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Stripper Indicted in Roommate Attack

Exotic dancer Linda Kay, 31, indicted last month in a Middlesex County Court for improper disposal of human remains, has also been indicted for the assault on a roommate at her Diana Dr. home on April 29.

Kay, along with housemates Sean McDonough, 30, and Polina Nikulina, 26, were charged with criminal restraint, making terroristic threats and weapons offenses after holding roommate Andrea Leipow hostage at gunpoint.

According to Leipow, she was held against her will by the trio for five hours, that Kay threatened to slit her throat and McDonough pointed an empty shotgun at her head and pulled the trigger. Prior to the incident the three had been drinking heavily. An argument broke out and McDonough ordered Kay and Nikulina to strip Leipow and throw her into the street. They also forced her to drink alcohol so that police wouldn't believe her if she called to report the incident.

There are also allegations of satanic practices having taken place at the home and that McDonough was suspected as being the leader of a cult.

Kay was charged with possessing a severed hand in a jar found in the home in July after police were called on a suicide attempt. Books on black magic, six human skulls, Medieval weapons and unclothed mannequins wearing wigs were also discovered.

If found guilty, McDonough faces up to 10 years in prison on additional charges of aggravated assault, possession of a switchblade and sawed-off shotgun. Kay and Nikulina face up to five years if convicted of only one of the three charges.

Attorneys for Kay and McDonough say their clients are innocent.

Their Diana Dr. home has been vacant since July and is currently listed for sale.

We Salute Their Bravery

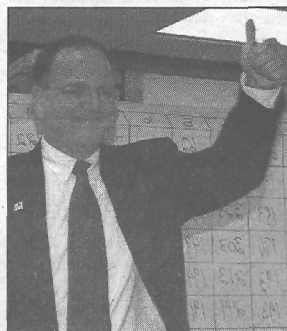
The Badge of Glory

Of all the medals upon our chests
From battles and wars we knew
The one admired as the very best
Is the one of infantry blue.
It's only a rifle upon a wreath
So why should it mean so much?
It is what it took it earn it
That gives it that touch.
To earn this special accolade
You faced the enemy's fire
Whether you survived or not
God dialed that one desire.
For those who served the cause
And brought the nation glory
It's the Combat Infantryman's Badge
That really tells the story.

—Author Unknown
Submitted by Pat Janus

**Veterans Day is
Saturday, Nov. 11**

Dems Retain Control of Council



Charlie Butrico gives a "thumbs up" after election results confirm his win in bid for mayor.

"I am extremely honored to be elected mayor in the town I grew up in." —Charlie Butrico

The Democrats' control of the council was sealed with their sweep in Tuesday's election. Voters chose a new mayor, as well as two councilmen

— all Democrats. Voter turnout was 52.11 percent, or 6,626 of the 12,715 eligible voters. This is up slightly from last year's 50 percent turnout.

Democrat Charlie Butrico was elected mayor. He received 3,618 votes, defeating Republican candidate Robert Bengivenga, Jr., who received 2,839 votes. Butrico will replace Dan Gallagher, who did not seek re-election. Butrico's victory will leave a vacant seat on the council that will be filled by appointment in January.

Incumbent councilman Ray Petronko, and first-time candidate, Joe Scudato, were the victors over Republican challengers, Alex Barletta and David Sesok, Jr., who were also running for the first time. Petronko received 3,406 votes; Scudato, 3,212; Barletta, 3,002 and Sesok, 2,971.

After thanking all those who worked on the campaign for their hard work and support, Charlie Butrico added, "I am extremely honored to be elected mayor of the town I grew up in."

The present council is made up of four Democrats and two Republicans, with a Democratic mayor. The balance of power on the borough council would have been split evenly with

just one Republican win. Both sides fought a hard race up until the last minute. The campaign had plenty of negative content and accusations on both sides. Traffic, trucks and taxes were just a few issues both sides debated. A candidates' debate was held in October and attended by hundreds. It was recorded and played several times on Comcast channel 74, as well

as at the Senior Center.

"I would like to congratulate Charlie on his victory. We gave them a good run for their money. I look forward to working with the new administration and hope we can work together. As a councilman I will continue to work hard for what is best for our town," said Councilman Robert Bengivenga, Jr.



Councilman Ray Petronko, Mayor Elect Charlie Butrico, and Councilman Elect Joe Scudato congratulate each other after election results Tuesday.

Senator Buono Gives Students Inside Information



Peer to Peer Leaders Becky Smith and Brandon Downes presented Sen. Barbara Buono with a token of their appreciation for her assistance in restoring the middle school sports programs this year.

By Jane Dornick

As a part of the State Legislative Back to School Month program, the South Plainfield Middle School had the pleasure of Senator Barbara Buono (D-Dist. 18) teaching a class on the duties and responsibilities of a legislator, as well as inform students about the new nutritional lunch program. Tiffany Lucey's math class and Joe Blondo and Joe Bennett's history classes participated in this unique program that was held in the school library.

Buono was first elected to the State Assembly in 1994 and then elected to the senate in 2003. She explained that the goal of the back to school program was for legislators to speak to students about the reality of legislation and to dispel myths of the system. "Candidates must maintain their integrity during campaigns," referring to recent political ads being shown on TV. "Sometimes it gets too personal," said Buono. "Once elected, legislators discuss ideas, negotiate and compromise," she said and the classes watched a short film depicting students at the State Capital discussing what must go on inside. As a lesson in how government functions, the students were given a project where they would have to work together to complete in the same manner as legislators do.

New in New Jersey schools is a ban on the sale of junk food to students, which Buono supported during debates on the new bill. She said reports show that 30 years ago the

average family spent one quarter of their income on food. Today, half of their income goes towards eating out. Principal Steve Novak asked, "Why did we change this and what is the goal for the future?" Buono cited the recent epidemic of obesity in children and increasing cases of diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. "Give people choices and educate them," she said.

During a final question and answer period, eighth grade student Connie Calderoni asked, "What do you think is the most important issue in New Jersey?" Buono replied that rising property taxes were a big issue amongst constituents. With most homeowners' property tax bill going towards the school budget, she explained that suburban districts only receive a small portion of state aid for schools. However, they are considering the idea that cities that receive the majority of state aid be spread equally throughout all towns. Buono summed up her visit by saying, "Democracy works. And there is strength in numbers and organization."

Before her departure, students Becky Smith and Brandon Downes surprised Buono with a flower arrangement as thanks for her efforts in obtaining a \$200,000 grant for the Board of Education over the summer. Part of the grant was used to restore the middle school sports programs that had been eliminated in last year's budget cuts. The fresh flower arrangement was made by teacher Tiffany Lucey.

Talkin' Turkey at the Woods

The Nature Center at Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve, located on Sylvania Place (off South Clinton Ave), will be "Talkin' Turkey at the Woods" on three Saturdays, Nov. 11, 18 and 25 from 1 to 3 p.m.

Kids of all ages are invited to the Nature Center at Highland Woods Environmental Education Reserve to learn more about Benjamin Franklin's favorite bird which is also a resident of the nature reserve—the Wild Turkey.

Take a Wild Turkey Quiz, try your hand at turkey/Thanksgiving-themed word searches, crosswords and puzzles,

scavenge for natural material to construct a turkey decoration, make a turkey hat of construction paper, and so much more fun for all the kids in the family.

Don't forget story time begins promptly at 1 p.m. for children ages 3-6 every Saturday followed by a craft or activity and short nature walk. Budding wildlife artists' art classes for ages 7-10 will tackle the turkey on Nov. 14.

A fee of \$2 is charged to cover the cost of art material.

Contact Friends of the Woods (908 754-3073) or SPNatureTrails@cs.com.

IN YOUR OPINION

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

Thank You, Elks Lodge #2298

I would like to thank every member of the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 for supporting my son, Dylan, so that he could experience a summer week at Elks Camp Moore. The counselors and staff were extremely loving and caring of all of the campers needs.

Dylan enjoyed swimming in the pool, fishing at the lake, drawing in art, and singing and dancing to music. He especially enjoyed Outer Space Day when he hunted for aliens, and having a barbecue and ice cream with the Elks. He absolutely loved his counselor, Gemma, and she also loved being with Dylan. They established a friendship he will never forget. Gemma and I shared email addresses to be able to keep in touch with photos and discuss special events and Dylan's progress throughout the year.

It was a very emotional experience to see the children and counselors say goodbye; I don't think there was one person who did not shed tears.

Elks Camp Moore is an amazing place for children like Dylan. They can



Dylan Strausser and his counselor, Gemma, at Elks Camp Moore.

be who they are supposed to be in an environment that is loving and safe. All of the campers were also wonderful and loving children.

I would like to especially thank Artie Sabino, John Kormendy, Blasé Coppola and Harry Square for making this all possible for Dylan; he had the time of his life and he will never forget the experience he had at Elks Camp Moore!

SINCERELY,
SANDY STRAUSSER

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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
Monday, November 13	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 5	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

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

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Nov. 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

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. -

Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

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To the Editor,

I am writing on behalf of the non-profit Edison Wetlands Association (EWA) and the many South Plainfield residents who are our members. While campaign materials in South Plainfield have attempted to turn our opposition to the Helen Street truck highway project into a political issue, EWA's actual concern is protecting human health and the environment in Middlesex County.

South Plainfield's children should not face diesel truck traffic as they wait for their school buses, so we strongly urge the new South Plainfield mayor to take a simple step to prevent this: ban trucks from Hamilton Blvd. during the times of day when kids are most likely to be outside—early morning and late afternoon. Many New Jersey towns have used this approach successfully. Yet this easy, effective solution has been ignored in favor of a plan that, according to its proponents, cannot begin work until 2011 at the soonest.

The Helen Street diesel truck highway will destroy our last major open space, decimate acres of federal priority wetlands and further damage the quality of our air and water. Unbiased observers note that the Helen Street project won't even accomplish its goals—if anything, it will increase truck traffic on South Plainfield's streets. EWA is not alone in opposition to this project. Regulatory agencies, other organizations, and many South Plainfield residents have repeatedly raised questions about the need for the project and potentially better alternatives.

Meanwhile, South Plainfield residents continue to face a major threat to their health with no end in sight. While South Plainfield's leaders debate Helen Street, they are missing a key opportunity to address the ongoing contamination at South Plainfield's Cornell-Dubilier Superfund Site—which was recently listed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as one of only 14 sites in New Jersey where human exposure to contamination is not under control.

Instead of waiting another five years—at least—for the ill-advised Helen Street boondoggle to be built, we urge the new South Plainfield mayor to restrict truck traffic on Hamilton Blvd. It is that simple. And unlike Helen Street, it actually protects our kids' health now.

SINCERELY,
BOB SPIEGEL, EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR EWA

Dear Editor,

I would like to let everyone know of a very poor business based in our town. On Sept. 8, my dryer broke. I looked through the phone book and called a few local repair companies. I received a quick phone call back from a man named Gregory from what is listed in the phone book as J&S Used Appliances in the appliance repair section of the Yellow Pages. He told me he could come out that day, and I accepted his offer. He looked at my dryer and told me that it needed a new motor. He offered to find me a used motor that same day, and in desperation, I accepted his offer again. When he asked for a deposit that had to be paid in cash I was a bit surprised, but again, desperation took over my better judgment. I gave him a \$100 cash deposit on the spot, and was given a receipt that has a company name of A.J. HVAC/R Services, LLC listed. Again, I thought this was odd that the phone book listing and his receipts didn't match and that a reputable business would not accept a check, but I went ahead and did what was necessary.

Gregory returned later that evening when I was not home, but my son was home and Gregory allegedly installed the motor. My son paid the balance, approximately \$80, in cash. Gregory called me later that evening

and said that as he worked on my dryer, he noticed a belt was bad. He offered to get me a new belt. He came and put the belt on the dryer and I paid him more. All told, I paid this man over \$220 in cash with a receipt for only the first \$100 and he had to return to my house five times! Before he left I made sure my dryer was working properly. Within 10 minutes, my dryer stopped and I was unable to turn it on again. This continued for about three days. Now, two months later, my dryer is long gone in the trash pickup we had last week!

My son left a voice mail telling Gregory that we wanted our money back. We have received no reply.

With a bit of further investigation, I found out that Gregory is the son of a reputable businessman in town. His father owns J&S Used Appliances and Gregory, whose business is A.J. HVAC/R Services, LLC, intercepts phone calls from his father's business. So, when I called J&S, I was actually deceived and the repairman who came to my home was not from this reputable business, but his son who is not quite as honest and respectable as his father. I did receive a call from the father from J&S who explained the circumstances to me. I received a message from Gregory that assured me he was sorry for the situation and that he would call me. That was more than three weeks ago.

I want my neighbors to know there is a thief among us. My recommendation would be for others to not call A.J. HVAC and to be sure that if they call J&S Used Appliances that the repair man who comes to their home is really from J&S and not the thief who associates himself with this otherwise reputable business.

RESPECTFULLY,
ROSEMARY PETRIELLO

To the Editor,

I was born when Harry Truman was president. A lot of people alive today only know that he dropped the bomb on Japan. He did that to save the lives of over a million U.S. servicemen, which was estimated to be the cost in lives for an invasion of Japan. He was also responsible for an Executive Order to re-integrate the Armed Forces of the United States, a very unpopular decision with his own Democratic Party who did not wish to lose what they referred to as the "Solid South." He did it because he believed that it was the right thing to do. President Truman left office with a total pension of \$130 per month for his service as a captain in the army

Submit Letters to the Editor:

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

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during the World War I, was driven to Union Station in Washington by a friend and took the train back to Missouri. He was a truly great and honorable man.

Since he left office, a new breed has taken over. We have become morally bankrupt as a nation and are well down the road to financial ruin. Today's politicians, once elected, have no worries about their financial futures—they are set for life at the taxpayers expense and they maintain themselves in office by promising a multitude of benefits to those who vote in mass, once again at taxpayers expense. They seem to have only a vague idea of what is the right thing to do, but this is far outweighed by the results of polls and demonstrations. (Hard working taxpayers rarely have time to take part in demonstrations.)

Five years after Sept. 11, our borders are not secure, our ports are not secure and millions of illegal aliens roam the country at will. (Some of whom are undoubtedly here to kill as many of us as possible.) Yet, there are those in national office who care more about being politically correct and not offending anyone than they do for the lives of the citizens.

Will we survive? Are we allowing them to steal from the futures of our children and grandchildren? Oh, how I wish we had politicians like Harry Truman in office again.

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by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

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BenefitsCheckUp is an online screening service designed to help people over age 55. The service is simple, free and confidential.

The service helps seniors find and get the benefits they deserve. There are more than 1,300 different federal, state and private benefit programs in BenefitsCheckUp.

These programs can assist with the cost of prescription drugs, heating and cooling bills, rent, meal services and nutrition, medical costs and other needs. There are over 1,300 possible programs included in the benefits program.

BenefitsCheckUpRx helps older adults, especially those with Medicare, find the best ways to reduce prescription costs. BenefitsCheckUpRx helps find the combination of prescription savings programs—both public and private—that work best for the individual. For those people with Medicare who have limited income and resources, there is a shorter version of BenefitsCheckUpRx that helps them find and apply for Medicare's Extra Help.

For further information and to help determine exactly what programs and assistance you qualify for, visit www.benefitscheckup.org. You will be asked to fill out a short questionnaire, including information about your in-

come and assets, your list of medications, your current expenses, employment history and veteran's status, along with other personal information.

Once you have completed the questionnaire, you will be able to print out your personalized report that lists programs you may qualify for, telephone numbers and directions on how to sign up for these programs.

If you do not have a computer available to you, we encourage you to visit the Senior Center where you can use our computers to access the BenefitsCheckUp website or a member of our staff will be happy to assist you with the search.

For more information, please call Joann Graf at the South Plainfield Office on Aging at (908) 754-1047.

New Passport Law: Effective Jan. 8, 2007, all U.S. citizens traveling by air to or from the U.S. will be required to have a passport. This will include travel to Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean which has a more relaxed regulation.

If you don't have a current passport, now is the time to put in your application. This is a change from prior travel requirements which in many cases allowed travel with a driver's license or birth certificate. The goal is to strengthen border security and facilitate entry into the United States for U.S. citizens and legitimate foreign visitors. You may apply for a passport at the post office or at the Middlesex County Administration Building in New Brunswick. Renewals can be done by mail. Renewal applications are available at the post office.

Holiday Food Drive Announced

The time of year is approaching when we very often count our blessings and think of ways we can share our good fortune with others. We hope that you will consider sharing your blessings to help a family in need.

A statewide food drive is being sponsored by the Association of New Jersey Chiropractors, a non-profit state organization. Drop off non-perishable food for those in need at DeCosta Chiropractic Office, Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, located at 129 South Plainfield Ave. Food will be donated to local food banks in that region. All non-perishable food will be donated to FISH Hospitality Program. FISH has been serving homeless women and families since 1990, providing shelter and meals, as well as offering assistance locating employment and affordable housing.

Drop off all items at the DeCosta Chiropractic office before Wednesday, Nov. 22. For information or office hours, call (908) 755-1117.

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14 oz. New York Sirloin

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Italian firefighter Alberto Villa (second from left) exchanges firefighter helmets with South Plainfield Firefighter Joe Abbruzzese while Councilman Rob Bengivenga and members of the delegation from Turno, Italy look on.

Italian Delegation Visits the Borough

Last Friday a group from the town of Terno, Italy, some of whom are relatives of the Bengivenga Family, visited South Plainfield to renew a friendship with the Borough, which has grown since the September 11 terrorist attack at the World Trade Center. Councilman Robert Bengivenga's aunt, Lidia Bravo, was one of those who died on that fateful day.

The Italian delegation was in the United States because 12 members planned to participate in the New York City Marathon which was held last Sunday. They took the opportunity

to visit with the Bengivengas.

During their visit, they spent time at the Firefighter Memorial and presented flags, medals and souvenirs to members of the fire and police departments.

Alberto Villa, a firefighter from Seregno, Italy, exchanged helmets with firefighter Joe Abbruzzese. He also presented the borough with a helmet that was actually an antique used during the turn of the century.

Their group's spokesperson, Giacomo Pietro Pedrini, read a short

speech in English and Italian before presenting flags from the Province of Terno to local officials. The delegation also included Alberto Nicolo, Dr. Luigi Mandelli, Dr. Gianmaria Mazzola and Dr. Carlo Saffioti. The delegation was comprised of many officials from Terno, some of whom hold positions similar to our councilmen and elected officials.

To honor Lidia Bravo after September 11, a monument of the World Trade Center Twin Towers was erected in Terno, Italy.

Leaves of glass.



Teleflora's Leaves of Fall Bouquet

Inspired by the famous 19th-century Gallé style art glass, this spectacular mouth-blown vase is etched with a cameo design of leaves in the glorious colors of autumn. A ravishing bouquet of orange roses and eucalyptus is the perfect complement. For nationwide same-day delivery, call or visit our shop.

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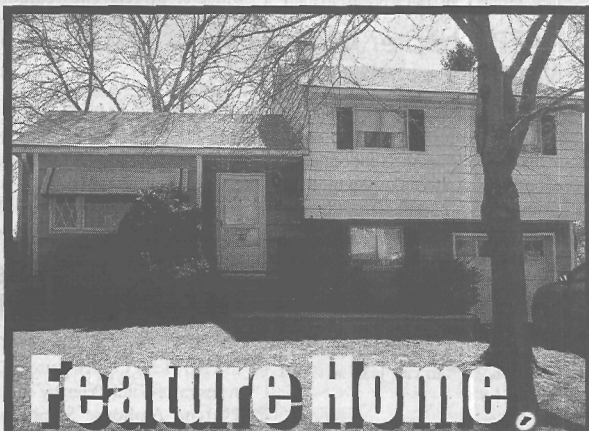
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Around Town

Cappy Award Dinner

November 11

This year's Cappy Award recipients, the late Armando "Artie" Fiore and Richard Curcio, will be honored at a dinner at the Senior Center on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the PAL.

Project Graduation Benefit Concert

November 11

The SP Juniorettes will be hosting a Project Graduation Benefit Concert at the PAL on Sat., Nov. 11. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Local bands will begin the show at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5/person. Refreshments will be served. Come out and support the Class of 2007!

Future Stars Vendor Night

November 14

The Future Stars Preschool will hold a Vendors Night on Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Administration Building/preschool on Jackson Ave.

Over 20 vendors from popular companies and unique gift items! Cash and carry as well as orders. Refreshments will be available.

VFW Meatloaf Dinner

November 17

VFW Post #6763, located on Front St., will hold a meatloaf dinner on Friday, Nov. 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$8. Dinner includes salad, meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, dessert, coffee and tea. Public welcome. Call (908) 668-9751 for information.

Pancake Breakfast

November 19

The American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on Oak Tree Ave. will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. until noon. Adults \$5, children \$3, children under six are free. Profits go to our scholarship fund.

AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting

November 20

AARP Chapter 4144's next meeting will be held at the senior center on Monday, Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m. Ruth Avins for N.J. Health Care Advocate Volunteer Effort (H.A.V.E.) will speak on how to identify and protect yourself from fraud in Medicare and Medicaid.

Needlecrafters meet Weds. 1-3 p.m. They knit for DYFS & Muhlenberg Hospital. To join call Jean at (732) 752-0358.

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UPCOMING EVENTS The New Senior Citizen Resource Directory is now available to all seniors at the Center. December 2 - Senior Snow Ball Dinner Dance, 6 to 10 p.m.				10 Center Closed For Veteran's Day
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	13 Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am	14 Exercise Class 8:45am Line Dancing 10am Computer Classes 10am 11:30am & 1 pm Tai Chi Class 2pm	15 Pathmark Shopping 9 am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm Trip to Claridge 9 am	16 Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available

TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

Knights of Columbus Plans Open House

November 20

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes are having an Open House at their Knights hall located at 334 Hamilton Blvd. (across from Pizza Stop, a block from New Market Ave.) on Monday, Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. For more information, call Brian Cargill at (908) 755-9717. Refreshments will be served. We are looking for membership in the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Have fun, make friends, support your church and community. What could be more rewarding? Make your family part of ours!

North-South Football Reunion

November 22

The North-South Football Reunion will be held on Thanksgiving eve, Wednesday, Nov. 22 at the North Plainfield Italian-American Club on Somerset Street. The reunion of NPHS and SPHS football players, cheerleaders and alumni begins at 6 p.m.

Advance tickets are available for \$10 at SPHS and Middle School, the South Plainfield PAC, Bagelmaster in North Plainfield and Caruso Haircutters; \$15 at the door.

Please call Steve Novak Jr. at (908) 753-9338 for more information.

Orchestra of St. Peter By the Sea Concert

November 26

Sacred Heart Church presents The Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea, Reverend Alphonse Stephenson-

Conductor, on Sunday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. at the church. General admission is \$25; seniors and students \$20.

For tickets call (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416 or (732) 549-9633.

Little Treasures Plans Open House

December 2 and 3

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an open house on Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Little Treasures offers infant care to kindergarten and summer camp programs to fit the needs of children ages six weeks to seven years.

Come meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and additional information, please call (908) 769-3224.

— Out of Town —

A Night for Koinonia

November 10

Koinonia Academy on Plainfield Ave. in Plainfield will host a fall fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 10. Doors open and baskets and silent auction items can be viewed from 7-8 p.m.; 8-9 p.m. guest speaker; 9-10 p.m. awarding of baskets, bids and 50/50 raffle winner will be announced. Admission is \$5 and includes homemade

desserts, tea and coffee. For additional information please call (908) 647-2933.

Middlesex WOWs

November 10

Middlesex East Widows and Widowers will hold a dance on Friday, Nov. 10 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission \$8 members, \$10 guests. For information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Chicago Jazz Series

November 10

The Ninth Season Jazz Series at the Arts Guild of Rahway presents Chicago jazz violinist Aaron Weinstein on Friday, Nov. 10 at 8 p.m.

Advance tickets are \$14 at the Arts Guild of Rahway on Irving St. in Rahway, weekdays 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$16 at the door. Call (732) 381-

7511 or e-mail request to arts-guild1670@earthlink.net.

Annual Tricky Tray

November 10

The Daughters of Penelope, Tethys Chapter #229 is holding their annual Tricky Tray fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center of St. George Greek Orthodox Church in Piscataway. Admission \$7; includes one sheet of auction tickets and refreshments. Additional auction tickets can be purchased.

To make a reservation call Alice Kartikis (732) 297-0581 or Polly Ploussiou (732) 297-6246.

Singles Hike

November 11

Young Sierrans 20/30s is hosting an 8+ mile hike on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Harriman State Park, Rt. 87, Exit 15A to 7 Lakes Drive, Sloatsberg, NY. Rigorous hike for experienced hikers; must be in excellent physical condition. Bring plenty of water and good hiking shoes.

RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (973) 364-7573, ext. 1.

Viennese Classics

November 12

Central Jersey Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Roger Briscoe, will be performing at Bridgewater-Raritan High School on Garrettson Rd. in Bridgewater, on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 3 p.m. General admission is \$15 and Students are \$7.50.

Edison Arts Exhibit

November 12

The Edison Arts Society juried exhibit will be held at the Sheraton Edison Hotel on Sunday, Nov. 12 from 3-5 p.m. For information, call Nina Hand at (908) 753-ARTS or visit www.edisonarts.org.

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Franklin School Cub Scout Pack 207 celebrate Halloween with a party.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Residents of South Plainfield, please continue to express your sentiments to the DEP on behalf of the Helen Street project and the rerouting of truck traffic away from our main thoroughfares. Every resident should be angry that various groups from neighboring towns dictate how truck traffic should run through our town. This is a safety issue involving you and your children. It will take every South Plainfield resident to push through this project, not just a handful of people. Plans have been drawn and studies made, but outside voices constantly stand in the way and try to stop us at each step. I hope you read the article on the front page of the *Courier News* on Nov. 2, as well as the Nov. 3 front page of the *Observer*. It only takes minutes of your time to e-mail your comments to Charles Welch at NJDEP at charlie.welch@dep.state.nj.us or call (609) 292-8262.

Wouldn't the thousands upon thousands of campaign dollars donated at every level of government for campaign literature slamming one another have been better used by giving it back to our children, by either reinstating teachers cut from our school systems, or for academic programs, elementary computer classes, guidance counselors, after school clubs, sport programs, feeding the less fortunate families, helping to find cures for diseases? And the list goes

on. Use your gifts where they are needed the most.

The Grant Elementary Gifts and Things fundraiser packages will be ready for pick up on Nov. 14. The school spirit wear will also be sent home with the children during that week. The "Night of Giving," benefiting the fifth grade Stokes trip, will take place at Menlo Mall on Nov. 19. The cost is \$10 per ticket. You can send the funds to school with your child in an envelope marked, "Night of Giving," to Cheryl Papa, chairwoman.

Way to "tie the knot," Kelly Panuzo and Rob Richkus.

Please make your reservations ASAP for the SPHS girls soccer dinner, which takes place on Friday, Nov. 17 and the SPHS boys soccer dinner on Dec. 3. Head counts are needed quickly.

All outstanding super 50/50 ticket books benefiting the Jost Field ticket booth/indoor high school bleachers should be turned in. The drawing will take place at the home football game on Thanksgiving Day. The winner does not have to be present.

Thank you to all our volunteers who constantly give their time for all the various programs and events in town. Your donated time is the spice of life. Stand united in all that you strive to accomplish, because it's a team effort.

The used clothing drive benefiting the Jost Field ticket booth/indoor high school bleachers will take place one day only on Saturday, Nov. 11. The items (in tied bags) will only be accepted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Grant School parking lot (circle side). Place items in the Roma truck; please do not leave items in the parking lot.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Teri Waldron family.

The South Plainfield High School Peer to Peer Leadership Program, directed by Mary Ellen Martko, Ms. Vandenmark, Mr. Baker, Ms. Zurka, Mr. Encinas and Mr. Hajduk, will be adopting approximately nine less fortunate, local families for the holidays. They are also hosting a senior citizens dance and a keep in touch program. Please continue to support this student leadership program and all their wonderful projects. The Middle School Peer to Peer Leadership Program, under the direction of Ellen Schwartz and Nick Scalzo, will be presenting a bullying program to Grant Elementary students. We truly commend the time and efforts of these leadership programs.

The South Plainfield History Day program was excellent and very informative. Thank you to the Historical Society and the Jerseyan History Club students for volunteering their time during this program.

Kelly O'Brien Named Junior Journalist

Kelly O'Brien, fourth grader at Kennedy School, is this week's winner in the 2006-07 Junior Journalist program. Her poem, "I'd Like to Switch Places," 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 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.



Kelly O'Brien, Kennedy School fourth grader with teacher, Mrs. Severino.

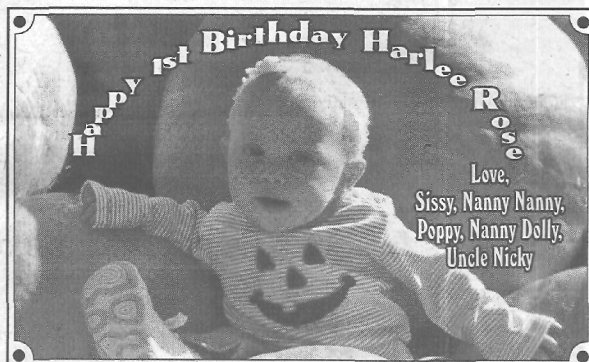
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I'd Like to Switch Places

By Kelly O'Brien

I'd like to switch places with someone for a day!
It would be cool if things could be that way.
I would look like you and do what you do.
I would talk like you talk and walk like you walk.
I'd be as tall as you and you'd be as tall as me.
That's the way it would be.

I'd laugh your laugh and wear what you wear.
I'd have the color of your eyes and your hair.
Do you think people would stop and stare?
If you were me and I was you,
If switching places is something we could do?



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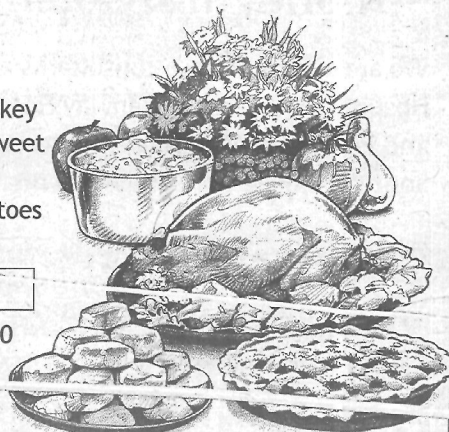
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Middle School Students of the Month

The South Plainfield Middle School announced the Students of the Month for October. Pictured (L to R) are Albert Vill, Monsoon; Jamie Glavasich, Cyclone; Alexis Cargill, Avalanche; Megan Kaczka, Thunder and Nicole Firmin, Lightning. Not pictured is Jennifer Martinez from Tsunami.

Financial/Home Buying Seminar

The library will host a financial and home buying seminar on Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. Mortgage consultant, Elise Counts of First Equity Home Loans will speak about various related subjects, including refinancing, investments and credit repair. Spanish translation is available. The program

is being presented free, but pre-registration is requested.

For information, call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit the website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. You can also contact Ms. Counts for information by calling (732) 397-5717.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Jaimie Unglaub

Now that Halloween has passed it is that time of year when we get ready for those holiday parties. We all have our favorite holiday food, be it either your aunt's stuffing or your grandmother's pumpkin pie. Perhaps this year you will be looking for a newly dish or drink to spice up the old traditions. Don't fret, as the library may have the recipes you are seeking.

The library has a large amount of newly released cooking, baking and cocktail books. *The Joy Of Cooking* by Irma S. Rombauer is celebrating its 75th anniversary by adding 500 new delicious recipes. To add some Italian cuisines to your Thanksgiving dinner check out *The Food Network's Giada's Family Dinners* by Giada De Laurentiis. If a quick meal for your hungry relatives is what you seek then *One Dish Meals* by the Culinary Institute of America has easy meals to prepare and serve for any occasion.

If baking and desserts are your forte, *The Cake Book* by Tish Boyle has everything from pound cakes, coffee cakes, mousse to cheesecakes. Ice

cream is not just enjoyable during the summertime but throughout the year. *Serendipity Sundaes* by Stephen Bruce of New York's famous Serendipity three cafe offers a new twist to plain hot fudge sundaes. Try the strawberry fields sundae or the outrageous banana split, yum! Searching for a new holiday drink? *The Liquid Kitchen: Party Drinks* and *The Liquid Kitchen: Groovy Drinks* by Hayden Wood have plenty of recipes to serve to your adult guests. Some drinks to try are the gourmet cocktails such as vanilla tangerine sidcar, cognac snaps, mocha coffee or apple pie fix.

With the holidays come some closing days we would like to inform you that on Friday, Nov. 10, the library will be closed to observe Veterans Day. The library will be closing at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, and be closed Thursday, Nov. 23, to celebrate Thanksgiving.

If you have any further questions about our collection or activities please ask a library staff member or visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Mary Beth Engelhardt
and John Siddons

Mary Beth Engelhardt, John Siddons to Wed

George and Kathy Siddons are excited to announce the engagement of their son, John, to Mary Beth Engelhardt.

The couple plan a December 31, 2006 wedding.



Jennifer Marie and
James Michael Wallitsch

Jennifer Marie Nicolay to Marry James Wallitsch

Joseph and Annette Nicolay have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Marie, to James Michael Wallitsch, youngest son of Shirley Wallitsch, on August 13.

The wedding will take place on Oct. 4, 2008 at the Woodbridge Sheraton.

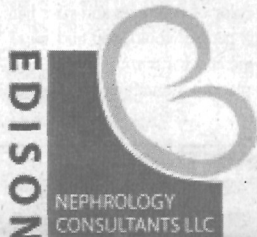
Congratulations to the happy couple!

Volunteers for Older Adult Programs Sought

Jewish Family and Vocational Service of Middlesex County urgently needs caring volunteers to work with older adults at our CAMEO and Elderday Care programs. Both groups meet at Temple Emanu-El, 100 James St. in Edison from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Volunteers are needed at any time and day for the following programs: arts and crafts, music, cultural activities, lectures, demonstrations, book reviews, dance, poetry or other areas of interest to older adults. The sharing of talents or hobbies would be greatly appreciated by our members. A piano is available for those wishing to entertain the groups. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare and serve lunches.

Contact E.J. Berman, volunteer and essential needs coordinator at (732) 777-1940, ext. 122 or email him at ej.berman@jfvsv.org.



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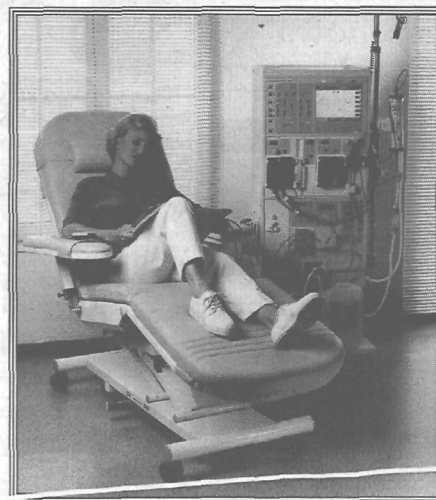
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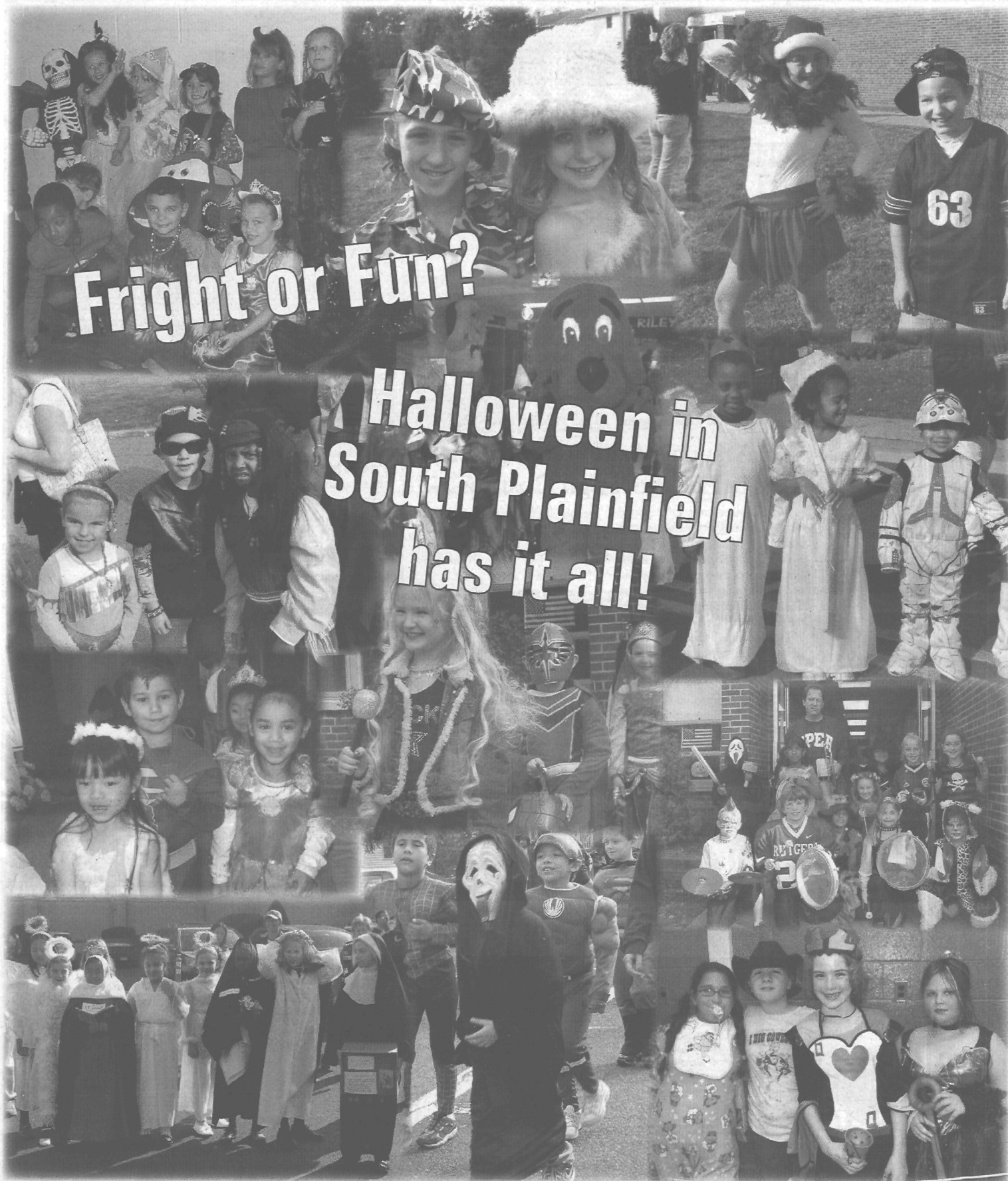
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Sports

By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

SPJBC

will hold its final early registration for 2007 on Friday, Nov. 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration for coaching, managing and umpiring can also be done during these signups.

Volunteers for the 2007 season are also being sought. In particular, the SPJBC needs snack stand captains. Anyone interested is asked to call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 or e-mail www.southplainfieldjbc@yahoo.com. Also, feel free to visit our website at www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc.



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U14 Fusion Casts Shadow Over West Windsor Eclipse

After a 1-1 tie against the West Windsor-Plainsboro Eclipse earlier this season, Fusion came back strong with a 2-1 win last Sunday. Their record now stands at 2-3-3 with two more games left this season.

The boys scored two goals in the first half, compliments of forwards Matias Palma and Mike Dispenziere, in what would be the most energetic and competitive game this fall. Doing a phenomenal job sharing the

goalkeeper duties were Jason Pattison and Nick Ross.

Covering the remaining field positions were Jesse Allen, Ryan Billich, Edgar Callejas, Jeff Gillen, Lucas Goitandia, Ryan Hutchison, Edwin Molina, Will Mott, Kyle Pompilio and Jake Salerno.

Fusion's next game will be away in Matawan on Nov. 12 at 11:30 a.m. Please come out and support the South Plainfield Soccer Club!

U-8 Arsenal Makes Comeback To Tie Hillsborough Cosmos 3-3

What another great game played by the U-8 boys traveling soccer team.

After being scored against in the first minute of the game, the boys did not let that bring their spirits down. Their passion of the game gave them the confidence that they would make a comeback after being down 3-1 at the start of the fourth quarter.

The teamwork was amazing. A combination of terrific goalkeeping by Ricky Pellegrino and Nicholas Plate, great defensive action by Jose

Arrubla, Tyler Curtis, Jake Smith, and Jake Giordano, and a strong offense played by Alec Paez, Jason Cieszkiewicz, and Jake Hoffman, made for an outstanding soccer game.

The goal scorers in this game were Alec Paez in the first quarter, and Jason Cieszkiewicz, and Jake Hoffman in the fourth quarter.

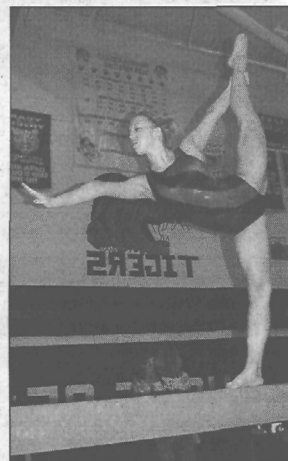
There are only two games left in the fall season. So come out and show your support at our next game to be played on Nov. 11 at 4 p.m. at the Kenneth Ave. field.

SPHS Gymnast Overcomes Injury and Return to Finals

Almost one year ago SPHS gymnast Michelle Kobilis suffered serious injuries to both knees while competing as a freshman at the state gymnastics finals at Rutgers.

While landing an extremely difficult vault she hyperextended both knees and her season came to a crashing halt. She had torn posterior cruciate ligaments in each knee. Three weeks later she had surgeries and her gymnastics career seemed to be in jeopardy. It would be five months before she would be able to return to practice. It wasn't until the early summer that Michelle realized that she would be able to come back. Months of rehab, strength-training, running and plyometrics have finally paid off.

This season Michelle set personal highs on vault (9.45), floor (9.45), balance beam (9.275) and all-around (36.6). Last week at the sectional championship meet, she once again qualified for the state finals while placing on both the vault and balance beam.



Michelle Kobilis

The Tiger sophomore will return to Rutgers exactly one year to the day since being injured, to compete once again in the New Jersey High School Gymnastics Championship this Saturday.

Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Nancy McMahon



Fall ball for girls is coming to an end. We all had a great softball season this year. We are so proud of all the girls and the parents who have helped make this season a memorable one. Thanks again to all!

On Saturday, Nov. 18, the Ponytail Association will be cleaning up Pitt Street softball fields and snack stand.

We will begin at 8 a.m. for the fields and 9 a.m. for the snack stand. Any help you can provide would be so much appreciated.

The next Ponytail meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 28 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the PAL building on Maple Ave. All are welcome!

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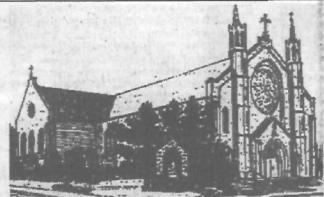
Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Scott O'Brien, pictured with his mom, Joan; dad, Mark; and brothers, John, Tommy and Kevin.

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Red Cross Holding Food Drive To Help Families in Need

Many people in our community cannot afford a Thanksgiving dinner that so many of us come to expect. To help everyone have a happy Thanksgiving, the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross will donate food baskets to Plainfield area residents.

To help fill these baskets, the American Red Cross is requesting donations of non-perishable food items from local individuals and organizations. To donate, please drop off food items to the Tri-County Chapter at 322 W. Front St. in Plainfield by Nov. 21. Suggested items include canned yams,

potatoes, vegetables, canned fruit, gravy, cranberry sauce, rice, stuffing, soup and macaroni and cheese (please, no glass bottles). The TCC-ARC will also accept perishable items, such as frozen turkeys, frozen chickens, ham, roast beef and pies on Nov. 21 only.

For more information or to donate food to the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross, please call the Plainfield office at (908) 756-6414 or visit the web site at www.tri-countyredcross.org.

The Tri-County Chapter appreciates your support.

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Obituaries

Helen T. DeRose, 82

Helen T. DeRose passed away on Thursday, Nov. 2, at Care One in Morristown. Born in Bernardsville, she resided in South Plainfield most of her life before moving to Basking Ridge recently.

Mrs. DeRose is predeceased by her loving husband, Louis DeRose of 44 years.

She is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Louis Jr. and wife, Michelle, Michael and wife, Theresa and four grandchildren, Jennifer, Erica, Michael Joshua and Nicole, all whom she loved more than words can say.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

The family kindly asks that memorial contributions be made in memory of Mrs. DeRose to The American Diabetes Association, 19 Schoolhouse Rd., Somerset, N.J. 08873. On-line condolences can be made by visiting www.southplainfieldfuneralhome.com.

Maximo Silva, 77

Maximo Silva died on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Lima, Peru, he came to the United States in 1922 and resided in Plainfield for many years before moving to South Plainfield.

Max was an assembly line worker for Super Seal of South Plainfield.

He was a member of St. Mary's

Church in Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife, Julia (Cordova) Silva; two daughters, Daria L. Silva of Edison and Nidia Silva of Lima, Peru; two sons, Maximo E. Silva of Edison and Oscar Silva of Lima, Peru and a sister, Edelmira Morales of South Plainfield. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Theresa S. Waldron, 91

Theresa S. Waldron died on Saturday, Nov. 4, in Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Edgewater, she resided in New York City and Port Washington, Long Island, before moving to South Plainfield in 1958.

A beautician and homemaker for many years, Theresa was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and was the trip director for Our Lady of Fatima Church in Piscataway for 10 years. She was also a member of Our Lady of Fatima's Altar Rosary Society and in addition, she was a member of the Piscataway Senior Citizens.

During WWII, Theresa worked for Grumman's aircraft factory. She was a "Rosie the Riveter," assembling military aircraft used during the war.

Her husband, Everett G. Waldron, died in 1974.

Surviving are two daughters, Karen Waldron of Bedminster and Julia

Waldron of Basking Ridge and four nieces, Barbara Satterlee of Garden City, Long Island; Joyce Wells of Bellevue, Wash.; Barbara Dunaway of Tampa, Fla. and Susan Hopper of Westfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donation in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 19 Schoolhouse Road, Somerset, N.J. 08873.

Thomas B. Magner, 92

Thomas B. Magner passed away on Friday, Nov. 3 at his home.

Mr. Magner was born in Bangor, Maine and lived in various New England locations as well as Levittown, Long Island before moving to South Plainfield in 1956.

He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the United States Army as a sergeant in the Pacific Theater for five years, having survived the attack at Pearl Harbor.

Thomas was a graduate of the University of Vt. and taught in the Biology Department of Saint Michael's College in Winooski, Vt. during the 1940's and was employed by Republic Aircraft in Long Island during the 1950s. He was a long time employee of Lockheed Electronics in Watchung, retiring in 1980. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in South Plainfield.

Mr. Magner was predeceased by his beloved wife, Marion, who passed away in 1975.

Surviving are a daughter, Jeanne Marie Griest and husband John; two sons, Thomas W. Magner and wife Karen and Michael B. Magner and wife Patricia, all of South Plainfield; six grandchildren, Lisa Lee, Michelle Griest, Thomas, Amy, Michael Eian and Brian Magner; a great-grandson, Andrew Lee; two sisters, Mary Quigley of Palm Springs, Calif.; Theresa Eno of Syracuse, N.Y.; a brother, James Magner of Portsmouth, N.H.; a foster granddaughter, Lillian Laboy and her son Kien and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

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policereport

• On Oct. 25 Eduardo C. Cante, 46, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Kareem Smith, 20, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension.

• A Maple Ave. resident reported that a rock had been thrown through their picture window.

• A Maple Ave. resident reported the theft of a blow-up Shrek lawn ornament from their front lawn.

• On Oct. 27 Salaam R. Sims, 26, of Edison was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• On Oct. 28 Evans C. Caldwell, 40, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• On Oct. 29 Himanshu P. Trivedi, 31, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• Hector E. Cotto, 28, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and failure to keep right.

• A West Orange resident reported the theft of their unlocked 1992 Honda Accord from a driveway on Maple Ave.

• On Oct. 30 a Clinton Ave. resident reported that their bedroom window had been broken by a egg.

• On Nov. 1 an employee of the Elephant Group on Hadley Rd. reported the theft of their cell phone from their desk.

• On Nov. 2 Tramine S. Jones, 23, of Woodbridge was stopped for a brake light out and arrested on an outstanding warrant.

• On Nov. 3 Justin A. McKoy, 19, of Somerset was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Damon Frank Juba, 25, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• James Bryan Goble, 25, of Perth Amboy was arrested for driving on a suspended license, unregistered vehicle and four outstanding warrants.

• Jamal H. Rolland, 34, of Staten Island, N.Y. was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant.

• On Nov. 4 Michele L. Rankins, 34, of Union was stopped for a headlight out and arrested on two outstanding warrants.

• On Nov. 5 Amanda C. Lorenzo-Carrero, 26, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension and two outstanding warrants.

• Kenneth J. Smith, 43, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and having an open container of alcohol.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Marcia Roberson requesting a variance or other relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a deck. Proposed deck lacks required 20' rear setback, 4.7' proposed and 13.7' proposed. Proposed deck exceeds 25% lot coverage by 198 sq. ft. or 1.9%; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1817 Bellow Place Block 22, Lot 9.02 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, November 30, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

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November 10, 2006

Riley School Announces Art Winners

Barbara Harris, art teacher at John E. Riley School, is pleased to announce the first participants for the 2006-07 school year in the "Art for the Main Office" display program. They are all fourth graders and include Nicole Bythell, Hayley Dow, Frank Ferraro and Justin Williams.

As part of an art unit on the "elements of art" and the "principles of design" these children, and the other fourth graders, created original non-objective paintings. Some of the components of this painting include adjacent quadrilateral shapes, color mixing to create secondaries, tertiaries, tints and shades, as well as patterns. With the exception of "form," which is three-dimensional, all the other elements and principles were incorporated into this lesson.

The "Art for the Main Office" project was developed by Harris five years ago to highlight the talents of individual young artists. The artwork is framed and displayed for several months at a time for anyone who visits the main office to admire.



Tiger Marching Band Needs Your Help

By Greg Oprysk

The Music Boosters are conducting a number of fundraisers and events to help raise money to send the South Plainfield High School Marching Band to Disney World to perform.

I like to thank everyone for all of their support to our students who are second to none in the hard work and dedication. They have to excel in the musical arts, education and good citizenship. They work countless hours in music and academics and they deserve to have this chance of a lifetime to represent our home town and perform in Disney World.

Please donate what you can. There will be containers for donations around town and other fundraising events are in the planning stages. If you would like to send donations directly to SPHS Music Boosters, send your checks made payable to: SPHS Music Boosters, South Plainfield High School Music Boosters of the Arts, P.O. Box 261, South Plainfield, NJ. 07080

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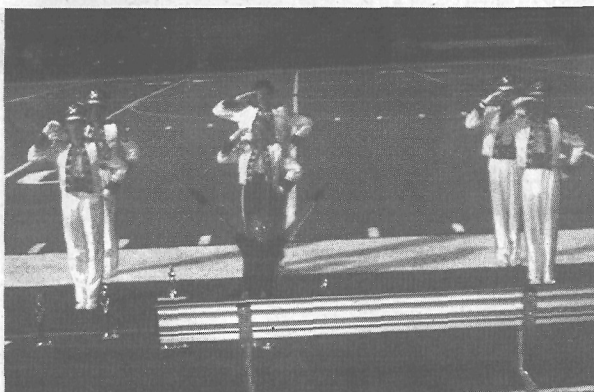
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Tiger Marching Band at the USSBA Competition

Marching Tigers Take First Place in USSBA Competition

The SPHS Tiger Marching Band took first place on Saturday at the USSBA Competition at Sayreville War Memorial High School. It was an amazing performance with a season high score of 89.7. Out of the 12 bands that performed at the competition the drum line ranked third and the color guard ranked first.

The marching band director is Roger Vroom. The color guard advisor is Mary Ecklund. This year's drum majors are Taylor Mandel and Alex

Viscosi. The color guard captains are Katie Eder and Cassie Hoffman. Student director of music is Wael Kanj and the drum captains are Andy Keraga and Paul Cantarella.

The Marching Tigers will be competing again on Saturday, Nov. 11, at J. Birney Crum Stadium in Allentown, Pa., for the USSBA All States "A" Championships.

Good luck Tigers as you take the field in your last competition of the year.

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If you can volunteer at least three hours of your time, please call (908) 964-6887, ext. 312 and leave a message for Martha. Information about the organization and about the pets for adoption is available at www.pfa.petfinder.com.

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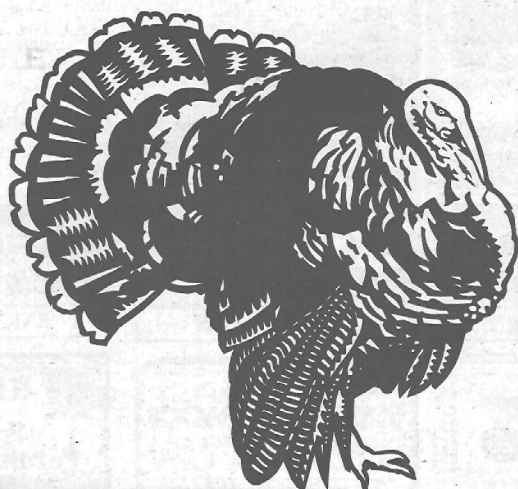
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