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## Candidates' Debate Set for Oct. 4

The residents of South Plainfield are invited to attend the candidates debate on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Sponsored by the South Plainfield *Observer* and the South Plainfield Business Association, the debate will include candidates for council and mayor from both parties.

This year's election can dramatically change the dynamics of the council. 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.

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

This may be the only opportunity to hear the candidates' opinions and ideas on the same subject concurrently. Letters, signs and campaign literature tell only one side of a story. Don't miss this opportunity to see the candidates face each other and discuss the issues, putting you in a better position to make your choice on election day.

As in past debates, 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. No personal attacks on any candidate will be allowed.

The event promises to be an in-

formative evening for all residents. Please plan on coming out, asking a question and have the opportunity to hear both sides of the issues directly from the candidates. The last debate turned out to be a standing room only event, so come early to get a good seat.

For those who still need to register, there will be voter registration forms available. Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7. Polls are open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For questions, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.

## SPHS Junior Spends Summer in China

South Plainfield High School Junior Trevor Hankins had the best birthday of his life this past summer in China. He was a student ambassador for 16 days with People to People International.

In fact, this past summer was the 50th anniversary of the program initiated by President Dwight Eisenhower as a government program with the aim to enhance international understanding, education and humanitarian activities through face to face interaction. In 1961 it was removed from government and became a private non-profit organization.

Hankins went to Xi'an and on his birthday and saw the famous Terra Cotta warriors, who were created before the invention of paper, at their underground site. "They were large, ranging in height from 6 ft to 6'4". Each one had its own distinct face, but all the bodies were built the same," said Hankins. "It absolutely amazes me. A total of 4,000 were built, but only about 1,000 are here today, because there was a great pillage before they were entombed and many were

broken. They are still uncovering soldiers on the site," he said.

At many of the places that Hankins visited, he found himself to be the object of interest by the Chinese. "In China they don't see black people. People took my picture or got someone to take a picture of them with me. We were all like stars, because we were Americans," explained Hankins.

One of the thrills of the visit was taking the Maglev (Magnetic Levitation) train. "It's a monorail that is completely suspended by magnets."

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**VOTE  
2006**

**Who will make the decisions that affect you?**

Meet the candidates for mayor and council. Hear what they think at the Candidates' Debate on Oct. 4, 7:30 pm at the Senior Center.

## Monument Park Walkway, Footbridge Bid Awarded

By Libby Barsky

The project to construct a walkway and footbridge near Monument Park is underway.

After receiving seven bids ranging from the high price tag of \$373,250, the borough council finally awarded the job to Andy Matt Inc. with the low bid of \$273,656.25. Funds for the

project are coming from a \$183,000 grant from the Middlesex County Open Space Trust Fund and \$80,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund. The walkway and footbridge are designed to unify the area honoring veterans who served in the nation's conflicts with the Firemen's Memorial. It will also connect Borough Hall and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad building to the Senior Center. The pathway will be landscaped with trees and have benches. CME Associates Consulting and their municipal engineers, who designed the walkway and footbridge, estimated that at least 700 square yards of cement will be used during construction.

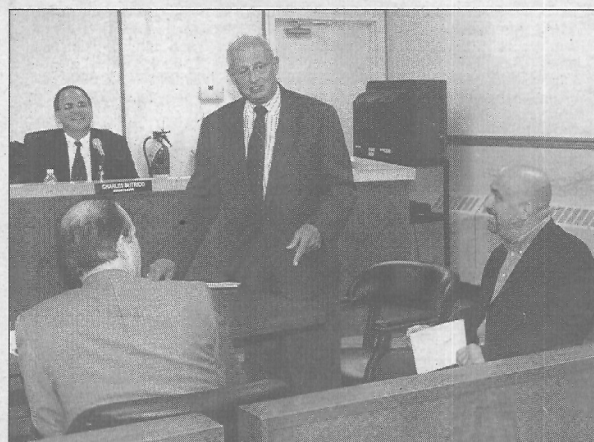
"The idea for Monument Park was a collaborative idea," said Borough Attorney/Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan. "It really started when we were considering fixing up the monument in front of Borough Hall, and it evolved from there," he added.

A committee was formed and included Phil Cortese of the VFW Post #6732, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, then Councilman Ed

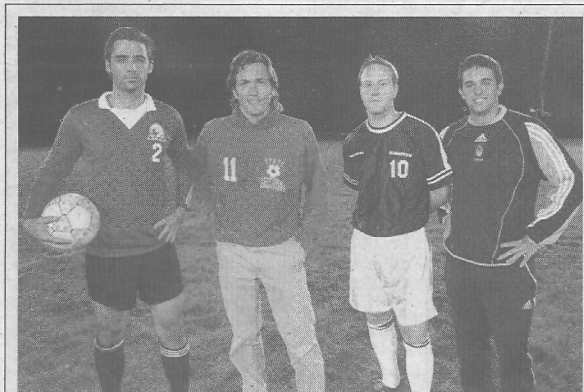
Kubala, Bob Longo of Cornerstone Architecture Group, Bill McCrisky, owner of McCrisky Home For Funerals, then Police Chief Robert Merkler, Retired Police Chief Steven Merkler, Bob Stilo of Stilo Paving, Stan Wachinsky, Stilo Excavating and Emergency Management Coord-

inator Michael Zushma. The group raised \$100,000 in donations from residents and businesses to develop the park.

Along with the monuments, a clock, anchor and other military items used in Vietnam have been installed in the park.



Freeholders David Crabel and John Pulomena presents grant money to help with the cost of a footbridge at a recent council meeting.



"Gracie" star and producer, Andrew Shue (second from left), with professional soccer players who were recruited for the movie. See page 7 for story.



The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

## IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

Charles Buttrico apparently has an active imagination. Rather than assume what others will do if elected, maybe Buttrico should look in his own backyard before going on the attack. There's no need to speculate when it comes to Buttrico. He's already given free rein to Jack Morris and others who donate to his party. Here are just a few examples.

Buttrico and the Democrats changed the zoning ordinance for Morris, a mega-contributor to the Democratic Party. Despite public outcry, they gave him everything he wanted.

Buttrico also voted as a member of the planning board to approve Morris's Tingley Rubber project. In doing so, he voted to put our seniors on a contaminated industrial site right next to railroad tracks, truck terminals and the pipeline that exploded and decimated Durham Woods 10 years ago.

Morris also got away with using borough property without paying rent or taxes for several years. Who was in charge of land management

during that time? Buttrico. He says he knew nothing about it. I guess it must have been a coincidence.

And what about giving contracts to political donors? Buttrico and the Democrats have given more than a million dollars in no-bid contracts to their campaign contributors since getting elected.

Sorry Charlie, it's you we have to worry about. You can fantasize all you want about what others will do if elected, but we've seen what you will do.

JAMES TANZOLA

Dear Editor,

I am proud to say that as council president I helped promote the strongest pay to play ordinance in the State of New Jersey. As a result, South Plainfield limits campaign contributions from any professional doing business with the borough to \$300. This limit not only applies to the person providing the service but to his or her spouse and children. No other town has such strict limits.

Regretfully the Republican candi-

date for mayor, Robert Bengivenga, Jr., voted "no" on this ordinance. To make matters worse, candidate Bengivenga at first refused, then reluctantly agreed, to post his contributors on the Republican Organization web page. It seems that Republicans do not want the citizens to know who is underwriting their campaign.

I urge all of our residents to look at the Republican web page and view the campaign disclosure. It lists a few names with a few hundred dollars in contributions. How can they afford their fancy signs and flyers on such a small amount of money? Because their website doesn't list over \$16,000 in 'monetary receipts,' which is listed on the report filed by the Republican Organization with the state election commission on Sept. 15 (two months late by the way). A significant portion of those contributions came from just some of the Bengivenga construction companies such as R.A.B. Enterprises and B. Bengi LLC. Talk about conflicts of interest! No wonder candidate Bengivenga, Jr. continues to stonewall campaign disclosure.

If Mr. Bengivenga is avoiding disclosure and potential conflicts of interest during his campaign for mayor, what do you think he will be like if he is ever elected? South Plainfield deserves a mayor who has nothing to hide. Charlie Buttrico is the right person for the job.

DENNIS CERAMI  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
BOROUGH COUNCIL PRESIDENT

To the Editor,

Everyday we read in the paper about another politician who is unethical, corrupt or simply selfish. It is enough to make you not want to participate in the election process anymore. But this is exactly the reason we need to vote. We need to be informed about candidates and make wise choices. We need to look beyond the words of the politicians and to their actions to determine who is suitable to be our elected officials.

In South Plainfield, the Democratic candidates have shown that they are true servants of the community. Each one of them has spent much of their adult life as a volunteer with different community organizations. Charles Buttrico has worked with the Summer Drama Workshop, the PTAs of his daughter's schools, Ponytail Softball and the Knights of Columbus. Ray Petronko is a volunteer firefighter and an officer in the firefighter's organization. He also serves on the Labor Day Parade Committee and Cultural Arts. Joe Scrudato has served on the parade committee for many years. He is a member of CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), a Ponytail Softball coach and is a Past Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus.

I believe that the actions of these men clearly demonstrate their motivation for running for office. They truly want to serve the community. I will be voting for Charlie Buttrico for mayor and Ray Petronko and Joe Scrudato for council because actions speak louder than words.

JOY D. WIERDO

Dear Editor,

In deciding which mayoral candidate to vote for, the attribute I value most is the ability to make good decisions. That's why I'll be voting for Robert Bengivenga, Jr.

In his time on the council, Bengivenga has shown that he is independent and will do what's best for our town. He's not up there being a rubber stamp.

By contrast, his opponent, Charles Buttrico, always votes the party line, never challenging the party or dissenting. That's not leadership. To me, it shows he is not looking out for the best interest of the town, but rather, his party.

Buttrico's vote to put our senior citizens on Jack Morris's Tingley Rub-

ber site near the highway is a good example of his poor judgment. That's an industrial area, not a place for our seniors. On one side there are train tracks, and on the other is the Durham Woods pipeline that exploded a number of years back. Truck terminals are also throughout the area. Is this the right place for seniors?

Bengivenga has my vote, because he has the good judgment this town needs.

BRUCE MADDEN

To the Editor,

I have been reading with amusement the Republican articles in the *Observer* and I can't help but laugh. The three candidates running for office for the Republicans seem to be out of touch with the values of our borough. They proposed two ideas that have me particularly disturbed.

One of these ideas would be to open the compactor on Sundays. Forget about the increased cost, don't they think that our public works employees deserve to spend time with their families? South Plainfield has always prided itself on being very family-oriented and yet they don't feel like the men and women who give so much of themselves to this town, our DPW workers, should have the same chance as the rest of us. Give me a break.

The second proposal that made me shake my head in dismay was that they were proposing to create an in-house engineering department. In this idea, we must focus on the cost. With their proposal, the borough is going to need to hire an engineer, a draftsman, a surveyor and at least one clerical person. That's not taking into account all the equipment you are going to need to purchase. You could be talking about an additional \$500,000 in cost. Obviously, the amount I pay in taxes isn't important to the Republican candidates.

I am unequivocally voting for the Democratic candidates Charles Buttrico for mayor, Raymond Petronko and Joe Scrudato for council. They will keep us on the right path.

SONIA O'BAIDKE

To the Editor,

On Oct. 4, the South Plainfield political candidates will be squaring off in a debate to inform the public of their views.

Two years ago I had the oppor-

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tunity to participate in the event and opposed Councilman Buttrico that evening. I also had the opportunity to run against Councilman Petronko in Fall 2003. At that debate I repeated a quote I'd heard that "Politicians are like diapers; they need to be changed often and for the same reason." Here is why I said that. In the winter of 2004, Councilman Buttrico was on WMGQ Sunday morning radio discussing how the Helen Street Project would be in progress by the Winter of 2007. Now he says it will be by the year 2011. What a coincidence, there is a Mayoral election this year and another four years from now.

He also made the comment, during that debate, that the Tingley Rubber site was a non-issue and it shouldn't even be discussed. Yet, two months into his new term he voted "yes" to re-zone the site from commercial to residential for the approval of restricted age housing with 480 units and potentially 1,000 more cars.

As for Councilman Petronko, he couldn't wait to promise so many things in the fall of 2003: a dog park, a new state-of-the-art library; which, by the way, was so well thought out (if you read their press release in the same paper dated Sept. 19, 2003) that this, basically, was a done deal. It was also promised by the Democrats, in their own literature, that there would be a groundbreaking in Fall 2005, and what was promised years ago, we now have a citizens action group trying to complete the Helen Street Project. I'm sure they'll tell you how they kept spending flat when, in fact, it has gone up by seven million dollars.

My point is this: at the debate they will tell you what you want to hear to get your votes.

Check the record and see for yourself. Believe me, I know first hand.

RAY RUSNAK

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Log on to  
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**Notice: There will be a special meeting of the South Plainfield Public Library Board of Trustees on Monday, October 2, in the South Plainfield Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m.**

### councilmeetings

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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.

### planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, \*except where noted.

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Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

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The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management sponsored a paper shredding event at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Sept. 16. Hundreds of residents came with boxes and bags of recyclable items to dispose of in the shredder truck. The event was a great success and the shredding truck will be returning to South Plainfield at a future date. It is also scheduled to visit surrounding towns during the next few months. Watch the Observer for upcoming dates and locations, as well as when the shredding truck will return to South Plainfield.

## Senior Men's Forum Drops Plan To Appeal to Morris Development

The Senior Men's Forum will no longer pursue plans to appeal the proposed development by Jack Morris to construct 500 condominiums at the former Tingley Rubber site. The decision was sparked by threats from Morris's attorneys that his company would sue our nonprofit group if appealed.

Morris's development company proposed age-restricted housing which the planning board turned down because of environmental problems and concerns about excessive density of occupancy. In June a Superior Court judge disagreed and overturned the planning board. After our members learned that the planning board had no plans to appeal the matter further, we started raising money in order to pursue the appeal ourselves. Recently, however, the forum's attorney met with us and explained the threat leveled by Morris's lawyers. The threatened suit is known as a SLAPP suit, which stands for Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation.

Developers sometimes bring SLAPP suits against concerned citizens who try to stop development

FROM THE  
 Senior Men's

**FORUM**

By Walter J. Pasacrita,  
 Chairman

plans, knowing that there is little chance of winning, but also knowing that public-interest groups often do not have the resources to defend. SLAPP suits are a legal bullying tactic, according to critics of the practice and are used to intimidate local citizens who oppose development proposals.

I am disappointed, but as seniors living on fixed incomes, we cannot afford to be sued. In addition, since we're a small group and not incorporated, we could not expose our members to the risk of Morris's threat, even if the risk is minimal, because our members could be personally liable.

With the appeal no longer an obstacle, Morris will be able to start construction shortly, adding as many as 1,000 cars to the area near the intersection of Rt. 287 and Durham Rd.

*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 their meetings.*

## Planning Board Approves Daycare Center

By Libby Barsky

The application to open a new daycare center was approved unanimously by the Planning Board at their Sept. 12 meeting. Lil' Big Ones Daycare will occupy 3,500 sq. ft. of the corner section of the building located in Durham Plaza.

The facility will accommodate up to 63 children, ages one month to five years and 11 teachers. Proposed hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Children dropped off will be walked to the entrance by parents or guardians and punch an electronic device to gain entrance to the daycare center. Owner Mita Karnik has eight years experience in daycare.

Concerns about safety surfaced when the application's outdoor play area was discussed. Children will need to walk across Durham Plaza's internal roadway to enter the enclosed play area. To safeguard the children, a gate system will be installed to stop cars when children are crossing. Mayor Daniel Gallagher questioned whether the post holding a section of the gate would impede the maneuverability of fire trucks in an emergency. As a condition of approval, a template showing that fire trucks can get around the building must be submitted to the board.

Gallagher also questioned whether the property could handle 60 plus additional cars, dropping off and picking up children twice a day. Owner Karnik explained that the children are dropped off at varying times and there would be a five-car designated area for cars to park for a few minutes while the parents bring their children into the facility.

Attorney Aravind Aithal acknowledged Gallagher's concern and brought up the possibility that there might be fewer cars due to multiple children being transported either by family members or through car pooling. "I'd like the board to consider that this 3,500 sq. ft. area could have been divided up into three fast food franchises. There is already approval for that on the books. It would have resulted in an excess of these 60 cars," said Aithal. "We are minimizing the flow coming in. Our plan will bring in the least amount of traffic—it won't be all day," Aithal added.



The 2006-2007 Knights of Columbus Council #6203 officers.

## Knights of Columbus Hold Installation Ceremonies

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 recently held their installation of officers ceremony to install the incoming 2006-2007 Council Officers. The ceremony was held at Sacred Heart Church, followed by a reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The new council officers are: Chaplin, Father John Paul Alvarado; Grand Knight, Tony Moskal; Deputy Grand Knight, Bill Butrico;

Chancellor, Brian Cargill; Recorder, Bill Hartmann; Financial Secretary, John Weakley; Treasurer, Steve Belanger; Lecturers, Fred Brisebois and Robert Smith; Advocate, Gene Baker; Warden, Kevin Keane; Inside Guards, Mostiolo Garcia and Gerry Butrico; Outside Guards, Bob Barone and Harold Bolton; One Year Trustee, Jim Vokral; Two Year Trustee, Bob Walker and Three Year Trustee, Joe Scrudato.

## Clarification

The South Plainfield Board of Education is providing the following clarification on two items that have been brought to our attention by the public regarding teacher negotiations:

**Filing for impasse**—The Board of Education did not agree with association's filing for impasse. However, once one party files for impasse the other party must agree to the assignment of a mediator that comes with the filing.

**Health Benefits**—At no time has the Board of Education indicated they would refuse to pay for any of the teacher's health benefits.

Now that the association has declared impasse, the board will continue to provide clarification for any information to the public which may not be accurate.

—Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado



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## 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.

## Pilgrim Covenant Art Auction

September 29

Pilgrim Covenant Church, 3121 Park Ave., is sponsoring an Art Auction on Friday, Sept. 29 to benefit its Learning Center Playground Fund. Tickets are \$5 per person. Preview at 7 p.m.; auction starts at 8 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, coffee, cake and a door prize drawing. For information, call (908) 756-4879.

## Elks Soccer Shoot

September 30

The South Plainfield Elks Youth Activities Committee will be sponsoring a soccer shoot on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Kenneth Ave. Soccer Complex. Register at 8:30 a.m. Ages five to 13 are invited to participate. Proof of age is required, copies of birth certificates will be accepted. Winner advances to district and regional contests.

For information, contact Sharon Reuter at (908) 791-1214.

## Knights of Columbus Mum Sale

September 30 & October 1

The Knights of Columbus Council #6203 complete their annual mum sale at the Rescue Squad on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. Profits go towards high school and college scholarships for members' children and grandchildren.

## 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, includes 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

## Class of 1966 Members

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

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October 4 - Candidates Debate, 7:30 p.m.				
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October 4

The SPHS Music Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. All chorus, band and orchestra parents are welcome to attend. Membership is \$5 per family, but is not required to come to our meetings. Please join us and help us plan our October Festival!

## SPVFD Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser

October 6

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual wine tasting on Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. to midnight at the Polish National Home on New Market Ave. Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors is again assisting in this event.

Tickets are \$40 and include a wine, beer and spirit tasting from 7 to 10 p.m. Cash bar, DJ and dancing 10 p.m. to midnight.

For information/tickets, call Mike Gallagher (908) 755-9874, John Celentano (908) 757-5691 or Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors (908) 561-0051.

## SPRO Annual Comedy Night

October 7

The SPRO is hosting their annual comedy night at the American Legion on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 8 p.m. The evening includes great comedic fun, together with delicious appetizers, and desserts.

Contact April for tickets at (908) 753-0247.

## Firefighters Memorial Service/Open House

October 14

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept. 2006 Annual Firefighters Memorial Service and Open House will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14. The services begin at 10 a.m. and include the dedication of the Firefighters Memorial. The open house runs from noon to 4 p.m. The event, which is held at fire headquarters, includes Sparky, The Middlesex County Burn House, apparatus and equipment display and much more. Come out and support your local fire department, rain or shine.

## Fall Fest/Flea Market

October 7

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave. will host the Second Annual Fun Fest on Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Activities include a giant slide, pony rides, a pumpkin patch, face painting and more.

Spots still available for vendors (no food concessions). Contact Connie Palmer at (908) 755-3850.

## Dinner/Cruise to Benefit Open Your Heart

October 7

Open Your Heart To Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring Cruise and Dine by Moonlight aboard the Cornucopia on Saturday, Oct. 7. Ship leaves Carteret at 7 p.m. and cruises to the Statue of Liberty. Tickets are \$150 per person. Contact Andrea Lacerda at (908) 755-5051, ext. 302 or stop by Century 21 Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave. to make a reservation, donation or to place an ad in the journal.

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## Encore Chamber Players Perform

October 1

The Classical Music Series at the Arts Guild of Rahway presents a performance by the Encore Chamber Players on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m.

Tickets in advance \$12; at the door \$15. Call (732) 381-7511, email artsguild1670@earthlink.net. or visit [www.rahwayartsguild.org](http://www.rahwayartsguild.org).

## Monday Afternoon Club Meeting

October 2

The Monday Afternoon Club of Plainfield will hold its first meeting of the fall at 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 2 at 2 p.m. at Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church on Watchung Ave. in Plainfield.

Speaker will be Florence Peterson, director for the Division of Community Affairs, Department of Public Safety, Union County. She and her staff help enforce laws that protect consumers against fraud.

For more information, call Mildred Colley at (908) 756-3476.

## Autumn Blessing Dinner At Willow Grove

October 6

Willow Grove Church will hold an Autumn Blessing dinner and media event on Friday, Oct. 6 beginning at 6 p.m. with a covered dish dinner until 7:15 p.m. downstairs in Ryno Hall. At 7:30, there will be a multimedia presentation in the sanctuary entitled "Autumn Blessing." Dinner and presentation are free, donations accepted.

Call to RSVP (908) 232-5678 or email office@willowgrovechurch.org.

## Starlight Singles

October 7

Classy cocktail hour and dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater. Cocktail hour, 6 p.m., cost is whatever you order for drinks, tax and tips. Dinner, 7:30 p.m., cost is \$50.

RSVP required to (732) 764-9073 or AngelButterfly37@aol.com.

## 20/30s Hike

October 7

Young Sierrans 20/30s is holding a hike on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m. in Harriman State Park, NY. Optional social at local eatery afterwards.

RSVP to (973) 364-7573, ext. 1.

## 20/30s Bowling

October 14

Young Sierrans 20/30s will host a bowling outing on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. at Strike N Spare in Green Brook. Cost is \$5 per game, \$4.75 for shoes.

## — Out of Town —

## 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 information call Sam Missimer at (732) 249-6242, ext. 107 or visit [www.raritanriverfest.com](http://www.raritanriverfest.com).

## St. Francis Annual Rummage Sale

September 30, October 1

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 400 New Market Rd. in Dunellen will hold its annual rummage sale on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 1 from noon to 4 p.m. Bag sale and half-price items.

For more information, contact Mary Pfeiffer at (732) 968-6781.

## Greek Hellenic Dancers of NJ

September 30

A celebration of Greek dance with the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 at 2 p.m. at the New Jersey Veterans Home at Menlo Park in Edison.

Call (732) 745-4489.

## Singles Jazz Night

September 30

Starlight Socials for Single Professionals 30s & 40s will hold a singles jazz music night on Saturday, Sept. 30 at The Verve in Somerville at 7 p.m. Cost is just whatever you order.

RSVP by Sept. 29 to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

## 20/30s Singles Bike

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## Butrico, Petronko, Scrudato Support "On Line Democracy Day"

Democratic Mayoral Candidate Charlie Butrico, along with Council Candidates Ray Petronko and Joe Scrudato, wants to expand the concept of "Democracy Day" into the computer age. Charlie Butrico described the Democratic concept: "South Plainfield is still the only town in New Jersey that gives a voice to our residents through Democracy Day. Ten years ago when the Democrats took control of the council we started Democracy Day to give our residents a voice in major projects that did not affect public safety issues. The first ever Democracy Day resulted in the residents supporting the reconstruction of Hadley Rd. On subsequent Democracy Days, senior housing was first rejected and then supported.

"Joe, Ray and I want to revitalize and expand the commitment to Democracy Day through the use of computer technology. Only 200 people voted in the last Democracy Day which really doesn't lead to a reliable understanding of what a majority of our residents want. By giving people a voice on line many more residents will participate."

Councilperson Ray Petronko expanded on Charlie Butrico's comments: "Charlie, Joe and I don't want Democracy Day to be a one day a year event. We want our residents to be able to give input on all important decisions facing the borough. Under our concept, pending projects would be posted on the borough web page and residents would be able to email their support and suggestions BEFORE the governing body votes on them. For example, I am the council liaison to the Recreation Commission. A request has been made by an out-of-town soccer league to share our soccer complex in return for a one-time payment of approximately \$1 million. That may sound great but it would be helpful to know what the surrounding homeowners think about the proposal. They should have the opportunity to express their opinion before a decision is made. Other examples are improvements to the community pool, the PAL and our parks. Anything we can do to enhance public input can only strengthen the process."



Council candidate Joe Scrudato enthusiastically endorsed the proposal saying, "Government of the people, by the people, for the people" is what America is all about. Under the new Democratic majority, South Plainfield has become the model of open government. This new proposal will make every day Democracy Day. I think a good name for the site will be, "The South Plainfield Democracy Forum." One thing that elected officials must never forget is the fact that in the United States the people are the boss. The more input we receive the stronger the process of government becomes. You can rest assured that we will never stop listening and the Democracy Forum will be an invaluable tool in that process. A vote for Charlie Butrico for Mayor and Ray Petronko and Joe Scrudato for council will show your support for open government in South Plainfield."

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.

## Yard Waste Site Announces Start of Fall Hours

The South Plainfield Yard Waste Site at the end of Kenneth Ave. will go on its fall/winter schedule beginning Oct. 1. Yard Waste will be open only from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays until the start of leaf collection in mid-November. A current Yard Waste/Compactor decal must be posted on the vehicle for access. Decals are available from the Municipal Clerk in Borough Hall. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using.

Leaf bags will be available at the Borough Garage Monday-Friday from Oct. 17 to Nov. 18. Bring the coupon from the orange Curbside Pickup Program flier.

The Recycling Drop-off Center on Kenneth Ave. is open 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.



Tom Dunham, president and Clifford Dunham, vice president of Dunham Construction hosted a gala affair at their place of business on Tyler Place in celebration of the company's 70th birthday. Willard Dunham Construction was started in 1936 by their grandfather Willard and has remained a family-owned business throughout their 70 years. Attending the affair were Freeholder Director David Crabel, Mayor Dan Gallagher and many officials from all over the state.

## SPPD Receive Aid For Emergency Telephone Reporting System

Senator Barbara Buono and Assemblymen Peter Barnes and Patrick Diegnan have announced that the South Plainfield Police Department was awarded Enhanced 9-1-1 grants from the New Jersey 9-1-1 Commission and the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Services. The \$21,183 grant will be used to purchase, upgrade, maintain and operate technology to ensure the reliability of Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs), New Jersey's emergency telephone reporting system. Funding was also available for consolidation efforts.

"It is especially important that our Public Safety Answering Points are maintained and improved in order to keep up with advances in telecommunications technology," Senator Buono explained. "In order to provide our citizens with high quality, expeditious, and efficient care our emergency services need to be upgraded frequently."

Public Safety Answering Points, located in municipalities across the state, are the facilities that receive all 9-1-1 calls, dispatch emergency response services, or transfer calls to other public safety agencies. The award was announced by the New Jersey 9-1-1 Commission and the Office of Emergency Telecommunications Service within the Office of Information Technology. Funding for the program is provided through 9-1-1 System and

Emergency Response Fee.

"The widespread use of cell phones makes it more difficult for emergency centers to locate distressed callers," explained Assemblyman Barnes. "Call centers need to interact and communicate with local police, fire, and ambulatory services quickly in order to provide the best care."

These awards are in response to the 9-1-1 Commission's recognition that in many PSAP locations throughout the state improved services and cost savings could be achieved through consolidation. A study commissioned in March 2005 through the Bloustein School of Public Planning and Public Policy explored opportunities to provide improved services and reduced operational costs for 9-1-1 operations in the state. To ensure the highest quality of service at the state's emergency response centers, the study's recommendations were incorporated into the grant criteria.

"To ensure system reliability, it is essential that our emergency centers are funded sufficiently," said Assemblyman Diegnan. "Due to advances in technology, the need to maintain and consolidate emergency centers has never been greater."

## Suburban Woman's Club NEWS

The South Plainfield Woman's Club September meeting was a success.

Amanda Harzula, our Career Girls' Institute delegate, gave a very enthusiastic account of her time at Douglass College. Amanda is interested in the arts, particularly theatre work and her bubbly personality will certainly be an asset in her endeavors.

Future activities discussed include encouraging people to purchase U.S. postage stamps issued to call attention to domestic violence, which are available at our local post office. These stamps are to raise money for awareness of this difficult situation. We are joining with South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team (DVCIT) to bring this to the public's attention. DVCIT will have a display at the library starting Oct. 2. If you purchase these stamps please obtain a receipt, which can be used at our lawn sale (Oct. 7), on the raindate (Oct. 8), or at the display at the library.

Our next meeting will be our Husband/Guest night on Oct. 5, featuring "Flavian: The Fourth Dimension of the Mind Power." Guests are welcome to join us for this covered dish supper by calling (908) 754-4856. This evening meeting will be held at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave.

Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning, Publicity Chairman

## Pumpkin Painting at Library

There will be a pumpkin painting program at South Plainfield Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The program is for children of all ages. Pre-registration is required for this program. There is a fee of \$1, payable upon registration, to cover the cost of materials.

The library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

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

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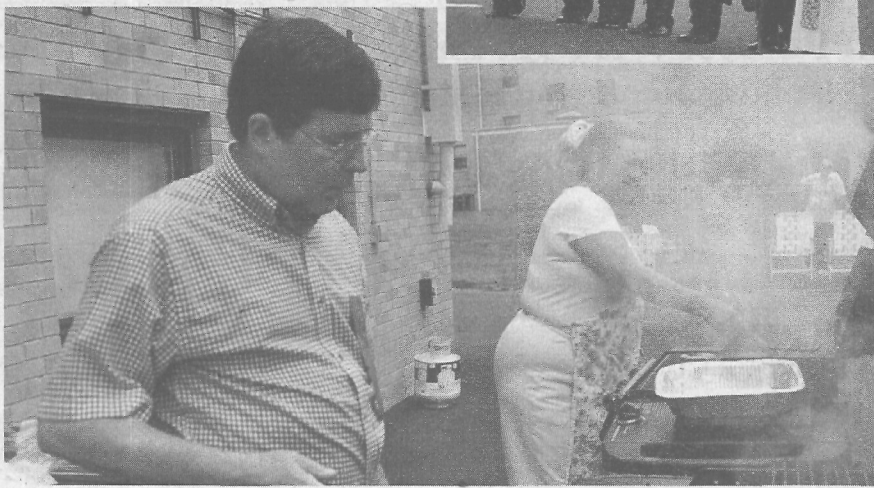
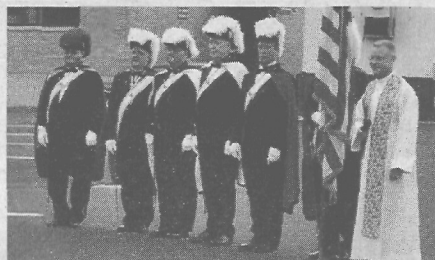
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**Sacred Heart Annual Picnic**—The Knights of Columbus (right) opened the annual Sacred Heart Picnic with a special 9/11 prayer. Jim and Debbie Vokral (below) were the official chefs, while Johnny the Clown performed for the kids. Taking home prizes were Eleanor Lo Bosco—Charlie Brown's certificate, Kim Cheri-chello—Shop-Rite certificate, Henri Brignol—boys bike and Kaitlynn Motezuma—girls bike.



## Bengivenga, Barletta and Sesok: Ethics Reform will Save Money

Controlling taxes and spending is the top priority for candidates Robert Bengivenga, Jr., Alex Barletta and Dave Sesok. While the candidates have proposed nearly a dozen ways to trim spending, enacting real ethics reform is another way to cut costs. Their plan has four elements.

**Ban Pay-to-Play**—"Ethics reform will save the town money," said Bengivenga. "Pay-to-play is a perfect example. We should be awarding professional contracts based upon price and quality. Unfortunately that's not the case. They are awarded to Democratic campaign donors."

"Right now, there's no incentive for these contractors to give us the best price," added Sesok. "That's got to end. We need a pay-to-play ordinance with some teeth. Granted the Democrats enacted an ordinance in the spring, but it's a sham. It can be circumvented by funneling the money through the county."

The candidates pointed to an article in this week's *Star Ledger* as an example. The article points out that CME, the town's engineering firm, has given huge donations to County Democrats and have gotten almost \$8M in contracts from towns countywide. Here in South Plainfield, CME has donated tens of thousands to the Democratic Party, and last year alone the company was paid more than \$300,000.

"These types of things give the town a black eye," Barletta pointed out. "But more important, it takes money out of the hands of taxpayers."

**Enact Developer Disclosure Requirements**—Another important reform is developer disclosure. Citizens should know if a developer has donated to a candidate or party. This is vital information when the developer is presenting an application before the zoning board or planning board, Bengivenga explained.

"For example, Jack Morris's Tingley Rubber project sailed through the application process. People should know

how much he's given the Democratic Party, or for that matter, the County Party," he added.

Too often, developers seeking approvals for big projects in South Plainfield have made political contributions right before

or right after they submit their application. We need to shine some light on this practice so we can make sure the interests of the public come first. In addition, officials involved in the zoning and inspection process (for example, code enforcement, zoning board members, etc.) should be barred from soliciting political contributions. Again, measures like this are being considered across the state and serve to foster confidence in our elected officials.

**Prohibit Hiring of Council Members for Two Years After Leaving Office**—There shouldn't be a revolving door between the council and paid positions at Borough Hall. All hiring decisions should be based upon a single standard: who is best for the job.

**Ban Dual Office Holding and Nepotism**—Family members of council members and other officials should not be given municipal jobs or contracts. In addition, council members should not be able to award no-bid contracts when they have a current or recent business relationship with the person or business seeking the contract. Finally, we should prohibit the conflicts of interest that arise when officials hold multiple jobs with the town, county and state.

"We need high standards," Bengivenga explained. "If elected, voters can count on Alex, Dave and I to enact these reforms and in the process make sure that taxpayers come first. Along with making our community more affordable, ethics reform is an important part of the new leadership and new solutions we want to provide for South Plainfield."

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# South Plainfield Goes Hollywood

By Jane Dornick

The Hamilton Blvd. detours may be quite cumbersome for residents, however it was the detour signs along Belmont Ave. that prompted producers of the major motion picture "Gracie" to inquire about the South Plainfield Soccer Club's field on Kenneth Ave. to shoot the premise of their upcoming movie.

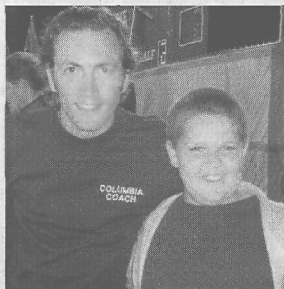
Gracie, played by Carly Schroeder who appeared in "Firewall" and "Mean Creek," is the story of a 16 year-old girl in 1978 whose high school soccer star brother dies in a horrible car accident after losing a game against the state champions. Gracie's mission is to live up to her older brother's reputation and fights for and wins the right for a girl to become a member of the all boy's soccer team, changing the history of girls in competitive sport. The story is loosely based on the childhood of Oscar nominee Elisabeth Shue ("Leaving Las Vegas") and her brother actor Andrew Shue ("Melrose Place") who grew up in Maplewood. Gracie's parents are played by Elisabeth and Dermot Mulroney ("The Wedding Date"). Andrew, aside from producing the movie with his sister and her husband Davis Guggenheim ("An Inconvenient Truth"), plays her soccer coach. Some scenes for the movie have also been shot at the Shue's alma mater Columbia High School in Maplewood as well as a scene at the Village Trattoria on Inman Pl.

The producers loved the 70s look of the Polish National Home on New Market Ave. and filmed a banquet scene there on September 12. While driving around town the film crew was detoured around Hamilton Blvd. and saw the sign for the soccer club. They contacted President Al Vill who immediately showed them their facility. Producers were impressed with the excellent condition of the fields and remote location they decided to strike a deal with the club to use the site to film crucial soccer game scenes. Film crews and trailers began showing up at the club shortly after and did most of their filming during the wee hours of the night. The parking lot at the Junior Baseball Club was used to house tents with food and shelter for celebrities and the extras who were bussed in and the Pop Warner Football Club's parking lot was used for dressing room trailers. Vill and Secretary Pat Flanagan spent countless hours almost every night at the club for over a week lining and relining the fields so everything would look perfect. They also assisted the production crew with whatever they needed.

Vill said, "This was an incredible experience for us all. The club members, neighbors and the whole community seemed to come alive at the prospect of having a movie made in our town. The fact that the movie was about a young, school-aged girl attempting to make the boys varsity team only added to the allure. Fans were drawn to our fields crowding

around the movie set hoping for a glimpse of Andrew and Elisabeth Shue, or one of the professional soccer players enlisted for the movie. The South Plainfield Soccer Club was enormously pleased to host a major part of this movie and to have the support of the town in this endeavor. Many local businesses benefited from the production by providing food, services and equipment." Some of the cast and crews favorite hot spots for dining were B&C Deli, Hometown Heros, Flanagan's Restaurant and Ciccio's Pizzeria. They also made frequent trips to Home Depot. Andrew spent a good deal of time assisting the crew on the fields making sure everything was perfect. "He is a very down to earth man and was a pleasure to work with," added Vill.

A former high school and Regional All American college soccer player himself, Andrew even played for the Los Angeles Galaxy in 1996 for two seasons while also starring in "Melrose Place." Excited about his new producing roll, Andrew said, "Gracie marks a high point in my life. As an enthusiastic soccer player, fan and now parent, I hope the story of the 16 year-old Gracie Bowen will inspire Americans of all backgrounds to embrace



Andrew Shue with Quinn Bolivar.

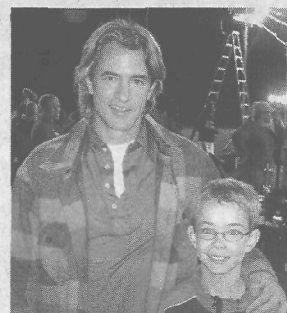
soccer as other nations have, afford young girls the respect, fairness and opportunities they deserve and show how the bonds of family can overcome all obstacles."

The soccer club received a substantial contribution for the use of their fields and the preparation time spent which Vill says will be used for capital improvements and other necessities. The club even donated \$2,500 to two year-old South Plainfield resident Alyssa Ricciardi who is battling cancer. The other clubs also received received money for the use of their facilities which will help with their cost of operations.

"Gracie" will open in theaters in June of 2007. Vill couldn't be more thrilled, "Millions of people will see



Soccer cheerleaders are dressed in 70's looking outfits.

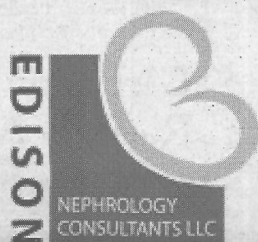


Ryan Temple with Dermot Mulroney

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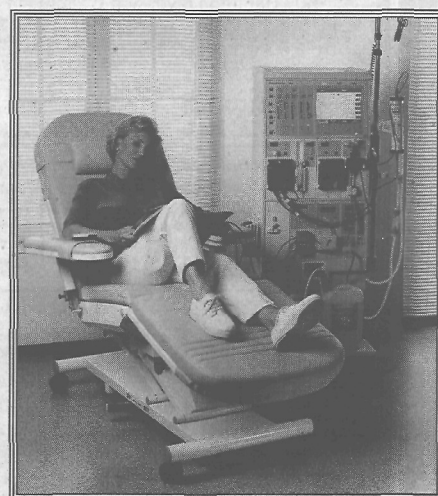
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An appeal has been filed by John Karcher requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an addition. Proposed addition lacks 8' required side setback, 7.5' being proposed, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2015 Greenwich Street on Block 169, Lot 17 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 files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.



# Sports

## PBA Golf Tournament Set for Oct. 9

The South Plainfield PBA Local #100 is holding its 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 9 at the Concordia Golf Course, 3 Clubhouse Way in Monroe Township. An awards banquet will follow at the American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave.

Registration, 7 a.m.; Continental breakfast, driving range with range balls provided, golf goodie bags and commemorative gifts; shot-gun start, 4-man scramble, 8 a.m.; longest drive, straight drive, closest to pin holes, car for "hole-in-one" to be announced by Flemington Auto Group, double your money, hole-in-one prizes, lunch on the turn, beverages on course; awards banquet, 2:30 p.m.; full buffet with open bar, award presentations, door prizes and grand prize.

This PBA fundraiser cannot be successful without you. There are several types of sponsorships available, which can provide the local business community with a great deal of advertising exposure. Space is limited; don't hesitate to be part of what will be an enjoyable day for all.

If you have any questions, please contact the following golf committee members: Brad Bullard (908) 917-3338, Wendell Born (908) 226-7661, Brian Iarrapino (732) 921-1380, Lloyd McNelly (908) 872-5479 or Kevin Lomonte (908) 226-7684.

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## 2006 Pocono "Ryder Cup" Champions

The summer ending three-day 63-hole event was played at a trio of top-notch Pennsylvania golf courses. Hideaway Hill and Olde Homestead were the sites for the first two days while Windy River View in Easton, Pa. hosted the individual match play finale. The champions squeezed out a 4 1/2-3 3/4 victory. Pictured left to right are Dennis Stuewe, Kevin Flannery, Frank Chirichillo, Chip Grundman, Capt. Bill Pavlak, Jim Flannery, George Jones, Jae Han and Tony Pompilio. Not pictured Mike Sikanowicz, Rob Disch, Andy Barnett and Bill Ashnault.

By Glen Cullen

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

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.

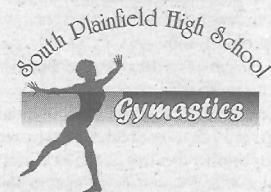
SPJBC had a very successful 2006 season with nearly 400 children playing baseball. The upcoming 2007 season is poised to be just as exciting. Come on out and enjoy the fun at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club.



## SPHS Gymnasts Drop Opener

The South Plainfield High School Girls Gymnastics team fell short in its first dual meet of the season to South Brunswick last Tuesday at South Brunswick High School. This year's team consists of Dani Butrico, Heather Ray, Kristy Ray, Gabbi Abon and Michelle Kobilis.

Sophomore Michelle Kobilis' first place finish on floor (9.30), uneven bars (9.1) and balance beam (9.05) was not enough to overtake a deep and talented South Brunswick squad led by Marissa Liptak, who finished



first on vault with a 9.3. The final tally was SBHS 104.275-SPHS 99.475. Kobilis took high all-around score with a 35.85.

## Kobilis Leads Gymnasts to First Win

Michelle Kobilis sparked a late comeback over East Brunswick last Thursday. After falling behind early in the dual meet, the Tiger gymnasts finished with a flurry by rallying in the final three events.

Kobilis scored a meet-high 9.0 on the balance beam, then followed that up with firsts on both the uneven bars (8.975) and floor (9.275).

With the meet deadlocked going into the final event (floor), Danielle

Butrico and Heather Ray ignited the Tigers finish with splendid floor routines, with Kobilis adding to the margin of victory.

Freshman Kristy Ray turned in an impressive performance, which was highlighted with her score of 8.3 on the balance beam.

The final score was SPHS 100.325 and EBHS 89.675.

The Tigers face Sayreville in their next match.

## Girl Scouts Golf Classic Rapidly Approaching

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council and Greater Essex and Hudson Counties are joining forces to present the Juliette Low Golf Classic and Tennis Robin. Both councils are pleased to announce that Joey Dee, of Joey Dee and the Starliners fame, and some of his friends will be present at the outing. In addition, KPMG and Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey have come on board as major sponsors. The event is slated for Monday, Oct. 16 at Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club in Scotch Plains. This marks the initial collaboration between the two councils and represents the ninth renewal of the popular and fun-filled outing.

Both councils are currently seeking sponsors to partner with them to support this worthwhile cause. Sponsorships range from \$75-\$10,000. For more information contact Mari- on McCarthy at (973) 746-8200 ext. 136 or Ross Blacker at (908) 232-3236 ext. 1209.

For the first time participants will have the option of playing tennis. The tennis portion of the day will get underway at 10 a.m. with a round robin tournament and clinic. Those wishing to hit the links can take full advantage of Shackamaxon's 6,615-yard

layout. Designed by renowned architect A.W. Tillinghast, the course will test golfers with its tight fairways and firm greens. Prizes will be given for both golf and tennis in a number of areas including a Hole-In-One Shootout sponsored by Lincoln-Mercury NY Region. Following golf and tennis, there will be a cocktail reception at 3 p.m. and dinner which will get underway at 4 p.m. During dinner a silent auction and raffle will be held with a multitude of fabulous prizes offered. The cost for an individual golfer is \$325 which includes dinner. The cost for tennis only is \$125 and the cost of attending the cocktail hour and dinner only is \$125. There is no registration deadline, but interested parties are encouraged to sign up soon while space is still available.

Combined, GSCGEHC and GSWRC provide the optimal Girl Scout experience to more than 17,000 girls and 5,500 adult volunteers in over 50 communities in five counties. Both councils operate under the auspices of Girl Scouts of the USA. For more information on the Golf Classic and each council point your web browser to [www.gscgehc.org](http://www.gscgehc.org) or [www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts](http://www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts).

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An appeal has been filed by Elon Viran requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an expansion of a non-conforming single family in a HDD zone; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 213 Church Street on Block 259, Lot 3 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 files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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**NOTICE**

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Take notice that Witty's Liquors at South Plainfield, LLC, trading as Witty's Discount Wines & Liquors has applied to the Borough Clerk of South Plainfield for a Change of Corporate Structure for Plenary Retail Distribution license number 1222-44-004-006 for premises situated at 2370 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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South Plainfield based band "Forrester," featuring borough residents Joe Scarpitto (second from left), Ryan Egan (lead singer) and Matt Madurski (right) performs at the PAL following the Labor Day Parade. The band also performed last week for the SPSHS Wrestling Team fundraiser at Gabrielle's Bar & Grill in Piscataway.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

We're about one week into autumn and one day shy of the end of September, which means Christmas decorations will probably be going up in stores in a matter of hours. So, let's take a break from our headlong rush into the future and look at some items from the South Plainfield Library:

Starting next week, our usual schedule of children's programming returns. In case, over the summer, you've forgotten what that means, here it is: our Storytime programs for children ages three and over are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children age 2 and 3, is held on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday evening at 6:30. And "Books-N-Babies," for children under age three is held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and is presented free of charge; no pre-registration is needed. If you'd like more information, please call us and ask for Miss Linda.

While we're on the subject, here's word on another couple of children's programs. First, on Saturday, Oct. 14, there's a pumpkin painting program for all ages at 10 a.m. You need to pre-register for this program, and there's a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration. Then, on Wednesday, Oct. 25, we'll be presenting "Hocus Pocus with Joe Fisher" at 7 p.m. Please note that this program is being held over at the Senior Center (other side of the Rescue Squad building). This program is for children ages three and over; pre-registration is requested. The kids may come in costume, if they want to.

And here's a note about an adult program: on Thursday, Oct. 12, we'll have another jewelry craft program at 7 p.m. Local resident Valerie Mollineaux will lead participants in making designer jewelry. Space is limited for this program, so you must register in advance.

Today is the last day of availability for Circuit Audiobooks. If you want a title from this group, you'd better get it right away. Authors featured in the current group include Janet Evanovich, Mary Higgins Clark, James Patterson, Catherine Coulter, Diane Mott Davidson and Stuart Woods.

We have room to answer a couple of questions re: library policy. First of all, there have been questions about what the "A/V permission" check-box means on the applications for juvenile library cards. Actually, that's asking if the child in question has permission to borrow A/V items on their own, without an adult being present. If the answer is "yes," then the child may borrow whatever A/V item they wish, whenever they wish. If the answer is "no," they may still borrow, but must be accompanied by an adult. This ties in with our policy that

a child's parents, rather than a library staff member, should keep track of what the child is watching or listening to. Hope this clears things up.

Recently, we've added several new DVD titles to our collection, ranging from *Munich* to *MST3K* (Hi-Keeba!), and from *Animaniacs* to *Pinky and the Brain* (NARE!). This has led to questions regarding how often we add new A/V titles. Actually, there's no set schedule for new additions. It's a balance between an item's release date and availability, item requests from patrons, and how much cash is available in our A/V budget. Usually, unless an item is in very high demand, we'll wait until we have a fair number of titles gathered, and then place a good-sized order for all of them. And as far as which titles we'll get is concerned, that's based on several factors, including patron requests. Hope this gives you some insight into the situation. (By the way, you can request a particular title at the main desk in our Community Suggestion Box by giving us a call, or by sending us a letter. We can't promise we'll purchase your selection, but we'll keep your interest in mind.)

That's about all for now. For information, call us at (908) 754-7885 or check our website at [www.south-plainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.south-plainfield.lib.nj.us). See you next week.

## FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

The information that appeared in the Sunday, Sept. 17 edition of the *Courier News* in the Central Jersey Living Guide, 2006-2007, under the title of Elementary and Middle School Report Card and SAT scores for South Plainfield is incorrect and misleading to the public. This information is two- and a half-years-old. Every school in South Plainfield has passed every measure of requirements set by the New Jersey Department of Education, while other school systems are now on the opposite end of the spectrum. Only updated information should be printed to set the records straight. We continue to be one of the lowest spending districts in Middlesex County, but still produce one of the highest qualities of education.

Thank you South Plainfield Chief of Police Ferraro and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rosado for formulating an agreement authorizing the presence of Juvenile Detective Chris Colucci, Sergeant Dan Noonan and Detective Gary Kline in South Plainfield High School.

The children of South Plainfield participating in various school sport programs should not have to deal with being bitten, punched and belittled by teams, coaches and parents from other towns or parents from our own town. Participation in any type of sport team for the children, no matter what their age, should be about the children. This game belongs to them, you see, you're really just a guest. They do not need a fan like you, they need the very best. If you have nothing nice to say, please leave the kids alone and if you have no manners, why don't you stay at home! Please don't curse the children; they do the best they can. They never try to lose a game, they're just kids and you're the adult. I did not raise my children, dear fan, for you to call them names. They may not be super-stars, it's just a childhood game. Win, lose or tie, to each one of us they're #1.

Congratulations to the varsity girl's and boy's soccer teams on their wins, along with the varsity football team and the cross country team, individual tennis matches and all your coaches.

The Helen Street Project is not a political football and should not be made into one. The Helen Street Project is needed to protect the children and residents in South Plainfield

and every resident should be uniting together to help this long overdue project come to fruition. When a child is seriously injured or loses their life because a truck barreling through town did not see them, it will be too late. Each party looks to blame the other because the project has been held up for so long, but the real reason that the project has been in limbo is because the voices of the Edison Wetlands Association are louder than the residents of South Plainfield. The residents of South Plainfield need to let the Department of Environmental Protection know how they feel. Traffic at the intersection of New Market Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. constantly backs up because the trucks cannot swing the left hand turn onto New Market. A child riding his bike last week had to swerve into a gas station lot because a truck made a right turn

without looking around. Is this the way you want to continue to live in South Plainfield. There are letters to be signed that will be delivered to the DEP. Another plan for Hollywood Ave. has been verbally proposed, but will the truck traffic have to travel down Kenneth Ave. to and from Belmont? Is Kenneth Ave. wide enough to handle tractor trailer traffic or would property have to be taken from the businesses on those corners to widen the road? And how about the crossing of the Dismal Swamp as well?

The South Plainfield Board of Education unanimously passed a resolution in 2003 supporting the Helen Street Project with regards to the safety of the Roosevelt School children and children from other schools in town and stated that the municipal governing body had successfully received

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## FROM DEBBIE BOYLE

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the endorsement of then Sen. Jon Corzine for this project. Okay Governor, hope you are still endorsing this project because we need you now more than ever.

South Plainfield residents please continue to support the SPHS Wrestling Team, two-time defending Group III State Champions, in their quest to compete at Clash V-National Wrestling Duals in Rochester, Minn. in December. We wish you all the best.

Thanks to Kurt Ullom and Scott Barton for digging out the mud and slush from the footings at the Jost Field ticket booth.

Ed Niemczyk our thoughts and prayers are with you for a speedy recovery. The PAL will not be the same until you return.

Congratulations to Rich and Amy Fonti on the birth of your beautiful daughter on Sept. 16.

The Grant Elementary fifth grade class is still in need of a Stokes Committee Chairperson. Please step up to help your fifth grade Stokes committee begin to fundraise.

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# SPHS Junior Spends Summer in China

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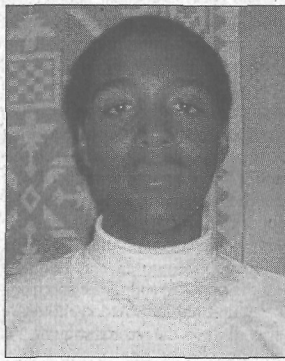
It literally levitates off the tracks and goes up to 431 kilometers an hour (equal to 275 miles an hour), but it really didn't feel like we were going that fast. They plan to extend this monorail from Shanghai to Beijing eventually."

In China, Hankins and his group went into ice caves in Gui, where it was cold inside and huge—"38 people from our delegation fit in along with another delegation making 76 people in the cave at the same time."

While Shanghai was the largest city they were in, the buildings in Beijing impressed Hankins the most. "Every building had its own particular structure from typically Asian to those more modern than anything I've seen in America."

Candy was a common denominator in breaking the ice with Chinese students who were shy at first. "They told me their names and we began to play poker. I used candy as my chips—mostly Werther's original hard candies," said Hankins, who saved the spicy atomic fireballs for himself.

In China every kind of meat and vegetable was served along with lots of rice. "I tried to sample everything, but I wouldn't eat the eggs. The best



Trevor Hankins

food we had was Peking Duck with hot sauce that someone had brought with them. I always liked eating Chinese food, but now I eat it with chop sticks. I knew how to use chop sticks before, but I perfected my technique. If you didn't know, you learned. Actually I forgot to use a fork for two weeks after I got back, I forgot how to scoop things with a fork," he said.

Hankins has participated in the program before. He went to Australia where he stayed on a family farm, helped herd horses and tour New Zealand, the summer before seventh

grade. The summer of 2005 he toured Italy, Austria, Switzerland and France. "We didn't do much except tour, but we did go to a school in Austria and talked to the students. We were to show our excellent manners. Mostly we were there to give a good impression of the U.S. to them."

Hankins plans to put international travel on hold this coming summer to join the Drum Corps International here in New Jersey. "I'm a trombone

player in the band. In the drum corps I would play the Euphonium. I'm trying to get into the Crossmen. People come from all over the U.S. to join them. They are based in New Jersey. There is a whole summer camp from when school ends until mid-July. Then the Crossmen tour and perform in U.S. cities winding up at the Drum Corps International Championships. After my senior year I plan to go on another People to People trip."

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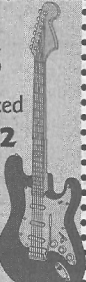
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## Boroughwide Curbside Pickups Begin Next Week

The borough's annual curbside pickup will begin next week. This is the second scheduled pickup in 2006.

All residents should have received an orange flyer in the mail listing the scheduled pickup and a map of five districts.

The first pickup will start the first week of October in district 1 and continue in the second week in district 2, third week in district 3 and fourth week in districts 4 and 5. All pickups will occur on the designated week except if weather conditions are severe.

Any large household items, excluding concrete, recyclable items, yard debris and automotive items are acceptable. Debris should be placed at the curb on the Sunday night prior to the week in which the collection is to occur. All appliance doors must be removed prior to placement at the curb. If possible, items should be either tied or boxed and be neatly placed at the curb. The amount of waste cannot

exceed 12 ft. x 3 ft by 3 ft.

The curbside pickup program is separate from the leaf pickup program which begins Nov. 13 and runs for four successive weeks. That schedule also was included in the mailed flyer, along with coupons for leaf bags. Bags can be picked up at the Department of Public Works, Monday through Friday beginning Oct. 23 and ending Nov. 22. Public Works will also be open for your convenience on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Apartments and condominium/townhouse complexes are not included in the program.

The existing compactor and yard waste facilities will remain available for residential use. Compactor coupons and yard waste decals are available at the Municipal Clerk's office on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 1 and 5 p.m. and Tuesdays and Fridays between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

## policereport

• On Sept. 19 Laura E. Aiello, 49, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breathalyzer and reckless driving.

• Audra J. Severini, 37, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and no insurance.

• Jacques J. Smith, 33, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no inspection sticker and three outstanding warrants.

• Waaliah. S. Carter, 23, of Elizabeth was arrested for driving with a child without proper restraints and two outstanding warrants.

• The landlord of 1110 Hamilton Blvd. reported that there were several holes in the stucco of the building and two gutters were damaged.

• On Sept. 20 Justin Sung Yi, 34, of Burke, Va. was arrested for maintenance of lamps, driving on a suspended license, unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

• Omike M. Williams, 32, of Edison

was arrested for improper plates, no insurance, failure to exhibit a valid registration, unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

• Joseph Crowley, 42, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• Altarique Roberson, 32, of Newark was arrested for an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

• Shaquan Mitchell, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, possession of a weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and an outstanding warrant.

• An employee of Verizon on Hadley Rd. reported the theft of a catalytic converter from their 1995 Pontiac Transport.

• On Sept. 22 Dorothea C. Duke-Hobby, 52, of Edison was arrested for an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant.

• On Sept. 23 Ladohn E. Courtney, 25, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, failure to keep right, careless driving and speeding.

## Third Annual Buddy Walk Planned

Everyone is invited to join the Third Annual Buddy Walk of South Plainfield Serving Central New Jersey on Oct. 7 at Putnam Park.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. (\$5 per child and \$10 per adult registration fee). Buddy Walk begins at 1 p.m. Refreshments, music and other entertainment will follow.

The Buddy Walk is a one-mile walk founded by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995. The goals of the Buddy Walk are to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down syndrome, to raise the funds necessary to develop innovative and effective programs and to enhance the position of the Down syndrome

community, enabling us to positively influence local and national policy and practice.

For more information contact Michele Both at (908) 531-5100. Visit our website at [www.buddy-walkofsouthplainfield.com](http://www.buddy-walkofsouthplainfield.com)

## Obituaries

### Pasquale J. Cicalese, Jr., 78

Pasquale J. Cicalese, Jr. died on Friday, Sept. 22 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born and raised in Newark, Patsy lived in South Plainfield for 25 years before settling in Bridgewater in 1979.

Mr. Cicalese was the owner and operator of Golden Acres Jewelers in South Plainfield for 28 years retiring in 1998. Prior, he operated a jewelry repair shop in Elizabeth for nearly 11 years.

In 1948, Pasquale enlisted in the New Jersey National Guard and before his honorable discharge in 1957 he earned the rank of sergeant.

While his children were growing up, Patsy enjoyed taking them target shooting at Ray's Sport Shop in North Plainfield. He is a former member of the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 and also enjoyed taking great care of his house and lawn.

He is predeceased by his first wife, Mary, who died in 1983; a brother, Joseph and a grandson, Allen Cicalese.

Surviving are his wife of 21 years, Claire (Donrod); a daughter, Denise Puskas and husband Tim of South Plainfield; two sons, Thomas of Hillsborough and Patrick of Plainfield and a brother, Carmen and wife Connie of Linden. Also surviving are three

grandchildren, Sean and Michelle Puskas, and Anthony Cicalese.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Mary J. Rubbo, 84

Mary J. Rubbo died on Thursday, Sept. 21 at her home.

Born in Plainfield, Mary had been a life long resident of the city. She was employed many years ago as a seamstress, working for the former Star Dress Company of Plainfield. She later worked for C.R. Bard of Murray Hill and Thul Automotive Stores office in Plainfield, assisting with general office work for both companies.

She was a former member of the North Plainfield Italian American Club's Woman's Auxiliary in North Plainfield.

Predeceased by her brother Andrew Rubbo, she is survived by a sister, Rose Frele of South Plainfield and seven nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Anatoli I. Shvarts, 79

Anatoli I. Shvarts died on Monday, Sept. 25 in the Caroline Medical Center/Pineville, Charlotte, NC.

Born in Odessa, Ukraine, he came to the United States in 1993. Anatoli

resided in South Plainfield and East Brunswick before moving to Charlotte earlier this year.

His wife, Aleksandra, died in 1996.

Surviving are three sons, Ilya, Eugene and Sam. Also surviving are six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### John F. Schoen, 59

John F. Schoen died on Sunday, Sept. 24 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Glen Ridge, John was raised in Clifton and resided in California, Washington, Arizona and Florida before moving to South Plainfield two years ago.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Army after serving from 1974 to 1977. John attended the University of Oklahoma and was an architectural designer.

He enjoyed cooking and sewing as some of his favorite past times.

He is predeceased by his father, John Schoen, Jr.

Surviving are his mother, Marie (Bauer) Schoen of South Plainfield; a sister, Jane Pierro and husband James of Edison. Also surviving is a nephew, Nicholas Pierro.

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