataille and Sgt. James Foran, as well as the State Police, FBI and the Philadelphia and New Paltz Police. They are working diligently to bring this to a final resolution." Anyone with information is urged to call Capt. Brembt at (908) 226-7662. All calls will be kept confidential. See obituary on page 12.

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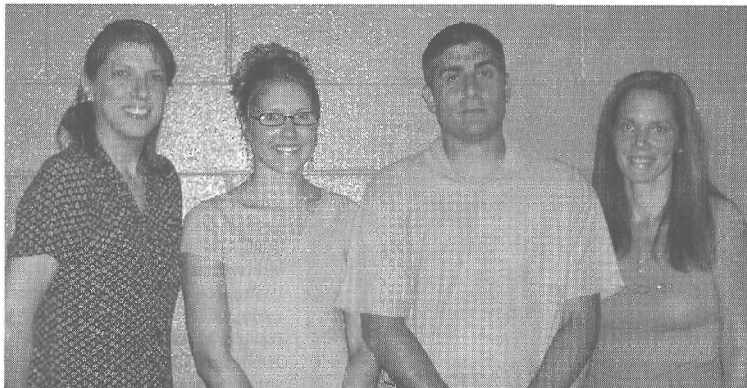
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# Twenty One South Plainfield Teachers Receive Tenure



Middle School Assistant Principal Kelly Panuzzo (left), with teachers Susan Schocklin, Nicholas Scalzo and Barbara Pinelli-McDonough.



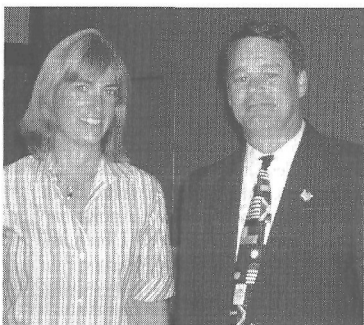
South Plainfield High School Principal Dr. Ken May, Angela Raimondo, Anu Garrison, Shannon Sullivan Lorenzo, Dr. Mylissa Bauman (seated), guidance counselor; Bill Beegle, director of guidance and Ralph Errico, vice principal.

By Libby Barsky

Twenty one teachers were presented with tenure certificates during September's Board of Education meeting.

Before calling up the principals or administrators to present certificates to the teachers and secretaries at each school, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Anthony Massaro explained that the teachers being recognized had gone through a rigorous interview process during the past three years with each teacher receiving many evaluations by all members of central staff, starting from their first formal job interview.

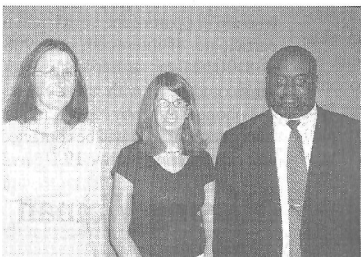
Of the 21 tenure recipients, six attended South Plainfield schools, Kiersten Bohl, Sharon



Kathleen O'Brien, second grade teacher, at Kennedy School with principal Fred Oberkehr.



Grant School teachers who received tenure with secretary Diane Ranger (next to Principal Leo Whalen), Allison Schneider, Elizabeth Mazzacco, and Alana Beldowicz, with Assistant Principal Richard Richkus.



Roosevelt School tenured teachers (from the left) Fourth grade teacher Doris Sepkowski, and Laura Mottley, second grade, with school principal Charles Ford.



Lori Meyer, fourth grade teacher at Riley School, with Curriculum Director Kaye Crown, who was Riley School principal last spring.



Franklin School teachers Kiersten Bohl, Sharon Hunt, Kiley Jackson, Christy Moritz and secretary Nancy Smith.

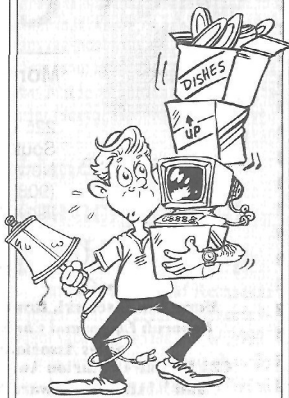
Hunt, Kiley Jackson, Kathleen O'Brien, Shannon Sullivan Lorenzo and Diane Ranger.

Receiving tenure were: *Roosevelt Administration Building*—Kristin Hunt, who works with autistic pre-school children; *Franklin School*—Kiersten Bohl, Sharon Hunt, Kiley Jackson, Christy Moritz and secretary Nancy Smith; *Kennedy School*—Kathleen O'Brien; *Riley School*—Lori Meyer; *Roosevelt School*—Laura Motley and Doris Sepkowski; *Grant School*: Alana Beldowicz, Elizabeth Mazzacco, Allison Schneider and secretary Diane Ranger; *Middle School*—Barbara Pinelli-McDonough, Nicholas Scalzo and Susan Schocklin and *High School*—Mylissa Bauman, Anu Garrison, Angela Raimondo and Shannon Sullivan Lorenzo.

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## Fire Department Celebrates Fire Prevention Week With an

The Fire Department's open house last Saturday started with a memorial service at the new Firemen's Memorial, followed by many activities for kids with plenty of giveaways—frisbees, rulers, pencils, key chains and coloring books. Children were allowed to tour the equipment. Mascot Sparky was on hand in his motorized vehicle.



OPEN HOUSE

## IN YOUR OPINION

(Continued from page 2)

Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga for council.

Spending and taxes are going up way too quickly, and I think Matt and Rob's business backgrounds are exactly what's needed to get things back on track. Matt's experience in finance (he's a VP at Merrill-Lynch) is desperately needed on the governing body and I think it's important to have an independent business person like Rob on there too.

Matt and Rob also have some great ideas for making South Plainfield more affordable. I'm especially glad they're talking about spearheading a foundation for the library, because the more we can offset the costs for that new building, the less burden on taxpayers. In addition, I like the other plans they have for our town.

Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga are the perfect choice for council. I'm

proud to support them.  
**LINDA PETTY**

### To the Editor:

The people of South Plainfield have an excellent opportunity this year to ensure that they continue to have their own team fighting for them at all levels of government. On Election Day, vote for the hometown team of Patrick Diegnan for State Assembly and Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council.

Pat Diegnan has done a great job as our assemblyman sponsoring over 200 bills in the Assembly and serving on the Judiciary Committee, the Education Committee, the Tourism and Gaming Committee and the Joint Committee on Public Schools. Just look at some of the things Pat has done for South Plainfield as our assemblyman; he saved the Future Stars program by sponsoring and spearheading

the passage of the legislation that permitted tuition based public preschool programs; he helped secure \$300,000 in grants for the sidewalks and curbs on Belmont Ave. and Church St. and he secured a \$200,000 Department of Environmental Protection grant to clean up Veterans Park. Pat also obtained a \$200,000 Homeland Security grant to purchase a computer assisted dispatch system for South Plainfield's Police Department. He also secured \$200,000 in Extraordinary Aid to directly offset property taxes.

Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas have been the driving force behind some of the major improvements in South Plainfield over the past few years such as the preservation of 150 acres of open space, the improvements to Putnam Park, the improvements to the community pool, the new concession stands at the youth football and soccer complexes and the new classroom to be built at the Highland Ave. na-

ture preserve.

If you want to make sure that your voice will be heard in South Plainfield as well as in Trenton, vote for Patrick Diegnan for State Assembly and Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas for borough Council.  
**JOY WIERDO**

### To the Editor:

More than any year in recent history, 2005 has shown the need for two-party government in South Plainfield. Here are just a few reasons why:

1. Jack Morris and Tingley Rubber—In April the council voted to give carte blanche to this builder, who is also a big Democratic contributor. Hmmm. I wonder if there is a connection.

2. The Pinto settlement—We just learned that the mayor and council settled this suit, which accused them of sexual discrimination and now they have the gall to hide the settlement from the public.

3. The spending and tax hike—The budget went up by \$1.2 million—yes I said million—and the mayor and council act like they're heroes, bragging about what a great job they did controlling costs. Baloney!

4. False advertising—The mayor and council keep taking credit for county projects and projects funded by our county tax dollars (calling them "grants"). This is disingenuous at best.

5. Pay to Play—Even though the state, the county and towns all across New Jersey have ended this unethical practice, South Plainfield Democrats are taking money hand over fist from contributors to whom they give no-bid contracts. In the meantime, we, the taxpayers, get the shaft, because the town ends up paying inflated prices.

The current ruling party needs an attitude adjustment. Please, join me in giving them one by voting for Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga.

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# THE BIG EVENT



# Red Hats Gather at Senior Center for Friendship and Food



Red Hat Society members pose for a group photo at the September meeting.

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield branch of the Red Hat Society met at the Senior housing residence for their monthly meeting. About 18 women decked out in red and purple gath-

ered in the community room to enjoy their ritual of tea, a light lunch and friendship. The afternoon's meeting included a round of birthday wishes for member Marge Sheldon.

The local club was formed about

a 18 months ago by Terry Spisso. As head of the group she is known as the Queen Mother. The twenty three ladies meet on the first Tuesday of each month. Members are from South Plainfield, Piscataway, Edison, Iselin and Dunellen.



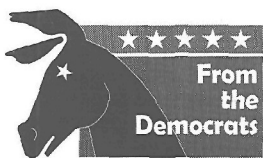
May Fash and Christine Sanbeg.

The Red Hat Society is an organization for women 50 years and older. It was founded in California by Sue Ellen Cooper in 1998 and quickly became an international organization. Their official outfit is hard to miss, they wear red hats and purple cloth-

ing, many don white gloves to complete the look. Younger women are known as Pink Hatters and wear pink hats and lavender outfits.

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## Democrats Kubala and Thomas Stress Importance of Open Space



Democratic Council members Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas this week stressed the importance of open space preservation in South Plainfield. Councilmember Kathy Thomas stated, "The record of the Democratic team on open space shows a clear commitment to permanently protecting crucial parcels of land from development. Over the past few years, the Democrats have preserved over 150 acres of land that will never be developed. Hundreds of homes with the resulting impact on our schools and municipal services will never be built because of our proactive approach to open space. This is an especially critical issue this year, because one of the Republican council candidates is a local developer who controls a great deal of property in South Plainfield."

Councilmember Ed Kubala expanded upon his running mate's comments, "When I first was elected to the Borough Council in 1993 the Republicans, who were in control, had not protected one inch of open space. In fact they used the Land Management Committee as a mechanism to sell land to developers in order to finance their out of control spending. One of the first things the Democratic majority did was take away the power of the land management committee to recklessly sell land. The results speak for themselves. We preserved the corner of Oak Tree Rd. and Park Ave. and dedicated it as part of Putnam Park. We preserved the corner of Tompkins and Clinton avenues and prevented a 40-unit housing proposal. We preserved property on Garfield Ave. that was zoned for 40

homes. We preserved property on New Market Ave. across from the Elks Lodge that was proposed to be a large industrial building. We preserved 35 acres off of South Clinton Ave. as an Environmental Preserve. South Plainfield has won numerous awards and been showcased on NBC News for our beautiful environmental preserve. Our soccer complex would be a housing development today if not for the foresight of our Mayor and Council."

Councilmember Kathy Thomas continued, "In 2005, the Democrats have continued to protect South Plainfield against overdevelopment through the acquisition of the bus depot on New Market Ave. which would have resulted in at least 14 building lots. We also expanded Putnam Park by purchasing another property on Park Ave. Remember, a developer wanted to put a drug store at the corner of Oak Tree and Park avenues rather than the beautiful expansion of Putnam Park which has become a jewel of South Plainfield. The property acquisitions by the Borough have been funded to a great extent by grants from the Middlesex County Open Space Fund. Working together with our hometown Freeholder, John Pulomena, South Plainfield has received over \$4 million in open space money from the County. Consequently, the Mayor and Council have been able to preserve over 150 acres of open space without impacting property taxes."

Councilmember Ed Kubala summed up the Democrats' commitment to open space. "You have our continuing commitment to increasing the Borough's open space every year. When it comes to open space, the choice on Election Day is clear...a vote for Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas is a vote for Open Space in South Plainfield."

## Anesh & Bengivenga: "We must start dealing with traffic and overbuilding"



Rob Bengivenga believe traffic and overdevelopment is the most important issue facing South Plainfield. This week the two candidates announced their plans for combating these problems.

"We must start dealing with traffic and overbuilding," explained Anesh. "Just this week a resident called me, because she was concerned about a dozen or so new houses going in right by her home. It's the same problem we've been seeing for a few years: two or three homes on larger lots are being torn down and replaced with high-density developments. We've got to get building under control."

"We also need to address traffic—not just on the south side, but all over," added Bengivenga. "It can take 45 minutes to get across town sometimes. And unfortunately, there is no plan to address traffic throughout the entire borough. That's why Matt and I have developed some initial plans."

1. Extend Hollywood Avenue – Hollywood Avenue ends a stone's throw from the recycling center. Extending that road would immediately take truck traffic away from Roosevelt School and the residential areas on Hamilton Boulevard.

2. Stop Giving Special Treatment to Big Builders – Regardless of where one stands on the Tingley Rubber project, it's obvious that the developer, who is a big Democratic contributor, is getting special treatment by having the zoning changed for his benefit. Almost 500 new units are proposed, something that will devastate the quality of life for those living or driving in that area. The project is simply too large and if the council insists on going through with it, it should be scaled back. But regardless of what happens,

the council must put residents first, not campaign contributors.

3. Re-Open "Old" Hamilton Blvd. – We should study the feasibility of re-opening old Hamilton Blvd. one way into town for cars. This would take pressure off the intersections by the lake and by Church St., thus easing north-side traffic. It would also bring much-needed customer traffic into the center of town and help the businesses there.

4. Revise the Zoning Ordinance to Sensibly Limit Development – We need to revise the zoning ordinance to sensibly limit development in residential areas. There are creative ways to prevent developers from demolishing older homes and replacing them with a half-dozen smaller ones. This means adjusting minimum lot sizes and setbacks. Other towns are doing this, and we need to learn from them.

"We can't improve quality of life for our residents without addressing traffic and overdevelopment," explained Anesh. "Unfortunately, the council, even after years of prodding, has not come up with a plan to tackle this problem. We will. These ideas are just a start."

"We also have to move quicker," added Bengivenga. "For example, the Helen Street project is more than nine years behind schedule. If we had extended Hollywood Ave. when the idea was first proposed, much of the south side's traffic would be gone. Just imagine how much easier it would have been to deal with the county's Hamilton Blvd. reconstruction if the council had listened."

In summing up his team's position, Anesh pointed out how fresh leadership on the council is vital: "After 12 years of control, the other side has offered no plan for controlling overdevelopment, and their plan for traffic has never made it off the drawing board. It's time for new voices and aggressive leadership on these issues. If elected, Rob and I will provide that leadership."

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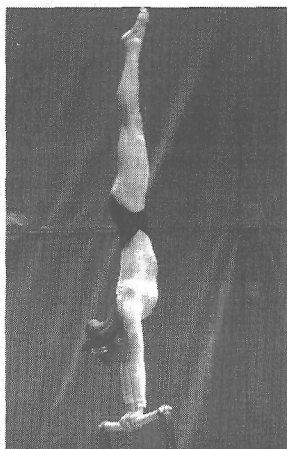
# Sports

## Tiger Gymnasts Fall Short

Despite another stellar performance from freshman Michelle Kobilis, the girl's high school gymnastics team dropped a close match to a strong East Brunswick squad, 101-99.5.

Michelle Kobilis won three events by dominating on bars (8.825), vault (9.10) and floor (9.05). Her efforts weren't quite enough to overcome a veteran East Brunswick squad.

Heather Ray, Beverly Jamison, Gulianna Kay, and Gabby Abon all contributed with solid performances. The Tiger's fall to 3-3 with one more dual match remaining against Somerville on Oct. 24 at Somerville. The GMC championships were held on Oct. 20 at South Brunswick.



By Glen Cullen

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club will be holding 2006 baseball registrations on Thursday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m., Friday, Oct. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the baseball complex, located on Kenneth Ave.

Registration is open to South Plainfield residents only, ages eight to 17-years-old, before Sept. 30, 2006. Any seven-year-old whose birthday falls between May 1 and Sept. 30 may elect to pay up as an eight-year-old. Players must bring birth certificate or copy and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Sign-ups for managers, coaches and umpires will be held as well.

Fee for registration is \$95 (early bird discount) per child with discounts for families that have more than one child playing baseball. Also, this year there is a \$75 bond required for each child. This bond will be refunded at the end of the season, or it can be rolled over into the following year. Registration fee includes uniforms.

Register early as fees increase by \$20 each at the January registration.

The drawing for the Mercedes Benz will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5.

## SPORTS FAN?

The Observer is looking for a reporter to report on high school sports. This is a great opportunity for a high school student who likes to write. Contact Nancy at the Observer (908) 668-0010.

## policereport

• Penalzoza & Calderone Asphalt Co. reported the hydraulic line was cut, bolts were missing and the throttle of their paver was disconnected while parked in the Home Depot to do paving work there.

• On Oct. 4 a Dolores Ave. resident reported that there were BB holes in their siding.

• On Oct. 5 Tashon Scott, 23, of Edison was arrested for careless driving and driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Oct. 7 John D. Garvin, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for not wearing a seat belt and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Barnosky Ct. resident reported the theft of two headlights from a 2001 BMW.

• On Oct. 8 Danny White, 50, Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, no license, no insurance, failure to exhibit documentation and refusal to submit to a breath test at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Somerset Ave. resident reported the theft of a Kenwood AM/FM/CD player worth \$150 and an S2000 gear shift knob worth \$50 from their vehicle. The battery cables were also disconnected and the plastic cover on the steering column was ripped off. Another guest at the home reported the theft of Pioneer AM/FM/CD player from their vehicle worth \$150 and the cable to the battery had been broken off.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported the theft of a 1993 Honda Civic.

• On Oct. 9 Thomas T. Adamecs, 33, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, no insurance and refusal to take a breath test after a motor vehicle accident.

• Wilber Alvarado, 23, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and having an open alcoholic beverage container at a motor vehicle accident.

• The Press Cret Co. on Oak Tree Ave. reported that several windows had been smashed out on the side of the building and two Motorola two-way radios worth \$300 were missing.

• On Oct. 10 Cheolgu Lee, 42, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and no insurance at a motor vehicle accident.

• On Oct. 12 Penske Truck Leasing on Clinton Ave. reported the theft of two tractor freightliners which were found in Newark, however the trucks were missing 20 tires and rims and the vent windows had been smashed.

• Subway on Oak Tree Rd. reported that four eggs had been thrown at the front windows.

• A Maple Ave. resident reported that the door knob to an apartment was damaged. Nothing was taken.

• On Oct. 13 Joseph Lee Wyatt, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for failure to exhibit a valid registration and three outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Jose G. Cerqueira, 63, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving at a motor vehicle accident.

• Jeffrey D. Agee, 22, of Orange was arrested for failure to turn and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Oct. Enrite Gas on Durham Ave. reported that a customer had used a counterfeit \$20 to pay for gas.

• On Oct. 14 an Evergreen Ln. resident reported the theft of a plastic pumpkin from their front porch.

• On Oct. 15 Tiesha L. Jackson, 27, of No. Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Edward J. Bluvias, 40, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and having an open alcoholic beverage container in his vehicle at a motor vehicle accident.

• An employee of South Plainfield Auto Repair on Clinton Ave. reported that the passenger side door had been scratched with an unknown tool, two tires and a spare had been flattened and sand was found on the edge of the gas tank door.

• On Oct. 16 Shop Fair on Clinton Ave. reported that a male had left the store without paying for four packs of Red Bull worth \$31.84.

• The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club reported that the door to the snack stand appeared to have been pried open. Nothing was taken.

• On Oct. 17 an employee of Superseal Corp. on Helen St. reported the theft of Kraftman tools, a CD case with CD's, a wrench set, a Kenwood amplifier, a car radio and stereo speakers from the cab of his truck.

## Rutgers Fall Hoop Basketball

Rutger's Fall Hoop Festival will be held on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 10 and 11 at the RAC in Piscataway. Boys and girls in grades two through eight are invited to the clinic which will include drills, lectures, motivation, academics, games, and individual instruction.

The two-day program will cost \$85, which also includes a Fall Hoop Festival t-shirt and tickets for the Dec. 9 and Dec. 17 Rutgers basketball games.

For more information, call (732) 445-4291 or (732) 445-4251.

## Youth Wrestling Sign-ups

The South Plainfield Recreation 2005 Youth Wrestling Program will hold their registration on Saturday, Oct. 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PAL Complex.

Registration is open to all South

Plainfield children ages 5-11 (as of Oct. 1, 2005). Fee is \$35 per participant. No refunds. Parent must accompany children to registration. Birth certificate required for first time sign-ups. Proof of residency is required.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Mr. & Mrs. L. Diaz requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an add-a-level. Proposed add-a-level lacks 8' required side setback, 5.4' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1428 Kenyon Avenue on Block 35, Lot 12 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 10, 2005 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 Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

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October 21, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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LEGAL NOTICE

October 14, 2005-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on October 13, 2005.

A. Case # 63-05-Cory L. Dippold, Block 308; Lot 10; 1209 New Market Avenue. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance to erect a 4 ft. by 12 ft. deck w/a 6 ft. front yard setback & a side yard setback to construct a separate deck no more than 16 ft. in depth w/a 4.5 ft. westerly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 65-05-William Staats, Block 210; Lot 10; 136 Jerome Avenue. The applicant's request for an easterly side yard setback variance for a 2nd floor addition w/a minimum 4.5 ft. easterly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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# IN YOUR OPINION

(Continued from page 7)

Dear Editor,

I can not believe election Day is approaching so quickly. On Nov. 8 we will be electing two people to represent us on the Borough Council. I already know that I will be voting for Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and her running mate Councilman Ed Kubala.

Let me share with you some of the reasons why Kathy Thomas should receive your support this election day. Kathy is a lifelong resident of the Borough. She attended our public schools and participated in various borough programs growing up. She is a dedicated wife to her husband, Bill, another lifelong resident of our borough. She is a giving, loving and nurturing mother to her daughters, Kelly and Kara. I have known Kathy for many years and her greatest joys are seen through her children's accomplishments. Whether it was a field hockey game Kelly was playing in or a dance recital Kara was in, Kathy was always there supporting and encouraging her daughters. That is the type of person Kathy Thomas is.

We should elect people who have solid family values, who will use those

values when making decision that impact our borough. Kathy Thomas is that person. I will be honored to vote for Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and her running mate Councilman Ed Kubala on Election Day and I urge everyone to vote for them also.

LINDA PASKO

Dear Editor,

As a Democrat, it's rare that I support a Republican running for office in South Plainfield. This year, though, I'm doing what I once thought was unthinkable. I'm voting for two.

Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga would be a welcome addition to the South Plainfield Borough Council. By reading their articles in the paper and talking to them, I've come to find out that they have a great deal to offer our town—much more than their opponents.

Matt and Rob will be independent voices. This may not sound important at first, but consider what we have now. There's no debate at council meetings, and one or two people make all the decisions. In fact, no member of the council dares step out of line and disagree with the mayor. That's not healthy.

Similarly, as a single mother, I have concerns about what I've been seeing in the news lately. We need watchdogs on the council to prevent what, in my opinion, should never have happened.

Matt and Rob also want to reform the way we do business. These reforms will help raise our ethical standards, help bring back open government, and, most importantly, help make South Plainfield more affordable. So far, the ideas I've seen are excellent.

It's time for the fresh leadership of Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga.

DALE FINN

To the Editor:

I think that the plans that the Mayor and Borough Council have for building a new library on Plainfield Ave. are excellent. It is time that we brought our library into the 21st century. It is simply not big enough to meet the future needs of our residents. A brand new library with over 15,000 square feet of space is more than double the space of the current library. It will be located on Plainfield Ave. next to Unity Bank. The new library will have an expanded computer lab and training room with more public access computers, additional space for children's

activities and a large meeting room and quiet study areas. There will even be a drive-up window for book pickups. It will be an exciting addition to our town, especially for all of the children. It is projects like these that will benefit South Plainfield for years to come.

Please support the candidates for Borough Council who are making the new library a reality, Kathy Thomas and Ed Kubala. Kathy has worked countless hours on behalf of the Mayor and Council by visiting many new libraries, reaching out to interested groups in South Plainfield and organizing a charitable foundation to help with fundraising. Let's thank her by re-electing Kathy Thomas and Ed Kubala to the Borough Council.

JENNIE DALY

Letter to the Editor,

This year, South Plainfield has a chance to change the way politics has been done for many years. Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga will bring a new look to the borough council. They are both professionals and will use their talents to help all the people of our town.

These candidates have been working hard to meet the residents in town and discuss their ideas, as well as lis-

tening to the residents that they meet. They have been addressing many issues in the weekly paper and they have new ideas that would benefit us all.

I hope that you will join me in voting for a new look for our town. Please vote with me on Nov. 8 for Matt and Rob.

DAVE BUTRICO

To the Editor:

On Election Day, please vote for Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas for the Borough Council. As members of the council, they have worked hard to make South Plainfield better for everybody. They are first rate leaders who care deeply about our borough and have great plans for the future like a new library, preserving more open space and more improvements to our parks. Just look at the great job that is being done with Putnam Park, the improvements to the Community Pool, the expansion of the PAL and the improvements to Maple Ave. and Hamilton Blvd.

I urge every voter in South Plainfield to re-elect Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas to the Borough Council so that they can continue making South Plainfield better for everyone.

THOMAS MUSCLINO

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## Obituaries

### Joseph Fessock, 90

Joseph Fessock died on Monday, Oct. 10 at home in Edison. Born in Carteret, Joe was raised in South Plainfield and lived in Highland Park before settling in Edison in 1957.

At the age of 17, Joe joined the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps.), which was a national program headed by Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Joe was a caddy at the Plainfield Country Club for over 25 years. A Supervisor for Cornell Dubilier in South Plainfield, Mr. Fessock retired in 1980 from American Cyanamid Company in Bridgewater.

An avid fisherman, Joe enjoyed Polka.

He is predeceased by his wife Betty, who died in 1997, his son Paul J., who died in May of this year, his sister Mary Dudak, and by two brothers, Michael and John.

Surviving are two grandchildren, Paul R. of Edison and Robert J. of Baltimore, Md.; a daughter-in-law, Leonor Fessock of South Plainfield, two brothers, Andrew and his wife Mary of South Plainfield, Pat and his wife Angle of Linden and his cousin, Marie McNulty of Colonia. Also surviving is his great-granddaughter Kailee Fessock.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Tania Silva, 35

Tania Silva died on Wednesday, Oct. 12 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Born in Talara, Peru, she came to the United States in 2000 settling in Houston, Texas before moving to South Plainfield eight months ago.

She was employed as an administrative assistant for Chase Home Fi-

nance of the Iselin section of Woodbridge.

Tania had attended Camden College of Bathe, England for three years. She was presently pursuing her Bachelors degree in business administration at Phoenix University in Jersey City.

Surviving is her mother, Berta Larriaga of Venezuela; her father and stepmother, Moises and Elvira Silva of Katy, Texas; three sisters, Antoinette Silva of Texas, Katia Silva of Venezuela and Blanca and her husband, Dr. Max Delgado of Lima, Peru. Also surviving are two nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services were held under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Rev. Aloysius S. Carney, 71

Rev. Aloysius S. Carney died on Thursday, Oct. 13 in the Haven Hospice of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Newark, Fr. Carney had resided in Harrison for 25 years before settling to Plainfield in 1978.

A graduate from Seton Hall Prep High School in South Orange, he received his Bachelor's Degree in Classical Languages (Latin and Greek) from Seton Hall University. He entered Immaculate Conception Seminary in South Orange in 1954 and was ordained a Roman Catholic Priest on May 28, 1960 by Archbishop Boland in Sacred Heart Basilica in Newark. He went on to receive his masters Degree in 1980 in Divinity from Immaculate Conception Seminary.

Fr. Carney was the former Chaplain of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He began his Priesthood in St. John the Baptist Church in Hillsdale as an Associate Pastor from

1960-1978. Named Pastor to St. Mary's R.C. Church in Plainfield in 1978, he held that position until 1983 when he was appointed Chaplain of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A member and the former Chairman of the Organ & Tissue Donation Committee in Muhlenberg Hospital, he was also a member of the Watchung Council Knights of Columbus. Father was presently serving on the Capital Campaign for the new construction of the Muhlenberg's School of Nursing.

He is survived by his sister, Margaret Southwick, of Nutley and Mr. Arlington; a brother, William Joseph Carney, of Forked River; three nephews and a niece.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in his memory may be made to Muhlenberg Foundation of the school of Nursing Building Campaign, c/o Muhlenberg Foundation, Park Ave. and Randolph Rd. Plainfield, NJ 07061.

### Harry W. Chiovarou Sr., 74

Harry W. Chiovarou Sr. died on Thursday, Oct. 13 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Irvington and raised in Union, Harry lived in Green Brook before settling in South Plainfield in 1959.

A veteran of the US Army, Harry served during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the VFW Post 6763, the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 and Sacred Heart RC Church, all in South Plainfield.

He worked as a machinist for Elastic Stop Nut Corp. in Union for 20 years and in 1993 he retired from

Ortho Pharmaceutical Corp. in Raritan. Throughout his 10 year career as a pharmaceutical tech, Harry was a member of the Ortho Emergency Management Team and more recently, Mr. Chiovarou was a crossing guard for the past 10 years on the corner of Tompkins and Grant avenues in South Plainfield.

For the past 40 years, Harry has been very active with the South Plainfield Boy Scouts Troop 124. While growing up, he earned the rank of Quarter Master with the Sea Scouts in Union and for the past 30 years he has been dressing up as Santa Claus during the holidays throughout South Plainfield.

An avid fisherman, Mr. Chiovarou enjoyed playing golf, helping others and making new friends. He loved his children, grandchildren and his entire family.

He is predeceased by all of his brothers and sisters.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Beatrice (Arcuri) a daughter, Kathie Slattery and her husband John, a son, Harry W. Jr. and two grandchildren, Colin Michael and Kara Slattery, all of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Somerset Diabetes Center, 110 Rehill Ave., Somerset, NJ 08876.

### Lutgardo Inigo, 66

Lutgardo Inigo died on Friday, October 14 in JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Manila, Philippines, he came to the United States in 1985 settling in South Plainfield.

Lutgardo was employed as a finan-

cial analyst for AT&T in Somerset where he provided financial coordination for the 18 M infrastructure, telephony and operator services support division by managing daily budgeting operation.

Surviving is his wife, Evelina T. Inigo; a daughter, Loretta Inigo of Torrance, Calif.; three sons and daughters-in-law, Eric and Cherry Inigo of Manila, Philippines, Edward and Gloria Inigo and Elmer and Rica Inigo of South Plainfield; two sisters, Purificacion Arro and Milagros Enriquez of Manila, Philippines and a brother, Ermine Inigo of South Plainfield. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Alice M. Buttermark (Gorman), 91

The heartbroken family of Alice M. (Gorman) Buttermark sadly announced the passing of its beloved mother and grandmother. Alice died on Monday, Oct. 17 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born Alice M. Gorman on May 28, 1914 on Staten Island where she lived most of her life. She was most proud of her graduation from Port Richmond High School, in 1932, and then from Brandon-Stevens Business School.

Alice and her husband, Felix Buttermark moved to South Plainfield in 1968. A brief move to Holiday City in 1984 was followed by a return to South Plainfield after the death of her devoted husband in 1986. Since 1991 Mrs. Buttermark had resided in the South Plainfield home of her daughter and son-in-law.

She worked for many years on Staten Island for the Welfare Department. After, she was employed by the Home Insurance Co. of N.Y.C. as a Supervisor of their Correspondence Department. Alice concluded her career working for Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Plainfield working in the Medical Records Department.

Throughout her long and fruitful life, she often gladdened the hearts of many relatives, co-workers, and friends with beautiful poems she wrote. They were her pride and joy.

Born into a family of 10 children to Grace and Thomas Gorman, Alice is survived by her daughter and son-in-law Lois and Frank Garbarini of South Plainfield; a brother, John Gorman and his wife Rosemary of Harrisburg, Pa.; a sister-in-law, Marilina (Gorman) Morneau of North Plainfield and her grandchildren, Todd Garbarini of South Plainfield, Beth Garbarini of Piscataway and Alyce Benevides and her husband Rob of Brooklyn. Alice also leaves behind many cherished nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Alice's name to the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped, P.O. Box 501, Trenton, NJ 08625.

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