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Re-structuring of the intersection at New Market Avenue and Hamilton Boulevard continues with the demolition of the first of three buildings on Hamilton Boulevard. When completed, the new route will allow trucks to cross Hamilton Boulevard to Spicer Avenue without making two sharp turns.

## Old Timers Go the Distance For Kids Battling Cancer

Second Annual Event Raises \$36K

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club held its second annual "Run for the Children" on October 7. The event, co-sponsored by Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. was a huge success. The unusually warm October weather brought out 437 riding participants and over 500 people who attended the event.

"This ride was dedicated to the late Anthony M. Scilingo," said Rudy Adams, spokesperson for the club. Anthony, a 16-year-old boy who attended last year's event with his father, Tony Scilingo, passed away recently after a long battle with cancer. Scilingo is an active member of the Old Timers Motorcycle Club. Many family members and friends came out to support the event in Anthony's memory, according to Rudy.

Adams added, "Over the past two years, with your help, we've raised a great deal of money to help in the fight against childhood cancer. Hopefully, with your help again next year, we can strengthen the battle."

Bikers from across New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York arrived between 9:30 and 11 a.m. to sign-in. They enjoyed coffee, donuts and bagels before setting off on the 55-mile ride through Somerset, Union and Middlesex Counties. The ride was led by South Plainfield Police Officer



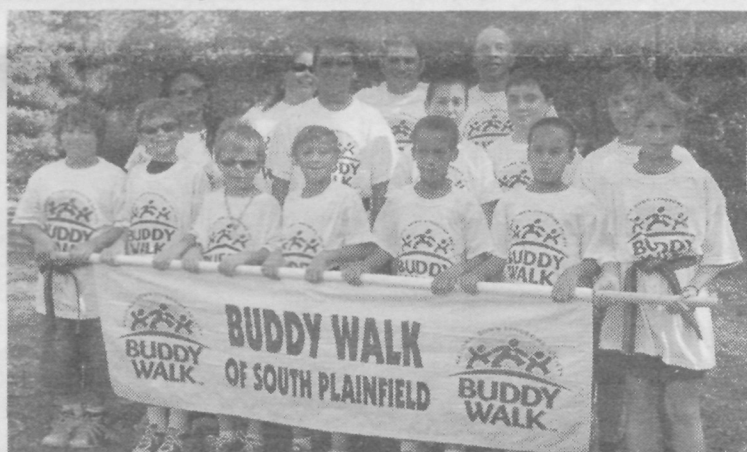
Riders from New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania participate in the second annual run for children battling cancer.

Gary Klein and incorporated 10 road captains helping to block roads and keep the riders safe. Thanks to their efforts, the ride went off without a hitch and all 437 motorcycle riders returned to the PAL building for the day's festivities.

Thanks to the numerous corporate sponsorships, participants were greeted with food and refreshments after the run. The band "Mirage," featuring Heidi Russo, provided entertainment. A bike show and the distribution of commemorative plaques for sponsors was organized by club

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## Buddy Walk Raises Record \$31K



Some of the more than 460 people came out for this year's Buddy Walk.

South Plainfield resident Michele Both's year of planning and hard work paid off. The 2007 Buddy Walk held on October 6 was the most successful walk to date. The fourth annual event held at Putnam Park drew more than 460 people and raised over \$31,000.

Each year Michele looks for ways to improve the event. Michele noted that the new online registration site gave a big boost to registrations.

The event was a family affair. Michele's brother and his girlfriend helped set up the Web site and assisted with the many forms involved. She had about 20 people help with set-up the day of the walk. The theme of this year's walk was "Carnival."

This year Michele organized teams.

There were approximately 16 teams total, each with a captain. They choose names for their group and handled the distribution of shirts the day of the walk.

There was no lack of entertainment. There were games for children and booths offering a variety of items for sale with a portion of the proceeds going to the walk. DJ Rob from Extreme Entertainment donated his services and kept kids and parents dancing. Guest characters, including "Blue" as well as others, excited the youths.

Our Town Deli and Hometown Heros donated bag lunches containing a small sub, chips and water. Other goodies available were popcorn, cotton candy, funnel cakes and Italian ice. There were about 100 raffle items. Games

included ring toss, bean bag toss, a fishing game, bowling and more. There were nine vendors, Mary Kay, Avon, Silpada, ATA Black Belt Academy, Slim and Tone, Longaberger, Learning is an Art, MetLife and WildTree. The NDSS (National Down Syndrome Society) Central NJ DS PAG and Network 21 benefit from the walk.

"The first year the walk raised over \$21,000 and had over 300 people participate," said Michele. "Each year has been about the same—300-350 people, \$18,000 to \$22,000. I am always thinking of new things to change or add. I basically work on the walk all year."

Michele has already begun working on next year's walk which will have a "Fall Harvest" theme.

The Buddy Walk, a one-mile walk in which anyone can participate without special training, was established in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society to celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month in October and to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with Down Syndrome. Today, the Buddy Walk program is supported nationally by NDSS and organized at the local level by parent support groups, schools, organizations and individuals. During the past 12 years the event has grown to more than 275 expected walks around the world. Last year \$6.5 million was raised nationally. The funds benefit national education, research and advocacy and local programs.



You're  
Invited

### Marching Band USSBA Competition

Come out and support the SPHS Marching Band as they host the 26th annual USSBA Marching Band Festival on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at Jost Memorial Field (behind the PAL building). Tickets are \$8 adults and \$6 students/senior citizens. Free gift with paid admission (while supplies last). Local high school bands and color guards will perform. Hot food will be available. For information, please call (908) 754-4620.

## The Haunting of Putnam Park Returns October 25



Tickets are on sale for the Almost Famous Players annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour.

Join Knight Sir Balian, Princess Claudia, the old woman and rouge as they enter the cursed woods to retrieve a powerful family heirloom. The woods are filled with a wild assortment of crazed and dangerous creatures.

Visitors are in for a night of a fantastic mix of scares and laughter. Show dates are Thursday through Sunday, October 25-29. Tours run approximately every 25 minutes until approximately 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults; kids 12 and

under accompanied by adult are \$5. Reservations are recommended and are required for groups of 6 or more.

The show is intended for ages 8 and up. Parents are asked to use discretion as to how easily their children scare. There are no refunds after the show has begun. Refreshments and novelties will be sold. The SPHS swim team will be selling hot chocolate. Come in costume! Call (908) 756-8011 for advance tickets/info/reservations. Buy five advance sale tickets and the sixth is free. Putnam Park is located on Oak Tree Road across from Big Lots.



# IN MY OPINION

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

## Dear South Plainfield Residents,

As many of you are aware, each fall my neighbor, Shirley Thompson, embarks on the wonderful journey of planning, shopping, and cooking for the many needy families of South Plainfield. As each year has passed, her list of families to whom she delivers gifts and Christmas dinner has grown, and the job has become a very large undertaking. Of course, Shirley loves doing this and will accept no help with the cooking, which she takes great pride in. However, without the many generous donations she receives from residents and local businesses, the expense of this benevolent act would be tremendous on Shirley and her family alone.

For this reason, I thought that now was a good time to remind everyone of Shirley's holiday project and to ask for as many of our neighbors as possible to contribute to this very worthwhile cause.

While it is a bit early, the holiday season will be fully upon us very soon, and it is not too early to make your donations, or to simply contact Shirley and let her know how you would like to help. The necessities are non-perishable food items which are distributed to the families, but also food for the hot dinners that are delivered on Christmas Day. Additionally, gifts for the children in each of the families are needed, but specific ages will not be available until just after Thanksgiving. Gift cards are always very useful and can be used as gifts for teenagers, or to purchase food items.

Donations from businesses would be very helpful as well, so if you own a business or think that your company would donate, please let Shirley know what can be offered.

I hope that you will consider helping with this endeavor to make the holidays a happy time for those who are less fortunate than others. If you would like more information about

how you can help, or would like to donate anything, please contact Shirley Thompson at (908) 756-7686.

**SINCERELY,  
ROSEMARY PETRIELLO**

## Dear Editor,

When I vote for candidates for public office, whether for national, state or local office, I always look at their record of service. I want to know "what have you done." When I look for candidates running for Borough Council, the choice for me is clear. Council President Dennis Cerami and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas will be getting my vote.

Council President Cerami has worked hard to make sure that our emergency services are top-notch. He has made sure that they have state-of-the-art equipment and vehicles that will keep them safe and out of harm's way. When our borough was struggling to find EMT coverage during the daytime hours when we are all working, Council President Cerami reached out to Somerset Medical Center to see if they could provide the needed coverage. Not only were they able to do so, it is costing us less than the previous ambulance service. These two situations exemplify the public servant that Council President Cerami is. We need to re-elect him to the borough council.

Not to be outdone, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas has done a remarkable job as the chair of the Finance and Administration Committee. She even did the unthinkable—she introduced a budget with a tax decrease! Councilwoman Thomas has demonstrated that she manages the borough finances like we all do our home finances—we do what we can afford to do and we don't mortgage our future. Thank you, Kathy Thomas. It is without question that we need to re-elect Kathy Thomas to the borough council.

As you can see for these few instances that I mentioned, the Democratic team of Council President Dennis Cerami and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas deserve our vote on election day. Please join me in re-electing Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas to the borough council.

**THANK YOU,  
HEATHER SKUBISH**

## To the Editor:

First and foremost I would like to applaud Lt. Kevin Murtagh, head of traffic safety in South Plainfield for his honest and professional bipartisan views of the traffic situation in our town. Finally, someone who is thinking of the safety of all South Plainfield residents!

This issue is not about Hamilton Boulevard residents vs. New Market Avenue residents. We have a serious truck problem in our town as if the mayor and council didn't already know that. The only truck route that will work for everyone would be Helen Street.

What I don't understand is why our mayor and council are spending millions of our tax dollars on something that in the long run will not and cannot work. This is not just my opinion; this is the opinion of the NJDOT and Lt. Murtagh, our traffic safety officer, professionals in the field of traffic intersection conditions.

These intersections being built with our tax money speed up truck traffic no doubt, but ask yourself, do you want trucks already doing 50 mph through the middle of town increasing their speeds trying to make up time, putting our sons and daughters at risk, who walk and drive on these roads?

Ask yourself, why do our mayor and council worry about Edison and what they think? Edison didn't have a problem extending roads through and building townhouses in the Dismal Swamp. I don't want to sound insensitive to the environment or the so-called endangered turtles, but we are talking about the safety of the citizens of our town. This affects all South Plainfield, not just the south side. We as tax payers of South Plainfield deserve better.

**DENNIS DRISCOLL**

## To the Editor:

I would personally like to thank South Plainfield Recreation Commission President Bill Cochrane, Sr. and the entire board of commissioners for all the time, determination and effort they put into the work process for the turf field application and all the hours

spent viewing existing turf fields. You are commended for all your efforts along with Recreation Director Kevin Hughes.

I would also like to thank and commend the South Plainfield Elks for all their preparation and support hosting the breakfast on behalf of the South Plainfield High School Swim Team. Thank you to Debra Shuleski, John Muller, Bill Reuter and Scott Shuleski for all the preparation. Thank you to Jim Buckelew, Al Matekya, Sharon and Bill Reuter, John Muller and to Pete Smith for cooking. Thank you to Mr. Artie for his support. The entire group of swimmers thanks you with gratitude.

**SINCERELY,  
DEBBIE BOYLE**

## To the Editor:

Several weeks ago, Lt. Kevin Murtagh responded to our invitation to attend one of our meetings. During his discussion on the subject of the truck route change, he showed very revealing pictures on his laptop computer of the many faults on the alternate route he had taken. These pictures included the horrific flooding on New Market Avenue, an accident involving a truck and automobile, the questionable corner of New Market and South Clinton avenues, as well as the unnecessary expenditure of the three old buildings at this intersection costing our taxpayers 1.6 million dollars. Our group was sorry that the pictures did not have a wider dissemination so that those in favor of the change might alter their views. Rather than continuing to detail the failures of these routing changes that we recognized, Lt. Murtagh well highlighted them in his letter to the *Observer* published on Oct. 5. We believe he is a very honorable person dedicated to the best interest of South Plainfield at heart and deserves our thanks and hopefully those of the whole borough. We never favored any part of the route changes and made it known in our several letters to the local newspapers. We expect to see unnecessary high costs borne by our tax paying citizens but even more importantly, the continuing high accident incidence, over 50% above the previous routing presently recorded and the severity of those to come can only be

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imagined with heavy trucks involved. Also, unnecessary delays in the traffic pattern, travel by trucks twice as long as previously, at least twice the air pollution throughout the town and many complaints as future changes are effected.

We agree with Lt. Murtagh that South Plainfield desperately needs a route that takes trucks from Rt. 287 to the industrial areas, but not at the risks, costs and discomforts of our residents. Praise and thanks to you Lt. Murtagh for the stand you take and the love of community you express. (If readers have missed Lt. Murtagh's letter, we urge you to obtain a copy or review the October 5 *Observer* at the library.)

**WALTER J. PASACRITA  
CHAIRMAN, SENIOR MEN'S  
FORUM OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

## To the Editor,

Protecting cronies again? It's now evident that youth health has a lower presidential priority.

With elections fast approaching please "eject" members from Congress who refuse to over-ride President Bush's recent veto of the Children's Health Care legislation.

Also, elect replacements that do not accept campaign donations from lobbyists, political action committees and unrestrained corporation CEOs.

**JOHN BAUER**

## To the Editor:

On Election Day, I am going to support Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council. When you look at the accomplishments of the Democrats, you can tell that they are hard working people who will keep their promises. Just look at the accomplishments of the Democratic team in South Plainfield—over 100  
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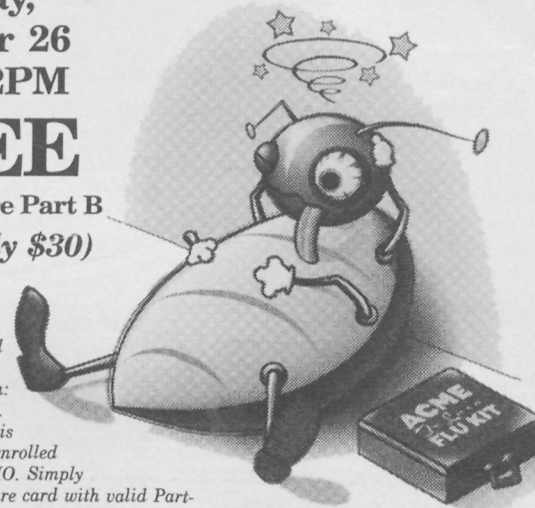
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## SPHS Music Boosters MUSIC NOTES

If you were unable to attend the marching band competition in Scotch Plains last Sunday, you missed a phenomenal show! Our marching Tigers and color guard received numerous awards, taking first place in class three performances, best color guard, best drumline, best visual and best music. With a score of 81.7, they also received the Mayor's Trophy for highest scores in the competition. So do not miss another opportunity to see our teenagers perform their awesome routine.

The 26th annual Marching Band Festival and USSBA Competition will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. at Jost Memorial Field (off Maple Avenue, behind the PAL building). There will be plenty of hot food available, as well as desserts and promotional items. Come watch more than 11 bands and color guards from the area perform.

Other bands attending are from Manville, Scotch Plains, Cranford, Westfield, JFK Iselin, Memorial HS West N.Y., Watchung, East Brunswick, Franklin and South Hunterdon.

The citrus fruit fundraiser Web site is now fully operational. If you'd like to place an order by credit card, log on to [www.fruitorder.com](http://www.fruitorder.com). Go to the fundraising section and type in our account number 107000. You can then order online and apply it to the music department student of your choice. The Web site is secure. All orders must be in by November 7 with payment so the fruit can be delivered to the high school approximately December 15, just in time for the holidays. If you would like to send fruit as a gift outside the area, we have three options available at a slightly higher cost to include shipping and handling. Please contact Pamela Hussey at (908) 412-9704 for more information.

Want to get your Christmas shopping done early? Do you like to shop online? Your purchases can help support our music students. Log on to [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) and click "Join." Choose South Plainfield High School Music Boosters to receive credit for your purchases. This is a secure Web site. The more you shop with Schoolpop, the more you earn for our music students.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. There will be more information regarding future concerts, fundraisers, trips and events.

—Submitted by Pamela Hussey,  
Co-president, SPHS Music Boosters

## Adopt a Family For the Holidays

South Plainfield Social Services is conducting its annual "Holiday Food and Gift Project." The program is looking for individuals, groups or organizations that will adopt needy families in our community and provide them with food and gifts for the holiday season.

If you don't have time to shop, you can still help by purchasing gift certificates at local department stores or grocery stores.

By participating in this program, your holiday season will be more meaningful and make life easier for our less fortunate families.

To adopt a family or for more information, please contact Marge Ackerman, director of Social Services for the Borough of South Plainfield at (908) 226-7625.

## Religion and Science Book Discussion

A book discussion on religion and science will be held at Wesley Methodist Church at 7 p.m. on Sundays. Refreshments will be served. This ecumenical group still has room for more. Please stop by and register on the spot.



Police Chief John Ferraro (left) hands Detective Christopher Colucci one of the gun lock boxes available to individuals with firearms permits.

## Free Gun Lock Boxes Available

The South Plainfield Police Department, in cooperation with the New Jersey Poison Information and Education System, have announced a gun safety program that will allow the police department to distribute 90 steel reinforced hand gun lock boxes.

The boxes are approximately 12" x 10" x 6" high and are large enough to hold four handguns. They will be distributed free of charge while supplies last to borough residents who are applying for firearms ID cards

or permits to purchase a firearm, and to residents who present their current firearms ID card and to borough police officers.

The goal is to prevent handguns from falling into the hands of children and others who should not have access, and thereby prevent tragedy.

Residents who qualify are asked to come to the police records bureau and show their firearms ID card, along with another form of ID.

For information, contact the police department at (908) 755-0700.

## Is Your Child Getting the Right Amount of Sleep?

Bedtime, as many of you can attest to, can be an arduous evening task. "I'm not tired." "I'm hungry." "I'm thirsty again." "One more story." "Mommy, stay with me." "I want Daddy." Children will say anything to keep from going to sleep on their own. A child who lacks the proper amount of sleep may become irritable and more aggressive during the day. There are definitely ways to help your child cope with this nightly struggle and make bedtime a relaxing time for all.

A WebMD feature article, "How Much Sleep Do Children Need?" states that as early as 4-12 months, "allowing your child to soothe herself and put herself to sleep unassisted are critical to establishing good sleep habits, sleeping soundly, and preventing future sleep problems."

These are the recommendations based on age (hours per day include naps):

- 1-4 weeks: 15-16 hours per day;
  - 1-4 months: 14.5-15.5 hours per day;
  - 4-12 months: 14-15 hours per day;
  - 1-3 years: 12-14 hours per day;
  - 3-6 years: 10-12 hours per day;
  - 7-12 years: 10-11 hours per day.
- Before it's time to turn the lights

out, you could sing a song together or let your child pick out a story for you to read to them. Let your child have a drink or food an hour before bed if necessary and one last trip to the bathroom before being tucked in. You could also let your child know what the plans are for the next day. This gives them something to think about while they are falling asleep and also something to look forward to.

Try to follow the same pattern every night: bath, pajamas, brush teeth, story, kiss and lights out. A bedtime routine will help your child relax. A consistent bedtime is important and leaves you time for yourself or for the rest of your family.

Go to [www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com) to find out more.

—Submitted by Christine Glennon,  
Little Treasures Learning Center,  
Edison

### Correction

In the October 12 *Observer*, the article regarding the BOE Insurance Indemnification Agreement, should have stated the BOE passed a resolution asking the council to approve the agreement.

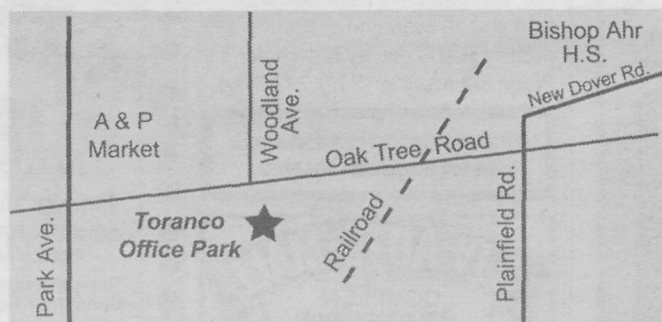
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# Around Town

## VFW Roast Pork Dinner

October 19

The South Plainfield VFW will be hosting a roast pork dinner on Friday, Oct. 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. The public is welcome.

## Marching Band USSBA Competition

October 20

On Saturday, Oct. 20 at 6 p.m. the South Plainfield High School Marching Band will host the 26th annual USSBA Marching Band Festival at Jost Memorial Field (behind the PAL building). Tickets are \$8 adults and \$6 students/senior citizens. You will receive a free gift with paid admission (while supplies last). Local high school bands and color guards will perform. Hot food will be sold. For more information please call (908) 754-4620.

## Oktoberfest Dinner

October 20

The 10th Annual Oktoberfest Dinner at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 5 to 7 p.m. All you can eat. Pork roast and gravy (hot dogs available for kids), sauerkraut, red cabbage, green beans, apple sauce, mashed potatoes, rolls, beverages and desserts. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children 5-12, and free for under 5. Take-out available.

For information and reservations, call (908) 757-4474. All proceeds go to charity.

## Grant School Used Clothing Drive

October 20

Grant School Stokes 2008 Committee is holding a used clothing donation drive on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. A truck will be in Grant School parking lot for the collection. Simply bring used clothes, shoes, linens and stuffed animals, well tied in plastic garbage bags and place in the truck. The Stokes 2008 committee will receive a donation based on the number of pounds collected.

## Pancake Breakfast

October 21

American Legion Chaumont Post #243, located on Oak Tree Avenue, will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 21 from 8 a.m. to Noon.

What's happening at the South Plainfield

## SENIOR CENTER

OCTOBER

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Trip to AC Claridge Casino  
October 18 • 9 a.m.

Program on SLEEP by Somerset Medical Center  
October 22, 1 p.m.

Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am  
Yoga 10:30-11:30am  
Art Class 11:30am  
Senior Board 4 pm  
Sleep Program 1pm

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Bingo 10am-2pm  
Ladies Social Group 10am

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Aerobics 8:30 am  
Line Dancing 10am  
Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1pm  
Crocheting 1pm  
Tai Chi 2pm

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Pathmark Shopping 9am  
Practical Crafts 10am  
Computer Class 10am 11:30am, 1pm  
Exercise Class 1:15pm

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Bingo 10am-2pm

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

Adults \$5, children \$3, under 6 years old are free. All profits to benefit the scholarship fund.

## SPHS PTA Meeting

October 23

The first SPHS PTA meeting of school year will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 23 in the SPHS Tiger's Den Rm. 110 at 7 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for this year's auction to benefit Project Graduation for the Class of 2008. 2008 marks our 20th year of providing an all-night, safe, fun, entertainment filled, substance-free celebration for SPHS's graduating seniors. Without additional help and support, this year's Project Graduation party may not take place. Do not let the class of 2008 be the first in 20 years not to have this special celebration. If you are able to help out in any way, please attend this meeting. If unable to attend, contact any executive board member.

## Kennedy Trunk-R-Treat

October 26

Kennedy School PTSO is once again hosting their Trunk-R-Treat and haunted school fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the school parking lot. Prizes will be given out for the best decorated vehicles. Cost is \$10 per family. Food and drinks will be sold. Games, raffles and a 50/50 will be held.

For more information, contact Barbara Bythell at (908) 754-9629.

## Mass of Anointing at Sacred Heart

October 27

A Mass of Anointing will take place at the 9 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, Oct. 27.

Those invited to the sacrament include individuals preparing to undergo surgery, those who have serious, chronic or terminal illness and those of frail physical or mental health.

This is not a Charasmati healing Mass.

## Town History V Day

October 28

South Plainfield Town History Day V Open House will be held at the History Center in the Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Avenue on Sunday, Oct. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. Displays of memorabilia, photographs, maps, newspapers, vintage clothing and much more. Free.

## Woodlock Pines Trip

October 29-November 2

The South Plainfield Office on Aging is hosting a trip to Woodlock Pines Resort in the Poconos. Only one room is left and the cost is \$525.00 per person and includes transportation, four nights accommodations, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily plus nightly entertainment and daily activities, all taxes and gratuities.

Contact Mickie Panzarella at (908) 755-2487.

## AARP #4144 Christmas Trip

December 12

AARP 4144 is planning a trip to see the "Miracle of Christmas" at the Millennium Theater in Lancaster, Pa. on Wednesday, Dec. 12. Cost is \$98 per person and includes show, dinner, bus transportation from South Plainfield and all taxes and gratuities. Deposit of \$30 is due by November 14. Please call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

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## — Out of Town —

## WOWs Host Dance

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## World Mission Sunday

October 21

World Mission Sunday will be held at St. Francis of Assisi School, Elm Street in Metuchen on Sunday, Oct. 21 beginning at 10:45 a.m. Walk-a-thon through Main Street and Library Place; noon mass at the Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi. Mission-style lunch in the community room while listening to a talk by Patrick Gallick.

For more information visit our Web site at [www.dietmetuchen.org](http://www.dietmetuchen.org) or call (732) 562-1990, ext. 1707.

## Monmouth Symphony Concert

October 21

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra will present its opening concert of the 2007-2008 season on Oct.

21 at 3 p.m. in the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank. This all-Russian concert will feature youthful performers as soloists and orchestra members.

For more information, visit their Web site at [www.monsym.org](http://www.monsym.org).

## Singles Starlight Professionals Social

October 21

The 25-49 Starlight Social Professionals will host a wine and dine luncheon and games on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 3 p.m. at 126-128 W. Main St. in Somerville. Bring a party or board game. Good fellowship and smiles! Private group. RSVP to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

## YMCA Haunted Cape May Trip

October 24

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, join the Metuchen Branch YMCA and take a trip to Cape May to experience "Dr. Physick's Favorite Haunts Trolley Ride Tour." Get bus at the Metuchen Municipal Pool parking lot at 7:15 a.m. for a 7:30 a.m. departure and return around 4 p.m. Cost is \$81.

Contact Jean Vick at (732) 548-2044, ext. 217 for information or E-mail [jean.vick@metuchen-edisonymca.org](mailto:jean.vick@metuchen-edisonymca.org).

## Christian Singles Game Night

October 23

A Christian Singles 38-58 game night and dinner will be held at Panera Bread in Fair Lawn on Tuesday, Oct. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. Bring a game! RSVP to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

## Clothing Drive

October 27

Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, 450 Drake Ave. in Middlesex, will hold a clothing drive on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 8:30 to 11 a.m. to collect wearable used clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, linens and stuffed animals. Place your items in sturdy bags and drop off in the school parking lot. A portion of the money collected will go to Our Lady of Mount Virgin School.

For more information, please call (732) 356-6560.

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## NEWS FROM THE Suburban Woman's Club

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is hosting a Mad Hatter Tea on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Entertainment will be provided by Judith Krall-Russo, a tea historian.

Refreshments and tea and coffee will be served. Since this is a Mad Hatter Tea wearing a hat is not necessary, but there will be prizes either for

your own creation or your favorite chapeau. Prizes will be given for the most original, funniest, etc. There will also be a tricky tray table and door prizes. The tea is being held to aid the battered women's shelter in our area.

Tickets are \$15 and will be available at the door or by calling (908) 756-8679 for more information.

—Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning,  
Publicity Chairman

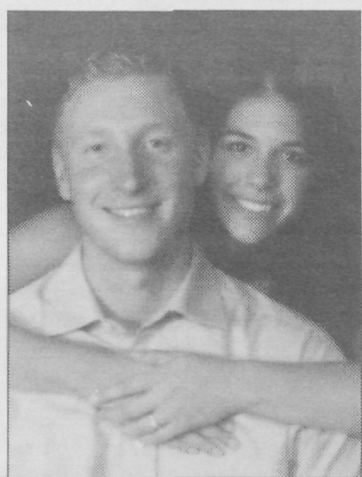
## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Rebecca Perez and Eric Lang Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perez, formerly of South Plainfield, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Perez of Cleveland, Ohio, to Eric Lang of Pittsburgh, Pa. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Lang of Pittsburgh.

Rebecca is a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School. She received a bachelor of science degree in labor and industrial relations in 2004 and a master's degree in human resources and labor relations in 2005 from Penn State University. She is employed by Eaton Corporation, Cleveland, as the lead human resource generalist.

Eric is a 2004 graduate of Penn State University with a bachelor of science degree in economics. He is employed by Federated Investors, Inc. in Pittsburgh as an external wholesaler.



Rebecca Perez and Eric Lang

The wedding will be August 16, 2008 at the Westin at Forrestal Village in Princeton.

### Jeffrey Seesselberg Inducted into National Honor Society Phi Eta Sigma

Jeffrey Seesselberg, a sophomore at Hofstra University, was inducted into the National Honor Society Phi Eta Sigma on October 9.

Phi Eta Sigma encourages and rewards academic excellence by recognizing the achievements of college students who attain a grade point average above 3.5 during their first year.

It was founded in 1923 at the University of Illinois, and now has over 300 chapters throughout the country.

Jeffrey is majoring in filmmaking at Hofstra, is a member of the a cappella group "Drastic Measures," and is involved in other film and video projects on campus.



Borough officials and Board of Education members attended a welcoming party recently for the new superintendent of schools, Jose Negron. Pictured (L to R) are: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Kaye Crown, BOE member Bob Jones, Councilman Matt Anesh, Police Chief John Ferraro, BOE member Jim Giannakis, BOE President Jeff Seider, Jose Negron, Mayor Charlie Butrico, BOE member Debbie Boyle, Councilman Rob Bengivenga, and BOE members Donna Rann and Carol Byrne.

## Workout Event to Raise Funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

A "Workout for St. Jude" event benefiting St. Jude Children's Hospital will be held at Slim and Tone, 2601 Hamilton Blvd., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 20. By participating in or attending this event, you will be helping to raise funds for children of the world who are stricken with diseases like cancer, AIDS and Sickle Cell Anemia. The funds will help St. Jude in their on-going fight against childhood cancer and other catastrophic diseases.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children. Founded by the late entertainer, Danny Thomas, and based in Memphis, Tenn., St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude's is financially supported by ALSAC, their fundraising organization, through

events such as "Workout for St. Jude."

To say thank you to all members and non-members who participate in or attend this event, we are offering free chair massages and skin analyses by Lookin' Good Salon and Day Spa of Edison, spinal screenings, blood pressure screenings, DJ music, refresh-

ments, raffles and give-a-ways and much, much more.

If interested in participating or attending this event or to make a donation, call (908) 769-0009.

For more information on St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, visit their Web site at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

## Help Keep Our Kids Warm Program

The McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals is asking for your participation in their sweatshirt drive called "Keep Our Kids Warm." They are asking for sweatshirts to be donated for children between the age of five to 17. They will only accept sweatshirts that are newly purchased or never been worn. No other clothing material will be accepted.

This project is being run in accordance with the borough's director of social services, Marge Ackerman. The donated sweatshirts will be distributed to underprivileged children throughout the community for this upcoming

winter season. Remember that the sweatshirts donated must be newly purchased or never worn. They will be the only accepted items. Sweatshirts will be accepted in the main entrance of the funeral home on Saturday, Nov. 10 between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

It only takes a little to go a long way. As a community, let us come together and show the children of South Plainfield who are less fortunate that they are cared for. Your cooperation is greatly needed and appreciated.

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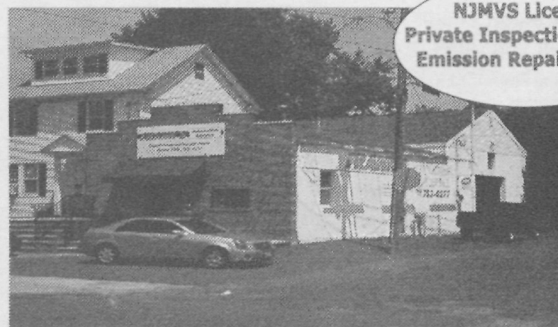
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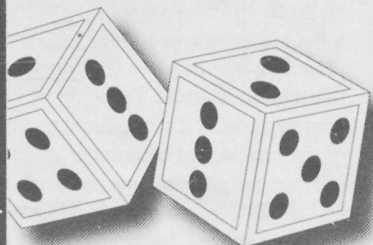
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## Cerami And Thomas Pledge No Trucks On Hamilton Boulevard

—Submitted by South Plainfield Democratic Organization

With less than three weeks before Election Day Democratic Council members Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas have unconditionally renewed their pledge to keep trucks off Hamilton. Council President Cerami stated the Democrats position "Let me make this as clear as possible. As long as Kathy Thomas and Dennis Cerami have anything to say about it trucks will not be permitted on Hamilton Boulevard PERIOD! Mayor Buttrico made that promise during last year's campaign and he and the Democrats on the borough council have kept our word. I am really disturbed by the transparent effort by the Republicans to criticize every aspect of the New Market Avenue extension project. First they question the honesty of the property owners who sold their property for the project. Then they vote against the acquisition at the old Cornell Dubilier site where New Market Avenue will be extended to. Now they are using front people to write letters to the editor claiming the project is political. Tell the parents of children that have to walk to Roosevelt School that it is political to keep the truck route away from their son or daughter. Tell the young family who just purchased their dream home on the south side of town that's its political to not have to dodge trucks when they exit their street on the way to work in the morning. Tell the senior citizen who can now sleep at night because the noise of trucks barreling down Hamilton Boulevard no longer exists that it is political. The only political motivation in regards to keeping trucks off Hamilton Boule-



vard is the Republican effort to sabotage it."

Council member Kathy Thomas agreed with her running mate saying "As Dennis and I are going door to door we are thanked by residents for our efforts on Hamilton Boulevard. Whether it's the beautiful street lights or decorative pavers or the new curbing, everyone says it's so much nicer as you come into town. Most of all people say what a pleasure it is to not have to navigate among 18 wheelers. One resident recently told me it takes her 10 minutes less going and coming from Route 287 since we banned the trucks on Hamilton. Just wait until phase two is completed in a couple of weeks. The new four lane configuration along with the new traffic signal at South Clinton will help to move traffic even more efficiently. It will also ease the route for truckers. We understand that truck drivers and truck companies have a job to do. We will do everything we can to address their needs. That is why the intersection of New Market and South Clinton is being widened with a new traffic signal and that is why New Market Avenue will be extended to connect with Belmont. You may have noticed that the three buildings that the borough acquired are in the process of being demolished. The condemnation of the necessary land from Cornell Dubilier has been filed with the court (even though the Republicans on the council voted no). The New Market Avenue extension will be complete by next summer and trucks will never again be allowed on Hamilton Boulevard. You have Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas' word on it!"

## McConville and Rusnak: "Take Trucks Off Sampton Avenue"

—Submitted by South Plainfield Republican Organization

Recognizing the increased truck traffic on the north side of town, council candidates Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak this week voiced their support for a truck ban on Sampton Avenue. Sampton, along with nearby roads like Clinton Avenue and Plainfield Avenue, are seeing huge increases in trucks.

"It's a safety issue," said Rusnak. "These streets were not meant for tractor trailers and 18 wheelers."

"I grew up in town," added McConville. "And I've never seen so many trucks in residential areas."

According to Rusnak, getting trucks off Sampton is just a start. "We need to make sure all our residential areas are free of trucks."

According to both candidates, Republicans first wanted to solve this problem in the spring: "GOP chairman Bob Jones went to a council meeting and pointed out the huge increase in trucks on Sampton Avenue and nearby roads. He specifically pointed to the intersection by Quick Check as unsafe for trucks. Incredibly, the Democrats disagreed and said they didn't see a problem with trucks on those roads."

But it's not just Sampton Avenue the Republican candidates want to make safer.

"We've got to make sure all our roads are safe for residents, especially children," added McConville. "We've all seen in the paper how dangerous the new truck route is."

"Trucks are putting residents at risk when they drive down this unsafe route; the planning isn't there, which is something Tim and I want to address," Rusnak added.

According to McConville, the council needs long-term planning: "Our opponents don't have



a long-term traffic plan. Helen Street was supposed to be finished in 1997. Since then the Democrats repeatedly told the public that it would be done in a year or two. During last year's election they said maybe 2010, if it happens at all."

"In the past when Republicans said we needed to pursue alternatives in addition to Helen Street, the Democrats laughed and said the GOP candidates didn't know what they were talking about. But look where we are now. We don't have Helen Street and we're stuck with a dangerous truck route. The Democrats put us in this no-win position."

A state report calls the new truck route unsafe. "We've already seen accidents rise," McConville explained. "The Democrats had 15 years to come up with a comprehensive traffic plan but haven't. We will."

"I agree," added Rusnak. "It all starts with planning. That includes not only making sure we have alternative routes, but planning growth and making sure we don't overdevelop our town with more condos and apartments, something our opponents have ignored."

The Democrats have added more than a thousand condos and apartments, and believe it or not, they even have plans to add several hundred more. "Just think about the effect on traffic," added McConville. "Traffic and overdevelopment go hand-in-hand."

Rusnak summed up the Republican platform: "Our plan for a better South Plainfield includes tackling overdevelopment and traffic. Long-term planning will replace piecemeal decision making. Families will see the results, which will result in better, safer neighborhoods."

To find out more about Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak, go to [www.spgop.com](http://www.spgop.com).



## All About Pets....

By: Dr. Anthony Loomis DVM  
Plainfield Animal Hospital

Until recently, it was thought that animals don't feel pain like we do, or at least, that they don't feel it as much as we do. But recent research has found that dogs and cats do indeed suffer from pain pretty much exactly the way we do and that pain in and of itself will impede healing from illness, injury and surgery.

How do we know when our pets are in pain is a common question. When we have pain, we complain. However, our pets cry for help may be more subtle. The following symptoms may indicate your pet is in pain: being unusually quiet, restless, or unresponsive; whining, panting, howling, or constantly meowing, constantly licking a particular part of the body, acting funny and out of character, either aggressively or submissively, flattening ears against the head, having trouble sleeping, eating, or walking and seeking a lot more affection than usual.

There are also different types of pain our pets may incur. Acute pain comes



on suddenly as a result of an injury, surgery, or an infection. It can be extremely uncomfortable for your pet and it may limit their mobility. This type of pain is usually temporary. It generally goes away when the condition that causes it is treated. Chronic pain is

long lasting and usually slow to develop. Some of the more common sources of chronic pain are age-related disorders such as arthritis. This pain may be the hardest to deal with, because it can go on for years. Also, because it develops slowly, some animals may gradually learn to tolerate the pain and live with it. This can make chronic pain difficult to detect.

Nowadays, there are many options available to help keep your pet happy, healthy and pain free. Using human medications or other over the counter products including Tylenol and aspirin may cause more harm than good. If you suspect your pet might be hurting, ask your veterinarian to help you figure out the problem and to talk about what options are available.

## WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

Activity fees for Grant School and the middle school are \$30 per child. The activity fee eliminates the need to have fundraisers to support cultural arts programs, various group activities, year-end picnics and the eighth grade dinner dance. Please send the activity fee in an envelope made out to and marked "PTO" for the respective schools.

A Veteran's Day ceremony will be held at the middle school on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 9 a.m. Franklin School will also have their annual ceremony that day. The Yankee Candle fundraiser is underway and will benefit this year's eighth grade class trip as well as next year's trip. Please help reduce the cost for each student by participating in this fundraiser.

The Grant School yearbook sale is almost over. The price is \$17 until Friday, Nov. 30 and will be \$23 after that. Last year, too many students wanted

a yearbook when they came out and there weren't enough to go around so don't miss out.

Kennedy School is looking for vendors for their annual vendors night on Friday, Nov. 2. Trunk-or-Treating night will be Friday, Oct. 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 per family. Come early and decorate your vehicle's trunk and win prizes. Call Jill Quadrel at (908) 769-7456 for more information on these events.

The South Plainfield Education Association will be hosting a car wash on behalf of the high school swim team on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the middle school. Cost is \$5 for all vehicles.

Check out our  
Web site at:  
[spobserver.com](http://spobserver.com)

## Halloween Dance and Costume Contest

On Saturday, Oct. 27 between 7 and 10 p.m., TBSA Sports Academy in Edison will be transformed into a spooky and scary dance hall complete with live DJ with dance and costume contests. This dance is another in a series of children and parent friendly activities run every month at TBSA, a sports and recreation facility, owned and operated by South Plainfield Resident Mike Allocco. This adult chaperoned dance is for children in grades five through eight. Parents or a responsible adult must come into the building to sign the children in and out of the facility. Children are not allowed to leave the building during the hours of the dance.

The admission fee is \$10. Children are encouraged to wear a costume to the dance, but it is not required. Children who do come in costume will be automatically entered into the contests for most creative, funniest and scariest costumes. There will be a variety of prizes and winners in both girls for boys.

For more information, call (732) 650-1224 or E-mail [mike24@tbsanj.com](mailto:mike24@tbsanj.com).

Pizza is available for sale after 8:30 and drinks and snacks will be sold throughout the night.

TBSA is renowned throughout the area for family friendly events. Every Friday night, between 6 and 10 p.m., TBSA hosts "Fantastic Fridays!" Boys and girls from ages 10 through high school can come in and use the entire place at a cost of just \$10. We do ask that children under 14 be accompanied by an adult if they plan to use any of the mechanical equipment, such as our baseball pitching machines or basketball shooting machines. Foosball, table hockey, air hockey, ping pong, pop-a-shot basketball and card playing areas are available, as well as the normal basketball and baseball activities. Music is also provided and it is just a great place to hang out with friends for a nice, safe evening.

## SOUTH PLAINFIELD Monday Morning Network

Concerned about transportation, employment, housing, transition services, ADA enforcement? Have questions about your right to vote?

The Monday Morning Project, an initiative of the NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities, is the largest movement of grassroots activists in the state. Monday Morning has over 2,500 members and 19 networks throughout the state.

The South Plainfield Network is now forming!

### New Members are Welcome!

The Missing Link is YOU! So Join Us... Please come out to hear more about the Morning Network and talk with Mayor Buttrico, County Coordinator Luke Koppisch and Middlesex County Facilitators Anita Clavering and Jackie Jackson.

The OPEN MIKE EVENT gives South Plainfield residents with disabilities & their families a chance to discuss the issues that affect them.

For more information or to RSVP contact: Jackie Jackson, South Plainfield Facilitator at (908) 561-6470 or [jackiejackson@aol.com](mailto:jackiejackson@aol.com)

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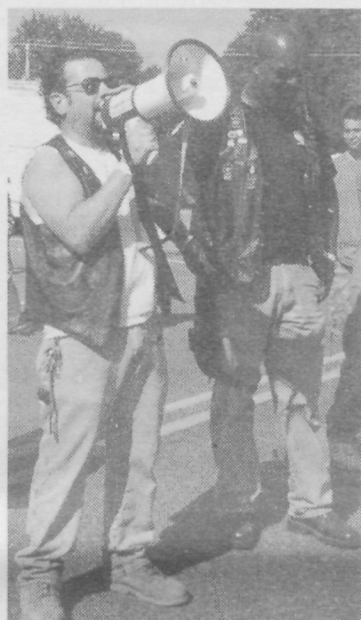
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founders. Motorcycle apparel, bike painters, jewelry sellers and massage therapists came out as vendors to help support the cause of helping defeat the disease that affects our youth and families.

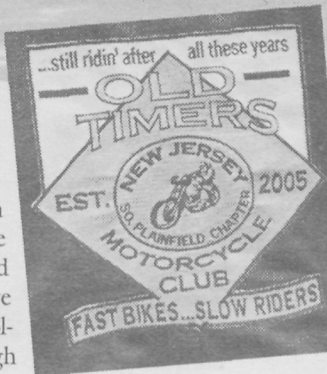
Club founder Rich D'Urso said, "It takes a year of planning and preparation to make an event such as this possible. Without the help of so many of the club's members, it would not have run as smoothly as it did."

Initial tallies indicate that the event may have raised in excess of \$36,000 according to a spokesperson with the club. This year the money will be donated to the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. in memory of Anthony Scilingo.

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. was started by a group of real estate agents at Century 21 Moretti Realty in South Plainfield. According to Guy Moretti, president of the foundation, the Open Your Heart Foundation prides itself



Old Timers Motorcycle Club co-founders Rich D'Urso and Rudy Adams..



on the fact that it has little to no administration costs. "We work very hard to make sure every dollar collected through donations goes to research, child hospice care or direct financial aid to local families who suffer from childhood cancers," said Guy. "It is with overwhelming gratitude that I thank the Old Timers Motorcycle Club for their hard work, along with the wonderful people in our communities who support this effort." The Moretti agency will also be sponsoring a Casino Night for Open Your Heart on October 27 at the PAL. Tickets may be obtained by calling (908) 755-5300.

D'Urso summed up the experience by saying, "Our greatest rewards come from our hearts...and the men and women who made this event possible are the arteries that keep those hearts beating."

D'Urso, Adams and Moretti would like to thank the following individuals for contributing their time and fi-

nancial support.

Road captains: Greg Rhein, Steve Balzar, Jimmy Gibbons, Tom Kaiser, Paul Pine, Timmy Bashira, Billy Macalara, Bruce Devesa, Joe Papa, John Timm, Pete Quadrel, Charlie Hartman, Tony Scilingo,

Bob Bender, Gary Klein, Andy Dachille and Ed Robinson, our truck and trailed drivers; all of the workers from the club itself and employees of the Moretti agency, along with the cooks, bartenders and cleanup crews.

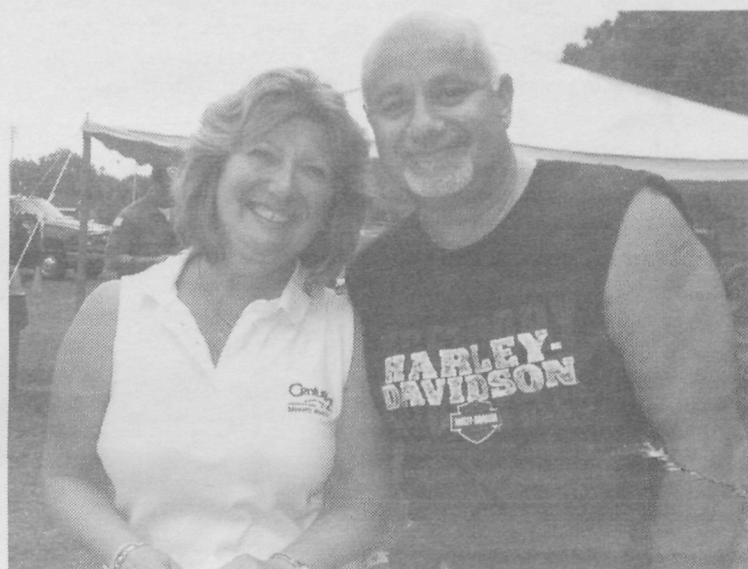
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# Sports

## Eagles Final 2007 Home Game



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The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer held their final 2007 season home game on October 14 at the Eagles field located on Kenneth Avenue. The Flag Football team, which is comprised of 5-7 year-olds, played great against the Montgomery Wildcats. It was a good offensive day, with three touchdowns scored by Michael Marrero, Austin Feltham and Joseph Heilman. Defense was also very strong with several great plays by Zachary DeVecchio.

The Mighty Mite team lost 12-7 against Montgomery, despite a great effort by Jordan Handwerger and Brian Scipio who recovered a fumble and sacked the quarterback. James Moore scored with a 45-yard run on a reverse ending in a touchdown. Ryan

Stankan and Danny Hedden made a touchdown saving tackle with 42 seconds left.

The Eagles' Junior Pee Wee team also had a successful day against Montgomery, winning 9-0. Matt Gruver was on fire on both offense and defense, with a pass play and an interception which resulted in a touchdown. A sack in the end zone resulted in a safety by Kyle Maroney and Malik Cisson. The Junior Pee Wees are 5-2 for the season.

The Pee Wee team defeated Montgomery 31-6. The team welcomed back Troy Heilman, who had been out for most of the season and started the day off with a sack of the opposing quarterback. Scott Whalen turned the ball over for a touchdown and had several lengthy runs. Anthony Ashnault had a great overall day with strong plays on both the offense and defense.

Joseph Pellegrino opened the second half with a kickoff return that resulted in a touchdown for South Plainfield. Sean Cullen made a great effort with an on-side kick recovery. The Pee Wee team has had a near perfect season with a record of six wins and one loss.

At the end of each game, the football players presented flowers to each member of the cheer squads to thank them for their cheering and support throughout the season and to congratulate them on their performance at the competition held on October 13. Thanks boys, that was a nice touch!

The Eagles have one game remaining in their 2007 season, on Saturday, Oct. 20 away against the Hunterdon Huskies. We look forward to a great ending to what has been another exciting season here in South Plainfield. Go Eagles!

—Submitted by Theresa Reed



Matt Gruver's touchdown run.

## Cheer Squads Sweep Second Place at MVC

The South Plainfield Eagles Cheer squads each took second place at the Mountain Valley Conference Cheer Competition held at Bridgewater High School on October 13.

The 2007 Junior Pee Wee Cheer squad was the big surprise of the day as this group of 24 girls ages 8-10 beat out some tough competition to take second place in the Large Novice category. This was despite having many girls that were new to cheerleading and new to this level of competition. This squad really pulled it all together to deliver an outstanding routine.

The 2007 Pee Wee squad had a great performance. Their energy and presence on the mats earned them high marks from the judges and a second place finish in the Large Novice category. This group of 25 girls, ages 9-11, worked extremely hard over the last few weeks and their performance showed it. They truly had their "cheer faces" on as they became the first Pee Wee cheer squad in South Plainfield history to place at this competition.

The 2007 Jr. Midget Cheer Squad rocked the house. Performing at the Large Intermediate level, these 33 girls ranging in age from 11-13 delivered a stunning performance earning them second place and the highest score yet by a South Plainfield Pop Warner Cheer Squad. Led by captains Laine Harris, Alena Brady, Jena Cianfrocca, Crysta Hay, Gabby Lewis, Francesca Noriega, Michelle O'Sullivan, Kimmy Petronko, Jessica Rapatski, Rachel Scrudato, Amanda Tjong, Kathleen Vincent, and Sara Yocum, the Eagle cheerleaders cheered, danced, jumped, stunted and tumbled their way to per-



The Junior Pee Wee MVC Cheer Competition second place performance.

fection. Together with teammates Ashley Annetta, Kendall Christ, Jessica DiCindio, Taylor Donato, Caitlyn Driscoll, Lauren Hill, Zoya Hodge, Desiree Jackson, Taylor Jankoski, Nicole Jones, Alyssa Liszewski, Kelly Outerlial, Danielle Palitto, Lauren Parello, Jessica Pietschker, Gerianne Scarpitto, Kaitlyn Sheedy, Michelle Stoeckel, Nicole Visaggio and Kim Walsh, the Jr. Midgets won over the crowd and made their parents, coaches and organization proud. Each girl plays a vital role in the routine and together they made magic! This squad will be competing at the Garden State Games in November, and we wish them the best.

The squads are categorized based on the number of girls and the level of tumbling and lifting skills. Squads with more than 19 girls are considered to be a "large" squad. Skill level

is broken down into categories of novice, intermediate and advanced. The Intermediate category allows for more advanced skills including back and front handsprings and high level lifts.

It was a full day for all five cheer squads, as the MVC Competition allows the younger Mighty Mite squad (girls ages 7-9) and Flag squad (girls ages 5-7) to exhibit their routines as well. While these squads are not ranked, it gives the girls an opportunity to perform at a competition level. Everyone had a fun day supporting their sister squads and cheering them on to victory!

The Junior Pee Wee and Pee Wee cheer squads now move on to the state competition to be held October 28 at Sovereign Bank Arena in Trenton. We wish them good luck on their "Road to Disney!" Go Eagles!

—Submitted by Theresa Reed



The Pee Wee Cheer Squad at the MVC Competition.

## Register for SPJBC Baseball

Registration for the SPJBC 2008 season will be held at the clubhouse on Kenneth Avenue Friday, Oct. 19

## Rec Youth Wrestling Registration Oct. 27

Registration for the South Plainfield Recreation Youth Wrestling Program will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PAL building. Registration is open to all South Plainfield children ages 5-11 as of October 1, 2007. The cost is \$35 per child. Parents must accompany child at registration. Birth certificates, as well as proof of residency, are required for first time sign-ups. Practice starts on November 12.

from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Annual registration fee is \$95. For new sign-ups, bring a copy of your child's birth certificate and a \$75 bond fee. Be prepared to select uniform sizes for your child. Sign-up to be a manager, coach or umpire at this time. Committee sign-ups are also available.

### NOTES FROM RECREATION

- Tickets for Disney on Ice/High School Musical are now on sale. Show is November 21 at 3 p.m.
- Cappy Award dinner tickets are on sale at the P.A.L. at \$15 per person. Dinner is Saturday, Nov. 17. This year's recipients are Owen Kelly and Nancy Pauls (post-humously).

## LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Marie Buehler a/k/a Marie Sammarco and Marie Sammarco Buehler

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK McCAFFERTY & 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, filed in a civil action, in which Administrator of the Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America is plaintiff, and Michael V. Sammarco and Susan Sammarco, h/w are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-12997-07 within thirty-five (35) days after October 19, 2007 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. 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 (f) foreclosing a mortgage dated February 20, 2002,

made by Michael V. Sammarco and Susan Sammarco, h/w as mortgagor(s), to Administrator of the Small Business Administration, an agency of the Government of the United States of America recorded on March 13, 2002, for Middlesex County in Book 07274, Page 436 of Mortgages for said County; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 7 Tower Hill Lane, Old Bridge, NJ 08857.

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) 249-7600.

YOU, Marie Buehler a/k/a Marie Sammarco, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered in Superior Court of New Jersey on June 7, 2002 known as Judgment No. J-00130548-2002 and Case No. M-001420-82 and a judgment entered in Superior Court of New Jersey on June 7, 2002 known as Judgment No. J-00130552-2002 and Case No. M-001420-82, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

YOU, Marie Sammarco Buehler, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because of a judgment entered in Superior Court of New Jersey on June 13, 1989 known as Judgment No. J-00051745-1989 and Case No. M-001420-82 to secure the amount of \$15,600.00, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

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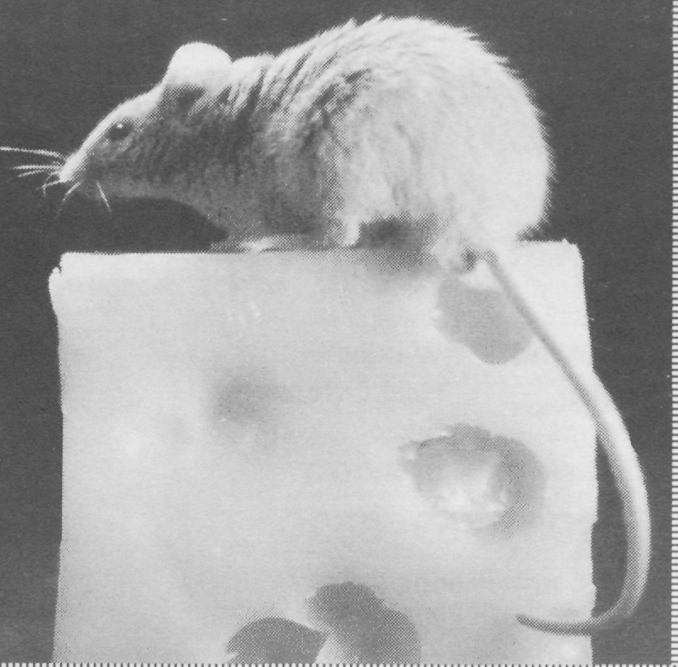
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# Sports

## SOCCER

### Magic Does It Again

Magic, the girls U-13 South Plainfield traveling soccer team, played Hillsborough Lightning on Sunday, Oct. 14 at the Kenneth Avenue fields.

The Magic team played an excellent game, dominating their opponent the entire game. Magic is still undefeated with a record of 4-0-1. They display teamwork and good sportsmanship. They are a joy to work with.

Danielle Butrico scored two goals. Scoring a goal each were Jackie Dvorak, Emily Skula, Carlee Gonzalez and Alexa Douras. Brooke Penik made an assist.

Our offensive and defensive players made it difficult for the other team. They were Allison Ratti, Marissa Smith, Kaitlin McHugh, Taylor Crews, Marie Lanza, Kim Walsh, Annie Pezzolla, Kim Walsh, Jessica Bishop and Brooke Penik. Captains were Taylor Crews and Carlee Gonzalez.

Magic plays West Windsor at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21 at home. The traveling soccer team would appreciate your support. So come on out and join our team.

—Submitted by Margaret Pezzolla

### Arsenal Wins Again

The South Plainfield boys U-9 traveling soccer team took on the Cranford Rebels last Sunday at Cranford's Sherman Park in a phenomenal game.

Arsenal demonstrated great ball control and showed off their passing capabilities through teamwork. They dominated practically all of the game never letting their opponent score. Their determination to win really made this game very exciting to watch.

After Alec Paez scored the first goal minutes into the game, Jared Marks and Jake Hoffman followed soon after. The score was already 3-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Two more goals were scored by Jason Cieszkiewicz and Jared Marks in the second quarter. This gave Arsenal their 5-0 lead. A job well done to the entire team which also includes Jose Arrubla, Tyler Curtis, Jake Giordano, Samardhi Jeedigunta, Ricky Pellegriano, Nicholas Plate, Nicholas Pezzolla and Jake Smith.

Arsenal's next game is Sunday at 11:30 a.m. away in West Windsor.

—Submitted by Chris Paez

### Albert S. Holcombe, 80

Albert S. Holcombe died on Thursday, Oct. 11 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Al was raised in upstate N.Y. and resided in Dunellen before moving to South Plainfield nearly 51 years ago.

He was employed for 19 years as the payroll and tax manager for Burns & Roe of Oradell before retiring in 1990.

A veteran of WWII, Mr. Holcombe served with the U.S. Navy. Referred to as a great fisherman, Al especially enjoyed fishing trips to Nantucket, Mass., gardening, bowling and working outdoors. He was also a N.Y. Giants fan.

Along with all of his hobbies, Mr. Holcombe volunteered at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield for 15 years.

Al and his wife Hildred had recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary.

Surviving are his wife, Hildred; two sons, Bruce of Beesley's Point and David of Egg Harbor Twp.; a sister, Suzanne Nelson of Lebanon and a brother and sister-in-law, Ted and Shirley Holcombe of Lebanon, Pa. Also surviving are two grandchildren, Geoffrey and Steven.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Donations in his memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2600 U.S. Hwy. #1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

### Mary (Sodano) LaSapio, 84

Mary (Sodano) LaSapio died on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at Aristacare at Cedar Oaks in South Plainfield.

Born in Kenil, Mrs. LaSapio lived in Montclair, California, Pt. Pleasant and Nutley.

She was predeceased by a son, Louis LaSapio; a sister and two brothers.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith Weber and husband Ken of Piscataway; a son, Frank Jr. of Bloomfield and two grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### Arthur C. Porzio, 93

Arthur C. Porzio died on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Haven Hospice of JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Brooklyn, he resided in Clark before moving to South Plainfield in 1963.

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Art was the former co-owner of Clark Masonry & Concrete Co. of Clark for many years before retiring in 1989. A carpenter by trade, he also worked for the former Dur Cal Plastering & Concrete.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and was a member of Sacred Heart Church.

Art loved the game of baseball his entire life. During the depression he tried out for the St. Louis Cardinals, where he was invited back and given the opportunity for a second try-out. Due to the hard times during that era, Art had to pass on the second tryout. But that didn't stop him from flourishing in the game of softball, a game in which he played well into his mid 60's.

For many years Mr. Porzio was a member of the South Plainfield Beverage softball team. Due to his level of fitness, he was once referred to by a teammate as one who looked strong enough to squeeze saw dust out of a bat handle. In addition to his reputation in softball, Mr. Porzio was also an avid N.Y. Yankees fan.

He was predeceased by his wife, Johanna Porzio, who died in 1989.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Arthur J. and Patricia Porzio of South Plainfield; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia L. and Frank Peppi of Brick; a brother and sister-in-law, Constantino "Al" and Lucy Porzio of Staten Island, and three grandchildren, Frank, Nicolas and Douglas. Also surviving are two nephews, Steven and Dominick Porzio.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### Joseph Bottone, 81

Joseph Bottone died on Sunday, Oct. 14 at home.

Born and raised in Maddaloni, Italy, Joe came to the United States in 1953. From 1953 until 1973, Mr. Bottone traveled back and forth from Italy and the United States on a regular basis.

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For the next six years, Joe and his family lived in Plainfield before finally settling in South Plainfield in 1979.

When Mr. Bottone first arrived in the United States, he worked for the City of Plainfield in the public works department. Afterward, he was employed by the former Norwalk Vault Company in Watchung for a few years before landing a job for Roma Foods in Piscataway. While employed by Roma, Joe worked as the company grounds keeper until his retirement a few years ago.

An avid gardener and wine maker, his first love was for his family.

He was predeceased by two sisters, Giulia and Pasquella and two brothers, Tony and Luigi.

Surviving are his wife Rosa; three children, Francesca D'Antuono and husband Aniello of Somerset, Clemente Bottone and wife Maria of South Plainfield and Louie Bottone Jr. and wife Julia of Hillsborough; a sister, Lucia Natale of California and six grandchildren, Frank D'Antuono, Attionette Estadt and Joseph, Roseanna, Louie Jr. and Kristina Bottone. Also surviving are five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Ashley Lauren Foundation, c/o Alyssa Ricciardi, 221 Sunrise St., Brick, N.J. 08724.

### Nicholas Monticchio, 95

Nicholas Monticchio died on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Arista Care at Cedar Oaks in South Plainfield.

Born in Queens, N.Y., Nick was raised in Newark and resided in the city for 45 years before settling in South Plainfield in 1955.

He was employed as a mason foreman for the Damon G. Douglas Construction Company of Newark for over 25 years before retiring at the age of 62. He was a member of the Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Union Local #4 of Newark.

A former member of Our Lady of Czesochowa RC Church, Nicholas had worked the Feast of St. Anthony in the corn booth with his family for a number of years.

He was predeceased by his wife, Josephine, who died in 1994.

Surviving are two sons and their wives, Romeo and Marie Monticchio of Little Egg Harbor and Carmen and Leanna Monticchio of South Plainfield; a sister, Christina and husband George Paglia and a brother, Joseph Monticchio. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Raymond, Anthony, Lisa, Michael, Richard, Joseph Monticchio and Linda Papianni and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

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# IN YOUR OPINION

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acres of open space preserved with more to be preserved, significant improvements to the PAL building and Putnam Park and the reconstruction of Hamilton Boulevard. When I drive around town, I see improvements everywhere. They also plan to build a new library and have started the New Market Avenue extension to permanently keep truck traffic off of Hamilton Boulevard. All of this has been accomplished while cutting our property taxes. This is an outstanding accomplishment that the voters have been hoping for for a long time. Please vote to support Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas for borough council. They will work hard for the residents' best interests.

**FRED BRISEBOIS**

Dear Editor,

After watching this year's campaign unfold, I've made my decision about who I'll vote for. The Republicans, to me, have the best new ideas and solutions for our town. They really do have a plan for a better South Plainfield.

It's refreshing to see how Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak are focus-

ing on planning and are offering new ideas that are not only innovative, but fiscally responsible. These include things like adding to our parks and open space, raising ethical standards, and revitalizing our business districts along Park Avenue and Plainfield Avenue.

What I really like is how McConville and Rusnak are taking a balanced approach. They have a plan to take us forward, but they don't have a lot of big-money programs that will increase costs and ultimately taxes.

We need a fresh start. Tim McConville and Ray Rusnak have the energy, drive and enthusiasm to get things back on track. It's time for a change. McConville and Rusnak deserve our votes.

**BILL FRINK**

To the Editor:

On Election Day, the voters of South Plainfield need only to look at a few simple facts to see why Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas deserve your vote for Borough Council. The fact that we have a tax decrease this year shows that the "pay-as-you-go" fiscal strategy adopted by the Demo-

crats really works. I certainly don't know of any town in our area that can boast of that achievement. The Cerami-Thomas team has helped to reduce the borough's debt and kept our municipal tax rate as one of the lowest in Middlesex County. These excellent fiscal policies demonstrate that government can provide excellent services without mortgaging our children's future. The Cerami-Thomas record of accomplishment shows that these dedicated public servants have the creativity needed to allow our borough government to provide top rate services on a loan budget. They have also shown the courage to make the tough decisions on cutting the budget. On Election Day, look at the record and vote for Dennis Cerami and Kathy Thomas for Borough Council.

**JOE MASTROPIETRO**

Dear Editor,

When council candidate Dennis Cerami came to my door recently, I thought it would be an opportunity to share with him some of my concerns about the direction of our town. When I started talking to him, how-

ever, I could see he wasn't interested in what I had to say, but instead only wanted to recite his prepared script about what a "great" job he and his fellow Democrats had done on the council.

The conversation became heated when I disagreed. I asked him why he took truck traffic out of his neighborhood and put it on my side of town on roads that can't handle it. I also asked him how adding more than 500 high-density condos to Tingley Rubber would be a good thing for traffic in an already-congested area. Instead of engaging me on these issues, he accused me of being brainwashed by his opponents, got angry, and left.

While we didn't get to discuss it, I also disagree with Cerami on the so-called tax cut. If you raise taxes a lot in January (about \$90) and then reduce the increase a smidgeon in October right before an election (\$15), that's not a tax cut.

"Tax cut" might be a nice slogan to put on signs and in ads, but only if it's real. Cerami and Thomas should not insult the intelligence of the voters, who can easily see that taxes have gone up, not down. Tax cut? You heard me right: nonsense.

**JAY EDMONDSON**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE**

October 12, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on October 11, 2007.

- A. Case #55-06/Site/Use/V—Carole Media, L.L.C. Block 537; Lot 2; Bedford Avenue. The applicant's request for final site plan approval for a billboard with a height of 43 feet above grade level was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #30-07—Joanne Rosato. Block 254; Lot 17; 158 Teeple Place. The applicant's request for the lot width at setback line & mean lot width variances were hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- C. Case # 32-07/Use—Our Lady of Czestochowa. Block 344; Lots 1-4; 120 Kosciusko Avenue. The applicant's request for a conditional use variance & the continuation of the existing non-conforming conditions was hereby GRANTED.
- D. Case # 34-07—David Papa & Margarita Arbelacz. Block 266; Lot 14; 129 Randolph Avenue. The applicant's request for lot coverage & front & side yard setback variances in order to extend the existing porch, erect a 1st floor extension of the home as well as an add-a-level was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.
- E. Case # 35-07—Ramgoolam Balkaram. Block 377; Lot 5; 710 Hamilton Boulevard. The applicant's request for the construction of a 2nd floor add-a-level was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

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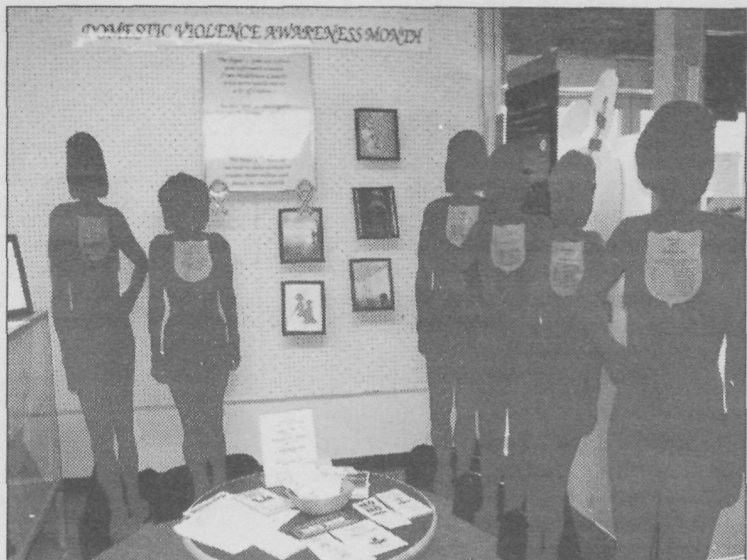
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For more information, contact Dan Mahoney at (732) 756-0633, ext. 39 or E-mail dan410@aol.com.

### Middle School PTO Meeting Announced

The South Plainfield Middle School PTO will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School Library.

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## Bookmarks

From the South Plainfield Library

By Sunnie Randolph

Finally it feels more like autumn. Halloween is only two weeks away. The library has many Halloween books, movies and music about Halloween. Do you know what you want to dress up as for Halloween? The library has books on Halloween costumes like "The Halloween Handbook: 447 costumes" (394.2646 CLA) to give you ideas for costumes and how to make them. Have you picked your pumpkin yet? When you do, the library has books on how to carve and paint your pumpkin, "Pumpkin Carving-Extreme Pumpkins" (745.5941 NAR) and pumpkin carving and decorating. After all the work of carving and painting your pumpkin, you need some Halloween "treats"—crafts for Halloween parties and pumpkin treats—recipes. When you have time to sit back and relax you can watch the library's Halloween DVDs like "Halloween I," "II," "III"

and "IV" or listen to some Halloween sounds—Halloween howls; spooky sounds, stories and songs to scare you silly or scary sound effects, nightmarish noise for Halloween. Have a safe and fun Halloween.

The library's evening children's story time has been cancelled on October 31. There will be a Time for 2s and 3s at 10:30 a.m. on October 31.

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, Magician Brian Eslick will be performing his magic for children three years old and over. The program will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center. It begins at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, at 2 p.m. there will be an antique appraisal program with Alan Snyder. Please bring only two items to be appraised. Appraisals are done on a first come basis. The library opens at 1:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Please be aware there is no eating, drinking or cell phone use in the library. The South Plainfield Public Library exists for the use and enjoyment of all residents of the community. To insure that the library is a safe, clean, quiet place, conducive to providing opportunities for study, research and recreational reading, the library has guidelines that must be respected by those who enter the library. You may request a copy of the behavior policy at the library.

There are still some books and videos left from the library's book sale. The price is \$1 a bag. Come in and browse and see what remains.

## Marston Named First Junior Journalist Winner!



Grant Elementary School sixth grade student Joanna Marston with Language Arts teacher Camille Deutsch.

Joanna Marston, Grant School sixth grader, is the first winner in the Hometown Heros and South Plainfield Observer-sponsored 2007-08 Junior Journalist Contest with her poem entitled, "Football."

Joanna will be the recipient of a dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros. She will also receive a t-shirt. At the end of the school year, she will be honored at a banquet, along with all the contest winners.

Open to all school-aged children in South Plainfield, The Junior Journalist Contest is a weekly program promoting the art of writing.

Students should submit their original poetry, articles, opinion pieces or

essays to their English teachers, who will submit them to the Observer.

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.

### Football

By Joanna Marston

Catch the ball  
Get tackled and fall  
Don't stand there  
Just like a stump  
Run, Run  
Like Forest Gump  
TOUCHDOWN!!

Scored six points for the town  
Cheerleaders jump around  
The crowd makes a  
cheering sound  
Boys treat this game like a pearl  
But I don't care  
I'm just a girl

### policereport

• On Oct. 9, Carole Anne Dale, 58, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath samples, reckless driving and having an open container of alcohol.

• On Oct. 12, a report that six wooden crosses were damaged which were to be used for the Haunted Woods Tour at Putnam Park.

• A Maple Avenue resident reported that their rear door was broken and a fire extinguisher was taken. The house was vacant at the time.

• On Oct. 13, an Edison resident reported the theft of a 2005 Suzuki motorcycle from the parking lot of LA Fitness.

• On Oct. 14, Jason C. Davis, 32, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and being an unlicensed driver.

• A Beverly Road resident reported that the vent/visor for the sun roof of their vehicle had been damaged.

• An employee of Sherban's Diner reported that a telephone company wooden spool which carries wire was pushed into the side rear panel of their car.

• On Oct. 15, Alissa M. Moon, 19, of Piscataway and Melissa Justine Waluk, 19, of Plainfield were arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$183 worth of clothing.

## Paulo's Barbeque Receives Liquor License Approval

By Libby Barsky

Customers at Paulo's Barbeque will soon be able to order a bottle of beer or wine with their meal. Having the ability to serve liquor with meals will bring Paulo Simoes' restaurant to another level as a family restaurant and was the reason he applied for a liquor license.

In July, the Borough Council voted to deny his liquor license application, citing concerns about the proximity of Witty's Liquor Store, located just 75 feet away, instead of the 2,000 feet required by ordinance and the lack of restrictions on the license if Simoes sold the restaurant to another owner.

Simoes reacted to the rejection by placing a "for sale" sign on the property the next day. The sign didn't stay up for long and Simoes went ahead with completing the planned expansion and renovation of the building.

The council reconsidered the application and approved a liquor license for Paulo's Barbeque at their October 2 meeting with the following conditions: the hours of operation for Paulo's Barbeque will be from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; the liquor license would be sold separately if Paulo's Barbeque is ever sold; no packaged goods would be sold, the restaurant and Paulo's would not operate a sports bar, lounge or nightclub.

### Coalition of Cultural Diversity Meeting

The South Plainfield Coalition of Cultural Diversity will meet on Monday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Borough Hall. It is open to public.

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