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## SPPD Promotes Three Police Officers

Three South Plainfield Police officers were promoted at the Sept. 19 council meeting in front of family and friends. Promoted to lieutenant was Raymond Jazikoff, while David DeLair and Wendell Born, Jr. were promoted to sergeant.

*Lt. Raymond Jazikoff*, a 19-year veteran of the police department, graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1983 and attended Georgia College for two years. He joined the SPPD in November of 1987. In May 2004, Officer Jazikoff was promoted

to sergeant.

In addition to serving in the patrol section of the Operations Division, Jazikoff was assigned to the Special Problem Unit for one year. He also served as a Departmental Field Training Officer, a CPR instructor and a Defensive Baton instructor.

Jazikoff is a recipient of a Life Saving Medal, Honorable Service Medal, Letters of Commendation and several letters of appreciation from members of the community. He is also a member of the South Plainfield Police Honor Guard.

Jazikoff will assume the position of watch commander of a platoon of eight officers.

He and wife, Angel, have three children, Destiny, Raymond and Jessica.

*Sergeant David DeLair* is a five-year veteran of the South Plainfield Police Department. He graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1986. After graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served for six years. He spent six months in Saudi Arabia during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. During his tour with the Marine Corps he received five Rifle Expert Badges, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Air Crew Insignia, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal and the Kuwait Liberation Medal.

DeLair completed an 80 hour Accident Investigation course sponsored by Northwestern University Center for Public Safety. He has received a Letter of Commendation, Honorable Service Medal and a Life Saving Medal. He is also a field training officer. Sgt. DeLair will remain in the Patrol Division, assigned to a platoon as a patrol sergeant.

David and wife, Mary, have three children Sarah, Holly and Catherine.

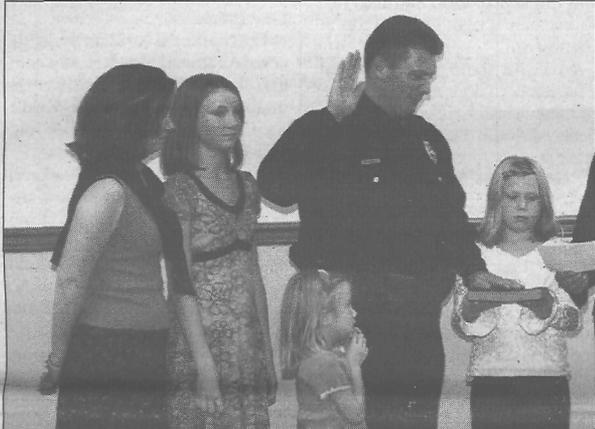
*Sergeant Wendell Born, Jr.* joined the South Plainfield Police Department in January 2000. He is a 1983 graduate of the South Plainfield High School, attended Kean College for two years and then attended the Citrone Institute for computer programming. He completed a course in General Law Enforcement given by the North American Correspondence School in Scranton, Pa. Prior to becoming a police officer, Born was employed as a senior corrections officer for the New Jersey Department of Corrections for a six year period.

Sgt. Born has received several com-

mendations and awards, particularly a Meritorious Service Medal from the Middlesex County 200 Club, a South Plainfield Police Department Meritorious Service Award and recognition for his work on a 2005 homicide case.

Wendell has been working in the Detective Bureau where he specializes in white collar and computer crimes. He will now be in the patrol division and assigned to a platoon as a patrol sergeant.

Wendell and wife, Kimberly, have three children Taylor, Chris and Deleaney.



David DeLair takes the oath for his new position of sergeant while wife, Mary, and daughters Sarah, Holly and Catherine, look on.



Sgt. Raymond Jazikoff, joined by his wife, Angel, and three children, Destiny, Raymond and Jessica, is sworn in and promoted to lieutenant.



Sgt. Wendell Born, Jr. takes the oath of office from Councilman Dennis Cerami, while wife Kimberly and children, Taylor, Chris and Deleaney, look on.

## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

The South Plainfield Domestic Violence Education Outreach Program is conducting a domestic violence exhibit at the South Plainfield Library from Oct. 2 through 29. There is plenty of literature available on every aspect of domestic violence, such as dating violence, court procedures and legal consequences. The red silhouette figures on display represent women from Middlesex County who were murdered in acts of violence. The outreach program wants to remind the public about the women who are still being hurt and are in danger. Their hope is that the silhouettes are moving enough for people to take action to create

more safety and peace in our world. Purple ribbons pins are also available to show your support for Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month is presented in cooperation with the South Plainfield Police Department, Women Aware Inc. and the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Team. You can contact a crisis intervention team member for further information by calling the South Plainfield Police Department at (908) 755-0700. Please leave your first name, phone number and a brief message and a team member will call you back shortly.

## EVENTS THIS WEEKEND

### SPFD Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser

**FRIDAY** The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept. annual wine tasting is on Friday, Oct. 6, 7 p.m. to midnight, at the Polish National Home, New Market Ave. Tickets are \$40 and include wine, beer and spirit tasting from 7 to 10 p.m. Cash bar, DJ and dancing 10 p.m. to midnight.

For information, call Oak Tree Buy-Rite Liquors (908) 561-0051 or Mike Gallagher, (908) 755-9874.

### Third Annual Buddy Walk

**SATURDAY** The public is invited to join the Third Annual Buddy Walk of South Plainfield on Oct. 7 at Putnam Park. Registration (\$5 per child, \$10 per adult) begins at 11:30 a.m. Walk begins at 1 p.m. Refreshments, music, entertainment will follow. For

information, contact Michele Both at (908) 531-5100 or visit [www.buddywalkofsouthplainfield.com](http://www.buddywalkofsouthplainfield.com).

### Fall Fest/Flea Market

**SATURDAY** 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.

### Dinner/Cruise to Benefit Open Your Heart

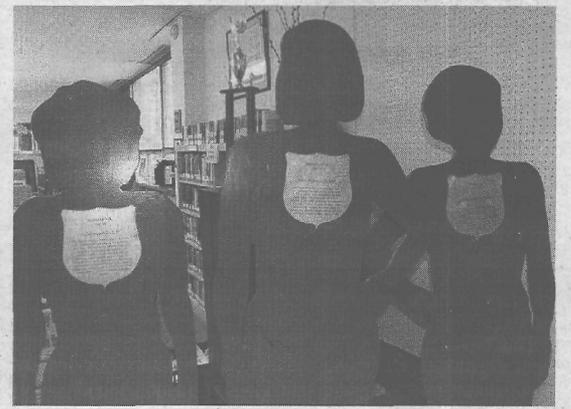
**SATURDAY** Open Your Heart To Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. is sponsoring Cruise and Dine by Moonlight aboard the Comucopia on Saturday, Oct. 7. Ship leaves Carteret at 7 p.m. and cruises to the Statue of Liberty. Tickets are \$150 per person. Contact Andrea Lacerda at (908)

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.

### Old Timers Motorcycle Run

**SUNDAY** 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. 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 information, call Rich at (908) 753-7629 or Rudy at (908) 405-0836.



# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Log on to [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com) for the latest meeting agenda

**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.

### 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 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 (NJSA 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  
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  
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,  
Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.  
Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.— Oct. 18, Nov. 15,  
Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March and April 4.

### Taxpayers Advisory Group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at  
Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

### Site Plan Sub-Committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19

### Recreation Commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716  
Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12

### Environmental Commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621  
Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 and Jan. 10.

### Business Advisory Group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

### Traffic Safety Advisory Commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.  
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

### Board of Education Curriculum/Technology Meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at  
Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

# IN YOUR OPINION

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

Dear Editor,

In these times more than ever, nothing is more important to the political process than full disclosure by candidates seeking public office. Before you vote for an individual you should know who he or she works for, what businesses they have an interest in and who is contributing to their campaign. If you have been following this year's campaign you know that back in the Spring, Charlie Butrico, Ray Petronko and Joe Scudato posted their financial disclosure statements on the Democratic website. For months the Republican candidates refused to do the same. Finally this week, the Republicans' website lists what they call financial disclosure, but if you look closely, it's not on the proper form required by the state. Why not? What is missing? The state disclosure form requires you to "list all business organizations in which an interest is held." The Republican candidates conveniently didn't provide this information. Why do you think that is? Is it because the Bengivenga family owns numerous development companies that do business in the borough? Is it because one of the candidates has an ownership interest in a business that is applying to expand its operations which requires the approval of the borough council and the county board of freeholders? I am trying to be fair, but come on. You can only reach one conclusion. The Republicans are trying to cover something or they would just fill out the form.

**COUNCILMAN BOB CUSICK**

Dear Editor,

Butrico and the Democrats have been discussing their temporary solution to traffic (namely diverting trucks down residential portions of New Market Ave.) for several months now. I did a little math, and I came up with a conservative estimate for the plan. Here's what I came up with.

The feasibility study says it will cost about \$4 million to extend New Market Ave. Since the cost to purchase the three buildings on Hamilton Boulevard was \$1.6 million alone, that's a very low number. We know the costs will probably come in much higher than what's estimated, but for the sake of argument, let's assume it's correct.

This cost does not include the temporary extension. Let's low-ball that and say it will cost another \$750,000.

We are also going to have to rebuild New Market Ave. to withstand trucks. Also, as a safety measure, sidewalks will need to be installed since lots of families live in that area. So let's say that will cost about \$2 million. Again, that's an extremely low estimate.

The project will also require reconfiguration of the intersection of South Clinton and New Market Avenues. This will require some property acquisitions. But again, let's give them the benefit of the doubt and say it will only cost \$500,000.

Conservatively, we're looking at \$7.25 million, but it could go as high as \$10 million or more. Based upon today's tax rates, that \$7.25 million equals 51 tax points. Without the interest, that comes to over \$600 for the average taxpayer. If your home is over the average, say assessed at \$200,000 or above, it will cost you \$1,000 or more.

Granted, the money will be spread out because it is bonded, but that also means the total will go up because of interest. In the end, that's the least that we will be paying for a temporary road. Is this the best idea for the taxpayers?

**ALEX BARLETTA  
CANDIDATE FOR BOROUGH  
COUNCIL**

Dear Editor:

A few weeks ago a full page letter to the South Plainfield Republican Organization from the local Democratic candidates ran in your paper.

There were several issues raised in this letter that were of concern. First was the violation of election reporting law. If the Republicans do not have their own house in order, and cannot file reports by their deadlines, how do they expect people to give them the privilege of running our town? It appears to me that they think they are above the law. One late filing would be an oversight, but several over a long period of time shows a disregard for the law.

The second thing that bothers me is the continued refusal of the Republican candidates to fill out the financial disclosure statements that they would fill out if elected. Maybe it's me, but I don't get what the problem is. I looked at the forms posted on the Democratic website and there really isn't much to them. The forms don't ask for really personal information, like how much money you make. They only ask where your income comes from. Now, after many weeks of being questioned, there is information posted on the Republican website but it is not the actual disclosure statement and it seems to be incomplete. Why was this simple form not filled out? People have a right to know this information.

Now that some time has passed, what has been done to address either of these areas of concern? The residents of South Plainfield and I are waiting.

**JAMES J. WIERDO**

To the Editor:

On Election Day, I am going to support Charlie Butrico for Mayor and Ray Petronko and Joe Scudato for borough council. When you look at the accomplishments of the Democrats, you can only conclude that they are hard working people who will keep their promises. Just look at the accomplishments of the Democratic team in South Plainfield—100 acres of open space preserved with more to be preserved, significant improvements to Putnam Park, the community pool and the PAL building; spearheading the building of our beautiful Memorial Park, completion of the senior housing project on Morris Avenue, the beautiful senior recreation center, the replacement of the crum-

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bling curbs on Maple Ave. and the reconstruction of Hamilton Blvd. is almost complete. When I drive around town, I see improvements everywhere. They also plan to build a new library and have begun plans to permanently keep truck traffic off Hamilton Blvd.

Please vote for Charlie Butrico for Mayor and Ray Petronko and Joe Scudato for borough council. They will work hard for the residents' best interests.

**ANN CAMPANELLI**

Dear Editor,

Corruption is constantly in the news. All around New Jersey it's coming out that public officials are in trouble. The most notorious is Middlesex County Democratic Boss John Lynch.

With all the news lately about Lynch going to jail, I don't know how anybody could vote for the local Democrats, especially when Lynch's tentacles reach all the way into South Plainfield.

For example, Lynch's Political Action Committee (PAC) gave South

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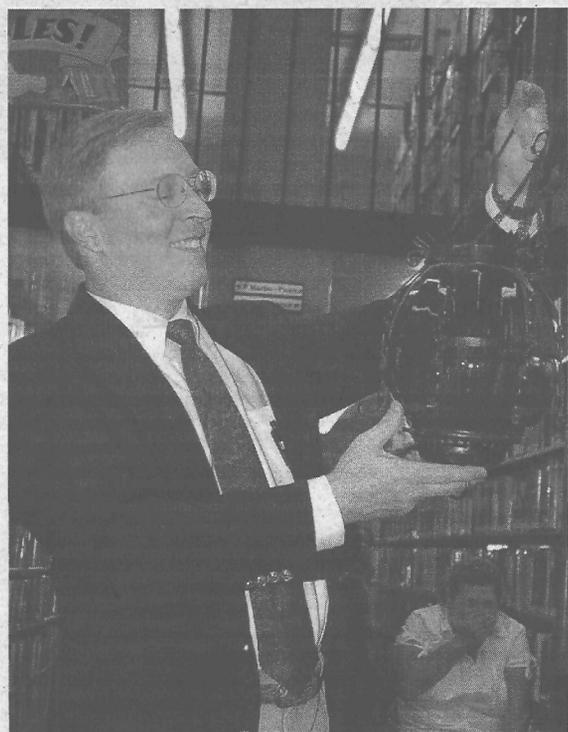
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Over 40 people were in attendance at the library's antique appraisal. Visitors were thrilled to have appraiser Alan Snyder return and brought in a wide variety of items for him to view. Snyders visits to the library are very popular and always bring in a crowd. He was supposed to move out of the area and his last visit brought in nearly 60 people. Regulars at the appraisals are happy to have him back.

## South Plainfield Library Foundation Fundraiser

The South Plainfield Public Library Foundation invites you to participate in its first major fundraising event. Lord & Taylor Bridgewater will be hosting the benefit bash, an exclusive day filled with special events and savings, on Monday, Oct. 10. Shop all day while supporting your community! We are one of several non-profit groups participating in the sale of \$5 admission tickets to Lord & Taylor's Bridgewater Benefit Bash. We retain all the proceeds from our ticket sales. With your support, we can also be one of the organizations to receive one of two bonus checks Lord & Tay-

lor is donating for the highest ticket sales.

Your savings pass entitles you to 20% off all sale and regular priced items all day (with almost no exclusions). Cosmetics and fragrances will receive 15% off. The day will be filled with exciting events from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. which include opportunities to win fabulous prizes such as a \$2,000 Lord & Taylor wardrobe or a \$500 spa certificate.

To purchase tickets visit the South Plainfield Public Library, Century 21 Moretti Realty, or Twin City Pharmacy. You can also contact Kathy Thomas at (908) 561-3247 for tickets or more information.

## Pumpkin Painting at Library

There will be a pumpkin painting program at the 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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## Calling All Student Writers!

### Observer, Hometown Heros Resume Junior Journalist Contest

The South Plainfield *Observer* and Hometown Heros are once again co-sponsoring "The Junior Journalist Contest." This weekly writing program has been very successful; the *Observer* published more than 70 essays, poems and stories by students throughout the district. The program encourages students to write and then rewards writers for their efforts.

Last May, winners and their families were recognized at a banquet, courtesy of Hometown Heros. The smiles of the students as they read their winning entries at the banquet and the look on the faces of their proud parents is all of the encouragement the *Observer* and Hometown Heros needed to repeat the program again this school year.

The rules are the same as last year: students should submit their original poetry, articles, opinion pieces or essays to their English teachers.

Teachers have already agreed to help with and submit the students' original works to either Hometown Heros or the *Observer*. Each week, after judging students' works, a winner will be selected, and his or her article will be published in the *Observer*, along with a byline and their picture. Our first winner has already been chosen and can be seen on page 12 of this issue.

Winners will receive a catered dinner for their family from Hometown Heros, which will be delivered to their homes and at the end of the school year, winning students and their parents will be honored at a banquet and each will receive a certificate of achievement for their efforts.

All students are encouraged to submit their entries. Every school has been notified about the rules on submissions. If you have any questions, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010, stop by Hometown Heros, located at 340 Hamilton Blvd. or call them at (908) 755-4376.

## BOROUGH NOTES

- The Borough held a public meeting on the 2007 budget, but did not officially vote on it since the state has not notified the borough what their discretionary funding amount will be.

- Lucas Brothers has been awarded the contract for phase two of the Hamilton Blvd. project which will begin when phase one is completed. Phase two includes the section of Hamilton Blvd. between Durham Ave. and Stetson Rd.

- Municipal land known as Block 362, Lot 3.01 (Kenneth Ave.) has been sold to Joseph and Lisa Glowacki in the amount of \$127,500.

- An ordinance creating the position of Coordinator of Long Term and Alternate Care for the Elderly was passed by the council.

- After receiving successful judgments reducing the assessed value of their property, refund checks were issued to the following: \$1,216.94 to Mark Haywood at 1909 Selene Ave.; \$8,145.90 to Max and Lynn Shalom at 801 Hadley Rd. and \$4,643.09 to Lordina at 35 Davis St.

- Building Inspection Underwriters were appointed as the borough's electrical inspectors for a three-year period, Sept. 19, 2006 through Sept. 17, 2009.

- The mayor and municipal clerk

were authorized to execute an Inter-local Agreement with the Middlesex County Health Department for the period of Jan. 1, 2007 through Dec. 31, 2007.

- Andy Matt, Inc. was awarded a contract to construct and install a Monument Park walkway and footbridge at a cost not to exceed \$273,656.25.

- A maintenance contract for the borough's Emergency Services Dispatch System was authorized with Queues Enforth Development at a cost not to exceed \$23,061.

- The mayor and municipal clerk were authorized to execute a labor agreement with Teamsters Local #866 (borough garage) for the five year period, January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2010.

- An agreement with Conrail has been reached for the widening of the Metuchen Rd. and Belmont Ave. intersection.

- The council approved participation in the Safe and Secure Communities Program which is administered through the Division of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Public Safety.

- Richard Muglia was hired as a part-time recreation attendant effective Sept. 12, 2006.

## Resident Pleads Not Guilty to Sexual Assault Charges

Louis P. Corradi was indicted last Friday on charges of aggravated sexual assault and endangering the welfare of a child. He was arrested by the South Plainfield Police Dept. on June 16.

Police were notified by the mother of the six year-old borough girl about the abuse that had taken place a year earlier in their home. Corradi, 39, had been a family friend for six years. At the time of his arrest he was unemployed and living at his parents home on Norwood Ave., in the vicinity of Kennedy Elementary School. He is currently housed at the Middlesex County Adult Correction Center in North Brunswick; bail was set at \$275,000.

"My daughter is in therapy and is very delicate and so are the rest of us," said the girl's mother. "She frequently

asks if he is still in jail." She also expressed frustration with the system, however she added that everyone involved with the case is very cooperative and understanding. It wasn't until the youngster repeated the same story of abuse to her mother a year after the incident that she thought to call police. "I only wish I had listened to her the first time," the mother said in retrospect.

Corradi's attorney, Robert Blackman of Edison, has entered a plea of not guilty. A pre-trial conference is slated to begin in January. If convicted, he faces 10 to 20 years on the aggravated sexual assault charge and five to 10 on the endangerment charge and will be required to register as a sex offender under Megan's Law along with the required jail time.

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# Around Town

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For tickets, contact April at (908) 753-0247.

## Elks Picnic

**October 7**  
South Plainfield Elks annual picnic, held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 12 noon to 5 p.m. (rain date Oct. 8), is open to the public. DJ, food, kids entertainment. Tickets can be purchased at the lodge on New Market Ave. or call (908) 668-9750 for information.

## VFW Country Breakfast

**October 8**  
VFW Post 6763, 155 Front St. will hold a breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 8, 8 to 11 a.m. Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs any style, hash browns, coffee, tea, juice. \$5 adults, \$3 children.  
For information call (908) 668-9751.

## PBA Golf Tournament

**October 9**  
South Plainfield PBA Local #100 will hold their 12th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Oct. 9 at Concordia Golf Course, in Monroe Twp. An awards banquet will follow at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave.  
For information, call (908) 917-3338, (908) 226-7661, (732) 921-1380, (908) 872-5479 or (908) 226-7684.

## UNICO Columbus Day Ceremonies

**October 9**  
On Monday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m., The Plainfields' Chapter UNICO National will host their annual Columbus Day Ceremony at the South Plainfield Municipal Building on Plainfield Ave.  
The ceremony will include remarks by dignitaries representing state and local governing bodies commemorating this national holiday, the presentation of a wreath in honor of the occasion and a flag-raising ceremony honoring the discovery of America.  
Refreshments will be served. An invitation is extended to everyone.

## Class of 1966 Members

The South Plainfield Class of 1966 is planning 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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9 CENTER CLOSED FOR COLUMBUS DAY	10 Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am	11 Exercise 8:45 am Computer Classes 10am, 11am & 1pm Tai Chi Class 2pm	12 Pathmark Shopping 9am Practical Crafts Class 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	13 Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
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RSVP to (973) 364-7573, ext. 1.

## Vermicomposting Workshop

**October 12**  
A vermicomposting workshop will be held at Rutgers Cooperative Research & Extension Earth Center, Davidsonmill Pond Park in South Brunswick. Pre-registration is required. Contact (732) 745-4170, or email solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us.

## Moms Club Meeting

**October 12**  
The MOMS Club of Edison monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 12, 10:30 a.m. at The Heritage in Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave., Edison. Pot luck lunch. For information visit our website at <http://www.momsclub.org/> or call Caryn at (908) 753-0150.

## MCRCC Blood Drive

**October 13**  
Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the University Medical Center at Princeton, blood drive on Friday, Oct. 13 at the Chamber office, One Distribution Way, Monmouth Junction from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Appointment required; donors must meet certain qualifications to give blood.  
For information or to register, visit [www.mcrcc.org](http://www.mcrcc.org) or call (732) 821-1700.

## Middlesex WOWS

**October 13**  
Middlesex East WOWS, open dance will be held on Friday, Oct. 13 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Carteret. Live music, refreshments. All welcome. \$8 members, \$10 guests. For information call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

## People for Animals Tricky Tray

**October 13**  
People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, will sponsor a Tricky Tray on Friday, Oct. 13 at the Somerville Elks Club in Bridgewater.  
Prizes are needed to make this event a success for homeless pets. All proceeds benefit homeless pets that so desperately need our help.  
For more information or to donate a prize, view our website at [pfa.petfinder.com](http://pfa.petfinder.com), or call People for Animals at (908) 964-6887, ext. 312 and leave a message with your name and an evening telephone number, or email us at [pfadiane@optonline.net](mailto:pfadiane@optonline.net).

## Jazz Concert

**October 13**  
The Arts Guild of Rahway, 1670 Irving St. in Rahway, Jazz concert on Friday, Oct. 13 at 8 p.m. Tickets \$14 in advance, \$16 at the door.  
Call (732) 381-7511, email us at [artsguild1670@earthlink.com](mailto:artsguild1670@earthlink.com) or visit [www.rahwayartsguild.org](http://www.rahwayartsguild.org).

## Craft Show

**October 14**  
Third annual craft show, Auten Road School in Hillsborough on Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission. 100 quality crafters, lunch counter and baked goods available. Proceeds to benefit Home and School Association.

## Girl Scouts Open Registration

**October 10**  
The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community invites girls of all ages to visit us at "open registration night" on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at Riley School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. to answer questions about Girl Scout activities planned for our community and to accept registration forms. Stop by and check us out!

## Historical Society Meeting

**October 10**  
The South Plainfield Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.  
Visit our website at [www.geocities.com/sphistoricalociety](http://www.geocities.com/sphistoricalociety) for more information.

## 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. 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.

## St. Stephen's Raffle

**October 14**  
St. Stephen's Women's Group is having a gift raffle auction on Satur-

day, Oct. 14 at 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church on South Plainfield Ave. For ticket information, contact Cathy Carr at (908) 806-8770. Come join us and have a night of fun!

## AMP'D To Appear At KC's Korner

**October 14**  
It is a homecoming for locals Scott Benko and Paul Fessock of the band AMP'D, who will play rock n' roll hits from yesterday and today at KC's Korner located on the corner of Oak Tree Rd. and Front St. on Saturday, Oct. 14 at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.  
Visit the bands website at [www.ampdrocks.com](http://www.ampdrocks.com) for pictures, music and upcoming shows.

## American Legion Breakfast

**October 15**  
American Legion Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave. will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults \$5, children \$3, children under six are free. Proceeds benefit our scholarship fund.

## Sacred Heart Concert Series

**October 15**  
The Sacred Heart Concert Series begins on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 3 p.m. The piano recital will be performed by our parish accompanist Jack Bender. Jack will play light piano music as well as other selections. The church is located at 149 South Plainfield Ave. Free admission. A free will offering will be accepted.

If you have any questions, call Dan Mahoney at (908) 756-0633, ext. 39.

## AARP #4144 Meeting

**October 16**  
AARP Chapter #4144 meeting will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Maple Ave. on Monday, Oct. 16 at 12:30 p.m. Program presenter is Tony Mayo, financial advisor for Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.

## VFW Cabbage Dinner

**October 20**  
The South Plainfield VFW will be holding a stuffed cabbage dinner on Friday, Oct. 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost for salad, dinner, dessert, coffee and tea is \$8. Public is welcome. For information call (908) 668-9751.

## — Out of Town —

## Autumn Blessing Dinner At Willow Grove

**October 6**  
Willow Grove Church will hold an Autumn Blessing dinner and media event on Friday, Oct. 6 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.  
RSVP to (908) 232-5678 or email [office@willowgrovechurch.org](mailto:office@willowgrovechurch.org).

## La Cage Aux Folles

**October 6-15**  
Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. presents "La Cage Aux Folles" Friday, Oct. 6 through Sunday, Oct. 15. Tickets costs \$22 to \$24. Day of show discount to students 21 and under and all active military with valid identification.  
For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041, visit our website [www.buckscountyplyhouse.com](http://www.buckscountyplyhouse.com).

## Newborns in Need Group Meeting

**October 7**  
Newborns in Need monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 7, 1-3 p.m. in the Muhlenberg Hospital Board Room. Bring a friend. Learn to knit, crochet or sew. Free refreshments. Call Daphne, (908) 561-8613 for more information.

## Starlight Singles

**October 7**  
A 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](mailto:AngelButterfly37@aol.com).

## Blackrose to Perform

**October 7**  
Blackrose, the band will perform classic rock & roll, today's hits and more at Tim Kerwins Pub on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

## 20/30s Hike

**October 7**  
Young Sierrans 20/30s is holding a hike on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 11 a.m.

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# Bengivenga, Barletta, and Sesok to Work for a Better Quality of Life

While controlling taxes and spending is the top priority for candidates Robert Bengivenga, Jr., Alex Barletta and Dave Sesok, the three also know that quality of life is an important reason why people choose to live in South Plainfield. This week Bengivenga, Barletta and Sesok discussed how some of their plans will improve quality of life in town.

"The most important thing we can do to improve quality of life," explained Bengivenga, "is to control traffic and overdevelopment. That's why I'd like to see the zoning ordinance revised. Other towns have used their zoning ordinances to combat overdevelopment, and we should too."

"We've also got to get truck traffic out of all residential neighborhoods," added Barletta. "Our proposal to extend Hollywood Ave. does that. We can't wait another six, 10 or 20 years. Residents need relief now."

Candidate Dave Sesok would also like to see the grass and leaf compost area open a couple hours on Sundays.



"The other side doesn't seem to understand this proposal. It has nothing to do with the compactor," he said. "It also won't break the bank like they say. We're talking two to three hours for only part of the year."

"I cut my own lawn, and with working on Saturday mornings I find it difficult to get my grass over before the compost area closes," Sesok added. "A couple of hours on Sunday would be a big help for me, and I'm sure other residents too."

Of all his proposals, Bengivenga is most proud of his plan to help seniors. "Obviously the most important thing we can do to help seniors is control taxes," he explained. "But the new volunteer program to help seniors with chores they can no longer handle

is another way to take care of the people who took care of us."

Bengivenga and Councilman Matt Anesh first proposed the program last year. The idea was to put together a volunteer corps that would help seniors who are having trouble maintaining their homes and yards. Seniors loved the idea.

Thanks to Joann Graf, the program is becoming a reality, and Bengivenga is part of the committee that's spearheading the effort. "Joann is doing a fantastic job, and I enjoy working with her on this," Bengivenga said.

"I have to give Robert lots of credit," Barletta said. "He has a connection with our seniors, and he's always looking out for their best interests."

"These are only some of the ideas we have to improve quality of life," Bengivenga added. "If you like these ideas, there's still more to come."

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# Key Club Fundraising for Children's Specialized Hospital

New Jersey Key Club, a student-led organization with approximately 12,000 high school students statewide as members, has set a goal of raising \$58,000 for Children's Specialized Hospital during the 2006-2007 year. Children's President and CEO Amy Mansue will be the guest speaker at the organization's Fall Rally at Six Flags Great Escape on Oct. 8.

"We are thrilled to have the support of the students in South Plainfield," said Philip Salerno III, president and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital. "This is an extraordinary group of young people enthusiastic about helping others. Already we're impressed with their ideas, energy, and strength, and we know this will be a very special partnership to benefit the children we serve."

"The money raised by the New Jer-

sey Key Club students will help provide medical care for children who are uninsured or underinsured," remarked Philip Salerno III, president and CEO of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation. "Key Club members bring a unique perspective to a project like this, as they're helping their peers in a very real and direct way."

Opening in 2007, PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital-New Brunswick will be a \$65 million, 128,000 square foot, state-of-the-art inpatient pediatric rehabilitation hospital on the campus of the renowned Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Linked to both Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital and the Child Health Institute, the center will create a comprehensive service delivery system that has never before existed in New Jersey. Their physical connection

will offer unparalleled benefits to children as they move seamlessly from acute to rehabilitative care. There will be access to emergency acute care services and research, in-house blood and fluid tests for quicker turn-around times and lower costs, and collaboration opportunities for physicians. Parents will also be able to take a more active role in their child's recovery and in the therapies their child requires thanks to facilities for parents to stay, family lounges, laundry and shower facilities, playrooms for siblings, and more.

Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. For more information, visit [www.keyclub.org](http://www.keyclub.org) or call 800-KIWANIS. The New Jersey District of Key Club International is a group of Key Clubs within the State of New Jersey. For more information, visit [www.njkeyclub.org](http://www.njkeyclub.org) or call 888-510-7615.

# Boroughwide Curbside Pickups Underway

The borough's annual curbside pickup is underway. Residents should have received an orange flyer in the mail listing the scheduled pickup and a map of five districts.

The first pickup began last week in district 1 and continues this week in district 2, third week of October 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.

## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Vassie Stellakis, John Halkiadakis Announce Engagement



John Halkiadakis and Vassie Stellakis  
Mr. and Mrs. John Stellakis of South Plainfield announce the engage-

ment of their daughter, Vassie, to John Halkiadakis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmanuel Halkiadakis of Edison.

Miss Stellakis is a graduate of Mount Saint Mary Academy, Loyola College of Maryland and a graduate student at Kean University. She is employed as a special education teacher for Edison public schools.

Mr. Halkiadakis is a graduate of Edison High School, Rutgers University and a graduate student at UMDNJ. He is employed as an associate research biologist at the Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation in Edison.

The wedding will take place during the summer of 2008.

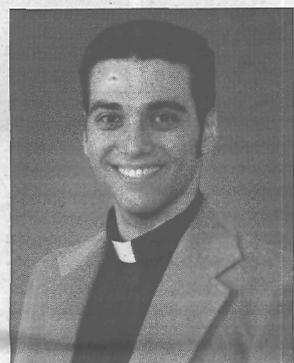
### St. Stephens Welcomes New Pastor

The congregation of St. Stephens Lutheran Church is proud to announce that on Oct. 2, the church welcomed a new pastor, The Rev. Clark Olson-Smith. St. Stephens has been without a full-time pastor since July 1 when Pastor Richard Kiesling retired.

Pastor Olson-Smith will lead his first service on Sunday, Oct. 8. His formal installation will take place on Nov. 5 at St. Stephens.

St. Stephens will be Pastor Olson-Smith's first parish as an ordained pastor. He accepted the call from St. Stephens on Sept. 10 and was ordained on Sept. 17 by the New Jersey Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

Pastor Olson-Smith grew up in Hershey, Pa., is a graduate of Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He will reside at St. Stephen's parsonage in South Plainfield with his wife, Sara, also a newly ordained Lutheran Pastor and new pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in North



The Rev. Clark Olson-Smith

Plainfield. Everyone at St. Stephens is pleased and excited to have Pastor Olson-Smith as the fifth Pastor at St. Stephens. This is our 50th year serving God in South Plainfield and we're looking forward to beginning a new era.

St. Stephen's services are 10:30 a.m. on Sunday Mornings, Sunday School is at 9:15 a.m.

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# Democratic Candidates Propose Creation of Zero Tolerance Traffic Zones

This week Councilmember Charlie Butrico, the Democratic candidate for mayor, Councilmember Ray Petronko, and Council



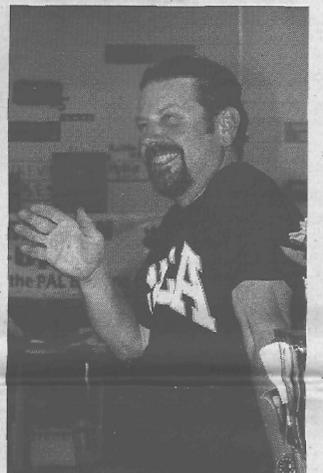
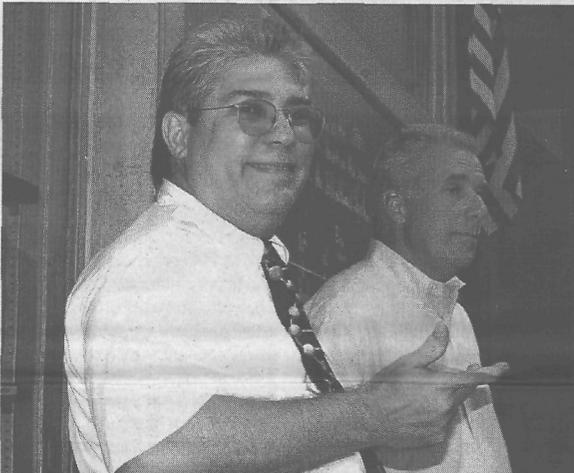
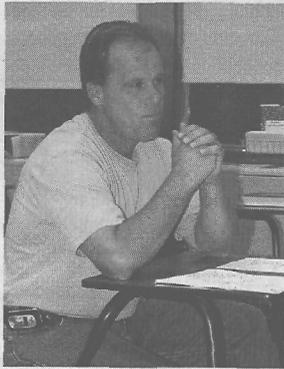
candidate Joe Scudato reflected on the information and input they have received from residents thus far in the campaign. Councilman Petronko remarked, "The best part of a campaign is the door to door effort. It is great to talk to residents one on one and hear their support and encouragement, but also to hear their concerns about their neighborhoods, as well as the town on a whole. We are about half way through the Borough with our listening tour and have heard many of our resident's thoughts and concerns. One issue that seems to be a problem in many neighborhoods is speeding. This is especially true on the main streets, the cut through streets between the main streets such as Rahway, East Hendricks, or Murray, and around our schools."

Mayoral candidate Charlie Butrico added, "Speeding puts both pedestrians and other motorists at risk. The safety of our residents, especially our children, is of the utmost concern to our Democratic team. The officers in patrol cars are always on alert and issue summonses, but we need more. Ray, Joe, and I began brainstorming as to what more could be done to better deter speeders. I consulted with Police Chief John Ferraro and suggested we create "Zero Tolerance Traffic Zones." These zones will be clearly marked at the beginning and end as zero tolerance areas and the speed limit will be strictly enforced with no ex-

ceptions. About two weeks ago, there was an article in the *Observer* about the new mobile speed alert sign that was placed on Lane Ave. The sign will be moved on a rotating basis to the streets near our schools. We would like to pursue acquiring more of these signs through the Department of Transportation grants and to incorporate our zero tolerance zones into the planned locations for these signs. By alerting drivers to their speed as they enter into these zones, hopefully they will slow down. If not, then they will receive a summons."

Council Candidate Joe Scudato commented, "The reason I chose to run on the Democratic ticket was because I believe the Democrats listen and respond to the concerns of the residents. The Democrats are always looking to think "outside the box" and come up with new solutions to the issues that arise. The idea of the "Zero Tolerance Traffic Zones" is a perfect example of this. As we move forward on this exciting idea, we will look to work with the police department and the Traffic Safety Advisory Board on how best to implement this plan and provide greater safety for all of our residents. This plan will provide another tool to help ensure the safety of our residents, especially our children. I have no doubt that once we adopt this plan, many towns in New Jersey will follow our example."

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## SPHS, Middle School Parents Meet the Teachers

by Patricia Abbott

Recent Back to School Night at the middle school and high school turned the tables or rather the desks as parents entered the classrooms in place of their children. The purpose of the evening is to allow parents to meet teachers and hear about the course of study for each class.

After a brief assembly with the school's respective principals, the adults hit the hallways maps in hand. Much like the first day of school there was a bit of confusion as they at-

tempted to find the classrooms. Parents followed their child's schedule in abbreviated eight minute sessions that included a quick snack in the lunchroom.

Clubs and sports teams from both schools took the opportunity to get a start on fundraising selling everything from t-shirts to cupcakes.

## History Center Open to Public

The South Plainfield Historical Society History Center is open to the public every Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. The room, located in the Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave., is chock-full of archival material including newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, vintage clothing, reference material, non-lending library books

and photographs that illustrate the Borough's history.

The History Center is located on the lower level via the "boys" entrance on Jackson Ave. Arrangements can be made for a speaker to address school and scouting groups or clubs of up to 25 individuals. Contact Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073. More information is available at <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety>.

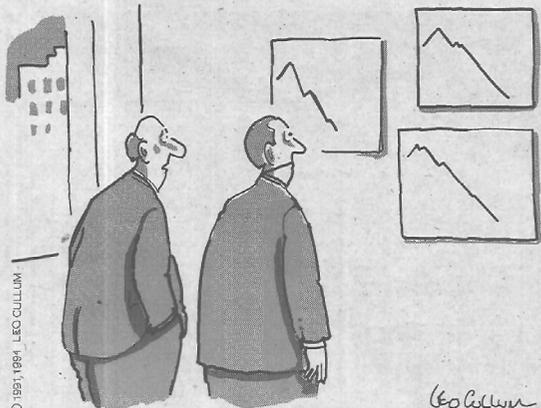
## Children's Magic Show at Library

The South Plainfield Public Library will host the children's magic show "Hocus Pocus with Joe Fisher," on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. The program will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center located at 90 Maple Ave., down the street from the library.

The program is suggested for children ages three and over. Children may come in costume if they wish. The program is being presented free of charge, but pre-registration is requested.

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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## Kennedy Students Witness The Magic of Science

By Jane Dornick

In ancient times magicians wielded tremendous power in society. Today, of course, we realize that the mysterious world of magic is truly the world of science. All magic is comprised of illusions and the majority of illusions are based on scientific principles. Kennedy students recently went on a journey of exploration into the science behind the magic.

The Mobile Ed production The Magic of Science allowed everyone, both in the audience and on stage, to become a magician. Everything in show looked and acted like a real magic trick. The only real trick is that everything done was science at work.

Science, studies in chemistry, light, magnetism, optical illusions, physics and mathematics were all demonstrated. Everything performed had a scientific principle behind it. However, each of the tricks appeared to the young audience to be a challenging and astonishing magic trick. Strobe lights and a laser light show were among the experience. Each grade level viewed a similar performance with the fourth grade class returning at the end of the day to get a more hands-on look at the tricks they

## policereport

• On Sept. 27 Quinnie C. Husser, 56, of Plainfield was arrested for no insurance, driving on a suspended license and three outstanding warrants.

• On Sept. 29 Nhung Nguyen, 21, of Port Reading was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• On Sept. 30 Keith Lamont Chatten, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, expired registration, no insurance and three outstanding warrants.

• A Plainfield resident reported that their cell phone that was attached to their belt was removed while at Liquid Assets.

• Oct. 1 a Fairmount Ave. resident reported that cinderblocks had been thrown damaging their metal mailbox.

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## In Search of Local History

The South Plainfield Historical Society has had a busy summer once again. We would like to thank everyone who visited the History Center during the summer and to remind you that the center, located in the Roosevelt Administration Building, is open every Tuesday from 2 to 8 p.m. We realize that it's been difficult to get there because of all the construction and detours on Hamilton Blvd. Hopefully that will all end soon.

The Historical Society launched the 2007 Historical Calendar at the Labor Day Parade. Calendars are available for a donation of \$10. If you didn't have a chance to pick one up then you can get them any Tuesday at the center, or at the following businesses: Oak Tree Farms, Cindy Michael's Jewelers, Twin City Pharmacy and Curves. You can also call (908) 754-7268 and leave a message. This year the calendar not only recognizes the 100th anniversary of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, but also shows various families, including some wedding photos. You can also find a picture of the

downtown area from 1914. Boy has that area changed! Please pick up a calendar and see what else it has to offer.

Our annual Town History Day is quickly approaching too. This year's event will be slightly different. It will be held at the History Center on Oct. 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Not only will there be antique cars and photos and other memorabilia from South Plainfield's past, a Civil War Encampment will be outside on the lawn. Plan on stopping by.

We are slowly moving forward with the installment of the Civil War Memorial in Memorial Park. Even though there have been some obstacles to overcome, we are moving forward with this project and anticipate a Spring installation.

One of the historical markers that was applied for earlier this year has finally arrived in town. This one recognizes the Baptist Cemetery on New Market Ave. More information about the installation will be available shortly. For more information on any of the things mentioned here please check

our website [www.geocities.com/sphistoricalociety](http://www.geocities.com/sphistoricalociety) or e-mail us at [sphistoricalsoc@cs.com](mailto:sphistoricalsoc@cs.com). Better yet, come to a meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the History Center, Roosevelt Admin. Bldg., 125 Jackson Ave.

## Haunted Woods Tour Still Needs Several Items

It's that time of year again, Halloween! The members of the Almost Famous Players Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour are busy rehearsing to prepare for their popular show.

They are still in need of various props/sets for their upcoming show: artificial Xmas trees, a rocking chair, small couch and/or chair, chandelier, old dolls and black Halloween-type robes.

Call (908) 346-2290 for more information or ticket reservations. Please leave a clear message with your name and number.



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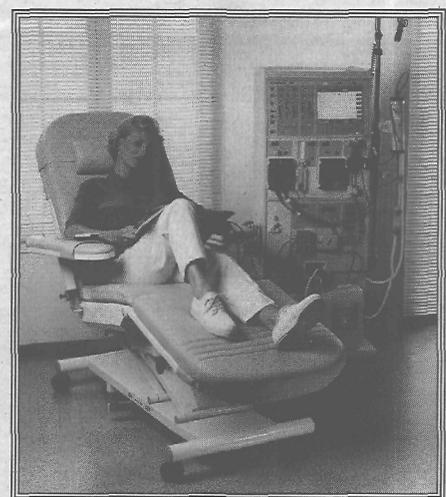
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# Sports

## SOCCER

### Arsenal Defeats Branchburg Titans 2-0

What started out as a rainy and gloomy day sure didn't end up like one. The U-8 boys soccer team proved that teamwork makes all the difference. In only their second game as a brand new team, Arsenal walked away with their first win of the season with both goals being scored by Jose Arrubla. The defensive action by the rest of the team, made it impossible for any goals to be scored by the opponent.

The player lineup for the 2006-2007 season includes, Jose Arrubla, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Tyler Curtis, Jake Giordano, Jake Hoffman, Alec Paez, Nicholas Plate, Ricky Pellegrino and Jake Smith. Coaching the team are Rich Paez and Greg Hoffman.

Their next game is away on Sunday, Oct. 7 against the North Hunterdon Barca. Please come out and show your support.

All boys born between Aug. 1, 1998 and July 31, 1999 interested in playing traveling soccer, we would be more than happy to add you to our roster. For information, call Chris or Rich Paez at (908) 756-7012.



Football Eagles enjoy hot dogs, potato chips and sodas courtesy of the Raritan Valley Orthodontics.

### SP Eagles Home Game Sponsored By Raritan Valley Orthodontics

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer held their third home game on Oct. 1 at the Eagles Field, on Kenneth Ave. The game was against the Flemington Falcons.

Raritan Valley Orthodontics sponsored this game, by providing free hot dogs, potato chips and sodas to football players and cheerleaders for both teams. The Eagles would like to thank

Raritan Valley Orthodontics and all our sponsors for their continued support of our football and cheer program.

Raritan Valley Orthodontics has four locations Raritan, Belle Meade, Warren and Kendall Park. If you mention the Oct. 1 game against the Falcons you will receive a free consultation. You can call Raritan Valley at (908) 231-1860.

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.league lineup.com/spjbc](http://www.league lineup.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.

### Newark Bears Play Game to Raise Awareness of Domestic Violence

The Newark Bears Professional Baseball Club will host "Let's Play Ball for Domestic Violence Awareness Day" between the Newark Police Department and Fire Department on Sunday, Oct. 22 at Bears and Eagles

Riverfront Stadium in Newark. Tickets are \$5 with all proceeds donated to Babyland Family Services Domestic Violence Shelter. Gates open 11 a.m. First pitch 1 p.m.

For tickets call 1-866-55-4BEAR.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE  
ORDINANCE No. 1780

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

Ordinance #17 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2010 was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 6, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE No. 1780

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT OF SUCH COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2010

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	2009	2010
<b>DPW</b>					
GENERAL SUPERVISOR	40.02	41.42	42.87	44.37	45.93
SUPERVISOR	37.90	39.23	40.60	42.02	43.49
SENIOR SEWER REPAIRMAN	33.79	34.97	36.19	37.46	38.77
HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR	31.51	32.62	33.76	34.94	36.16
MECHANIC - CLASS A	31.51	32.62	33.76	34.94	36.16
MECHANIC - CLASS B	27.88	28.83	29.84	30.88	31.96
MECHANIC - CLASS C	17.27	17.87	18.50	19.15	19.82
TRUCK DRIVER	27.86	28.83	29.84	30.88	31.96
SEWER REPAIRMAN	27.86	28.83	29.84	30.88	31.96
LABORER III	25.01	25.68	26.79	27.73	28.70
LABORER II	20.73	21.45	22.20	22.98	23.79
LABORER I	17.27	17.87	18.50	19.15	19.82

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

\$121.60 October 6, 2006

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 382, LOT 6.01 TO JOSEPH AND LISA GLOWACKI IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127,500.00 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$26.60 October 6, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1755

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

Ordinance #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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. 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.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$34.20 October 6, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1758

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

Ord. 1758 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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. 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.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$38.55 October 6, 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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. 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.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$30.40 October 6, 2006

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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$25.65 October 6, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

September 29, 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 28, 2006.

- A. Case #16-04-Ameriland, Inc. Block 331, Lots 1, 2, 3 & 3.01; 312 New Market Avenue. The applicant's request for final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #47-06-Sherilyn Courtney. Block 85, Lot 5, 2526 Audubon Avenue. The applicant's request for a southerly side yard setback variance and a front yard setback variance from Audubon Avenue in order to erect a (1) story addition was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) voluntary condition.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary, Board of Adjustment

\$26.60 October 6, 2006

LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT  
(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Shonda D. Holman

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFERTY & McKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center; 701 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any), filed in a civil action, in which Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-6 is plaintiff, and Kary Hagans and Violet Hagans, his wife is/are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-14428-06 within thirty-five (35) days after October 6, 2006 exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint (and Amendment to Complaint, if any). You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated January 26, 2006, made by Kary Hagans and Violet Hagans, his wife as mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as a nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc. recorded on February 10, 2006, for Middlesex County in Book 11344, Page 559 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Bank of New York as Trustee for the Certificateholders CWABS, Inc. Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-6, by Assignment recorded on August 31, 2006 for Middlesex County in Book#: 00973 Page: 0296; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 57 Whitman St., Carteret, NJ 07080.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services Offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7800.

YOU, Shonda D. Holman, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a child support judgment entered on September 2, 1998 in Superior Court of New Jersey known as Judgment No. J-228353-1998 and Case No. CS 337702 74A against Kary L. Hagans in an amount that varies from date to date, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

Theodore J. Fetter, Clerk  
Superior Court of New Jersey

\$98.00 October 6, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1759

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

Ordinance #1759 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 150 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "TRAILER AND STORAGE CONTAINER USE AND LICENSING" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, October 6, 2006 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at 8:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1759

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 150 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "TRAILER AND STORAGE

CONTAINER USE AND LICENSING"

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

\$150-5 Fee

An initial registration and licensing fee of \$500.00 per trailer/storage container shall be paid at the time of the initial application by the property owner or trailer/storage container user. Thereafter, said licenses shall be annually renewable at a cost of \$250.00 per trailer/storage container.

All other provisions of this Chapter and corresponding ordinances 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

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South Plainfield residents, please continue to raise your voices in support of rerouting the truck traffic away from our main thoroughfares. Let the Department of Environmental Protection know that you will not sell yourself short and settle for anything less than the absolute safety of our children and our residents well-being.

This town cannot continue to deal with the constant backup of traffic on a continual basis. Edison already has built a roadway and bridge over the Dismal Swamp on Talmadge Rd., as well as high density housing that has not disturbed wildlife, so why would another bridge benefiting the truck traffic and South Plainfield cause a disturbance to the swamp?

What is "good for the goose is good for the gander." The birds will continue to chirp and the turtles will continue to swim. Truck traffic will be able to move along making their way in a more conducive manner and the children of South Plainfield will be safer.

Thank you to the SPHS Peer to Peer Leadership program under the leadership of Mrs. Martko, Mr. Baker, Ms. Vandermark, Ms. Zurka, Mr. Encinas and Mr. Hajduk, for placing pink ribbons throughout the town

in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Thank you to Eileen Brady and Debby DiDolce for stepping up to help the Grant School PTO programs and to all the parents who volunteered during the Grant School Book Fair, it was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to Angel Jazikoff for stepping up as chairperson of the 2007 fifth grade Stokes Fundraising Committee. Angel will hold a meeting for fifth grade parents so they can offer suggestions for fundraising for their trip in Oct. 2007.

Thank you to Janice Friedman, author of an article that appeared in the Saturday, Sept. 30 edition of the Home News entitled "Youth sports are supposed to be fun! REMEMBER?" reciting a quote that stated, "In sports, if it's fun, success will follow." It is amazing how much you get back when you allow the children to have fun instead of brow beating them.

The South Plainfield Labor Day Parade aired on Comcast Channel 74 on Sept. 28 and 30; however, for anyone who missed it, you can purchase a copy on DVD for \$15. All proceeds from this sale will benefit the SPHS Graphic Arts Club. Copies of borough council meetings and police

department promotions are also available. Send your request for a DVD copy of a council meeting, including police promotions, or the Labor Day Parade to: Debbie Boyle, 209 Van Fleet Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Please make checks payable to: SPHS Graphic Arts Club. Indicate the date of the meeting and/or event and number requested.

The Old Timers Motorcycle Run to benefit the Open Your Heart To Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. was postponed due to rain. The run and picnic will be held on Sunday, Oct. 8 at the PAL building beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Please watch for the following SPHS Athletic Booster Club supported fundraisers which benefit the Jost Field ticket booth and the high school bleachers:

- Walk-a-Thon will take place on Sunday, Oct. 22 in Spring Lake Park at 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m. Donation is \$5 per person to walk the park twice. Please come and join us for this worthwhile cause.
- Used clothing drive. Watch for a date for sometime in late October, early November. Clothing, shoes, bedding and purses will be sent to Poland to help out the less fortunate.

Thank you to Jesse Lacerda for all your help during the September 22 SPHS football game selling our Super 50/50 tickets. We have over 1,000 tickets that have been distributed to date. Watch for the thermometer sign that will show the amount of monies that have been donated to date. The super 50/50 winning number will be drawn at the home SP football game on Thanksgiving Day. Ya gotta be in it to win it!

Watch for the upcoming beautification of the front of Grant Elementary School and the Middle School center courtyard pond which is the home to a wild duck family, fish and microorganisms.

Obituaries

Lillian Steeves

Lillian Steeves passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Astoria, NY, she had resided in South Plainfield.

Ms. Steeves received a bachelor of science degree from St. Johns University and later returned to Pratt University to receive a Master's Library of Science degree. Lillian loved the arts and literature. She was a beautiful opera singer.

She was the director of the South Plainfield Library. After retiring, she worked at various jobs. Most recently, she was employed at the South Plainfield A&P.

Ms. Steeves was preceded in death by her parents, Alfonso Steeves and Stefana Lombardo; brothers Anthony, Richard, Joseph, Charlie and Phil.

She leaves behind her dear son, George A. Steeves of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

ers, Eugene Jr. and wife, Susan, of South Plainfield, and Randy and wife Lori of Heightstown; a niece, Jermaine; two nephews, Stephon and Eugene and a host of extended relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

George Scott Green, 83

George Scott Green died Friday, Sept. 29 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center.

He was born Sept. 26, 1923 in Philadelphia, Pa.

George, formerly of South Plainfield, is a retired automotive mechanic with Ford Motor Company and proudly served as a first lieutenant during WWII in the United States Marines. He was also a member of the VFW.

He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Betty A. Green.

Survivors include three daughters, Linda Pelouquin and husband, Thomas, of South Plainfield, Judy Stoner and husband, Larry, of Moon Township, Pa. and Barbara Harmon and husband, Craig, of Gilbert, SC; a sister, Kathryn Beaver of Frederick, Pa.; six grandchildren, Thomas, Kelly, Nicole, Amy, Matthew and Carly and one great-grandchild, Emma.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Holy Cross Church in North Plainfield.

Services were under the direction of McMillan-Small Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the funeral home's online guest registry at [www.msfn.net](http://www.msfn.net).

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Heart Association, 1506 Gumm Plaza, Hwy 501, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or Grand Strand Regional Medical Center Volunteer Auxiliary, 809-82nd Ave. N., Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.

Join National Family Caregivers Assoc.

National Family Caregivers Association has free memberships for families. NFCA is for all caregivers:

parents of children with special needs, "well-spouses" and those involved in eldercare. Members will also receive a newsletter with practical tips on things like how not to pull

out your back while lifting, how to find respite, resources/book reviews, etc. Did you know that there are over 800,000 caregivers in NJ? Did you know that more people enter institutional care due to caregiver burn-out rather than deterioration of their condition? I became an advocate

because I was constantly struggling with the medical (and educational) systems that were supposed to be

helping my daughter. Through NFCA, caregivers learn how to take care of themselves while caring for another. I received valuable information and that's why I volunteer to help other families, and each year in NJ we have a Governor's Proclamation for Family Caregiver Month.

Please spread the word and encourage caregiving families to sign up free at (800) 896-3650 or online at [www.thefamilycaregiver.org](http://www.thefamilycaregiver.org).

"There are only four kinds of people in this world. Those who have been caregivers, those who are currently caregivers, those who will be caregivers, and those who will need caregivers."

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# IN YOUR OPINION

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Plainfield Democratic Chair Patrick Diegnan \$7,000 for Diegnan's assembly campaigns. If you want to see for yourself, just go to [www.politicsnj.com/lynchpac.htm](http://www.politicsnj.com/lynchpac.htm).

A big contributor to the Lynch PAC was Jack Morris. We all know about how Morris gets whatever he wants in South Plainfield and throughout Middlesex County. For example, Councilman Butrico and Councilman Petronko voted to change the zoning ordinance for Morris.

Another big contributor to the Lynch PAC was Roseland Properties, the owner of the apartment complex at the end of the exit from Route 287. Roseland Properties has been mentioned in articles about the Lynch probe and has also given donations to the South Plainfield Democrats and the county Democrats.

The Democrats want us to believe there is no link between the money and the approvals given to the people who donated the money. I don't buy it.

South Plainfield needs to be swept clean in November.  
**GREGG JONES**

Dear Editor:

I was driving through town this week and I couldn't help notice that Charlie Butrico is running for Mayor of South Plainfield. Wow, isn't that great. Charlie Butrico will make an outstanding mayor. He possesses all the qualities that we as citizens should look for in our public servants. Charlie is caring, kind, considerate and thoughtful.

During his time on the Borough Council, he has never sought the spotlight or the glory. He has just rolled up his sleeves and worked day in and day out for the citizens of our Borough. He has worked almost daily with representatives at all levels of government to make sure that the Helen Street Project continues to move forward. This project will certainly improve the quality of life for all our residential streets. But as everyone knows, dealing with the Federal Government can be a long and tedious process. I can rest easy knowing that Charlie Butrico will never give up until this project is completed. But Charlie is continuing to tackle our traffic dilemma by proposing the New

Market Ave. Extension Project, which when completed, will remove trucks from our residential areas along Hamilton Blvd. I can't think of anything scarier than having trucks traveling right next to where kids are. I want to thank Charlie for not sitting back and for proposing this alternative truck route. I know that would certainly make me rest easier if I was a parent.

Charlie has also worked with representatives of our Board of Education on this years defeated school board budget. Through Charlie Butrico's efforts, the Borough Council reduced the school board budget by 1.2 million dollars. That's 10 tax points! Bravo Charlie. Thanks for acting responsibly and with my pocketbook in mind.

We need leaders of Charlie Butrico's determination and character. We need Charlie Butrico as mayor of South Plainfield. Please join me in voting for Charlie Butrico for mayor, as well as his running mates, Ray Petronko and Joe Scudato for the borough council.

THANK YOU.  
**RONALD DESCLAFANI**

Dear Editor,

Talk about people in glass houses throwing stones. Last week Democrat Dennis Cerami started throwing stones like crazy and I guess he forgot where he lives.

Unlike Cerami, the Republican candidates don't owe their livelihood to the Democratic machine, the same machine run until recently by John Lynch.

After getting elected to council Cerami began working for the county in the health department, where he's now making almost twice, if not more, than what he was hired at. In fact, the *Star Ledger* pointed out last year that Cerami was one of only two county employees to get special raises nobody else received. It's not hard to see his motivation in signing that letter.

Back when they took over, the Democrats promised they would never use their positions on council to benefit themselves or their families. Chalk that up as another broken campaign promise.

Despite their own conflicts, Cerami and the Democrats still want to make up stories about what the Republicans will do if elected. Where are they com-

ing up with these things? Do they have a crystal ball they look into during their secret meetings?

Like a writer said last week, the Democrats have proven they are the ones with conflicts of interest. They take money from contractors to whom they give no-bid contracts. That's a fact. It's not speculation.

They take money from Jack Morris and then change the zoning rules for him. That's another fact.

Isn't it about time the Democrats, like Butrico and Petronko, start explaining these things rather than making up fantasies about what the other side will do?

**BRIAN BASILE**

## Blessing of the Animals At Oak Tree Presbyterian

The Oak Tree Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday Oct. 8 at 1 p.m. in the church's backyard. All household pets and their humans are welcome and all will receive a special treat. The church is located at 445 Plainfield Rd. in North Edison. For more information, please call (732) 549-4178.

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## The Wonders of Pink

By Danielle Devizio  
Kennedy School Fourth Grade

Pink is the color of flowers that you watch bloom.  
Pink is the butterflies, that fly in June.  
Pink is the color of the rainbow, you see glow.  
Pink is my favorite color, if you didn't know.

## Kennedy School Student Danielle Devizio Is Named Junior Journalist

Danielle Devizio, fourth grader at Kennedy School, is the first winner in the 2006-07 Junior Journalist program. Her poem, "The Wonders of Pink," has earned her dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, school principal, Hometown Heros located on Hamilton Blvd. or the Observer office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year end banquet in May of 2007.

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



Danielle Devizio, Kennedy School fourth grader, with teacher Cynthia Severino.

## Pink Ribbons Flutter for Breast Cancer Awareness

By Libby Barsky

Pink ribbons are greeting drivers as they approach the entrances to most district schools.

Last Saturday morning from 10 a.m. to noon, 40 students from the South Plainfield High School Girls' Field Hockey Team and Peer Leader members tied ribbons on trees and poles to make the community aware that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Best friends Hannah Levine and Sam Corveleyn are the co-leaders of the event. Seniors this year, the girls have been organizing events to publicize and fundraise for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation since they were sophomores. "I want people to think about cancer," said Levine. Levine and Corveleyn are doing more than making people aware. They have raised money for the past three years selling ribbon bracelets to students. This year they are planning to organize a "wear denim and pink day" where students sign up and pay to wear denim and pink on a specified day with the funds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation branch in Summit.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker to honor her sister, Susan G. Komen, who died at 36 of breast cancer. According to the foundation, 211,200 women and 1,720 men in the U.S. are expected to be diagnosed with breast cancer and more than 41,000 will die. Research results call for monthly breast self examination to begin by age 20 and annual mammograms are advised for women beginning at age 40. The foundation has grown to an organization with more than 75,000 volunteers working through 116 U.S. and seven international affiliates. The organization is dedicated to eradicating breast cancer through research, education, screening and treatment.

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## From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

Columbus Day, a holiday whose observance the federal government set as the second Monday in October, will be observed by the South Plainfield Free Public Library on Monday, Oct. 9. The Library will be closed that day, but we will be open Sunday, Oct. 8 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and we will resume our regular hours on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m.

Columbus Day is celebrated in many countries to commemorate the traditional date of Columbus' arrival in the New World in 1492. Other holidays commemorating the same event include Día de la Raza (Day of the Race) in many countries in Central and South America. In Canada it is celebrated as Canadian Thanksgiving Day. Also, many towns in New Jersey will have parades honoring both Columbus and his Italian heritage.

The other big holiday in October is Halloween and to help celebrate that holiday the Library is hosting a pumpkin painting program for children on Saturday, Oct. 14. Miss Linda ar-

ranges the program as a drop-in so that anytime from 10 a.m. to noon children who have registered can stop by and decorate a pumpkin. In order for Miss Linda to know how many pumpkins she will need, she requires pre-registration and there is a \$1 fee. So sign up for a memorable experience.

On Thursday, Oct. 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Miss Jamie will have a workshop on jewelry creation with artist Valerie M. The program will be for anyone 14 years old and up and you will leave with a bracelet you have made. Space is limited so you must preregister by calling the library (908) 754-7885 or e-mailing at missjamied@yahoo.com.

Miss Linda is back from vacation and is doing her regular storytime and craft programs for three year olds and up on Tuesday at 10:30, Wednesday at 6:30 and Thursday at 1:15. Time for 2s and 3s is Wednesday at 10:30 and Thursday at 6:30. Finally Books and Babies is held on Friday morning at 10:30.

If you have any questions about any activities at the library you can call us or check our website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## Adult School Upcoming Events

This fall the South Plainfield Adult School is continuing their very popular series of tours of New York City.

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There are still some tickets available for the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City Music Hall on Sunday, Dec. 3 (matinee). There are also tickets available for the Philadelphia Flower Show on Sunday, March 4, 2007.

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