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## Voters Say It's Time for a Change!!



Kim Anesh, Matt Anesh, Jeff Anesh and Matt's twin boys.



Robert Bengivenga Sr., Robert Bengivenga Jr., April Bengivenga and Amy Bengivenga.

### Resident Drives Away in Style from SPJBC Raffle

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club held its Mercedes Benz raffle drawing last Saturday. The winning ticket was purchased by South Plainfield resident Pat Kelly. Pat rode off in style Saturday night in his, or as some have speculated his wife's, new Mercedes Benz. The second place raffle for a \$2,000 trip was won by South Plainfield resident Pat Muglia. The third place raffle of a TV was won by Milltown resident David Pemberton and South Plainfield resident Philip Dudak won the fourth place set of golf clubs. The evening was made possible by Mike

and Nancy Salici who first initiated the Mercedes Benz raffle, and whose perseverance made the raffle a reality. There were a number of door prizes donated by other club members and Sport world. These prizes added to the excitement of the evening.

The SPJBC would like to thank everyone in the community who supported the club and assisted in the raffle. Without the community's support, the SPJBC could not have had such a special evening.

The proceeds of the raffle will go to support the children of the SPJBC.



Pat Kelly (right) and wife Denise (left) and daughter Bridget are all smiles as they look over their new Mercedes Benz.

Come January, Republicans will be a part of the Borough Council, ending a trend of Democratic victories, which spanned 12 years. First time Republican candidates Rob Bengivenga and Matthew Anesh defeated Democratic incumbents Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas in a close race. Democrats David Crabel and Camille Fernicola won re-election for Freeholder and Elaine Flynn won for County Clerk.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, a

resident of South Plainfield, will be returning for a third term as assemblyman, as well as his running mate Peter Barnes, who both won by wide margins.

While the Democrats were disappointed in the outcome of the election, they all publicly congratulated the Republican candidates and vowed to work together. "We congratulate the winners and will work with them in the future. We are all in this together," said Kubala.

The Republicans were ecstatic with their victory. The Democrats still hold a 4-2 majority on the council. Council members serve for three year terms.

The final vote tally gave Republicans Rob Bengivenga 3,143 votes and Matthew Anesh 3,066. Democrats Ed Kubala received 3,044 votes and Kathy Thomas 3,017. These totals do not include provisional votes.

Approximately 50 percent of the borough's residents cast votes. An exact count was not available at presstime.



### Middle School Girls Celebrate Undefeated Season

The South Plainfield Middle School Girl's Soccer team ended their 2005 season with a 4-0 victory over Perth Amboy on Nov. 1. The girls, led by first year coach Maria Leonardis, finished with an impressive record of 9-0-1. The girls outscored their opponents 40-5 through 10 games. Congratulations Tigers on a great team effort and a fun season! Pictured above are (in front) Samantha Pauls; (in row one:) Amanda Hoagland, Kerry Yorkanis, Danielle Tramutola, Dana Hunt, Amber Miller, Cassie Capparelli, Bria Edmunds, Valeria Rivera. In the back row are Bissy Martin, Jennifer Dillon, Elizabeth Fasullo, Jenna Heckel, Jessica Ray, Rosa Marie Farfan, Veronica Ruiz, Eveluse Rivera, Andrea Sierra and Coach Maria Leonardis. Not pictured is Jennifer Urnita.

## Borough Celebrates the Past At Third Town History Day

By Patricia Abbott

On October 30 the South Plainfield Historical Society celebrated our town with the aptly named Town History Day. The third annual event, held at the Senior Citizen Center on Maple Ave., began with a few words from Mayor Dan Gallagher, followed by selections from the SPHS chorus led by Choral Director Tracy Murray.

The afternoon offered something for everyone, from live presentations to themed displays of photos, scrapbooks, artifacts, vintage fashions and furniture, news clippings and memorabilia. The main room of the senior center was divided in half. Live programs were presented on the stage while the remainder of the room held dozens of displays and albums. Vintage

automobiles were on display in the front parking lot, allowing guests a closer look. One of the rooms was packed full of Civil War Memorabilia presented by the Sons of Union Veterans, Custer Camp #17.

Christian Johnson, an actor with the American Historical Theatre of Philadelphia, portrayed Gov. William Livingston, NJ's first governor under the 1776 Constitution.

The program, "Governor Livingston, I Presume," was offered through the Horizon Speakers Bureau of the NJ Council for the Humanities, a the state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The second speaker was Dr. Richard Veit of Monmouth University. Veit presented a slide program depicting local history.

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Henry Zawadski pours over clippings ranging from 1949-1951.



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### Council Meetings

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
December 6	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 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

### Planning Board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.  
**Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m.** • Questions? 908-226-7641  
Nov. 29\*, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.  
**Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m.** • Questions? 908-226-7641  
Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

### Board of Education Meetings

**Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.** unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.  
Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.  
Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m.  
Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 4.

### 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 Plans Sub-Committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

### Recreation Commission

Meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month, except July and August.  
**PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m.** • Questions? 908-226-7716  
Dec. 13.

### Environmental Commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
**Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.** • Questions? 908-226-7621  
Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

### 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.  
Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

### Board of Education Curriculum/Technology Meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 6:30 p.m. at Roosevelt  
Administration Building on Jackson Ave. Work session. No public comment  
Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3.

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### Letter to The Editor:

The South Plainfield Grant School PTO skating party was held on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the new United Skates in Woodbridge.

More than 200 tickets were purchased, which included a slice of pizza and drink. A DJ was present and those who chose not to skate, danced.

I would like to commend all the children for the excellent manner in which they conducted themselves during the party. The party ended with Italian ice for everyone. Thanks to Mr. Whalen, Mr. Richkus, Mr. Young and all the parents for their attendance.

**DEBBIE BOYLE, GRANT SCHOOL CORR. SECRETARY**

### Dear Editor,

Our troop, Girl Scout Troop #431, ran a Book Exchange over the summer as part of our Silver Award Project. We would like to thank the following people for their assistance:

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rosado, for allowing us to meet all summer and into September at the Administration Building; Nancy Grennier, editor for getting the word out through our hometown newspaper, the Observer; our public library, for posting our flier, and all of the generous families in South Plainfield, who donated books to our cause. We collected 367 books, which will be donated to our school's libraries and our public library.

The other part of our project was to record children's books on tape for the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside and the Children's Room of the South Plainfield Public Library. We wish to acknowledge Maxell Corporation for their donation of tapes. A total of 22 classic children's books were recorded. We are currently seeking donations of these books to give along with the recording.

Contact Linda Kelly at (908) 755-3841 if interested in making a donation or for a list of the books needed.

**WITH THANKS,  
ALYSSA ROIBAL, KATIE EGAN,  
REBECCA BOSSE AND AMANDA  
ALEMEZOHU**

### To the Editor,

This is a very exciting year for cheerleading in South Plainfield! Never before have we had such strong cheerleading squads at EVERY LEVEL! We were proud to stand among our Flag cheerleaders at the MVC Competition and proud to watch our JPW cheerleaders put on a flawless performance at the Regional Qualifiers. In addition, our Mitey Mite team is far superior to others at their level! Overall, the future of South Plainfield cheerleading shows great potential!

Each year, cheerleading competitions take place beginning at the conference level. We are proud to announce that we placed first in MVC and the JPW's placed second in their division. The winners advanced to Regional Qualifiers. This is the first time South Plainfield sent two teams to the Regional qualifiers! Winners at the Regional qualifiers advance to Regional Championships and those winners advance directly to the National Championships in Orlando, Fla. to be held Dec. 5-9. Our Jr. Midget Squad won first place at the Regional qualifiers in their division and will be competing in the Regional Championships at Sovereign Bank Arena on Nov. 20. If they place, they will advance to the National Championship. South Plainfield has NEVER been represented at the National level.

This is a very costly trip. We are looking for sponsors, both private and busi-

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

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ness to support us in our trip to the Nationals. We would be appreciative of any help you could offer and would be happy to advertise your company as a proud sponsor of the 2005 South Plainfield Eagles Jr Midget Cheerleaders. At this time we are only requesting "Promise Pledges." Since we will not know if we will be advancing to the National championship until Nov. 20, we will not be collecting pledge money until we do advance. At that time, we are required by Pop Warner to completely fund the trip by Nov. 25. Please send all pledges or donations as soon as possible, so that we can plan for our needs. If you would like to make a donation instead of a pledge, all money will be used for cheerleading purposes in the future. The Jr. Midgets will be canning in front of stores on Nov. 12. We are also asking any cheerleaders who would like to can with us, to please contact us. We appreciate all the good wishes and support you have given us! Together we can make a difference!

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Scarpitto at (908) 757-0686 or (732) 236-2472 or Abra Hodge at (908) 753-5874.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!  
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### To the Editor,

The South Plainfield Traffic Safety

Advisory Commission supports the continuation and ultimately, the completion of the project which is to construct an alternate roadway accommodating heavy truck traffic into and out of the Borough. The roadways of Hamilton Blvd., between Durham Ave. and New Market Ave. and Belmont Ave., between Hamilton Blvd. and Metuchen Rd., are currently overburdened with heavy truck traffic. The traffic surveys and counts have shown very high volumes of heavy truck traffic on what are otherwise local roadways, which were never intended to carry such traffic. Relief from this situation is long overdue.

These are residential streets with homes and pedestrian traffic that are put at risk due to these heavy volumes. The noise, congestion, air pollution and traffic delays all impact the local neighborhoods and the municipality at large, causing deterioration in the quality of life.

Emergency response times, as well as typical travel times, are adversely affected for all our residents. Motorists consciously avoid the area during the morning and afternoon peak hours, which continues to expand into and impact larger periods of the day. It is becoming more difficult and time consuming to drive to a relatively close-by area of the town.

The "Helen Street Project," which would alleviate a large portion of this problem, has been held up by many issues, including environmental concerns. The South Plainfield Traffic Safety Commission is concerned about our environment in every aspect of our lives. Our wildlife, clean air and water are extremely important concerns. They must be maintained to ensure our overall quality of life, now and in the future. The planning for the Helen St. Project has included provisions for these concerns and more. If this project is not completed, the environment for the people of South Plainfield will continue

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## Sacred Heart Church

149 South Plainfield Ave.  
South Plainfield, NJ

Rev. John Paul  
Alvarado, Pastor

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### Mass Schedule:

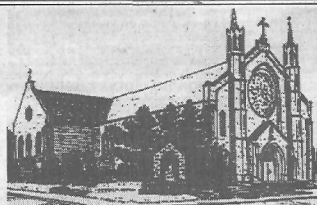
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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

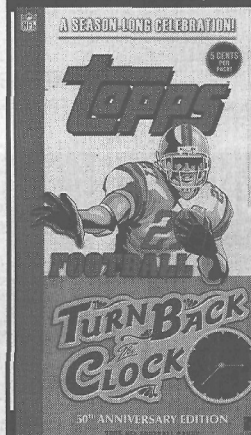
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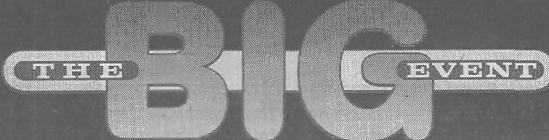
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Henry Sobieck (left) and Leroy W. Meyer, (right), enjoy coffee and cake served by Katie Hardy, Lauren Fry, Nicole Benak, Heather Thompson, members of the SPHS Peer Leadership Group. The group was serving refreshments for those who received their flu shot at the Senior Center.

## Alzheimer's Program to Be Held at Senior Center

The South Plainfield Senior Center will hold an informative program on Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia on Monday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. Mary Anne Ross, coordinator for the Resource Center of COPSA Institute for Alzheimer's disease, will discuss who is at risk for Alzheimer's disease, symptoms and the memory changes that may come with normal aging.

Over the past few decades, Alzheimer's disease has emerged from obscurity. Once considered a rare disorder, it is now seen as a major public health problem that has a severe impact on millions of older Americans and their families. Many people wonder about whether they are at risk for Alzheimer's disease or whether symptoms they have noticed might mean they have it. You may feel embarrassed because you constantly forget the names of people you know. You may wonder why you feel so anxious or frustrated at the slightest change in your daily routine. You think, perhaps, these symptoms are due to stress, fatigue or getting older. You may even be concerned that you have Alzheimer's.

Becoming educated about the disease is vital to early diagnosis and management. It also gives us several ad-

vantages. For example, many conditions cause symptoms that mimic those of Alzheimer's disease. Finding out early that the problem isn't Alzheimer's Disease but is something else can spur people into getting treatment for the real condition. For the small percentage of dementias that are treatable or even reversible, early diagnosis increases the chances of successful treatment.

If you are aware of memory problems or uncharacteristic mood swings, it's important that you consult your doctor. Understandably, this can be a difficult step to take. But it's worth the effort. Your doctor may be able to identify the cause of your concerns and be able to treat the condition, reversing the symptoms. But if your condition isn't reversible—such as the case of Alzheimer's disease—a diagnosis can allow you to better manage the disease and take positive steps toward adapting to your new circumstances.

All borough residents are invited to attend this important program. If you have questions about Alzheimer's and want to learn more, join us on Monday, Nov. 14. If you are the caregiver of an Alzheimer's patient and are looking for support services, please join us too.

## Knights Raise Money for Special Citizens

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 ran their 2005 "Special Citizens Drive" last April. The annual drive benefits citizens with mental retardation in Middlesex County.

Over \$7,800 was collected during the four-day event. The directors from two of the three organizations attended a special Knights' meeting held on Oct. 18 when the Knights presented this money to these organizations. Representing and accepting the donation were Director Ray Fantusi from the Keystone Community and Sister Lee Ann Amico from the McCauley School. The directors then gave a short talk on their organizations and explained where the donations benefit their residents. The third organization receiving a donation was the Midland School in Warren.

The Knights would like to thank the following businesses for letting them collect in front of their stores; Drug Fair, Quick Chek, CVS, Pathmark, A&P, Bagel Pantry, Ciccio's Pizza, Dunkin' Donuts, Witty's Liquor Store, Hong Kong Supermarket and Buy



Grand Knight Joe Scrudato (center), presents checks to Ray Fantusi and Sister Lee Ann Amico.

Rite Liquors. The Knights would also like to thank the community and the other local businesses for giving to this

very worthy cause. Co-organizers of the event were Bill Butrico and Joe Scrudato.

## Eagles Cheerleaders Seeking Donations

The South Plainfield Eagles Jr. Midget Cheerleaders recently placed first in MVC and the Jr. PeeWee's placed second in their division. This was the first time South Plainfield sent two teams to the Regional Qualifiers!

### 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 Observer office, fax them to (908) 668-8819 or mail to Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The Jr. Midget Squad won first place at the Regional Qualifiers in their division and will compete in the Regional Championships at Sovereign Bank Arena on Nov. 20. If they place, they will advance to the National Championship in Orlando, Fla. Dec. 5-9. South Plainfield has never been represented at the National level.

If they win, the trip will be very costly and the team is looking for sponsors, both private and business, to support them on the road to the Nationals. They are accepting contributions of any amount from businesses and residents.

At this time the team is only requesting "promise pledges." Since it is not

yet known if the team will be advancing to the National Championship until the Nov. 20 competition, no pledge money will be accepted at this time. If they win, the entire trip will have to be completely funded by Nov. 25.

If you would like to make a donation instead of a pledge, all money will be used for cheerleading purposes in the future. The Jr. Midgets will be canning in front of stores on Nov. 12. Any cheerleader who would like to can should call the numbers below.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Scarpitto at (908) 757-0686 or (732) 236-2472 or Abra Hodge at (908) 753-5874.



Happy Anniversary to the U.S. Marine Corps on their 220th birthday (Nov. 10!)

## Scouting For Food Pickups on Saturday

Please put your Scouting For Food bags out by 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 12 for pick up. Scouts will be around

to pick them up that morning. Thank you for your continued support of our food drive.

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# Around Town

## Atlantic City Trip

November 13

The American Legion will be sponsoring a bus trip to Atlantic City to Resorts Casion on Sunday, Nov. 13. Bus departs at 9 a.m. Tickets are \$25, you get \$22 back. Sandwiches, soda, beer and prizes. Call American Legion for reservations.

## Kennedy School Vendor Night

November 18

Kennedy School PTSO will be holding a Vendor night on Friday, Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m. Cash and carry and orders will be taken. Food and raffles items from vendors. Some of the vendors are Avon, Tupperware, Mary Kay, Home Interiors, Longaberger, Discover Toys, Party Lite, Custom Creations, Celebration, Tastefully Simple, Italian Charms, Usborne books, Creative Memories, Juke Box 4 Kids, Farmhouse Rustic, Silk Flowers by Sue and more!

For more information contact Jill Quadrel at (908) 769-7546.

## Sacred Heart Basket Bingo/Raffle

Saturday, Nov. 19

The Sacred Heart Home School Association is holding its third Longaberger Basket Bingo/Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 19. Doors open at 6 p.m. and games begin at 7:15 p.m. Admission is \$20 for all bingo games. Extra boards will also be sold. In addition to bingo prizes, Longaberger baskets will also be raffled. Space is limited.

To reserve tickets or information, call Kathy Thomas at (908) 755-0891 or Sacred Heart School at (908) 756-0632.

## What's happening in NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> <b>Fall Dinner Dance</b> November 19 - 6 to 10 pm <b>Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show</b> December 15 - \$58.00				
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11am Speaker Program 1pm "Alzheimers & Dementia"	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Lunch Available	Exercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Computer Class Tai Chi Class 2 pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Exercise Class 1:15pm Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Open Your Heart Vendor Night 7 PM	Veterans Day Center Closed
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## Twin City Announces Pneumonia Shots

November 19

Twin City Pharmacy, located on Park Ave. will be giving pneumonia shots on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 per participant. Medicare patients: Part B must be your primary insurance to receive a shot at no charge; otherwise you must pay by cash or check. A receipt will be given for reimbursement.

## Sports Auction-Raffle

November 19

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will hold their annual Sports Auction-Raffle on Saturday, Nov. 19. Doors open at 6 p.m.,

auction begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Admission includes 25 auction tickets. For tickets or information, call the Georges's (908) 755-4633 or Kevin Lykes at (908) 756-3671.

## Class of 1980 Reunion

November 26

The SPHS class of 1980 25th reunion will be held at the Martinsville Inn on Saturday, Nov. 26 from 7 p.m. to 12 a.m. Cost is \$75 per person.

If you know of anyone that has recently moved, married or otherwise be difficult to contact please call Jackie Vill at (908) 757-0204 or Andrea/Ken Pesta at (908) 595-1994.

## Fr. Stephenson Returns To Sacred Heart

November 27

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. in the church.

General admission is \$25; students and seniors, \$20. Tickets are sold after all masses.

## — Out of Town —

## Middlesex WOWs Dance

November 11

The Middlesex East WOWs will hold a dance for widows and widowers on Friday, Nov. 11 at St. Demetrius Community Center in Carteret. Live music/refreshments 7:30-11:30 p.m.

For information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

## Starlight Singles

November 12

The Starlight Singles will hold a social on Saturday, Nov. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Royal Buffet & Grill on Rt. 10 in East Hanover. Cost of \$23 includes full Chinese buffet, a soda, tax and tips.

## Hawaii, San Francisco And Las Vegas Trip

The Rec Dept. is planning a 10-day, nine-night vacation trip for July of 2006. The trip includes two days in San Francisco, five days in Hawaii and two days in Las Vegas.

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## Senior Center EVENTS

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For information, call (908) 232-5678, or check our website at [www.scotchplains.com/wgpc](http://www.scotchplains.com/wgpc). Willow Grove is located on Rarit Rd., across the street from the Scotch Plains Southside Firehouse.

## Depression and Bipolar Support

November 18

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Merritt Hubsher, MD, a board certified psychiatrist in adult, adolescent and child psychiatrist, at its educational meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown. The public is cordially invited to attend.

To learn more about the support group visit [dbsanewjersey.org/morristownarea](http://dbsanewjersey.org/morristownarea) or call (973) 994-1143.

## St. Joseph's Fall Arts & Crafts Show

November 19-20

The Father's Club of St. Joseph High School of Metuchen will hold their 27th Annual Fall Arts & Crafts Show at the school on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19-20.

All crafts are hand made. Doors open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. Refreshments, parking, \$2. No strollers.

For information, call (732) 549-7600. ext. 241.

## Charity Auction

November 18

Join the Metuchen-Edison Woman's Club for their 33rd Annual Charity Auction.

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The auction will be held on Friday, Nov. 18 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Hall on Oak Ave. in Metuchen. Previews begin at 6:30 p.m., bidding at 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments.

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Mayor Dan Gallagher holds the ribbon at Putnam Park rededication. Joining him, from the left, are Middlesex County Freeholder David Crabel and Council members Dennis Cerami, Charlie Butrico, Bob Cusick, Kathy Thomas and Ed Kubala.

## Ribbon Cutting Marks Park Rededication

By Patricia Abbott

A ribbon cutting was held to re-dedicate Putnam Park, located on Oak Tree Ave., following the completion of major improvements. Guest speakers at the Oct. 30 ceremony included Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Freeholder Director David Crabel, Freeholder John Pulomena and Mayor Daniel Gal-

agher.

Improvements include the addition of over an acre of new land, onsite parking lot, tennis courts, comfort station, jogging path, new fitness stations, resurfaced handball and basket ball courts, new volley ball court, new signage and fencing.

Funding for the upgrades was obtained through grants secured by Mayor Gallagher and the Borough

Council from Freeholder John Pulomena and the County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan.

Several nearby residents attended the ribbon cutting and noted that the park is used by their children on a daily basis. They also mentioned that the number of people visiting to jog or check out the fitness stations has increased.

## Resident Arrested in Plainfield Drug Bust

South Plainfield resident Dwight Merriweather, 34, of 327 Coppola Dr., was arrested along with 33 other suspects, in a drug raid last weekend in Plainfield.

The suspect, along with Shawn Collins, 33, of Franklin headed up a drug operation run out of the West End Dollar Depot on West Front St.

near Clinton Ave. in Plainfield. The two men were bringing in kilograms of cocaine and heroin from New York and Newark and cut and repackaged them at homemade laboratories for distribution to other dealers at the store.

Merriweather was charged with weapons possession during drug of-

fenses, unlawful possession of weapons, conspiracy to distribute, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession with intent to distribute and possession with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of Barlow School. He is currently being held on \$750,000 bail at the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

## Junior Journalist Corner



### Divya Budhan, Roosevelt School First Grader, Named "Junior Journalist"

Divya Budhan, Roosevelt School first grader, is the first winner in the Junior Journalist Program. Her poem "The Car Wash," has won dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal, Hometown Heros located on Hamilton Blvd. or the Observer office.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year end banquet.

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



Roosevelt teacher Julie Anderson, with contest winner Divya Budhan and Principal Charles Ford.

### The Car Wash

By Divya Budhan

To the car wash I went with my Dad.

Oh, I thought it would be so bad.

Through we went, foam and wash

It was such a bash.

Swish, Swash, Swish, Swash

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## Blood Drive for Jamie Cammarata Nov. 16

A blood drive will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 16 for longtime resident, Jamie Cammarata, who was recently diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML).

The blood drive will be held at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. from

2 to 8 p.m.

Jamie's family is asking for your help in donating blood for their daughter. Both blood and platelets are needed.

The blood drive will be run by NBAH Blood Center, affiliated with

Robert Wood Johnson Hospital.

Call Lillian at (732) 235-8100, ext. 224 to schedule your appointment.

Jamie and her family would like to thank South Plainfield residents for their support.

## How Sweet It Is!

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# Sports



## U-13 Power Soccer Team's Record 5-2-1

The South Plainfield Girls U-13 Soccer Team, known as the Power, is off to a great start in their fall season. After their stellar season last year, the Power moved up two flights within the Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association, which is part of the New Jersey Youth Soccer Association. Through October, their overall record is 5-2-1 – quite an accomplishment given the high level of the competition this season.

The season has been full of many highlights, including tying for first place in the Spook-a-Rama Tournament held Oct. 29 in North Brunswick (see picture above). On that day, they played some of their best soccer of the season, beating Cranbury and then upsetting a tough South Brunswick team who resides in first place of their flight – which is a level up from the Power's flight. It was a truly inspired performance, with all the girls showing an aggressive, team oriented passion that led to a 3-1 victory. Coaches Sam Pauls and Ernesto Rodriguez have done an excellent job helping the girls adjust

to the tougher competition, putting in the hard work and long hours necessary to increase the girls soccer skills and get them to truly work hard as a team.

The Power's goalkeeper position has been shared between Samantha Pauls and Alyssa Villa. Both players are known for their all out hustle, often making diving saves and punting the ball out of trouble.

The Power's coaches have had many of the girls play multiple positions this season, depending on the game situations and the specific strengths of the opposition. Jamie Quail, Carla Rodriguez and Vanessa Jimenez have played both defense and offense. Jamie is known for her work as a defensive sweeper, shutting down opponents charging toward the goal and booting goal kicks to start an offensive surge. Carla's amazing ball handling skills have led to multiple drives up the field that left her opponents in the dust. Vanessa consistently challenges the opponent's attackers and wins more than her fair share of stops.

The offense has had a great season so far, consistently attacking the opponents goals. Forward Jasmine Serano has helped the Power retain the offensive momentum by passing, dribbling or shooting. Forward Kerry Yorkanis has consistently kept the pressure on the opponents' defense and made some breathtaking charges to the goal. Both do a great job of turning with the ball and completing picture perfect crossing passes. Center Angelica Grasso has provided a spark to the offense, being in the right place at the right time to take crossing passes in for scores.

Midfielders Jasmine Aquinaldo, Ashleigh Romans and Brittany Plasse have done a great job providing the critical link between the defenders and the attackers with great ball control and passing, often adding some headers as necessary to move the ball in the right direction. Marissa "Itty Bitty" Smith has been a true force during multiple critical plays on both offense and defense, while Melissa Pasternak has shown true determination to stop her opponent and win the ball for the Power.

Newcomers Kelly McLaughlin and Kaylin Harbin have provided the team with extra depth this season, consistently hustling and giving their all every minute on the field.

The Power's website can be found at <http://www.soplfd.soccerclub.com>. Be sure to check out these future superstars of South Plainfield Soccer on Sundays at the Soccer Complex on Kenneth Ave.



## Ponytail Softball Batters Box

Congratulations are in order to the Ponytail "Fall Ball" team. The girls had a tough season, but played hard and had a lot of fun. We are very proud of all of you! We would also like to thank all the coaches for their time, support and dedication. We had a fun season and we'll see you next year!

Now some dates to remember—Saturday, Nov. 12 beginning at 8 a.m., we will be cleaning out and closing up the Putt Field Snack Stand. Anyone

interested in helping out, please meet at the snack bar. The more help we have, the less time you'll have to be there. Thank you in advance!

Also, the next Ponytail meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the PAL Building off of Maple Ave. All are welcome. There will not be a meeting for the month of December so we hope to see some new faces come Jan. 2006.

From All of us to All of you—have a safe and happy holiday!

By Glen Cullen

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



### Registration for Jr. Baseball

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC) will hold its final registration of the year for the Spring 2006 season on Friday Nov. 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rates for the 2006 season will increase on Jan. 1, 2006.

Registration is currently \$95 per child, with discounts for those families with two or more children.

Also, this year there is a \$75 bond for each child. This bond will be refunded at the end of the season, or it can be rolled over into the following year.

If anyone has any questions, please

feel free to contact the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090.

Registration forms can also be downloaded from the SPJBC website and mailed in for the 2006 season. The SPJBC website is [www.leagueline-up.com/spjbc](http://www.leagueline-up.com/spjbc). The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's address is P.O. Box 166, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

SPJBC had a very successful 2005 season with nearly four hundred children playing baseball. The upcoming 2006 season is poised to be just as exciting.

Come on out and enjoy the fun at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.

## SOCCER

### Spirit Remain Strong

The South Plainfield Soccer Club's U-13 Team Spirit toughed it out on the field this weekend in one of the most aggressive games yet this season. The visiting team, the Highland Park Flaming Pink Flamingos played a physical game that resulted in a penalty shot goal for Spirit. After Joe Krawiec was taken down at the goal and carried off the field, Edwin Molina was awarded the penalty kick, which resulted in the first goal of the game. Great defensive play by Cory, Marc,

Ryan H, Ryan L and Ryan B saved the ball from entering our goal.

Mike, Jason, Matt, Edwin, Jesse, Joe and Edgar did a superb job of moving the ball down the field. As always, the team could count on Nick to protect the net.

Unfortunately, in the last seconds of the game, the Flamingos managed to score, ending the game in a 1-1 tie. This weekend, Spirit hosts Glen Ridge on Friday evening and Montgomery on Sunday.



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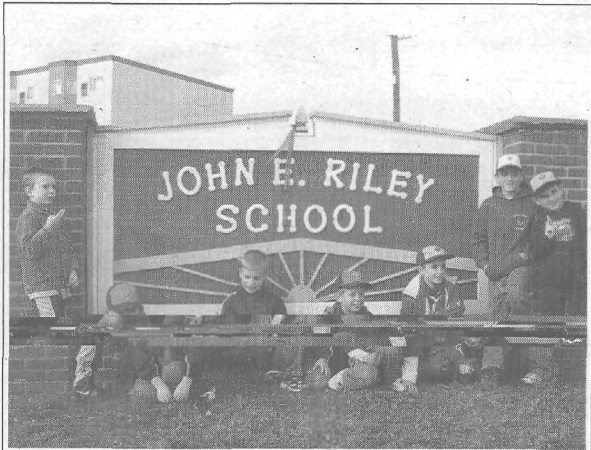
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# South PlainfieldScouting



On Sunday, Oct. 28 Cub Scout Pack 224 helped support Riley Elementary Red Ribbon Week. The pack members tied red ribbons around the school grounds. Pictured from left to right are Tommy Licato, Owen Milane, Brett Hawn, Michael McCormick, Alex Kelly, Brandon Rickert and Trevor Aboad.

## Scouts Hang Red Ribbons Around Town

Scout of Wolf and Webelos Den of Franklin Schools Pack 207 hung red ribbons at the Fire Department, Police Department, Rescue Squad, Library and Borough Hall to show their support against drugs.

This has become a tradition for many of the boys as this is their fourth year participating. Their goal is to let everyone in South Plainfield know about Red Ribbon Week and what it stands for. Everyone with a school age child thinks everyone must know what Red Ribbon Week is. This is not the case. Many times people stopped us and asked us what the red ribbon's were for and the boys explained what goes on in school and why they support the project.

In fact this year's theme commemorates the 20th anniversary of the kidnapping, torture and murder of Drug Enforcement Agent (DEA) Enrique Camarena at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico. By displaying red ribbons they continue to show they would continue his fight against illegal drugs. The Red Ribbon Campaign is now the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation reaching millions of young people during

Red Ribbon Week each year. It gives people the time to wear their red ribbon proudly and the children the courage to say no to drugs!!!

We would like to thank Mayor Gallagher for his continued support of our project.

-Submitted Marie Markey



Pack 207 showed their support against drugs by hanging red ribbons around town.

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## Boy Scouts Honor Officer John D'Allara

Police Officer John D'Allara heroically gave his life Sept. 11, 2001 rescuing others in the World Trade Centers. John was involved in Boy Scouting as a youth and to honor John, his friends and family hosted a recent fundraising event held through the Boy Scouts of America Patriots Path Council. Youth's were given the opportunity to support Project COPE and the Boy Scout Camps by participating in this event.

The boys had the opportunity to climb rock wall's and then a natural mountain and repel down. The boys were to collect money for each foot they could climb as a climb-a-thon. Zachary Henderson and both Christopher and James Markey of Pack 207 represented South Plainfield.

If interested in learning more about Project COPE contact Patriots Path Council at (973) 765-9322.

## Obituaries

### Elizabeth A. Siwek, 84

Elizabeth A. Siwek, loving mother and grandmother, died on Monday, Nov. 7 in Woodlands Nursing Home in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, she resided in Bayonne before moving to Plainfield three years ago.

Mrs. Siwek was a defense worker during World War II for General Dynamics. Following the war, she married and began her own family. Although her wish to become a nurse was not achieved, she nonetheless was a ceaseless caregiver.

Mrs. Siwek was preceded in death by her husband, William A. Siwek, who passed in 1990.

Surviving are her sons, William R. Siwek and his wife Sally of Edison and Thomas E. Siwek and his wife Debra of Bayonne and two grandchildren, Kevin Siwek and Brian Siwek.

Services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ, 08863 and/or the Alzheimer's Association, 299 Cherry Hill Rd., Parsippany, NJ 07054.

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# Residents Celebrate the Past at Third Town History Day



Phyllis Colucci and her brother, Bob Bengivenga, look over a display of photos of their grandparents and family. —Photos by Patricia Abbott

(Continued from page 1)

Historical Society President Dorothy Miele said, "The room was packed for Gov. Livingston's program and at the same time the exhibit room was packed. Both parking lots were full, always a good sign!"

There were 17 detailed themed displays designed as vignettes of local history including Looking Back at Local History; Samptown and New Brooklyn; Lehigh Valley Railroad; Land of Opportunity; School Days; Veterans; Police and Rescue; Fashions of the Times; Newspapers & Clippings; Photograph Albums; Hadley Airfield; Holly Park; Happy Motoring; Borough Race Track; Hometown Businesses; Spicer Manufacturing; Community Spirit and New Petrograd. In the display entitled "The Land of Opportunity," they combined stories, photographs, maps, vintage clothing and furniture of some 19th-century residents, including the Pyatt and Randolph families, with the stories and

photographs of several well-known immigrant families, such as Muglia and DeFillippo, who settled in South Plainfield and farmed the land in the early Twentieth Century.

Miele was pleased the successful afternoon and said, "Each year the displays have increased in number and relevance as the Historical Society collects more photographs, artifacts and

information. The South Plainfield Historical Society's goal is to disseminate information on local history, and what better way than a celebration in the form of Town History Day. We have found an enthusiastic audience and hope to continue this tradition for many years to come. We are growing by leaps and bounds and, judging by the turnout each year, have the sup-



Actor Christian Johnson of the American Historical Theatre of Philadelphia chats with Historical Society member Kathy Horvath. He is also pictured at left with Historical Society member Bill Tuthill, who was dressed as Benjamin Franklin for the event.

port of the public. Our programs will become more plentiful once we have a home base, for right now we work out of my home. The Historical Society is excited about its proposed new home in the future public library sometime in 2007. However, we will have a temporary home shortly and the public will have more frequent access to the collection in addition to

a full-scale celebration in Fall 2006.

The Historical Society is currently seeking old photos of South Plainfield. If you can assist or would like more information you can contact them at: P.O. Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or via email at [sphistoricalsoc@cs.com](mailto:sphistoricalsoc@cs.com).

Visit their web site at <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety>.

## Business and

### County Ice Rink to Open

Middlesex County opens its family ice skating rink for the third season this week.

The outdoor facility, which sits in Roosevelt Park in Edison, has become a favorite recreational destination for families throughout the county. "The rink has been a big hit with residents, attracting more than 13,000 skaters last year," said Deputy Freeholder Director Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina. "We're convinced that this season will be the best one yet."

Admission for each session is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children 17 and under. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more and for residents who purchase individual passes for five, 10 or 30 sessions.

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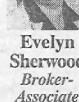


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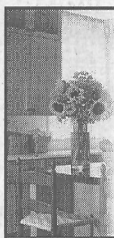
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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for some more news from the South Plainfield Library:

The library is closed today in observance of Veteran's Day.

Turning to our children's programming, our schedule is pretty packed. We'll have our usual Storytime programs on Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. We'll have two "Time for 2's & 3's" programs for children ages two and three next week. They'll be held on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday evening at 6:30. The "Books-N-Babies" program for children up to age three will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. And the young people's Chess Club will meet on Friday afternoon at 5 p.m.; players of all levels are welcome. You don't have to pre-register for these programs. Meanwhile, our Wednesday evening Storytime program has been pre-empted in favor of the "Mammal Mania" program at 6:30 p.m. That program is for children age three and over; there's no admission charge, but pre-registration is required. For more information about our children's programs, please call and ask for Miss Linda.

There are two meetings coming up next Tuesday. The Friends of the Library will meet at 11:30 a.m.; both members and non-members are welcome to attend. Then, at 7:30, the Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular monthly meeting. The public is invited to attend and get the latest information on the library, including the building project for the proposed new library.

A reminder from our Notary Public (that's me, folks): When you come in to have an item notarized, please make sure to bring valid proof of identity. That means an ID issued by a government entity (passport, driver's license, Social Security card, etc.). A photo ID is preferred, but not required. And please be certain of any special requirements (number of signatories, witnesses, additional information, etc.) the notarization of your document may require. Keeping these in mind will make the process go a lot smoother for all concerned.

We didn't have a title list for the Circuit Videos and DVDs in time for last week's *Observer*, but we have one now. VHS titles include "Godsend," "Memento," "Head of State" and "Moulin Rouge." DVD titles for November include "Alien vs. Predator," the remakes of "Around the World in 80 Days" and "Assault on Precinct 13," and the Disney classic "Bambi." DVDs and videocassettes may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. Elsewhere in the A/V department, the new group of Circuit CDs is now available. Artists in this group include Bebe Winans, George Benson, Mannheim Steamroller, U2 and Frank Sinatra. CDs may be borrowed, also four at a time, for two weeks.

Finally, a serious note: not too long ago one of our book carts was stolen.

### Board of Ed Committee Meetings will be Closed

Effective immediately, the Board of Education will revert back to the previous format of closed committee meetings due to minimal attendance by members of the public.

All remaining Buildings Grounds, Public Relations, Transportation, and Policy and Finance committee meetings will operate with assigned committee members and administrative liaison in attendance.

The Curriculum/Technology/Student Activity Committee meetings remain open to the public.

Also, there have been instances of Library materials being damaged (like stuff being torn out of our newspapers). You should be aware that such behavior goes far beyond merely being a thoughtless jerk. In fact, it is a criminal offense. Make no mistake, we're serious about this. If we catch someone stealing or damaging Library materials, we will take steps to see that the offender is punished. And if that means involving the police, so be it. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED.

That'll do it for this week. As always, feel free to pass along your comments, questions or suggestions. See you next week.

## police report

• On Nov. 1 Towan I. Campbell, 24, of Newark was arrested for driving on a suspended license, improper display of plates and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Nov. 2 Carlos Aguayza, 20, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on an expired license, driving with a passenger seated in the hatch back portion of the vehicle and hindering apprehension at a motor vehicle stop.

• An Adeline Ave. resident reported theft of an unlocked BMX bike from the front of Ciccio's Pizza on Maple Ave.

• A Spicer Ave. resident reported that his ATM/Visa card with pin number had been used at various locations in New York City. He did not have another card and no one knew his pin number.

• On Nov. 3 Bassem Issa Ghanim, 46, of Middlesex was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving an uninsured vehicle, a brake light out and three outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• On Nov. 4 Steven M. Regan, 19, of Piscataway was arrested at Staples for shoplifting a Kodak camera worth \$179.

• David L. Wyatt, 42, of Scotch Plains was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Brandon Ray Clanton, 29, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated at a motor vehicle stop.

• James M. Chiarello, 64, of Fanwood was arrested at the DMV for possession of fraudulent documents.

• Harry Dackerman, 48, of Union

Beach was arrested at the DMV for exhibiting a fraudulent insurance card.

• On Nov. 5 a Perth Amboy resident reported the theft of \$185 from her purse that was left unattended on a chair at Innovative Folding Carton on Durham Ave.

• A Woolworth Ave. resident reported their mailbox had been thrown through the front window of their residence along with a full two liter bottle of Pepsi.

• On Nov. 6 an Arlington Ave. resident reported that the drivers side door of his vehicle had been keyed overnight.

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