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## LA Doc Charged With Giving Stripper a Hand

Los Angeles resident Ahmed Rashed turned himself in to South Plainfield Police on Monday after the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office charged him with second degree theft for cutting off and giving a cadaver hand to South Plainfield resident Linda Kay. At the time of her arrest in July for improper disposal of human remains, she claimed that a medical student friend had given her the crudely severed hand in a jar of formaldehyde which police discovered in her Diana Dr. home.

The Prosecutor's Office alleges that Rashed, 26, removed the hand in 2002 while he was a medical student at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Investigators are still



Linda Kay

trying to determine to whom the hand belongs. Rashed is currently a resident in the Department of Emergency Medicine at King/Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles and faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted.

On July 21, police received a 911 call from Kay's home about a possible suicide and discovered the hand and several skulls when they responded. The 31-year-old exotic dancer pled not guilty two weeks later, but still faces up to five years in prison if convicted. She has also been charged with criminal restraint and other related offenses in an alleged attack against a former housemate back in April. Currently, her 28 Diana Dr. property is overgrown with grass and weeds, and has a "for sale" sign posted out front.

### hamilton boulevard CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

For the next two to three weeks Hamilton Blvd. will be closed in both directions between Spicer and Harvard avenues. The closure will enable construction crews to complete work faster without having to contend with constant traffic slowing their progress. The intersection of Hamilton Blvd. and New Market Ave. will remain open. Detours have been set up and customers who wish to visit businesses in that area can follow the color coded signs directing them to specific businesses.

Hamilton Blvd. traffic will be open both ways, from the intersection of Belmont to Harvard avenues, thus allowing access to Roosevelt School to drop off students.

## Lights! Camera! Action!

### Hollywood Crew Invades Borough for Filming of "Gracie"

By Roxanne Cortese

Thanks to Chris Coffey, who told me about a movie that was going to be shot at our own Polish Home, I was able to spend four plus hours with the stars, producers and directors of the upcoming movie, "Gracie."

For me it was an experience of a lifetime. I brought my camera to take a few photos and write a short bio about the movie and ended up being locked behind closed doors watching the actual filming. Everyone from the cameramen to the top producers and directors were wonderful to me. They answered all my questions about movie making and allowed me to take any and all pictures as long as they were not filming, or of the three main characters, Carley Schroeder, Elisabeth Shue and Dermot Mulroney, all of whom I was always sitting next to or standing by. Carley was sick that day with severe allergies and was sneezing like crazy. Elisabeth had her new baby there. She is a very beautiful and gracious lady.

It took four hours to shoot just five minutes of footage. The walk up the steps to enter the banquet room took 10 takes to make it perfect. I was seated right behind director Davis Guggenheim, watching his perspective of each scene and listening to his comments to redo it. I guess most of us think of movie stars as being unreachable people, but when the cameras are off, they are just the same as you and I, joking around with each other, cutting up, etc.

The quickness of dismantling a scene and cameras to set up for a new one was amazing. The equipment was so big, with wires and cords all over the place. There were five to six people for makeup, and a costume designer who changed shirts or ties because actors didn't look good in the camera. There had to be over 50 people on site work-



The Polish Home on New Market Ave. was the scene of a Hollywood set last week as crews for the upcoming film, "Gracie," starring Elisabeth Shue, Carley Schroeder and Dermot Mulroney, prepared for shooting.

ing on the film. They work very hard and very long hours. As a staff member said, "People think the life of an actor is glamorous; as you can see, it is far from it." I agreed. Sometimes they wait and sit for two to three hours just to do one minute of dialogue, while undergoing constant redoing of hair and makeup. I was sitting next to Carley's stand-in all afternoon, because Carley was sick. She would just keep rehearsing her part until they were ready for the actual shoot.

They brought in two luxury stretch

buses from New York with extras for the movie, who went directly to makeup and the wardrobe trailer to be fitted. Then they stood around until it was time to shoot a banquet scene. Now these people had no idea what the movie is about, so one minute before shooting they were told what a particular scene is about and what their looks and expressions had to be.

The Polish Home was completely redone to reflect the 1970s. They moved stages and tiles for lighting, had the table set up perfectly with not one spot on

the stemware. It looked beautiful. They brought in actual food that was being served just for the filming.

When lunch time arrived, they had mini-vans ready to transport cast and crew to an undisclosed place for lunch.

I thanked the producers and crew for affording me this opportunity to go behind the scenes. It gave me a greater respect for all the work that goes into the making of a movie. Everyone in town should book their parties at the Polish Home after they see the movie so they can say, "I had my party there."



Lt. Kevin Murtagh with the new mobile speed alert sign on Lane Ave.

## New Mobile Speed Radar Signs Installed

By Jane Dornick

Motorists should take note that the South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Division has acquired a new mobile speed alert sign with electronic radar that will be mounted to existing street signs on a random basis throughout the borough.

The alert sign was placed on Lane Ave. near Merchants Ave. for motorists heading toward the high school parking lot. According to Lt. Kevin Murtagh, they plan on rotating the sign to Franklin, Norwood and Cedarbrook avenues. "The goal is to improve safety around the schools as

safety is always an issue. This heightens everyone's awareness of their speed. We will be evaluating its effectiveness and moving it to other areas of town," added Murtagh. At times there will also be a manned radar unit in the area. The mobile unit will be used in addition to the mobile speed alert sign attached to a trailer that the department currently uses.

The purchase price for the unit and its mounting equipment was close to \$4,500. "A small price to pay," said Chief John Ferraro. "This is part of our continuing effort to increase safety for pedestrians and motorists."



## Candidates Debate Set for Oct. 4 at Senior Center

Mark your calendar! Six candidates, four running for council and two for mayor, will be at the Senior Center ready to answer your questions. The debate will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. This year, not only will residents be asked to fill two council seats, but also elect a mayor.

The present council is made up of four democrats and two republicans with a democratic mayor. This election could swing control of the council from the Democrats to the Republicans. If the Republicans win one council seat, it will be divided evenly and since the mayor only votes if there is a tie, control could swing in one direction or the other. This election is very important to both parties and every vote will be hotly contested.

Locally, South Plainfield voters will choose between Republican council candidates Alex Barletta and Dave Sesok and mayoral candidate Robert Bengivena, Jr. Running on the Democratic ticket are Councilman Ray Petronko and Joe Scrudato and mayoral candidate Charles Butrico. Both candidates running for mayor

are already councilmen.

The debate, sponsored by the South Plainfield Observer and the South Plainfield Business Association, may be the only opportunity to hear the candidates speak on the same subject and in front of each other. Letters, signs and campaign literature only tell one side of a story. Don't miss this opportunity to see the candidates face each other and discuss the issues.

As in the past, the public will be asked to submit questions on index cards. Both parties will also submit five topics they would like to discuss. Audience questions will get priority. Only issue-oriented questions will be accepted and no personal attacks on any candidate will be allowed.

The event promises to be an informative evening for all residents. Please plan on coming out, ask a question and get both sides of the story directly from the candidates. The last debate was to a standing room only crowd, so come early to get a good seat.

Need a ride or information? Call the Observer at (908) 668-0010.

## Helen Street Coalition Needs Your Help

Thank you to all who responded to last week's article in the Observer seeking volunteers to obtain signatures from businesses and residents in an attempt to persuade the NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection to proceed with the Helen Street Project. Currently, Edison residents and members of the Edison Wetlands Assoc. have a bigger voice in this project than do the residents of our borough. We have to speak up if this long overdue project is to move forward. We need ALL South Plainfielders to help in this process, especially those living with truck traffic in their neighborhoods. Please feel free to use the preprinted letter at right to send to Trenton.

For additional information, contact the Observer at (908) 668-0010, email spobserver@comcast.net or stop by the office to pick up letters for distribution. For bulk mailing, signed letters may be dropped off at the Observer office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd. We look forward to hearing from you.

- The Helen Street Coalition

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commission  
401 E. State St. 7th Floor East Wing  
P.O. Box 402  
Trenton, NJ 07625-0402  
Attn: Lisa Jackson

Dear Ms. Jackson,

I am a resident/business owner in the Borough of South Plainfield, New Jersey and I am fed up with the truck traffic, noise and pollution that I have to endure on a daily basis. Trucks are currently using borough streets that are hazardous to school children, pedestrians and motorists as well as tying up traffic. The borough has received approval for government funding for a project called The Helen Street Project which has been in the works by the borough for a couple of decades. The Helen Street Project is the construction of a new road that would connect two existing roads in the borough which would divert trucks off of our local streets. It has come to my attention that the furthering of this project is now stalled in your department waiting for approval. As a business owner in the Borough of South Plainfield I would like to see this project approved by your department as quickly as possible to ensure the safety and quality of life in the borough.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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for the latest meeting agenda

### council meetings

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
October 3	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
October 17	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  
Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

### 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  
Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30\* and Dec. 14.

### board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.- Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13,

## FROM THE Senior Men's FORUM

By Walter J. Pasacrita,  
Chairman

Many articles appearing in our newspapers have been on the subject of illegal immigration in this country. The American Civil Liberties Union has judged virtually every case in favor of those individuals entering our country with proper authority.

In opposition to the stand taken by the ACLU, the Government's Accountability Office, Federation for American Immigration Reform as well as the Center for Immigration Studies, has recently provided cost analyses to reflect the following:

**Education:** The annual cost to the country for providing education to illegal immigrants is estimated at \$12,000,000,000.

**Medication:** In a 2002 study, it was determined that the cost to each of our 50 states for treating illegal immigrants was \$4,700,000; this cost has since increased many fold.

**Incarceration:** The Federal Government, in the past three years, has spent \$5,800,000,000 to incarcerate criminal aliens. This cost does not include the relative cost to each State.

**Contribution:** The net fiscal deficit between the amount illegal aliens paid in taxes to the Federal cost imposed was reported at \$10,400,000,000.

Needless to say, the costs in each category have risen since the time of this writing, as well as each day as time goes on. The studies show that the needy legitimate citizens do not receive the extent of aid provided illegal aliens.

The Senior Men's Forum is not against legal immigration, but we stand opposed to illegal entrance into the U.S., and certainly decry the exor-

## Senior Men's Forum ACLU Reflects Anti-American Ideals

bitant cost exhibited above to our tax payers.

Further, we believe the citizens and veterans of this country take exception to the recent demonstrations by illegal immigrants marching through our streets demanding equal rights while our politicians show little, if any, satisfactory response.

The Men's Forum recognized the positive effort of ACLU to define the best interests of the nation for the majority of its legitimate peoples. We believe that it is high time for our administrators, from the President on down inclusive of the ACLU, to protect the best interests of our citizenry and our country. We are very dissatisfied with the political correctness con-

cerns pursued for the minority over the majority. We want and need the support of those in all offices of Federal, State, and Municipal administration to work selflessly and tirelessly for our good and not for those who show allegiance to other nations, groups and powers. Hey, ACLU, isn't it time you start working for our side and our interests?

*Editors Note: Walter Pasacrita is chairman of the Senior Men's Forum of South Plainfield. The forum will periodically submit columns on their views and opinions. If you would like to know more about the group, you are invited to attend one of their meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Senior Center, 1:30 p.m.*

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1. Type (double spaced) the article you wish published.
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Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email: spobserver@comcast.net or fax 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 200 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Observer. All letters must be submitted with name and phone number, for verification.

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## NOTES FROM The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

• **MERCURY THERMOMETER EXCHANGE**—There will be a Mercury Thermometer Exchange program at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Tuesday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. The program is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Division of Solid Waste Management, in cooperation with the Borough of South Plainfield. Just bring your old mercury thermometers to the Senior Center in either the storage case they came in or a Ziplock bag and you will receive a new mercury-free, digital thermometer, free of charge. The program is open to all borough residents excluding businesses and schools. You will receive one digital thermometer per household while supplies last.

• **OCTOBERFEST**—There are only six seats left on our trip to the Hofbrauhaus in Atlantic Highlands for the Octoberfest Luncheon Celebration on Oct. 26. The cost is \$35 per person and includes transportation, a full luncheon including beer and soda, tax and gratuity and an afternoon of authentic German entertainment. The bus departs the senior center at 10:30 a.m. and returns around 3:30 p.m.

• **ATLANTIC CITY TRIPS**—The Senior Center is running two trips to Atlantic City in March—Wednesday, Oct. 4 to Taj Mahal and Thursday, Oct. 19 to the Claridge. Cost is \$18. The bus departs the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m. For reservations, stop in at the senior center to sign up.

• **DINNER DANCE PLANNED**—The Senior Center will hold a dinner dance, the "Senior Snow Ball," on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and will feature music by Art Smith and Associates. For reservations, contact the senior center at (908) 754-1047 or stop in to the center.

• **HUNTERDON HILLS PLAYHOUSE**—A trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse is planned for Thursday, Dec. 14 to see the annual Christmas show. Cost is \$58 per person and includes transportation, a luncheon with a lavish dessert buffet and the show. For reservations, stop in at the senior center, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This trip is open to the public, you do not need to be a member of the center to participate.

## Geoff Champion is Seeking Freeholder Seat

South Plainfield resident Geoff Champion is one of four candidates

seeking a seat on the Middlesex County Freeholder Board. Champion, who resides on Randolph Ave., is running on an aggressive platform stressing ethics reform and elimination of waste, fraud and abuse.

"On the county level, it's amazing to see the money wasted," Champion said recently. "That's an area where I see lots of potential. Rooting out fraud, waste and abuse can save a tremendous amount of taxpayer dollars."

Joining Champion on the Republican ticket is Helmetta resident Andrew Tidd, who ran for freeholder last year and was instrumental in bring-



Geoff Champion

ing to light the use of play-to-play money by Democratic freeholder candidates.

Champion has two daughters, Vanessa and Andrea. He's especially pleased that Andrea, a student at Rutgers University, also serves on the South Plainfield Fire Department.

## Back-To-School Night at SPHS

South Plainfield High School will hold its annual Back-to-School Night on Thursday, Sept. 28. The evening will begin with a presentation by the Guidance Department on Connect. edu at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. The PTA meeting will commence at 6 p.m. in the Information Center.

An abridged school day running from 6:30 to 8:10 p.m. will follow the PTA meeting. High School Guidance Counselors will be in Cafeteria A/B from 6 to 7 p.m. for senior par-

ents only to answer questions concerning college or post-secondary application procedures. The High School Administration looks forward to seeing you.

### Time Schedule

Period 1	6:30-6:40
Period 2	6:45-6:55
Period 3	7:00-7:10
Period 4/5, 5/6	7:15-7:25
Period 6/7, 7/8	7:30-7:40
Period 9	7:45-7:55
Period 10	8:00-8:10

tending Centenary College in the evenings. Ms. Pinto was inducted to *Phi Theta Kappa*, an International Honor Society, for her 4.0 GPA and is very active within the organization. She is also mentoring students at Centenary College pursuing a degree in business and finance.

Somerset Valley has appointed Darlene M. Pinto to the position of Vice President and Regional Manager of their Somerset Valley branches in Middlesex County, which consists of branches in South Plainfield, Edison and Metuchen. Ms. Pinto has an established career in banking and finances. She is currently pursuing a degree in business administration, at-



On hand to cut the ribbon at Somerset Valley Bank are: (standing) Senior Vice President, Branch Administration Michele Gara; President of Somerset Valley Bank Paul Stahlin; Congressman Mike Ferguson; Vice President Darlene Pinto; Assistant Manager Gina Palumbo; South Plainfield Rescue Squad Captain Ed LaFerrera and South Plainfield Fire Captain Larry DelNegro. (Back row) Alex Barletta; Councilmen Rob Bengivenga and Matthew Anesh; Senior Vice President, Lending Tom Harritty and Vice President, Lending Joe Valenzuela.

## Somerset Valley Bank Opens in Hadley Mall

Somerset Valley has officially opened their South Plainfield Office located at 4900 Hadley Center Drive in Hadley Mall. Somerset Valley Bank is a community oriented financial institution dedicated to providing quality service in a comfortable banking environment.

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Stop by and visit Darlene at Somerset Valley Bank in Hadley Mall or call her at (908) 561-9160 to learn about the wide range of commercial and consumer banking services the bank offers. The South Plainfield office is offering many special rates on

short term CD's and savings accounts. In addition to their totally free checking accounts, Somerset Valley prides itself in truly listening to their customers' needs and working together to achieve their goals. They are proud to help create financial success for their customers, career success for their employees and community success in the areas they serve.

Branch hours are Monday through Wednesday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the lobby and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the drive thru, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



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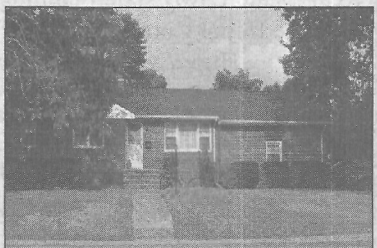
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# Around Town

## Knights Of Columbus Mum Sale

September 23-October 1

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will be running their annual mum sale at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad located at 2520 Plainfield Ave. on Sept. 23, 24, 30 and Oct. 1. Profits go towards scholarships awarded to members' children and grandchildren who graduate eighth grade and plan to attend a Catholic high school and to a graduating high school senior continuing their education in college.

## Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge

September 23

All boys and girls ages 10 through 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2006 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. Registration and contest will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the South Plainfield Soccer field on Kenneth Ave. The competition will start at 9 a.m. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of birth certificate) and written parental consent.

For any additional information please contact John LoBosco at (908) 755-4914.

## SPHS Garage Sale

September 23

The SPHS Football Team is holding a garage sale on Saturday, Sept. 23 at the SP Middle School (rain or shine) from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Proceeds to benefit the team.

## Ponytail Meeting

September 26

The next Parents' Ponytail meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the PAL build-

## Class of 1966 Members

The South Plainfield Class of 1966 is planning a reunion on Nov. 25 and they are looking for several classmates. For more information, contact Frank Furino (908) 754-5167 or email hair2plz@comcast.net.

## South Plainfield SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
(908) 754-1047

What's happening in

### SEPTEMBER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 26 - Mercury Thermometer Exchange				Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 22
September 28 - Hunterdon Hills Playhouse "Catch Me If You Can"				
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>				
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30am-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	25 Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am Mercury Thermometer Exchange for new, free Digital Thermometer Lunch Available	26 Exercise 8:45 am Computer Classes 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Tai Chi Class 2pm	27 Pathmark Shopping 9am Practical Crafts Class 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	28 Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 29
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

ing on Maple Ave. Hope to see you there!

## Antiques Appraiser at the Library

September 24

Certified antiques appraiser Alan G. Snyder will be at the library on Sunday, Sept. 24 from 2-4 p.m.

Participants are limited to two items per person. Appraisals will be given on a first come, first served basis. The program is being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## OLC Blood Drive

September 29

A blood drive will be held on Friday, Sept. 29 at Our Lady of Czestochowa Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 3 to 8 p.m.

For more information call (908) 757-4490.

## Old Timers Holding Motorcycle Run

October 1

The First Annual Run For The Children Battling Cancer, sponsored by The Open Your Heart to Children

Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., in cooperation with the Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Moretti Realty, will include a scenic motorcycle run through Hunterdon County on Sunday, Oct. 1 (raindate: Oct. 8). Sign in 9:30-11 a.m. at the PAL. Free t-shirts to the first 50 who sign up. \$20 for riders, \$10 for passengers, non-riders and the public. Food, prizes, music, vendors at the PAL at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact Rich at (908) 753-7629 or Rudy at (908) 405-0836 or send email to [openyourheart@morettiirealty.com](mailto:openyourheart@morettiirealty.com).

## Fall Fest/Flea Market

October 2

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. will be hosting their Second Annual Fun Fest on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Activities will include a giant slide, pony rides, a pumpkin patch, face painting and more.

There will also be great food and entertainment and an outdoor flea market. It is a great day for the whole family. Come play, eat and shop!

Sports still available for outside vendors (no food concessions), a 17 foot

spot is \$20. Contact Connie Palmer at (908) 755-3850 for more information.

## — Out of Town —

### Crystal Singles 45+

September 22

Crystal Singles 45+ will hold a dinner at Grand Buffet on Rt. 17S in Ramsey on Friday, Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$17 and includes all-you-can-eat buffet, soda, tax, tips. Optional late night dancing. RSVP to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

### Blackrose to Perform

September 23

"Blackrose" will perform classic rock & roll, today's hits and more at Rugs & Riffs in Woodbridge on Saturday, Sept. 23. No cover charge.

### "Godspell" at Paper Mill Playhouse

September 24-October 22

Paper Mill Playhouse opening night is Sunday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m. with

"Godspell" which runs through Sunday, Oct. 22.

Purchase tickets by calling (973) 376-4343, or at [www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org).

### CHATS Meeting

September 25

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories; light refreshments.

For information visit [www.chats-nj.com](http://www.chats-nj.com) or call (732) 227-0607.

### Depression/Bipolar Support Alliance

September 27

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 p.m. at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown.

The topic will be "Addiction and Mood Disorders." The public is invited; a nominal donation is requested.

For local information, call (973) 994-1143 or visit our website <http://dbsancnewjersey.org/morristownarea>.

### Three Exhibits Open At EdgeArt Gallery

September 28

EdgeArt Gallery will inaugurate their new galleries in Rahway's Arts District with a series of exhibitions starting Sept. 28. Exhibits run from Sept. 28 through Oct. 18.

EdgeArt Gallery is located on Irving St. in Rahway. For gallery hours call (732) 669-0112.

### Raritan River Festival

September 30

The 27th Annual Raritan River Environmental Festival will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 (rain or shine) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Johnson Park on River Rd. in Piscataway.

For more information contact Sam Missimer at (732) 249-6242, ext. 107



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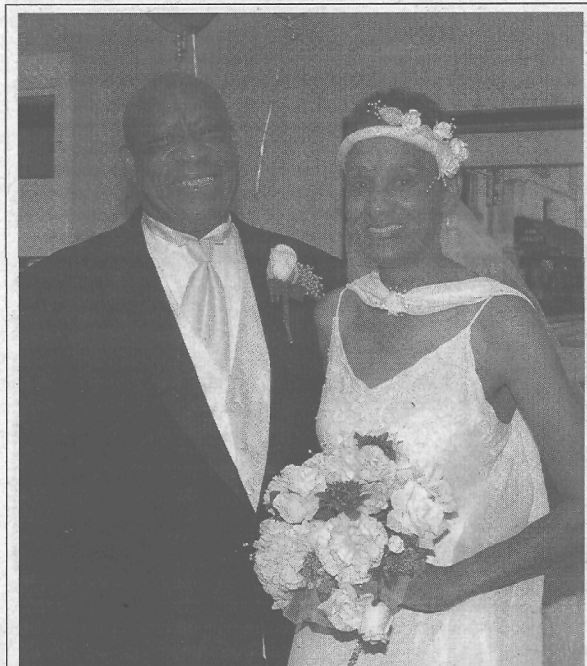
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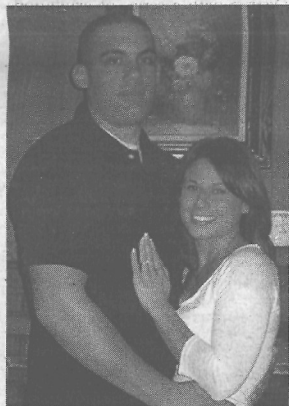


## southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Congratulations to James and Joyce Turner, who were married on Saturday, Sept. 16 at the Community Baptist Church in North Plainfield. James and Joyce are both residents of the Lutheran Ministry Senior Housing on Morris Ave. They met about nine months ago, fell in love and married. Their wedding reception was held at the senior residence where they live.

### Joseph Ronzo, Jr. and Allison Acrin Announce their Engagement



Joseph Ronzo and Allison Acrin

Joseph and Sandra Ronzo of South Plainfield announce the engagement of their son, Joseph Ronzo Jr. to Allison Acrin, daughter of Donald Acrin of South Plainfield, and MaryAnn Burns of Vernon, CT.

Joseph Ronzo Jr. works for The New Jersey Department of Law & Public Safety. His fiancée, Allison, works for Chubb Insurance.

They are planning a 2007 wedding.

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Jaimie Unglaub

Autumn is here. After a hot summer, it is finally time to cool down and watch the leaves turn color. It is also the time to visit the library to stock up on our autumn themed items from books to videos.

If you are searching for a book to discuss the autumn season with your child then you will want to check out the following children books. *Dappled Apples* by Jan Car is an illustrated work describing the season from falling leaves through Halloween; *Hello, Harvest Moon* by Ralph Fletcher poetically describes the autumn full moon and how it affects the earth and *Crafts to Make in the Fall* by Kathy Ross is a great juvenile book about autumn crafts from pins to pumpkins.

Need some inspiration to get into the fall season mood? *Nature Scene: New England & New Jersey Pine Barrens Autumn* is a beautiful video documentary on the season throughout our area. If landscape art is your

hobby then you will want to check out *Sketching Outdoors in Autumn* by Jim Arnosky. For those into original Halloween decorating, *Create a Bewitched Fall-o-ween* by Kasey Rogers has over fifty nifty scary crafts for you to create!

There are two upcoming autumn themed programs for the whole family. On Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to noon, come and paint your very own pumpkin. There is a \$1 materials fee for this program and registration is required. Join us for *Magic Show "Hocus Pocus with Joe Fisher"* on Wednesday Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. This is a free program for ages three and up, but registration is required.

All children's programs will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 4. If you need further information please come to the library for a calendar or speak with Miss Linda.

If you have any questions, please ask a library staff member or phone the library at (908) 754-7885.

## policereport

- On Sept. 15 Jennifer L. Case, 25, of Morristown was arrested for hindering apprehension and driving on a suspended license.

- A Melrose Ave. resident reported the theft of three pairs of sneakers from their front porch.

- On Sept. 16 Tracy Dupree, 47, of Laurence Harbor was arrested for driving while intoxicated, no insurance, reckless driving and failure to exhibit a valid registration.

- On Sept. 18 Owen N. Pitter, 57, of Plainfield was arrested for exhibiting a fraudulent driver's license, hindering apprehension and driving on a suspended license.

### Tire Incident Injures Driver

On Wednesday, Sept. 13, a 2003 Subaru Legacy owned and operated by Joseph Damato, 54, was struck by a set of tandem trailer tires while he was traveling south on Durham Ave. near Rt. 287. The tires struck the driver's side rear of the Subaru, spinning the vehicle 180 degrees. Damato complained of pain and was treated by his physician.

Witnesses report that the tires came from a tractor trailer that was traveling north on Rt. 287 near exit 4. The tires traveled across three northbound lanes, the center grass median and three southbound lanes, before traveling down the embankment near Durham Ave., and then struck Damato's vehicle. An immediate search of the area failed to locate the trailer that lost the tires.

A short time later, the tractor trailer was located at Plainfield Metal Recycling on Clinton Ave. and West 2nd St. The truck, owned by Feratlu Transport of Elizabeth, was operated by Luis Telloortega, 35, of Elizabeth, who owns Feratlu Transport. The trailer was owned by Timco (Trenton Iron and Metal Co.) Transport of Trenton. The trailer is designed to carry crushed junk cars to a scrap yard. The investigation showed that the left rear wheel bearing failed causing the hub, rims and tires to separate from the trailer.

The driver, Luis Telloortega, was issued numerous motor vehicle summonses, including operating an unregistered vehicle, no insurance, unclear plates, unsafe vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident and failure to report an accident. Timco Transport was cited for operating an unsafe vehicle.

The crash is still being investigated by Lt. Kevin Murtagh of the South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Unit.

### Bicyclist Injured In Accident

On Wednesday, Sept. 13 a bicyclist, Domingo Vicente Osorio, 31 of Plainfield, was struck by a motor vehicle as he crossed Maple Ave. near Hamilton Blvd. Osorio was struck by a 2003 Ford Mustang owned and operated by Karen Strahan, 50, of Piscataway.

Osorio crossed Maple Ave. approximately 200 feet west of Hamilton Blvd. Osorio was traveling in a southbound direction, crossing in traffic between a westbound bus and a car. As he entered the eastbound lane of Maple Ave., he was struck.

Osorio was treated at the scene by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and paramedics from Mercy 9, John F. Kennedy Hospital and transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. Osorio was admitted in serious condition with a serious head injury.

The crash is being investigated by Officer Roberto Vega. No charges have been filed.

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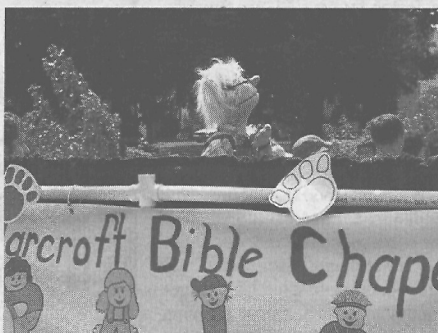
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# Vendors Provide Host of Post-Parade Activities



Vendors at the PAL kept Labor Day parade-goers busy, providing post parade activities, including rock climbing and inflatable amusements, as well as plenty of good food. Many local businesses and organizations dispensed information and literature.



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On Sept. 10 the Eagles squared off against the Hunterdon Huskies. The boys Junior Midget team was successful against Hunterdon, with

## Eagles Football and Cheer Season Opener a Huge Success

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer held the season's first two home games on Sept. 10 and 17 at the Eagles field located on Ken-

an 18-0 win. It was an excellent game, with defensive plays and tackles by Troy Heilman, Michael Molinaro, Scott Whalen, and Charles Gruver. Quarterback Randy Jakubik threw three touchdown passes. Mark Tomei carried the ball for all three of the days touchdowns.

On Sept. 17, the Junior Pee Wee Eagles boys were successful against the Montgomery Wildcats, defeating them 19-6 for their first win of the season. Our boys won the coin toss and went right to work, scoring on their opening drive. Halfback An-

thony Ashnault capped a nine play drive with a two yard dive into the end zone to give the Eagles the lead. The Eagles increased their lead in the second half with a touchdown run by fullback James Agee through a nice hole created by Matt Hurst and Brian Schillaci. Key plays on this drive included a 20-yard run by Joe Pelligrino and a 15-yard pass play thrown by QB Kyle Brady to Ashnault, who hooked up on pass plays three times during the game. The Eagles then capped their scoring on a one-yard QB sneak by Kyle Brady with James Agee adding the extra point. Excellent defensive plays by Dillon Painton, Matt Hurst, Joe Pellegrino, Joe Jakubik, and Antunee Adams, as well as a QB sack by Ray Jazikoff. It was a great team effort and a nice win for the Eagles.

Our Mitey Mite and Flag football teams played both days as well, but since these teams are considered instructional, no scores were kept. Both teams looked impressive as they displayed their growing knowledge of the game.

The cheerleading squads all did a great job rallying the fans and keeping the players motivated. All four cheer squads looked awesome during their half-time routines, which are a combination of cheer, dance and gymnastics.

The Junior Midget Cheer squad are two-time state champions. Their half-time routine includes high-level lifts, stunting and back handsprings performed to a mix of music from artists such as Journey and Annie Lenox.



Randy Jakubik makes the tackle against Hunterdon as #25 Mark Tomei moves in to assist.

The Junior Pee Wee Cheer squad also gave an excellent half-time routine. Performed to the music of "High School Musical," their routine includes stunting, lifts, rolls, splits and back walkovers.

The Mighty Mite cheer squad performed to a mix of music, and did some very impressive stunts for such a young squad. We expect to see a lot from this squad as they move up.

The Flag cheer squad performed to the song "SOS" by Brianna. Although too young for lifts of any kind, the girls displayed a bouncy mix of cheer moves using their pom-poms, and drew a big round of applause from the fans.

The South Plainfield Pop Warner Football and Cheer program is comprised of over 250 boys and girls, ages

5-13. These athletes practice several nights a week in order to perfect their plays and half-time shows. The athletes are backed by a dedicated group of hard-working parents who work long hours to keep the fields, field-house and snackstand in great shape. Thanks to all the parents and coaches who volunteer their time to keep the organization running.

Our next home games are Oct. 1 and 8 at the Eagles field on Kenneth Avenue. Come on down and watch some great football by South Plainfield's up and coming football stars. And make sure you stay for the half-time shows to see some truly impressive cheer routines. Go Eagles!!

Submitted by Terry Housel and Jack Brady

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# 5K Race Draws Record Number of Runners

The weather was in full cooperation and provided a bright, beautiful, sunny day in South Plainfield on Labor Day. The largest ever field of runners participated in the 16th Annual Ricochet/SPASA Labor Day 5K race. Two hundred fifty-nine runners started at Frank Jost Field and ran an up and back race that covered the entire parade route. Along the way, runners and 39, 1.5 mile walkers enjoyed the support and encouragement of the spectators assembling to watch the parade. Many high school and middle school students from the field hockey, girl's soccer and cross-country teams participated.

Michael Loenser of South Plainfield was the top overall male with a 4:57 pace per mile, while Ramon Berno of South Plainfield finished first at a 5:36 pace per mile. Com-

ing in second overall for male/female runners were Mark Clifford of Plainfield, with a 5:01 pace per mile and Joy Jaworoki of Jersey City, with a 6:22 pace per mile. Winners in the 14 and under males category were Christopher Marrone, 1, and Patrick Landy, 2; in the female category, Chelsea Sheehy, 1; Casey Butrico, 2.

In the 14-19 year old males category were Teddy Brinkofski, 1; Matt Turlie, 2. In the female category, Nicole Miglis, 1; Kaleigh White, 2. In the 20-29 year old males category: Michael Loenser, 1; Tim Morgan Jr., 2. In the female category, Jennifer Serra, 1; Jennifer Arozamena, 2. In the 30-39 year old males category, Mark Clifford, 1; Tom Yakowenko, 2. In the female category, Ramon Berno,

1; Elaine Didario, 2. In the 40-49 year old male category, Peter Buccino, 1; Kenneth Vercammen, 2. In the female category, Joy Jaworoki, 1; Therese Zullo, 2. In the 50-59 year old male category, Christopher Lehman, 1; Stuart Bruno, 2. In the female category, Joann Coffee, 1; Joanne Messerlie, 2.

In the 60 and over male category, Edward Wright, 1; Joe Rotunda, 2. There were no females in this category.

There were many sponsors for this race, as previously published in several articles in the *Observer*. Many thanks to the *Observer* for pre-race and race day coverage. Kudos to Rudy Willemsen and the staff from the Club at Ricochet for supplying the shirts for each runner/walker, as well as second place awards of a free month's membership. A special thanks to Joe Romer Trophies for donating the trophies for the first and second place male and female finishers in each category: Home Depot

and Sportworld donated \$50 gift certificates for first place winners in each category. The donation of bagels and oranges from The Bagel Pantry and Oak Tree Farms is appreciated. The Middle School Graphic Arts Department, under the direction of teacher Jeff Spezio, helped design the race application and art work for the t-shirts. Aiello Chiropractic provided pre- and post-race massages, and Sherban's Diner and Restaurant donated funding to print each runner's bib number. It takes a community to develop a successful race.

Lastly, there were many who helped make this 16th annual event a success. The South Plainfield Education Foundation was a big help registering runners and walkers. Thanks to Myra Stillman, Frank Mikorski, Jack Pedersen, Frank Rainear, Sharon Jeffrys, Emily Bishara, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kurland. Rob Richkus and Fred Oberkehr were instrumental in helping organize the race and get-

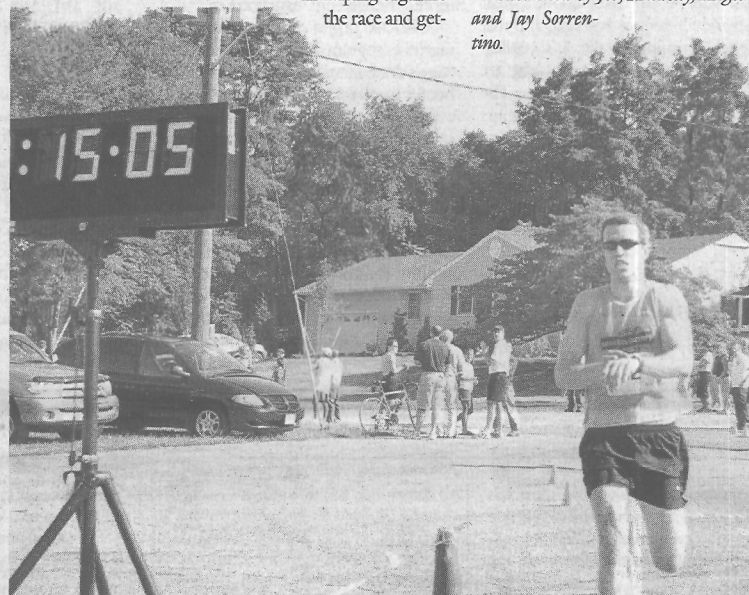
ting sponsors. Also helping with race day activities were Kevin Beegle, Kathe Beegle, Gina Nobile, Kelly Panuzzo and Charisse Miglis. All the volunteer time and support is greatly appreciated.

Additionally, the rescue squad and police department are steady supporters of the 5K race year after year. Their time and support are also recognized.

It is important to note that all proceeds from the race go to support the activities of the South Plainfield Education Foundation. The South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness is a major sponsor of the race with each runner receiving a t-shirt with a substance awareness message along with anti-smoking and anti-steroid use literature.

Again, thanks to the many participants in the race. Everyone appeared to have a great time on this beautiful Labor Day in South Plainfield.

*Submitted by Joe, Anthony, Angela and Jay Sorrentino.*





# Helping Seniors a Top Goal for Bengivenga, Barletta and Sesok

Controlling taxes and controlling spending is the top priority for candidates Robert Bengivenga, Jr., Alex Barletta and Dave Sesok. This is even more important when it comes to seniors, many of whom live on fixed incomes.

"We've got to keep South Plainfield affordable for our seniors," said Bengivenga. "When I go door to door, I see how out-of-control property taxes are hurting seniors. That's why Alex, Dave and I are concentrating so heavily on bringing down spending."

"Too many seniors tell me they just can't afford the constant tax increases," added Sesok. "Finding ways to control spending is vital. Our seniors shouldn't be forced to move away from the town they helped build."

"There are also other ways to help," added Barletta. "I have to compliment Councilman Robert Bengivenga for making sure we keep seniors a priority in this campaign. He and Councilman Matt Anesh talked about a great idea to help seniors last year, and that idea is becoming a reality. It's a volunteer program to help seniors who are unable to keep up their homes. The idea is for volunteers to help seniors with things like raking leaves, fixing a fence, painting a ceiling, and other things they might not be able to do



any longer."

Bengivenga is part of the newly created Coalition for the Aging, which is spearheading the effort.

Under the direction of Joann Graf, the Coalition is putting together a program similar to the one suggested by Bengivenga and Anesh last year when they ran for council.

Bengivenga was a believer in the program from the day it was announced, but he recently had an experience that reinforced why the program is so necessary. "Two weeks ago I was driving down Franklin Ave. and saw an elderly gentleman trying to cut his hedges. The man had one hand on the clippers and one hand on a walker."

"As I got closer, he began to fall. I pulled over to the side of the road and ran over to him. Luckily, he was fine. But he could have been seriously hurt. That experience made me appreciate the importance of this program even more," Bengivenga explained.

"We're so proud of Joann for making this program a reality," he added. "She's done a fantastic job, and I thank her for her work and for letting me be a part of her coalition. She and her staff deserve everyone's gratitude."

Dave Sesok summed up the feelings of all three candidates: "We owe the generations that came before us our gratitude. They've taken care of us, and now it's time for us to take care of them. These are just two ways to start."

*This article was written and submitted by the South Plainfield GOP. We did not edit the contents, nor do we endorse or guarantee its accuracy.*

**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Candidates Debate**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 4**  
**Senior Center 7:30 p.m.**

# IN YOUR OPINION

Letters to the Editor reflect the opinion of the writers and not necessarily the opinion of the Observer.

**To the Editor,**

The Labor Day festivities turned out to be very successful this year. It started out with the 5K race, which had a terrific turnout. After the run, the parade started and it gets better every year. They did an excellent job organizing the parade this year. The parade ended at the PAL where there were all types of food tents, live bands, fun activities and vendors. Finally, the night ended at Spring Lake Park with an extravagant fireworks show. A lot of people worked very hard to make this extremely busy lineup possible, and we wanted to thank them. Thanks to all members of the parade committee for volunteering hours of their time and hard work. Thanks to all the parade marshals for volunteering and helping with the parade. Also, thanks to John Sorrentino, the parade chairman. You did an awesome job this year and we are proud of you. All the time you donated paid off. Thanks again to all who volunteered time out of their busy lives to help South Plainfield.

**JOE, ANTHONY, ANGELA AND JAY SORRENTINO**

**To the Editor,**

In response to Marcella Thomas, I would like to inform you that the truck traffic has NOT been removed from our residential areas. There are many, many homes that are affected by the "new" truck route. Also, while the trucks have been removed from the Roosevelt School area, there are small children who wait for the bus "to Roosevelt School" on the corner of Highland and New Market avenues. That is where hundreds of tractor trailer trucks pass within just feet of where

they stand waiting for the bus. So if you believe that this "new" truck route is a good thing, please "think again!"

You can support any party you'd like. This is not a political statement for me it's just a quality of life statement. I urge any resident who is negatively impacted by the new truck route to please contact New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Commission, Lisa Jackson, Commissioner, 401 E. State St., 7th Floor, East Wing, PO Box 402, Trenton, NJ 08625-0402 or you can e-mail Ms. Jackson at [www.state.nj.us/DEP](mailto:www.state.nj.us/DEP), then click on "Office of the Commissioner" and tell her we support the Helen Street Project.

I also read in last week's *Observer* the plan for Hollywood Ave. being the "real" solution to the traffic in South Plainfield. Maybe some concerned residents could attend the debate on Oct. 4 and ask questions regarding this as a possible solution to the traffic problem.

**MICHELLE COLLINS**

**To the Editor:**

In last week's paper, Mayoral candidate Robert Bengivenga, Jr. accused the Democratic organization of dirty campaigning by looking into personal matters of him and his family. To set the record straight, I would never tolerate or endorse a campaign that involves itself in personal matters.

However, this is not a personal matter but rather a matter of the public's trust and the borough's business. A direct conflict exists between his personal businesses and the borough's best interest. With the vast amount of developable property they own, how is Robert going to sepa-

rate his family interests from the duties of Mayor.

It is essential that the taxpayers realize that if Robert becomes Mayor, he will also have the authority to appoint every member of the Planning Board and every professional serving on the board. Robert lists Bengi Development as his employer and personally handed me his business card, which names him as President of Trebor Development. His father owns many developable properties in our borough under many corporate names including Holly Park Developers, RAB Development and JEB Developers, just to name a few.

Robert promises to build "senior housing in the right locations near the services seniors need." Clearly he is referring to the downtown area. Incredibly the only large developable tract in the center of town is owned by one of his father's development companies. Just before Robert ran for council, Holly Park Developers sued the borough seeking to build high density senior housing on Front St. They lost the suit. Bengivenga is running on a platform to effectively reverse that unfavorable court decision that impacted his business. Another example is the property they own at the corner of Belmont and Hamilton. The company, which Robert lists as his employer, "Bengi Inc." sued to put a daycare/strip mall at that location, even though the neighbors opposed it and the Board of Adjustments rejected it. How would the vote have turned out if Bengivenga was Mayor? And, what about all the tax appeals they have filed that would cost this Borough even more money?

*(Continued on next page)*

## LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1754**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1754 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 362, LOT 6.01 TO JOSEPH AND LISA GLOWACKI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,500.00 was adopted on first reading and advertised in the *Observer* on Friday, September 22, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 362, LOT 6.01 IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY TO JOSEPH AND LISA GLOWACKI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,500.00.

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield is the owner of property known as Block 362, Lot 6.01, said property being situated on Kenneth Avenue, in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto, and

WHEREAS, Joseph and Lisa Glowacki are the owners of a contiguous parcel, and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield by and through its governing body and the Economic Development Sub-Committee has deemed that Block 362 Lot 6.01 is not needed for public purpose or use, and

WHEREAS, New Jersey Statute provides for the sale of said parcel to a contiguous owner without the need for public sale;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, that the said property shall be sold to said contiguous owner on October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be made subject to the following conditions;

1. That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale deed without covenants and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, and questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's Office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in that event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.
2. Easements, both of record and not of record.
3. Restrictions of record.
4. Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
5. In the event that the purchaser is unable to

close title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.

6. In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in the event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchaser's deposit shall be retained by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.
7. At the time of second reading of this Ordinance, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of advertising, legal fees and associated costs incurred by the Borough. The purchaser shall be credited the cost of any appraisal previously paid by the purchaser as required by the Borough of South Plainfield.
8. The purchaser shall make application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on site and site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser.
9. It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.
10. Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition of the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.
11. The subject parcel shall merge with and become a part of the contiguous parcel owned by the purchaser and shall not be subdivided at any future date.
12. Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.
13. Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication and adoption in accordance with New Jersey Law.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$164.50 September 22, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1751**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1751 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF MUNICIPAL LAND KNOWN AS BLOCK 361, LOT 3 TO PINTO BROTHERS DISPOSAL, LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$146,000.00 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.50 September 22, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1752**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1752 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FOR THE FIVE YEAR PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2006 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.50 September 22, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1753**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1753 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$263,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE ACQUISITION OF BLOCK 341, LOT 6 AND BLOCK 403, LOT 8 AND FOR THE MONUMENT PARK FOOTBRIDGE was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$26.50 September 22, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1756**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1756 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$473,000 FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MORE SPECIFICALLY FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO VARIOUS RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE METUCHEN ROAD AND BELMONT AVENUE INTERSECTION was adopted on first reading and advertised in the *Observer* on Friday, September 22, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1756**

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$473,000. FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN 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:

Improvements to various Recreation Facilities	\$323,000.00
Improvements to the Intersection of Metuchen Road and Belmont Avenue	\$150,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$473,000.00</b>

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 \$473,000.00.
- B. That the cost for said projects shall be financed by a \$323,000.00 Grant from the Middlesex County Open Space, Recreation and Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund and \$150,000.00 from the Capital Improvement Fund.
- C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be fifteen (15) 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 48-2:20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$20,000.00.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$112.00 September 22, 2006

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1757**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1757 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE ENTITLED: "FEES" was adopted on first reading and advertised in the *Observer* on Friday, September 22, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1757**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE X ENTITLED: "FEES" OF THE DEVELOPMENT REVIEW ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following be and is hereby amended:

Article X of the Development Review Ordinance entitled: Fees

Sub-section E, Item 4 - Use Variances be amended as follows:	
4.1 Fee for the HDD Zone	\$50.00

All other provisions of the Development Review Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. This Ordinance will become effective immediately upon publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$59.50 September 22, 2006



# IN YOUR OPINION

Letters to the Editor reflect the opinion of the writers and not necessarily the opinion of the Observer.

So you see Robert, you have tried to camouflage your potential personal gains behind the meaning of family. I take that as a personal insult to all families in the borough. Tell us how you can separate your personal business interests from the borough's best interests. You can't!

**CHARLES BUTRICO,  
CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR**

Dear the Editor,

I want to preface this letter by pointing out that I am a lifelong Democrat. Having said that, I'd like to comment on the recent actions of the South Plainfield Democratic Party.

When I heard that the Democrats were investigating my friend, April Bengivenga, I was in shock. April is not running for mayor; her son is. Have we sunk so low that we now look into candidates' parents? What does April's property tax information and other financial information have to do with how her son will perform as mayor? This is just absurd.

What is the matter with these people? Don't they have anything better to do than request personal information about an opponent's mom and dad? Does this party no longer have a conscience, or will they do anything to retain a grip on their last remnants of power?

Headlines! That's the only thing I can come up with. A headline stating "Bengivenga being investigated" may have done some damage to Robert's campaign. Hopefully his letter of last week and this one will nip that idea in the bud—the voters of South Plainfield need to be made aware of these dirty tricks!

I'm ashamed of the South Plainfield Democratic Party. They owe Robert and his family an apology—in the least!

**DALE MARIE FINN**

## Labor Day Parade on Channel 74

If you missed the Labor Day Parade, it will be shown on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 6 p.m. and again on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 8 p.m. on channel 74.

## Council Meeting Tapes Available

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To the Editor,

As someone who takes the right to vote very seriously, I am very excited that we have such qualified and competent individuals running for mayor and borough council this year. The Democratic team of Charlie Butrico for Mayor, Ray Petronko and Joe Scrudato for Council have a proven record of service to our borough, both in public office and in other service oriented organizations.

Charlie Butrico will be a great mayor. He is already a great councilman. He has demonstrated his desire to make our borough even better than it already is. He has worked tirelessly to come up with alternatives to the truck traffic in town. What has his opponent come up with—nothing! Charlie has worked tirelessly with our borough departments to strike budgets that are prudent and not excessive. What has his opponent come up with—proposals that will increase the borough budget by more than \$750,000. In today's economy, where our seniors are living on fixed incomes and people are struggling to make ends meet, we certainly don't need that type of person running the borough's finances. We need Charlie Butrico as the next mayor of South Plainfield.

As far as Ray Petronko and Joe Scrudato, they have both had numerous years of experience serving this Borough. Ray is completing his ninth year on the borough council. As part of Ray's responsibilities, he serves as liaison to the recreation department, the Office on Aging/Senior Citizens and the parade committee. All these

areas are flourishing under Ray's tenure. Joe Scrudato has served on the borough's public celebrations committee for the last five years, as well as serving as the Past Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus. Joe's record of giving back to the community is unmatched. What borough boards have their opponents volunteered to serve on during the past few years—None! We need Ray and Joe on the borough council.

On Election Day, I will be voting for the Democratic Team of Butrico for Mayor and Petronko and Scrudato for Borough Council. Please do the same. They have earned your vote.

**THANKS,  
CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY**

Dear Editor,

I guess the new motto for the Democrats is "if you have no new ideas, make up something about your opponents." Their article last week was so full of fiction it could be a *New York Times* bestseller.

The Republican candidates never suggested replacing the part-time tax collector with a full-time one. They suggested eliminating the new patronage jobs the Democrats created for their political pals.

The Republicans also never said they wanted to open the compactor on Sundays. They suggested opening the leaf and grass recycling area for two to three hours on Sundays from April to November. That's not a big-money program. To say otherwise is silly.

The Republicans also never suggested hiring a four-person engineer—

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## Butrico, Petronko, Scrudato Will Keep Taxes Under Control

Councilmember Charlie Butrico, who is the Democratic candidate for Mayor, and Councilmember Ray Petronko and Council candidate Joe Scrudato



We are committed to continue to think 'outside the box' to bring efficiency and reduced cost to the taxpayers of our borough.

this week set forth their plan to keep South Plainfield taxes under control. Charlie Butrico observed, "No one likes paying taxes. In these economic times in which South Plainfield's middle class families have to work twice as hard just to pay the bills, it is the obligation of those who serve on the borough council to see that spending, borrowing and taxes are kept under control. I am proud of our record of reigning in taxes during my five years on the borough council. In fact there has been no municipal tax increase in three of the last five years. However our taxpayers have still suffered a burdensome increase in their property taxes because of two large increases by the board of education over the last two years. Under New Jersey law, the board of education sets its own budget. In 2005 our residents approved it and therefore it did not come before the Mayor and council. However, this year the board of education budget was rejected by the voters. I am proud that I led the fight to cut that budget by \$1M this year. That result was achieved without reducing programs or teaching staff. If I am elected Mayor, I not only pledge to hold municipal taxes flat but to continue to work with the board of education to help them put fiscally prudent policies into place. Obviously the education of our children is a top priority, but I do believe there are opportunities to cut expenses, in particular administrative costs. Whether municipal, county or board of education, it is all part of the tax bill our residents are forced to pay."

Councilmember Ray Petronko expanded upon his running mates comments "South Plainfield has one of the lowest municipal tax rates in Middlesex County. We have reduced staff by 20 positions and cut operating expenses in the engineering department and the board of health by almost \$500,000 every year. The borough debt is one half of what it was a decade ago. While the national debt has gone up 10 fold, South Plainfield's has been cut in half.

For example rather than just borrowing money, the advisory board for our new library has created a foundation and is soliciting donations to offset the cost of construction. We are in the process of making grant applications with Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey to help fund expansion of our sports programs and recreational facilities. We are seeking state highway funding for the New Market Avenue extension. I could go on and on but the Democratic team has a consistent record of delivering effective and cost efficient government to the residents of South Plainfield. Working with our hometown Freholder John Pulomena and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, we have received over \$20M in grants to offset taxes. As mayor, Charlie Butrico along with Joe and I on the borough council will continue that commitment."

Council candidate Joe Scrudato summed up the Democrats platform. "My wife and I know what it's like to work hard just to pay the bills. One of the reasons that I decided to run as a Democrat is because they are the fiscally prudent party in South Plainfield. Just look at the results of the 'pay as you go' policy, which was put into place by the Democrats. Over 20 miles of roads have been repaved without incurring one penny of debt. I not only will work to keep taxes under control, I am committed to actually cutting municipal taxes before my term on the council is up. By comparison the Republican candidates have actually proposed plans which would increase municipal taxes by over a half million dollars per year. When it comes to taxes there is only one team that will keep South Plainfield affordable to middle class families. On Election Day please vote with your pocketbook in mind and support Charlie Butrico for Mayor and Ray Petronko and Joe Scrudato for council."

This article was written and submitted by the South Plainfield Democrats. We did not edit the contents, nor do we endorse or guarantee its accuracy.

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## IN YOUR OPINION

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ing department. Why would we need four engineers? They suggested getting rid of CME, a company that overcharges us and cost almost \$350,000 last year.

When the Democrats proposed outsourcing engineering, they said the costs would be about \$50,000 a year. It's turning out to be seven times that. An in-house engineer would not cost us half what the Democrats said last week. Not only would the town save money with an in-house person, we'd benefit by receiving the fees paid for review of plans (which now go to CME).

What the Republican candidates did suggest is working on a shared-services program with the schools, something the Democrats ignored for 13 years.

The Republican candidates also suggested a library foundation. If the foundation had been formed three years ago, when first suggested, we could have put between \$200,000 and \$300,000 in the bank by now. But the Democrats dragged their feet and wasted three years.

Other than come up with ways to spend money, the Democrats have not offered a single idea to help taxpayers. Taxes have gone up two out of the last

three years (property taxes last year and the sewer tax the year before). To top it off, their Helen Street fiasco is more than a decade behind schedule, and the library that was supposed to be complete in 2005 is not even off the drawing board.

If you want more of the same, vote Democratic. If you want change, vote for Bengivena, Barletta and Sesok.  
**MANUEL ACEVEDO**

To the Editor,

I could not be happier than to hear that Ray Petronko will be seeking another term as a South Plainfield Councilman. I have seen many public servants come and go in our borough and I know that Ray has been one of the best we have ever had. Ray's dedication to the youth of our borough is great. He never stops thinking of ways to improve the programs and facilities. He works non-stop with the recreation commission, the recreation director, the parents and the kids to see what improvements they wish to see done. The great thing about Ray is that rather than relying on taxpayers to foot the bill, Ray reaches out to South Plainfield's favorite freeholder, John Pulomena, to see if

any grant money is available from Middlesex County to pay for these improvements. Over the past few years and through the efforts of both Ray and John, the borough has received in excess of \$3 million to improve and expand Putnam Park, install lights at the football and soccer complexes, expand the PAL Building and construct restroom facilities at the soccer and football complexes. We owe a special thank you to Freeholder John Pulomena and Councilman Ray Petronko for working so hard for our kids.

I ask everyone to vote for Ray Petronko for borough council, along with running mates, Charlie Buttrico for mayor, and Joe Scrudato for council. Also, Freeholder John Pulomena is up for reelection on Nov. 7 and I strongly urge everyone to support him. He, too, has worked hard for our borough and deserves your support.  
**WILLIAM A. NAGY, JR.**

To the Editor:

I had to laugh when the Democrats called themselves fiscally responsible in last week's paper. Is it fiscally responsible to vote to borrow \$1.6 million to buy three shacks along Hamil-

ton Blvd.?

Is it fiscally responsible to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to make Hamilton Blvd. sturdy enough for trucks and then ban them?

Is it fiscally responsible to say you're cutting debt when debt is about to increase because of your proposed projects?

This doesn't sound fiscally responsible to me.

**THERESA EDMONDSON**

P.S. - Oh, and before anyone says anything, Hamilton Blvd. may be a county project, but the local Democrats take credit for it. They also waited until the money was spent to build the road for trucks before banning trucks.

To the Editor:

In last week's paper the Democrats said expenses have remained flat since they've been in office. In 1999 we budgeted \$17,078,182. This year the proposed budget in August was \$23,934,329.

That's a near \$7 million increase. If expenses are flat, so is the world.  
**EDWARD BLATZ**

## Junior Baseball Registration

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC) is holding its fall registration for the 2007 season on Friday, Oct. 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration currently is \$95 per child, with discounts for those families with two or more children. This upcoming year's \$75 work bond applies only to new SPJBC members and those that requested refunds in 2006.

At registration there will be managing and coaching forms available for the 2007 season, as well as umpiring information. Also, the SPJBC is looking for snack stand captains for the 2007 season.

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. The website is [www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc](http://www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc). South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's address is P.O. Box 166, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

SPJBC had a very successful 2006 season with nearly 400 children playing baseball. The upcoming 2007 season is poised to be just as exciting. Come on out and enjoy the fun at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Kevin Randolph requesting a variance or other relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a proposed deck that exceeds lot coverage by 218 sq. ft. or 2.9%; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 221 E. Hendricks Blvd. on Block 63, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, October 12, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$38.50

September 22, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

September 15, 2006-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on September 14, 2006.

- Case #85-05/S/V-1000 Belmont Avenue, LLC. Block 362; Lot 1; 1000 Belmont Avenue. The applicant's request for final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #27-06-Hadley, LLC. Block 528.01; Lots 46.06, 46.07 & 46.08. The applicant's request to withdraw this application without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #33-06-Jorge M. Contreras. Block 400; Lot 3; 106 Herbert Place. The applicant's request for a 28.5 by 18 foot (1) story addition off the rear of the existing home w/ a 24 ft. 7 in. front yard setback from Muglia Place was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #37-06-Adrian Sinclair. Block 427.01; Lot 1.02; 1300 Rush Street. The applicant's request for a variance to permit a 6 ft. high 100% solid white vinyl plastic privacy fence was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #41-06-Jose Yanchapointa. Block 1; Lot 1; 1809 New Brunswick Avenue. The applicant's request for a variance to construct a 2nd story add-a-level was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #43-06-DeWitt & Jennie Giles. Block 368; Lot 8.01; 581 Arlington Avenue. The applicant's request for a variance to permit paving w/in 5 ft. of the property line was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- Case #45-06-William Simmons. Block 127; Lot 7; 168 South Madison Drive. The applicant's request for a variance to erect a 10 ft. by 12 ft. shed and a variance to allow a 6 ft. high 100% solid fence along the applicant's front property line was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary, Board of Adjustment

\$50.75

September 22, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

September 13, 2006-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on September 12, 2006.

- Case #697/V/Site-Jayne Enterprises, LLC. Block 235; Lots 10.01 & 11.02; 401 Kentile Road. The applicant's request for (2) waivers and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Planning Board Secretary

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September 22, 2006

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## SOCCER

### Fusion Debuts With a 1-1 Tie

In a season opener against the Highland Park Pink Flamingos, the U14 Fusion managed to steal a win away from the opposition. With only minutes left to play, Steven Lanza scored

an amazing goal that brought the crowd to their feet. Fusion, a brand new team this season, is comprised of former Spirit and Sonics players from the South Plainfield Soccer Club. Last week, after two days of games at the Piscataway Tournament, they proved themselves to be tough competition at their age level.

The 2006-07 player lineup includes Jesse Allen, Ryan Billich, Edgar Calles, Mike Dispenziere, Jeff Gillen, Lucas Goitiandia, Ryan Hutchison, Stephen Lanza, Edwin Molina, Matt Palma, Jason Pattison, Kyle Pompilio, Jake Salerno and Mike Zelasko. Protecting our goal with superb talent are Will Mott and Nick Ross. Coaching the team are Paul Billich, Mike Dispenziere, Pete Goitiandia and Thom Lanza.

Our next game will be played away on Sept. 24 against the Somerset Hills Hurricanes. Please come out and show your support to the South Plainfield Soccer Club this season!

## Shotman Basketball Fall Training

Shotman basketball fall training will hold five sessions on Thursday nights at Warren Middle School from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The dates are Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26. All aspects of shooting and basketball will be covered as well as speed and quickness. Open to boys and girls in grades five thru 12.

Any questions, call Mike Lanza at (908) 917-8385

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1758

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1758 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1311, SECTION 8, ITEM A ENTITLED: "SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED FEES FOR ESCROW DEPOSITS" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 22, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1758

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1311, SECTION 8, ITEM A ENTITLED: "SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED FEES FOR ESCROW DEPOSITS" FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that the following be and is hereby amended:

Section 8 Schedule of required fees for Escrow Deposits

A. Variances

Item 2 be and is hereby amended as follows:

2.1 HDD Zone

Variance under N.J.S.A. 40:55D-70d, not requiring site plan or subdivision approval (use, etc.): \$100.00

All other provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$71.75

September 22, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1755

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ord. 1755 entitled: AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF COORDINATOR OF LONG TERM AND ALTERNATE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITION FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2008 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, September 22, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE 1755

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2008.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.

POSITION	2006	2007	2008
COORDINATOR OF LONG TERM AND ALTERNATE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY	10,108	10,462	10,828

SECTION 2. INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after the publication thereof after final passage.

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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September 22, 2006

## LEGAL NOTICE

Interested persons are invited to comment on the wireless telecommunications facility proposed at 2509 Park Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey (T-Mobile Site # NJ-06-586-F), and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The facility will consist of the construction of new 80-foot flagpole with associated antennas extending to a height of 79-feet, and the installation of associated telecommunications equipment. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted to ATC Associates, Inc. by email to [april.cushinotto@atcassociates.com](mailto:april.cushinotto@atcassociates.com), by mail to 3 Terri Lane, Burlington, New Jersey 08016, or phone, 609-386-8800 ext. 501.

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September 22, 2006

## Obituaries

### Jenny C. (Oriolo) Ratti, 91

Jenny C. (Oriolo) Ratti died on Monday, Sept. 18 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Union City, Mrs. Ratti moved to Edison in 1996.

She had been employed as the office manager for Fairview Monument Company in Fairview. In addition, Jenny served as a committee woman for the Union City Democratic Organization for over 10 years.

A former member of Holy Family RC Church in Union City, Jenny enjoyed to cook and to travel.

She is predeceased by her husband Vito, Sr., who died in 1995; five brothers, Richard, Joe, Nick, Anthony and Dominick and a sister Gloria Whitney.

Surviving is a daughter Virginia Marano; a son Vito Ratti, Jr. and wife Mary, all of South Plainfield; five grandchildren, David, Dean and Daniel Ratti, Richard Marano and Gina Rubano and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals in South Plainfield.

### Carmela (Mirabile) Labate, 77

Carmela (Mirabile) Labate died on Sunday, Sept. 17 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, she resided in Tucson, Ariz. before moving to South Plainfield 50 years ago.

A member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, Camile was also a former member of the Alter Rosary Society.

For over 30 years she worked at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield as an executive secretary to the comptroller as well as an accounts payable representative, retiring 11 years ago.

Camile loved to cook, but family was always at the core of her being.

She is survived by her loving husband of 58 years Ernesto; two daughters, Donna and husband John W. Burnham of South Plainfield and Jacqueline and husband Robert Ponzio of Groton, Vt.; a son Michael and wife Catherine of Sausalito, Calif. and 14 amazing grandchildren. Also surviving are four precious great grandchildren. She will be greatly missed but her spirit lives on in her family.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donation in Camile's name may be made to The American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010, Rockville, MD 20852.

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