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## Murder Suspect Pleads Not Guilty

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield resident Paul Cibelli, Jr. pleaded not guilty in Superior Court in New Brunswick on last Thursday to the charge of first degree murder in his live-in girlfriend Tania Silva's strangulation death.

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office investigation concluded that the murder was committed by Cibelli

inside the residence based on physical evidence discovered on the body and further evidence located in the home. Philadelphia Medical Examiner Dr. Shela Dashkow placed the time of death between late evening Oct. 6, the last time Ms. Silva was reportedly seen alive by the suspect, and early morning Oct. 7. Her purse, cell phone and car were still at her Robert Pl. residence when she was reported

missing by co-workers and a friend who had come to help her move out of the residence. According to friends of the victim, she and Cibelli had been feuding over money.

Workers at the Newman Paper Co. recycling plant in Philadelphia made the gruesome discovery of Silva's decomposing body on Oct. 11. Her hands had been bound with duct tape, a garbage bag had been placed over

her head and her body was placed into another garbage bag.

The defendant, an unemployed airline maintenance worker, was arrested for public lewdness and criminal mischief on Oct. 8 in a Super Motel 8 in New Paltz, NY after he was reportedly running around the hallways naked. Since then he has been held in an Ulster County, NY jail awaiting extradition on the murder

charge which was waived in court last Thursday morning. He arrived in New Brunswick minutes before his arraignment here.

Cibelli faces 30 years to life in prison on a first degree murder charge and hindering apprehension, a third degree crime. He is being held at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick. The com-  
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VFW Commander Bob Debbi and Midge Poczak place a wreath in front of the VFW on Veterans Day.

## Vets Honored In Verse, Song & Ceremony



Melissa Prysba, U.S. Navy, surprised her brother Ryne Herzfeld, by attending the Veterans Day ceremonies at Franklin School.

Veterans Day celebrations in the schools began last Monday with the Roosevelt School first and second graders' presentation of "A Salute to Our Veterans," directed by music teacher Sharon Perez. The children wore handmade necklaces with the words "Veterans Day" on them and a picture of the American Flag, which they had colored in.

They sang various military and patriotic songs, including *My Country 'Tis of Thee*, *When Johnny Comes Marching Home* and *The Halls of Montezuma*. In between songs, fourth

grade members of the student council read different facts about how Veterans Day became a holiday and the origins of the songs they sang. The show ended with the entire school singing *God Bless America*.

On Wednesday Roosevelt School dedicated an evergreen tree in honor of Veterans Day in a ceremony held outside the front entrance. The tree was donated by Brian Mazellan of Timber Creek Landscaping whose daughter, Emily, is a Roosevelt School first grade student.

Middle School ceremonies held on Wednesday included honored guests Metro Kopchak, Rudy Poczak and Julius Peterson from VFW Post #6763, and VFW Post #506 member Jim Yednak. The school band, along with the VFW Color Guard, presented the colors.

Principal Steve Novak spoke on

the meaning of Veterans Day and introduced the guest veterans, who each spoke about their roles during their service. The band played *Taps* in remembrance of South Plainfield veterans and the Gems sang *God Bless America*. They ended the show with *America the Beautiful*.

Kennedy School ended the school day with a special presentation to VFW members from Kennedy School Cub Scout Pack 324. It was a paper chain entitled, "The Links to Freedom." Under the direction of Cub Master Jeffrey Pauls and Assistant Cub Master Scott Waters, each scout hand decorated a piece of paper with their name and a personal message to the veterans, which were all linked together. They also drew a big thank you card.

On Thursday Sacred Heart School  
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## Volunteers Sought to Serve On Boards and Committees

The Mayor and Council are currently seeking volunteers to serve on various Borough boards, agencies committees and commissions.

The following is a list of the boards, agencies, committees and commissions for which the borough is soliciting volunteers and their respective meeting days and times:

- Business Advisory Group-meets first Wednesday of month, 5:30 p.m.
- Construction Board of Appeals-meets as needed.
- Cultural Arts Commission-meets second Wednesday of month, 8 p.m.
- Environmental Commission-meets second Wednesday of month, p.m.
- Health Advisory Board-meets quarterly, 7:30 p.m.
- Library Board of Trustees-meets second Tuesday of month, 7:30 p.m.
- Planning Board-meets second and fourth Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.
- Property Board of Appeals-meets

as needed.

- Public Celebrations (Parade) Committee-meets as needed.

- Recreation Commission-meets fourth Tuesday of month, 7 p.m.

- Traffic Safety Advisory Commission-meets fourth Wednesday of month, 7 p.m.

- Zoning Board of Adjustment-meets second and fourth Thursdays of month, 8 p.m.

Anyone interested in serving on any of these boards, agencies, committees or commissions should forward their letter of interest, including their resume, to Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Information may also be e-mailed to Vincent Buttiglieri, Borough Administrator/ Municipal Clerk at [vbuttiglieri@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:vbuttiglieri@southplainfieldnj.com).

Please submit required information no later than Dec. 7, 2005.



Charles Smith from Comcast Cable presented two checks to Councilman Ed Kubala recently. Kubala was instrumental in negotiating the latest cable contract with South Plainfield. The Borough received a check for \$72,500, which represents a percentage of fees billed to residents and \$5,000 to be used for a community service program.

## Officer Subdues Homeless Man at Gunpoint

By Jane Dornick

A homeless man was arrested last Tuesday after threatening to break into a Brennan Ct. residence and later assaulting a police officer.

David Grayson, 42, whose last known address was in Newark, was befriended by a Woodland Manor

Apartments resident who was trying to help him find a job and a home. The suspect began calling and harassing the victim and threatened to break into her home. The resident came home last Tuesday to find Grayson standing at her patio door and called police. The suspect left the area and

was spotted later that evening riding a bike on Park Ave. near Susan Terr. He was stopped by South Plainfield Police Sgt. Philip Aquilina. When the officer questioned the suspect, he said he was on his way to the YMCA in Plainfield. Grayson became agitated, picked up the bike and threw it at Of-

ficer Michael Redden, who was backing up Aquilina, and struck him.

While responding to Sgt. Aquilina's call for additional help, Officers Kevin Krajniak and Michael Molinaro approached the scene, both heading south on Park Ave. Molinaro ob-  
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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Now that the election is over and the voters have spoken, I would like to explain my reasons for not accepting letters from Bob Jones and Dawn Jeffreys during the past election.

Let me first explain that I have a duty to my readers to publish letters that are factual and not conjecture. I also always encourage those who disagree with a letter to answer with their own view of the story.

Two letters submitted by Mr. Jones pertaining to the Pinto lawsuit did not meet that criteria. Mr. Jones' letter contained statements that sounded like they were facts pertaining to the Pinto settlement. Since none of these statements could be corroborated by either party in the lawsuit, the letter was unacceptable. Both were bound by a confidentiality agreement and could not talk about the settlement. I emailed my views to Mr. Jones; he answered and I answered back. Finally, I asked if he could rewrite the letters saying "in my judgement."

Just as we were ready to go to press, I started receiving several negative emails about how I had censored and or refused to publish Mr. Jones' letters. A short time later, I received an email from Dawn Jeffreys containing a statement saying I had censored Mr. Jones' letters and the letters we were publishing were watered down versions. Mrs. Jeffreys had every right to object, but attached to the email which she copied to more than 100 people, were all of my personal emails to Mr. Jones.

While I am sure this is not against the law, it is certainly not ethical. I believed I was carrying on a discussion with Mr. Jones. He and Mrs. Jeffreys did this without my permission and behind my back. When I called Mr. Jones, he accused me of passing all of the Republican letters and columns to the Democrats before I published them. Mrs. Jeffreys insinuated the same thing in an email when answering my objections to her distributing my private emails around town.

It is one thing to criticize my paper, but to question my honesty and integrity, and to attack my character, goes over the line. There is no proof of these accusations, because they never have and never will happen. No one sees any of the Letters to the Editor until the Observer is published. It is always my intention to be fair and honest in everything I do and everything I publish. I will not be bullied, nor will I ignore attempts by those who spread untruths about me.

I told Mr. Jones that I deserved an apology and if he wasn't willing to give me one, I would no longer be able to work with him on a professional basis. I asked that he assign someone else to submit the Republican column and letters. I have received numerous calls, some from advertisers, accusing me of being unjust for refusing to publish Mr. Jones' letters. Let me repeat—the letters were published.

Since I didn't want my disagreement with Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jeffreys to become a campaign issue, I decided not speak publicly about this incident until after the election. I did not want the candidates to become embroiled. As far as I know, the candidates were not a part of these vicious accusations nor the comments directed at me by Mr. Jones and Mrs. Jeffreys.

This incident is about questioning my honesty. I will continue to refuse to work with Mr. Jones or Mrs. Jeffreys until, and unless, they apologize for the accusations made, which are totally unfounded and untrue.

The day after the last issue of the Observer prior to the election was published, I received a call from The Star Ledger asking why I refused to give a voice to the Republicans during the election. It seems Mr. Jones sent out a press release stating that is what I did and once again, he attacked my personal emails.

Since this incident, I received the Republicans' columns and letters by way of Marge Reedy. No letter was ever refused and the Republican column appeared each and every week. Also, since that time, I have not received an apology from either Mr. Jones or Mrs. Jeffreys.

I regret that I even have to write about this, but my readers deserve to know the reasons behind my decision and are free to make their own judgement.

Now that the election is over I will continue to give the residents of South Plainfield a voice, which I believe they do not receive from any other media.

Nancy Grennier, Publisher

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor:

I just wanted to take the time to thank everyone who donated food to the Scouting for Food program. As of noon on Saturday, Nov. 12, the food bank at Sacred Heart Church reported to have received somewhere in the vicinity of 500 bags of food for the poor, with more bags on their way.

I also want to thank all who volunteered their time in distributing the bags and picking up the bags. This is a yearly undertaking by the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of America in our town, which is made up of five Boy Scout Troops and three Cub Scout Packs. It is with these Scouts, their leaders and the Scouts parents that we were able to collect such a large amount of food for the needy. It was indeed a team effort.

And lastly, I would like to thank the Sacred Heart Church food bank for taking the food, breaking it down into various categories and distributing the food to those who are in need. It is because of these volunteers that there will be more families to have something to be thankful for this Thanksgiving.

YOURS IN SCOUTING, JEFFREY PAULS

To the Editor,

Our home of 25+ years caught fire during the late afternoon on Tuesday Sept. 27.

Although we were so fortunate to have been home when the fire started and able to exit safely, we cannot begin to describe the sense of panic and worry we felt as we watched the firefighters work to put out the flames and help retrieve one of the three pets remaining inside. The thoughts that run through your mind as you think of the years worth of hands-on renovations and irreplaceable family memories are just too difficult to describe.

During this difficult time, we have quickly learned the depth of care and concern that existed within the hearts of not only our family and friends, but from perfect strangers that came to help.

It is our wish with this letter to thank so many who helped and or continue to help us during this difficult time. We are so grateful to the South Plainfield, Plainfield and Piscataway firefighters that came so quickly and worked so hard to contain and finally put out the fire. We are amazed at the people who have stopped by with food or have come to physically help us as we sort through the bit we can salvage and prepare to have the entire smoke and water damaged interior and exterior of our home removed. We are thankful to those who were quick to help financially as they knew we had to quickly purchase a few day-to-day belongings as we were left with only the clothes on our backs.

We are thankful to family and friends for opening up their homes to us so that we had a place to go.

We could go on and on and although it is always difficult to properly say thank you to each and every person who has in some way helped, it's our desire to attempt "heartfelt thanks" to those people or organizations that have gone above and beyond. Our special thanks goes out to Jerry and Chrissy Brisbois, Paul Gorman, The South Plainfield Police and Fire Department, Plainfield Fire Department, the Piscataway Fire Department, and all of our special friends and neighbors who were there to help during our time of tragedy.

SINCERELY, THE TANZOLA FAMILY

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of South Plainfield for the privilege of serving them on the Borough Council for the past two years. To have been chosen to serve this community by the individuals that live here is an immense honor and I am truly grateful for the support and trust you placed in me. Thanks to all of the residents who worked with me on the various projects and com-

mittees that I was involved with. The work that volunteers do in this community is impressive. I have gotten to know so many people, all of whom use their time and talents to contribute to the overall good of South Plainfield. I, the Mayor and Council, and the residents are appreciative of your efforts and I look forward to the future and seeing the projects and initiatives that you are working on come to fruition.

Although I am disappointed to be leaving my position on the Borough Council, I plan to continue to serve the community in various other ways. I share the sentiments of the great playwright George Bernard Shaw when he wrote, "I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community... and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

Thanks again for the opportunity to have served as your councilwoman. May the coming holiday season be one of peace and happiness for all.

YOURS TRULY, KATHY THOMAS

Dear Editor:

I must thank the voters of the 18th legislative district for their support in last Tuesday's election. I am gratified by the over 10,000 vote victory margin that Assemblyman Barnes and I received. The thing that I found most rewarding is the fact of those who cast a vote for the General Assembly, over 60% in my hometown supported my reelection.

During my two terms in the legislature I have worked to improve the lives of all New Jersey residents. In particular, I have always tried to be a voice for the residents of South Plainfield in Trenton. I am proud of what we have been able to accomplish and you can rest assured that I will continue to see that our borough gets a fair shake from

the state of New Jersey. Thank you again for putting your trust in me and I promise that I won't let you down.

If you want to discuss any issue affecting our state please contact my legislative office at Oak Tree Ave., Suite P. My chief of staff is Addie Levine. The phone number is (908) 757-1677 and my email address is [AsmDiegnan@njleg.org](mailto:AsmDiegnan@njleg.org).

VERY TRULY YOURS, PATRICK DIEGNAN

Dear Editor,

The words "thank you" are probably inadequate to express the appreciation we have for the residents of South Plainfield. But to everyone who supported us in last week's election, we say a sincere thank you. We will do our best to make you proud.

We will also do our best to work hand in hand with our colleagues on the other side, the Democrats. You elected us to make a change, but we also know you want us to work as a team. Two-party government does not mean combative government. Rather, it simply means giving a voice to those who might not have one otherwise.

We also won't forget why you elected us. We need to manage costs, reform the way our town does business, help our seniors, and control traffic and overdevelopment. While we will be in the minority on the governing body, we will work hard to achieve these goals in cooperation with the other members of the council.

We would also like to thank Ed Kubala and Kathy Thomas. Ed and Kathy worked tirelessly to make South Plainfield a better place, and for that they've earned our gratitude and respect. It's not easy to run for public office, nor is it easy to be an elected official. They've given their time, talent, and energy to our town, and they deserve everyone's appreciation.

Our work is just beginning. But we can't do it without your help. Come to council meetings and share your thought and ideas. Stop us on the street and tell us how we're doing. We asked you to bring back two-party government as a means of restoring

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Advertisement for Twin City Pharmacy, featuring a wheelchair, DME services, and 24-hour emergency care. Includes address 1708 Park Ave., South Plainfield.



Dr. Scott Linick, owner of the Plainfield Animal Hospital, gives a rabies shot to one of the 244 dogs and 41 cats vaccinated during the rabies clinic held earlier this month. The next rabies clinic will be held in April 2006.

## Rabies Alert Issued After Two Animals Test Positive

Two animals, a skunk in North Brunswick and a raccoon in Highland Park, have tested positive for rabies in Middlesex County in the past few weeks. Residents are asked to report any bites from a wild or domestic animal to the South Plainfield Health Department and consult a physician as soon as possible.

Rabies is caused by a virus which can infect all warm-blooded mammals, including man. The rabies virus is found in the saliva of a rabid animal and is transmitted by a bite, or possibly by contamination of an open cut. Bats, raccoons, skunks, groundhogs, foxes, cats and dogs represent about 95% of animals diagnosed with rabies in the United States.

Residents should follow these guidelines in order to prevent rabies from being transmitted to themselves or their pets:

1. Immediately report a bite from a wild or domestic animal to the health department. Wash animal bite wounds thoroughly with soap and water as soon as possible after the bite. Consult a physician as soon as possible.

2. Immediately report any wild animal

## Holiday Giving for Needy Pets

Plainfield Animal Hospital is collecting pet food donations to be distributed to needy pets for the holiday season. Please bring canned or dry pet food to the drop off box located at 2215 Park Ave. Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Food will be distributed to local non-profit pet organizations. Thank you for your generosity and have a happy and healthy holiday.

## Century 21 Thanksgiving Food Drive

For the past several years Century 21 Moretti Realty has been delivering food baskets to South Plainfield families and neighboring towns. Food (non-perishable) can be dropped off at 225 Maple Ave. by Nov. 21. If you have any questions contact Mary Ann Lisewski (908) 755-5051, ext. 309.

## Special Public Meeting Announced

A special public meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council has been scheduled for Monday, Nov. 21 at 5:30 p.m. for the following purposes:

- A public hearing on a violation of Chapter 67 (Liquor Licenses) of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield.
- Resolution approving a Fiscal Year 2006 Budget Amendment.
- Payment of bills.

## Social Services Seek Food Donations

On Nov. 12 the Boys Scouts in our community collected food to be distributed to various food banks in the area. The South Plainfield Social Services Dept. receives much of this food for distribution throughout the community. With the cooperation of our local school nurses, they gather the names of families that they are aware of and coordinate this distribution to those families. If you are aware of a family or senior citizen in our community who might benefit from this distribution, please make them aware of our program and feel free to call the Social Services office to make them aware of families they may have missed.

After the Thanksgiving food distribution, they swing into full gear with our holiday gift project. Many organizations and individuals participate in this project. You can be a part of this by adopting a family or bringing in a new unwrapped gift item that can be given to needy families. Families include infants to adults.

If you wish to be a part of this year's project, call or stop in to Social Services in Borough Hall or contact Margaret Ackerman, director of Social Services at (908) 226-7625.

## Send in Junior Journalist Entries

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



## Scouts Earn Aviation Badge

Boy Scout Troop 309 participated in an Aviation Badge this past spring. The scouts involved spent a Saturday in May at Central Jersey Regional Airport in Hillsborough. They sat through several sessions about aviation, but the highlight of the day was when each scout was taken up in a Cessna airplane for a flight. Besides earning their Aviation Merit Badge, they were presented with a certificate signed by Harrison Ford entering them into the Young Eagles association. Pictured left to right are Justin Pauls, James Conrad, Matthew Manning, and Stanley Stellakis.

## NOTES FROM The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

**Thanksgiving Dinner Dance-** Come and enjoy a fun evening with a full Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings, great music and dancing on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is only \$10 per person. Reservations are required so please stop by the Senior Center.

**Hunterdon Hills Playhouse-**The Senior Center has a trip to Hunterdon

Hills Playhouse planned for Thursday, Dec. 15 to see the annual Christmas Show. Cost is \$58 per person and includes transportation and a luncheon with a lavish dessert buffet and show. For reservations, please stop in at the Senior Center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This trip is a sell out every year, so make your reservation early!

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# Around Town

## Kennedy 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 raffle items from vendors.

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

## Sacred Heart Basket Bingo/Raffle November 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. Bingo prizes and Longaberger baskets will also be raffled. Space is limited.

To reserve tickets, call (908) 755-0891 or (908) 756-0632.

## 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. 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. For tickets or information, call the George's (908) 755-4633 or Kevin Lykes at (908) 756-3671.

## What's happening in NOVEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>				
<i>Fall Dinner Dance November 19 - 6 to 10 pm</i>				
<i>Hunterdon Hills Christmas Show December 15 - \$58.00</i>				
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am <b>21</b>	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Lunch Available <b>22</b>	Exercise 8:45am Line Dancing 10-11:30am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Tai Chi Class 2 pm <b>23</b>	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Exercise Class 1:15pm Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm AARP Meeting 12:30pm Claridge trip 9am <b>17</b>	BINGO 10-2pm Lunch Available <b>18</b>
			<b>24</b> CENTER CLOSED HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!	<b>25</b> CENTER CLOSED
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

## 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 af-

ter all masses. For information, call (908) 756-2523 or (732) 549-9633.

## Cultural Arts Presents Line Dancing December 3

The Cultural Arts Commission will present Country Western Line Dancing on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Maple Ave.

Instructor is Georgeanne Valis from the Colorado Cafe. All ages welcome. The evening is free and refreshments are included.

## VFW Breakfast December 4

The VFW on Front St. will hold a breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. Proceeds benefit the VA Hospital at Lyons. The public is invited.

For more information call Robert Debbie at (908) 472-3762.

## A Christmas Carol at Edison Playhouse December 11

The Cultural Arts Commission will present "A Christmas Carol" on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Edison Valley Playhouse on Oak Tree Rd., next to A&P Shopping Center.

Admission is free. Reservations required due to limited seating. Not recommended for under eight years.



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Tickets for the jazz performances are \$21 for adults and \$9 for children under 14. Tickets for the orchestra and chorus are \$9 for children under 14 and adult tickets range from \$9 to \$21.

For information, call (973) 353-8051 or email jbalber@njpac.org.

## The Odyssey at Stockton College November 20

The friends at Hellenic Studies at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host a live theatre performance of Homer's *The Odyssey*, on Sunday, Nov. 20 in the Performing Arts Center on the Pomona campus. Ticket are \$35 for adults, \$15 for students and include a full dinner buffet beginning at 2 p.m. Performance begins at 3:15 p.m.

For information, call (609) 652-4528.

## Woodbridge WOWS November 20

The Woodbridge Widows or Widowers will hold a fundraiser, social dance on Sunday, Nov. 20 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elk's Hall on Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Live Music by Blues Notes. Cost is \$8.

For information call (973) 297-1775.

## Thanksgiving Service November 23

A community service of prayer and thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 600 Cleveland Ave in Plainfield. Service will include a homily by the Rev. Jim Colvin from the United Church of Christ. Join us for a reception after the service.

For information, call the parish office at (908) 756-1520.

## — Out of Town —

## 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, to benefit the Roosevelt Care Center Gardens. The event includes an open bid auction of gorgeous gifts, a 50/50 raffle and door prizes.

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.

For information, call Meghan Shannon at (732) 516-1902.

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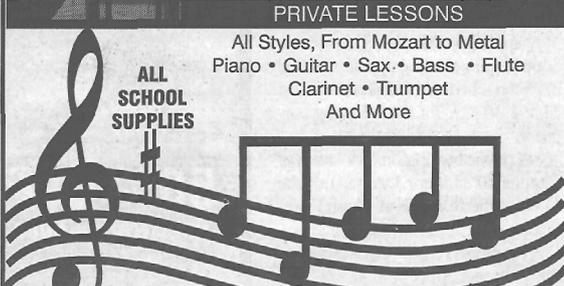
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# All About Pets....

By Anthony Loomis, DVM



As the weather turns cold, it is important to consider how seasonal changes affect your pets. Most dogs and cats are better off indoors, except when taken out for exercise. A good rule of thumb, when you do take your pets out, stay outside with them. When you're cold enough to go inside, they probably are too. If you absolutely must leave them outside for a significant length of time, make sure they have a warm, solid shelter against the wind, heavy bedding and plenty of non-frozen water.

Ethylene glycol, the major ingredient in antifreeze, attracts both dogs and cats because of its sweet taste. However it is extremely poisonous; as little as a teaspoon can prove fatal. If you suspect your pet may have ingested any antifreeze, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Rock salt is another substance to be wary of in the winter. As it is abrasive, it may cut into an animal's paws and burn their mouths. Animals may eat rock salt which can cause vomiting and

other intestinal problems. Make sure you wipe your pets feet when bringing them inside.

Monthly heartworm and flea and tick preventative is often overlooked in the winter months. In our area mosquitoes are present year-round which transmit heartworm, a potentially fatal disease. Also, most monthly heartworm tablets prevent against intestinal parasites like hookworms and roundworms. Fleas and ticks can also be found year-round, especially in wooded areas and around wildlife. Lyme disease is very prevalent in our area and is transmitted by ticks. Make sure you continue your pet's preventative medicine year-round. Following these tips will help ensure you and your pet have a wonderful winter.

Anthony Loomis, DVM grew up in Scotch Plains, attended St. Joseph's High School, the University of Georgia and Oklahoma State University for veterinary school. He practices at Plainfield Animal Hospital with a special interest in exotic animal medicine and surgery.



Preparing for Saturday night's SPHS Sport Auction are: Michael George, Brandon Ullom, Megan Boyle and Chantiyana Beckett. For information, call (908) 755-4633 or (908) 756-3671.

Photo by Patricia Abbott.

## policereport

- On Nov. 8 Carrie A. Dunsmuir, 34, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Rustay Ct. resident reported that the headlights of their 2000 Acura were damaged in an attempt remove them.
- On Nov. 10 a Hamilton Blvd. resident reported that a concrete ornament had been knocked off an exterior mantle outside their home causing it to damage the limestone.
- On Nov. 11 a Day St. resident reported that green paint balls had

- been shot at their parked vehicle.
- On Nov. 13 David Wayne Kindley, 34, of Trinity, NC was arrested at Best Western Hotel for possession of a controlled substance.
- On Nov. 14 Deshell Lynn Clark, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.
- A Lane Ave. resident reported that their vehicle had been struck with paint balls and a door had been dented.
- A Rush St. resident reported the theft of an unlocked bicycle from the front yard of the residence.

## Officer Subdues Homeless Man at Gunpoint

(Continued from page 1) served Sgt. Aquilina holding Grayson at gunpoint and tried to head off the suspect who was attempting to run from the scene when his patrol vehicle was struck in the rear by Krajniak. On impact, Molinaro's vehicle also struck a parked car causing minor damage.

Both police vehicles sustained severe damage. Molinaro complained of back pain, but refused treatment, however Krajniak was transported to Robert Wood Johnson for head and neck injuries. He was released the following day, but has not returned to work. Grayson was charged with aggra-

vated assault, hindering apprehension and obstruction of administrative law and is being held on \$10,000 bail. Capt. Paul Brembt stated, "Both officers were responding to a distress call and it was an unfortunate event, however, we're glad it didn't get any worse."

## SDW and Annual Evening of Giving

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) will once again participate in the annual Menlo Park Mall Evening of Giving. The gala event is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 20. Doors open at 6 p.m. The mall is closed to the general public and only those with tickets may attend. The SDW students will be performing a variety of Christmas songs near Macys. A schedule of

events will be listed at the mall. The fun-filled, exciting evening offers a silent auction, radio station DJs, discounts in the stores and food court, soap opera stars and more. Proceeds benefit the Simon Youth Foundation with a portion going to SDW and other participating non profit organizations. Tickets are \$10. To support SDW, call (908) 756-6461.

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# Vets Honored In Verse, Song

(Continued from page 1)

held ceremonies and presented nearly a truck load of supplies for the residents of the Veterans Lyons VA Hospital, all donated by the students. On hand to receive the donation were Joseph Raimo and his wife Ceil, George Husjoke and wife Marie, representing the Catholic War Veterans, Father Owen Post #1187. All are active volunteers at the VA Lyons Hospital. Also on hand was school custodian Tom Goda, a 22-year veteran of the US Navy CB's.

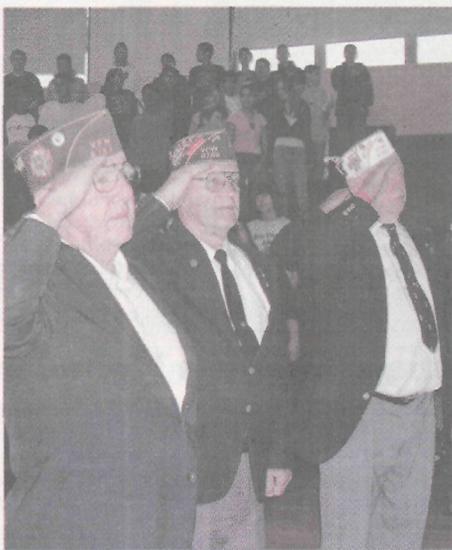
The eighth graders recited the poem "In Flanders Field." Principal Sister Nadine thanked the students who entered their poster contest and presented them with a certificate of appreciation. Students Isaac Irving and Joseph Howard, representing the student body, presented the donated items for the Lyons Hospital. Social Studies teacher Patie Sims was in charge of the ceremonies.

Approximately 20 area veterans were the special guests at the Franklin School annual Veterans Day program on Wednesday. Recently retired Principal Nancy Erickson was also on hand. The flag decorated auditorium, near filled to capacity, was a patriotic sea of red, white and blue. The first grade class and school chorus were the featured performers. Three essay winners, Ryne Herzfeld, first grade, Jalysa Garvin, third grade and Jessica Bishop, fourth grade read their essays and received US Savings Bonds. Honorable Mention went to essays by Edward Lopez, second grade, Brian McCann, third grade and Bryant Acosta, fourth grade. These students will receive gift certificates to the school store. The program was concluded with the playing of *Taps* by music teacher Glenn Parisi.

When Ryne Herzfeld read his essay about his sister Melissa, he turned to find her standing by his side. IT2 Chief Petty Officer Melissa Prysak is currently stationed at Fort Meade in Maryland. She has been in the navy for five years.

On Friday, the VFW was packed with those attending the ceremonies, which were held on the 11th hour, the 11th day of the 11th month. Ceremonies began with a prayer and the placing of a wreath in front of the VFW. Attending were veterans spanning World War II, Korea, Vietnam and Gulf Wars. The South Plainfield High School Traveling Choir, led by Tracy Murray, performed inspiring songs before and after the services. Scouts from Pack 125 and former Franklin Principal Nancy Erickson were also on hand. Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Ed Kubala, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and Police Chief John Ferraro were just a few of the special guests who spoke.

Assemblyman Patrick Diegman asked for support of a bill he has introduced in the State Assembly, that would mandate schools to close on Veterans Day and that schools hold ceremonies the day before for students to honor our veterans.



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# Sports

By Glen Cullen

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

### Final Registration This Weekend

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.

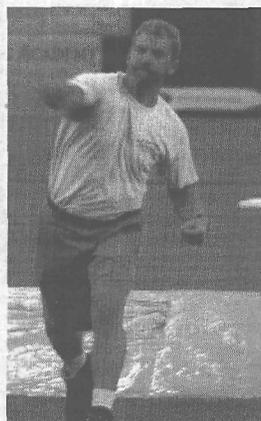
Registration is currently \$95 per child, with discounts for those families with two or more children.

Also, this year there is a \$75 bond for each child. This bond will be re-

funded at the end of the season, or it can be rolled over into the following year.

If anyone has any questions, please 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.league-lineup.com/spjbc](http://www.league-lineup.com/spjbc). The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's address is P.O. Box 166, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.



Bob Boyle, vice president for Roma Foods, throws out the first pitch, which was strike one for the Patriots at the Aug. 8 Roma Foods sponsored Italian Night at the Somerset Patriots baseball game. Thousands of bags of pasta were distributed to all the fans.

## SOCCER

### Spirit Takes Two More

The South Plainfield Soccer Club's U13 team Spirit won two big games this weekend to up their record to 6-1-2. In the first game, balanced scoring, pinpoint passing and strong defense proved to be too much for the Glen Ridge Redwoods as the Spirit cruised to a 5-1 victory on a cold Friday night in South Plainfield. The goal scorers for the game were Matias Palma, Ryan Hutchison, Edwin Molina, Jason Pattison and Marc Paez.

On Sunday, the Spirit took on a game Montgomery Sharks squad and was able to come away with a 4-2 victory thanks to four goals from Matias Palma, who just returned to

the team after suffering a broken collar bone earlier in the season.

Nicolas Tuyp played two more strong games in goal and the teamwork and hustle of Jesse Allen, Ryan Billich, Edgar Callejas, Ryan Lind, Andrew Sanchez and Agu Ufodu also contributed to both victories.

Tremendous support was also provided by injured players Joe Krawiec, Brandon Staynings and Dan Zwatschka who cheered on their teammates from the sidelines.

The Spirit's last game of the Fall season is Sunday, Nov. 20 at 1:30 against the Edison Jaguars in South Plainfield.

## Junior Journalist Corner



### Charlotte Macchia, Roosevelt School Third Grader, Named "Junior Journalist"

Charlotte Macchia, Roosevelt School third grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist Program. Her poem "Fall," 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.



Charlotte Macchia and teacher Kathy Maher with Principal Charles Ford.

## Fall

By Charlotte Macchia

In fall pretty leaves are on the trees.  
The pumpkins are the biggest.  
People feel so mellow in fall.  
I smell pie from miles away. I feel the breeze hit my head.  
When I taste candy I smile. I see scarecrows everywhere!  
I hear children laughing everywhere.  
In fall it is warm then cold.  
Fall is great!

## Donytail Softball Batters Box

Next Donytail meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. All are welcome.

There won't be a meeting in December, so we hope to see some new faces come January, 2006.

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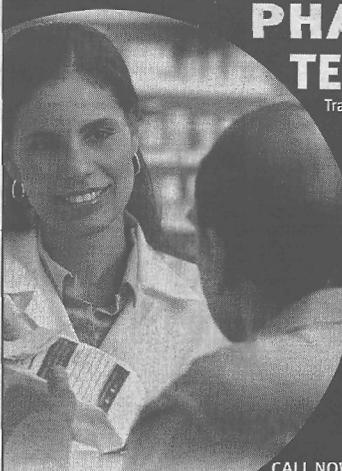
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By Jane Dornick



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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:**  
 Ord. 1715 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$78,083.00 FOR  
**RENOVATIONS TO THE OFFICE ON AGING BUILDING AND FOR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE BOROUGH'S 911 SYSTEM** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, November 11, 2005 and that a public hearing be set for Tuesday, December 6, 2005 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1715**  
**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$78,083.00 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AS LISTED BELOW FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**  
**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY** as follows:  
 Section 1. That there is hereby authorized pursuant to applicable statutes of the State of New Jersey, as a general improvement, the following improvements in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, New Jersey:  
**Renovations to the Senior Citizen**  
 Recreation Center \$56,900.00  
 911 Equipment and Supplies \$21,183.00  
**TOTAL \$78,083.00**  
 Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.  
 Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:  
 A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$78,083.00.  
 B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$56,900.00 Grant from the Middlesex County Housing and Community Development Block Grant and a \$21,183.00 General Assistance Grant from the State of New Jersey - Office of Information Technology.  
 C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.  
 Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 4B-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$5,000.00.  
 Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.  
**ATTEST:**  
 Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
 \$77.00 November 18, 2005

Bruce Segal of Bruce Segal Assemblies brought his "Celebrating America's Multicultural Heritage" program to Grant School on Oct. 26. The show began with Segal changing from his street clothes into peasant garb worn by his grandparents in the Ukraine and explained that at some point in time all of our families had migrated to North America. Through a slide presentation Segal focused on the five main groups of nationalities that settled in the United States: African, Asian, European, Latino and Native. He depicted how each culture came, contributions made by each group and he described intolerance and what happens when cultures cannot get along. Students were chosen from the audience and given a piece of clothing and an instrument symbolic of a culture and were taught to play along.

Segal commented at the end of the show how surprised he was that there was such a diverse background of children attending Grant School. The program ended with the presenter asking students what country they, or their ancestors were from.

## Grace P. Truempy, 87

Grace P. Truempy died on Tuesday, Nov. 8 in Genesis Elder Care Center, The Woodlands, Plainfield. Born in Ridgefield, she resided in the Plainfield area for most of her life before moving to South Plainfield in 1977. Grace was a homemaker. Her husband, Clifford Truempy, died in 1977. Surviving is her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Thomas McCreesh of South Plainfield and her son and daughter-in-law, Clifford and Vesta Truempy of Bridgewater. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Tom,

## Richard J. Kenvin, 60

Richard J. Kenvin died on Friday, Nov. 11 in Haven Hospice at John F. Kennedy Medical Center, Edison. Born in Jersey City, he grew up in Bradley Gardens and resided there until 1985 when he moved to North Plainfield. He settled in South Plainfield in 2001. Working in the telecommunications field for a number of years, Richard

was the owner and president of Kenvin Associates of Bound Brook. He retired two years ago. Richard was an avid amateur photographer who's pictures often resembled those of a professional. Surviving are his wife, Angel (Silvestri) Kenvin; a son, Richard Jensen of Bound Brook, a daughter, Heather and her husband John Payavis of Raritan; three granddaughters, Kiersten, Erica and Jenna and a goddaughter, Jenalee Jenkin. Also surviving are a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals. Donations in his memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

## Obituaries

## Alfred D. Risoli, 80

Alfred D. Risoli died on Friday, Nov. 11 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield. Born in South Plainfield, Al was a life long resident of the Borough. A builder and mason by trade, he and his brothers were partners and owned and operated Ribro Builders of South Plainfield for many years. In addition, Al was the owner and operator of Risoli Door Corporation for many years before he retired three years ago. A life member of the South Plainfield of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763, he was also a life member of the National Rifle Association. He could often be found at the Maple and Lakeview avenue Dunkin Donuts enjoying the afternoon and evening hours with his brother and friends. His brother, Nick, died in 2002. Surviving are two brothers, Patsy Risoli and Anthony and his wife Elvira Risoli, all of South Plainfield. Also surviving are three nephews and two nieces. Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

## Glenn, Pam, Jeff, Zachary, Josh and Luke.

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# IN YOUR OPINION

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open government, and that means we have to listen more than we talk. So please, talk to us as much as you can. We're listening.

Again, thank you to everyone who made running for council something we will never forget, and thank you for honoring us by electing us to the South Plainfield Borough Council. We won't let you down.

**MATT ANESH AND ROB BENVINGA, COUNCILMEM-ELECT**

### To the Editor:

I have asked you to publish this letter as my way of thanking the people of South Plainfield from the bottom of my heart for both the privilege and honor of serving them for the last 12 years. It has been very gratifying to me for the support of the public over those 12 years as well as for the many friendships with which I have been rewarded during that time. I hope that those friendships will continue, now that the people have spoken on Nov. 8.

While I will not pretend that I am not disappointed with the results of the election, I continue to believe, as I always have, that the American system of regular, fair and free elections remains the best way of making sure that government, any government, serves what the people want.

The best place for me to start may well be where Jim Vokral and I started in 1993. When we were first elected, we were determined to change the way government worked in South Plainfield, and I am very proud of what we accomplished from that point to this... and how we achieved what we did. We wanted to bring the public into the decision-making process, and at our first council meeting we helped create both the Tax Advisory Board and the Business Advisory Board. I appreciate all the help and advice they've given over my whole term of office. Your new council would be well advised to continue to consider their opinions. Jim and I believed then, and continue to believe, that Pay As You Go Government is the only sensible way for South Plainfield to operate, and that, too, has been accomplished.

Through my work on numerous committees of the Borough Council over these last 12 years, I worked on many individual projects, but, overall, nothing has made me prouder of South Plainfield's local government than the way we conducted our financial business and put our fiscal house in order. As a member of the Finance and Administration Committee, and its chair for the last seven, we have been able to stabilize the municipal tax rate for five of the last seven years. By working as a member of a cohesive TEAM to truly

bring Pay As You Go, cost effective and efficient government to the people of South Plainfield, we have worked on many projects and completed them on time and within carefully set budgets. We worked with other government entities on the state, county and local government to creatively work for grants and, by combining our efforts, through inter-local agreements and in other ways, tried to bring fiscal sanity to local government.

Just as we all do in our homes, we brought that common sense to municipal government. Nothing would please me more than to see that fiscal common sense continued and then expanded to ALL areas of government. That's the reason I first ran for Borough Council and it has motivated everything I have done since. I had hoped to remain on the council to see the Helen Street Project completed, a project for which I consider myself an initiating force, but now I will continue to work for that project's completion as a private citizen.

Perhaps the project that is closest to my heart was the work I did on the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park. Because of my family's history, I worked hard on that design, its message, and the time I spent with the veterans of South Plainfield have been some of the most rewarding time spent in my 12 years on the council. Later, when I worked as council liaison on

the Veterans Memorial on Hamilton Blvd. near the Senior Citizens Recreation Center, that emotional experience was also very important in my life. Placing that memorial near the Senior Citizens Recreation Center, which our TEAM worked hard to develop, was significant to me in more ways than I can recount. Not only am I now eligible to fully participate in their activities, which I wouldn't have been 12 years ago, I am gratified by the reception our seniors have revealed to me in both formal and informal ways.

My work on senior housing on Morris Ave. has been similarly rewarding. We worked on that for years and were formally able to break through all the hurdles to work with a responsible private partner to provide reasonably priced, economically efficient, senior housing without any cost to taxpayers—a \$12 million project with no additional local tax burden is just another example of why I'm proud of the last 12 years.

Every time I drive through our town, I see the 150 road reconstruction projects, the doubled in size PAL building, the revitalized parks and newly lit baseball and soccer fields, and I'm proud every day at being part of the TEAM that accomplished these things and maintained the fiscal responsibility we insisted upon. I really do believe that Pay As You Go government is not only possible, but we DID IT

for the last 12 years. I hope that the new council elected by the voters adheres to the spirit that Jim Vokral and I originally brought to our responsibilities 12 years ago, and on which I have tried to follow through for my whole tenure on the Borough Council.

As I think Harry Truman said, "Now that I have been promoted to private citizen..." I intend to keep watch on your newly elected council. I hope they work as a TEAM and maintain that spirit of fiscal responsibility that I believe has been the hallmark of the last 12 years.

In closing, no matter my disappointment, my love for South Plainfield has not been diminished by the results of last Tuesday's election. I hope to continue to contribute to the borough as a private citizen, using my experience gained on the council for the benefit of the people of South Plainfield. I hope that all the citizens of South Plainfield have a healthy, happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Thank you again for the privilege of serving you for the last 12 years.  
**VERY TRULY YOURS,  
ED P. KUBALA**

### To the Editor,

The South Plainfield Traffic Safety Advisory Commission supports the continuation and ultimately, the com-

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pletion 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 and New Market avenues and Belmont Ave., between Hamilton Blvd. and Metuchen Rd., are overburdened with heavy truck traffic. 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 is 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 Traffic Safety Commission

is concerned about our environment in every aspect of our lives. Our wildlife, clean air and water are 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 to suffer due to these traffic delays and their attendant problems. Some groups have, with good intentions, lobbied against the construction of this project to save an important part of our local environment. They have either been misled or poorly informed, however, as the plans for the project have taken into consideration the environmental problems involved in constructing the roadway.

Although there will be some impact on the immediate environment, it will be minimal, with a very large positive impact for residents. We must have this project completed as soon as it can possibly be accomplished. It is already past due for the overall good, welfare and safety of the residents of South Plainfield, including those commuting through the Borough, and those affected directly and indirectly by the attendant traffic problems.

**PETER RICHKUS, CHAIRMAN,  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD TRAFFIC  
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# From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

Well, turkey day is upon us. As a reminder the South Plainfield Library will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and will be closed all day Thanksgiving Day. Now for the important part. Thanksgiving is first and foremost a food holiday and we have many books to help you with your cooking. A selection includes *Al Roker's Hassle-Free Holiday Cookbook* (641.568 ROK), *Rituals and Celebrations* by B. Smith (641.568 SMI), and *Thanksgiving 101* by Rick Rodgers (641.568 ROD). The last also includes a section on turkey leftovers including turkey tacos, burritos, soups, tetrazzini, stir-fry, etc. And we all know that no matter the size of the turkey you will have leftovers. So for more ideas you can go to the *Butterball Turkey Cookbook* (641.56592 BUT), *Comfort Foods* by Rachel Ray (641.555 RAY), and *Minutes to Mealtime: Chicken and Turkey Recipes* (641.665 BRO). These are just

a few of the many cookbooks in our collection that will help you prepare your family's holiday dinner and not have them hating turkey by Christmas Day.

Because of the holiday, the only children's programming this week will be the regular storytime on Tuesday, Nov. 22 and Time for 2s and 3s at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 23. Of course our regular storytime will return starting Tuesday, Nov. 29.

It is the wish of all of us at the South Plainfield Public Library that you have an enjoyable holiday. And remember, if you need to renew items when we are closed you can do it by calling ELVIS (908) 757-3280 or by going online at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). Gobble! Gobble! Gobble!

## Knights Family Halloween Party

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and their sister organization the South Plainfield Columbiettes recently held their annual family Halloween Party at the Sacred Heart Church cafeteria on Oct. 29.

More than 100 families attended the event. Pizza and soft pretzels were served, as well as a variety of desserts. Many games were held for the children and a clown was on hand to do magic tricks for the families.

The Knights would like to thank all of the families who attended and also all of the Knights and Columbiettes members who helped out.

The co-chairpersons for this event were Grand Knight Joe Scudato and Columbiettes President Connie Sprayberry.

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## Murder Suspect Pleads Not Guilty

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plaint was signed by Det. Gene Baraille. Bail was set at \$750,000 by Superior Court Judge James Mulvihill. Also assisting in the investigation were Sgt. James Foran and Detectives Gary Cassio and Jim Darby, from South Plainfield and Sgt. John Maslak and Inv. Ivan Scott of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office. Police Chief John Ferraro said, "The help we received in this case from the NJ State Police, the Philadelphia Police, the FBI, the Ulster County, NY district attorney and the New Paltz, NY Police was unprecedented." Cibelli will return to court on Jan. 17 for a status conference.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

November 11, 2005

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on November 10, 2005.

A. Case #70-05-Alan & Lee Ann Graziano, Block 175; Lot 4; 2205 Orchard Drive. The applicant's request for a variance to exceed the maximum permitted height of a garage, 24 ft. by 24 ft. w/a height of 16 1/2 ft. and w/a 10 ft. rear yard & 6 foot side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #71-05-Derek Glenn, Block 262; Lot 75; 116 Fred Allen Drive. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance to construct a (2) car garage, 26 ft. in width by 22 ft. in depth and w/a 25 foot front yard setback was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #65-05/TU-Sea Box, Inc. Block 390; Lot 28; 499 Hollywood Avenue. The applicant's request for a temporary use permit was hereby DENIED.

D. Case #17-05-Churrasqueira Marina U/a, Paulo's Barbeque. The applicant's request for a use variance to permit outdoor dining, a variance for a front yard setback & a setback for an accessory structure was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$34.50 November 18, 2005

### NOTICE OF HEARING CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR SUBDIVISION APPROVAL AND VARIANCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing before the South Plainfield Planning Board will be held on November 29, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey concerning an appeal of the denial of the application of Joseph Poletti a/k/a Giuseppe Poletti, Antonio Poletti, Iole Fraggasi, and Anna Caruso for the property at 3131 Park Avenue, South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey (Block 222, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield tax map) to obtain the following concerning said property:

1. Approval of subdivision of the land from one (1) into two (2) lots, lot width of one or both, resulting lots, and
2. Variance approval for lot depth of one (1) or both resulting lots, lot width of one or both resulting lots, lot frontage of one or both resulting lots, and rear and/or side yard setback requirement for the accessory building (shed), and

The Applicant(s) may seek such other relief as the Planning Board may require. The Applicant(s) seeks to convey the resulting southerly lot to an interested person who would then construct a single-family residential dwelling thereon.

You are entitled to appear and be heard on this application. All maps and other documents for which approval is sought are available for inspection by the public in the Zoning/Planning Office of the Municipal Building at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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