

Curbside bulk pickup continues. Section 3 items go to curb Oct. 12.

**Columbus Day**

The Plainfields Chapter of UNICO will hold Columbus Day ceremonies at Borough Hall on Monday, Oct. 13 at 9 a.m. The public is invited.



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## Get Acquainted With Public Safety Saturday

by Jane Dornick

The Borough of South Plainfield emergency services announced its first annual "Public Safety Day" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11 from noon to 5 p.m. at Veterans Park. This event was formerly known as the fire department open house, however

it has been expanded to include the police department bike rodeo as well as demonstrations by members of the rescue squad, Office of Emergency Management, the Fire Prevention Bureau, 911 communication dispatchers and the Domestic Violence Response Team. Also participating that day are various Middlesex County agencies

such as the Fire Marshals Office of Emergency Management Services, the task force, members of HAZMAT, the SWAT team, the N.J. State Police helicopter, the Edison K-9 team, Somerset Medical Center EMS and more.

On display will be equipment and apparatus along with demonstrations,

lectures and informational literature from each department. Children will have a chance to examine, up close, all of the emergency vehicles and meet the emergency service members and ask questions. There will be a motor vehicle extrication demonstration, the police bike rodeo where children can register their bikes, hand-held fire

extinguisher training, K-9 unit dogs, an EMS Teddy Bear Clinic, a state police helicopter landing, children's car seat check, the DARE officer child fingerprinting and over 15 emergency apparatus on display.

For more information please visit [www.southplainfieldfire.com](http://www.southplainfieldfire.com).

## Vandals Destroy Blinds At Haunted Woods

On October 4 and 5 members of Almost Famous Players (AFP) gathered at Putnam Park to work on the sixth annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour, which is scheduled to take place at the end of the month. The group, mostly teenagers, cleaned the wooded area and cleared the trails. They also spent many hours building 'blinds,' made of broken branches found in the park. The blinds create blocked areas and prevent the audience from seeing the upcoming scares.

The crew arrived at 9:30 a.m. to do the more complicated work and over a dozen cast members arrived at about 1 p.m. to do additional work. They spent many hours building the blinds for the AFP annual Halloween show and left at 5:30 p.m.

On Monday morning, all blinds which were constructed on Sunday had been purposely destroyed.

Each year the Almost Famous Players theatre troupe, which has the support of the mayor and council,

draw hundreds of people, not only from South Plainfield, but surrounding towns. Their only purpose is to entertain and they donate a portion of their profits to local organizations.

A police report has been filed and residents who live in the area have agreed to keep an eye on the park, but the damage is done.

Patricia Abbott, who is the founder of the Almost Famous Players, expressed her disappointment on the destruction which took place at the park. "As the saying goes, 'The show must go on!' The damaged areas will be rebuilt as soon as possible," she said.

If anyone has any knowledge of who is responsible for the vandalism, please call the South Plainfield police, or contact Almost Famous Players at [almostfamousplyrs@aol.com](mailto:almostfamousplyrs@aol.com).

Despite the setbacks, an optimistic Abbott said, "I am looking forward to seeing many familiar faces in a few weeks. We enjoy scaring you!"

## Find Stolen Treasure On Devil's Island

Almost Famous Players is gearing up for the sixth annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour Halloween Show. This year's show, "Devil's Island," will take the audience on a search for stolen pirate treasure. The "deserted" island, now a contagious disease center research site, has numerous oddities.

Join the brave tour guides in their journey across the island to claim their ancestor's fortune.

Recommended for ages nine and up. Parents should be aware of their children's fear level. No refunds after tour has begun. Reservations recommended.

Show dates are October 24, 25, 26, 31 and November 1 (tentatively). Tours begin at 6:30 p.m. and run every 25 minutes. Tickets are \$6.

For information, call (908) 756-8011.



Almost Famous Players Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour returns with "Devil's Island" on October 24, 25, 26, 31 and November 1.



The Old Timers Motorcycle Club Third Annual Run for the Children, in conjunction with Moretti Realty and Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer, raised over \$30,000 on Sunday. See next week's *Observer* for full story.

## Council Debate Draws Over 200

On October 1 the South Plainfield Business Association and the *South Plainfield Observer* co-sponsored the Borough Council candidate's debate at the Senior Center. Participating in the debate were the four council candidates, Republican incumbent Councilmen Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga, and Democrats Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno.

The evening debate drew more than 200 residents. The moderator was Marlene Sincaglia, a member of the League of Woman Voters. The audience submitted questions on index cards, which were then given to the moderator, who decided which questions to ask.

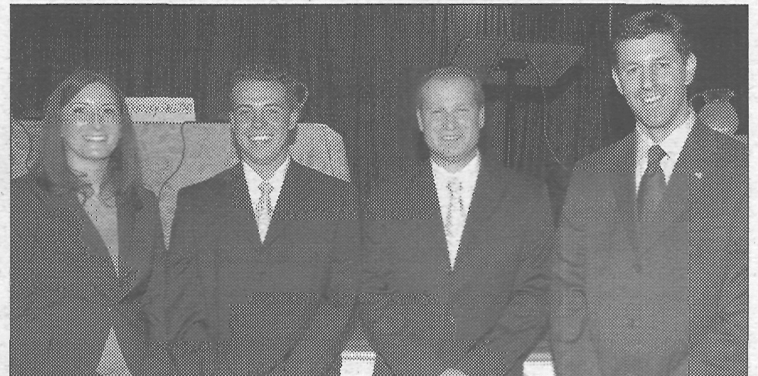
The candidates began with opening remarks and then fielded questions for about an hour, before giving closing remarks. Some questions were directed to a specific candidate, some to a party.

Both sides were given rebuttal time to their opponents responses.

The *Observer* would like to thank the volunteers who helped make the evening a success, especially SPBA President Debra Leporino, who served as MC; Toni Moretti, official time keeper; volunteers Carolyn Allen,

Frank and Barbara Smith, Jean Fultz, Jane Dornick, Carol Grennier, Robert Bengivenga, Sr., Mayor Charles Butrico, Jack Pedersen, and the students who helped pick up questions.

The debate will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 74 on October 19 at 5 p.m. and October 23 at 7:30 p.m.



Borough Council candidates (L-R) Chrissy Buteas, Franky Salerno, incumbent Councilmen Rob Bengivenga Jr. and Matt Anesh.

## Crossing Guard Speaks Out for Safety of Kids

After viewing the photo of children crossing Hamilton Boulevard near the Board of Education building in the September 12 *Observer*, a crossing guard in the area felt compelled to speak out about the incident.

The crossing guard, who did not want to be identified for fear of being fired, complained about the "ongoing situation" with children crossing the busy boulevard on their own.

The crossing guard has worked for over 20 years in the area and has seen the number of children walking

in the area grow during the past year. The guard explained that the courtesy bus dropping off middle and high school students arrives prior to post time at 2:45 p.m. Guard employer DMS Security of Jersey City said that they are aware of the problem, but due to insurance issues, guards are only covered during their assigned times. DMS also said that according to the South Plainfield Traffic Safety Department, "There is not enough money in the [borough] budget" to pay for more guards or more time.

The guard added that they did not get a raise this year saying, "If only they would let me get there 15 minutes earlier, I could cross those kids. The town is not thinking of the safety of the children."

The guard feels that complaints have fallen on deaf ears, and added that traffic safety has not returned calls.

The guard's daughter was struck by a car on Hamilton Boulevard when she was 15 years-old and explained, "I never want to see another

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## “Opportunity Knocks” for Local Resident

In an upcoming episode of the new ABC prime time series, “Opportunity Knocks,” South Plainfield resident Stanley Stellakis will perform with the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey.

Stanley Stellakis is a 2008 graduate of St. Joseph’s High School and a freshman at The College of New Jersey.

The show will air on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 8 p.m. on WABC-TV, Channel 7 in the local New York area.

**Can’t Make a Council Meeting? See it on Comcast Channel 74.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS** air on Comcast Channel 74 Mondays, 7:30 p.m.

**AGENDA** and/or Other **SPECIAL** Meetings air Saturday at 8 p.m.

(Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

The Candidates Debate will air on Sunday, Oct. 19 at 5 p.m.

and Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7:30 p.m.

To purchase a copy of a complete  
Borough Council meeting, contact the *Observer*.



### council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, except as noted. \* All meetings begin at 7 p.m.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
October 20 .....	October 14 (Tuesday)
November 3 .....	October 27
	November 10

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

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, \*except where noted.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
October 23, November 13\*, December 11\*.

### board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.: November 12,  
December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 1.

Regular Public Meeting, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: October 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17,  
January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 8.

### recreation commission

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

### taxpayers advisory group

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

### site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.  
October 21, November 18, December 16.

### environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621  
November 12, December 10, January 14

### business advisory group

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

### traffic safety advisory commission

Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

### board of education curriculum/technology meetings

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

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

## In My Opinion

Dear Editor,

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club held its third annual “Run for the Children” on October 5. I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who attended and added to the success of this event. The town of South Plainfield has been generous and helpful in providing support and a facility to make such an event possible. I would like to thank and acknowledge Kevin Hughes for all his help, Kevin Murtaugh and the South Plainfield Police Department for leading the way and the South Plainfield Fire Department for being responsive to our cause. Century 21 Moretti Realty Agency and the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation were instrumental in organizing these runs and Dave Donatelli, Paul Brant and Phil Russo were at the helm in preparing the field for the day’s festivities. Phil and Heidi Russo also provided the musical entertainment with their band “Mirage.”

It is without reservation that I personally thank all of the members of the Old Timers and the many workers that came out to make this run the best so far. This event could not have run so smoothly without the guidance and support of Greg Rhein, who I worked closely with for many months previous to the event. I have seen so many come to the aid of this cause and they are to be commended for their efforts. We know who you are! A full list of names will appear in a video that will be available to all in a few weeks. Lack of space limits that option at this writing.

Thanks to the individual clubs that came out to support this run. Your presence at the event shows that you have made a conscious decision to support a worthy cause through the enjoyment of riding motorcycles.

I am proud to be a member of a community that supports these efforts. We have made an impact on the motorcycle community, but more importantly these riders and workers have made a greater impact on the fight to cure cancer. My heart is filled with gratitude for everyone who has shown that despite certain obstacles we can come together as a community of rid-

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ers and a town to give back to the many that are in need of assistance. And although we started and continue to be a riding club first, our protocol allows us to come together once a year to raise money for cancer (as most clubs do), and this proves the versatility of the riders who support us and sheds a bright light on the biker community across the state and country. We look forward to continuing our “vision” to contribute to the effort to cure diseases that affect young and old and continue to be a group of riders who show diversity through their actions.

**MANY THANKS,  
RICH D’URSO/FOUNDER OLD  
TIMERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

Dear Editor,

Although I wasn’t born here, moving here more that 25 years ago and raising my family here was one of the most fortunate decisions of my life. I was awarded the opportunity to give back to this great community and I have been honored to serve on the Borough Council for 11 years. We have a terrific town and great people. I formerly lived on the south side and now I live on the north side. I never considered myself a north sider or south sider. Whenever there is a need, South Plainfield is known for pulling together as one community. That is why I am so saddened by the political front group formed by the Republican Party to spread a message of scorn and division among our residents.

Of equal concern is the fact that The Coalition for a Better South Plainfield incorporated by Republican campaign

manager Bob Jones is an attempt to circumvent campaign finance disclosure. Under the borough’s ‘pay-to-play’ ordinance which was adopted under the Democrats, a professional working for the borough is limited to \$300 in campaign contributions. That rule does not apply to the coalition. In fact the coalition isn’t even required to disclose its’ contributors. Who do you think paid for the “Their neighborhood vs. Our neighborhood” signs that are on the trucking company properties on Oak Tree Avenue? Where did the thousands of dollars come from to pay for the glossy insert in the local newspaper?

Republican candidates Bengivenga and Anesh love to talk about ethics. Well there is talking the talk and walking the walk. They should immediately disband this ethically challenged coalition and put up on their Web page a list of all who contributed to that group.

**COUNCILMAN  
RAYMOND PETRONKO**

To the Editor:

The leaders, parents and boys of Boy Scout Troop 267 would like to extend a big thanks to all who helped us make our root beer float fundraiser a success! Thank you to Petrucci’s Ice Cream in Piscataway, Restaurant Depot, Target, Walmart in Piscataway,

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## Hometown Heros Celebrates Recent Expansion With Re-Grand Opening

Hometown Heros wants patrons to help celebrate the re-grand opening of the deli/restaurant at an open house on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

A new dining area, featuring a breakfast buffet, was added during the recent expansion, doubling the size of the facility. The buffet is open every Sunday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The kitchen has been renovated to include new ovens, fryers and a grill, and the menu has been expanded to include grilled items.

The new menu features fresh grilled hamburgers, cheesesteaks, grilled chicken, French fries, onion rings,

chicken and cheese quesadilla and more.

The public is invited to join the celebration by sampling free food from the new store and catering menus.

Mayor Charles Butrico, who was present at the original grand opening when he was a councilman, has been invited to cut the ceremonial ribbon.

Hometown Heros, entering its eighth year in business in January, is also in the sixth year of co-sponsoring the Junior Journalist contest with the *Observer*.

Hometown Heros would like to thank the community and businesses in South Plainfield who have continued to support them through their loyal patronage.

## Pumpkin Painting at Library

The South Plainfield Public Library will hold a pumpkin painting program on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In a change from previous years, participants must bring in their own pumpkins to decorate. The library will provide all other craft materials. The program is for children of all ages and

is being presented free of charge. No pre-registration is required; participants may drop in at any time during the program.

The library is located in the municipal complex. For further details, call (908) 754-7885 or visit [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).



Linda Theil, first place winner in the Girl Scout Labor Day pie contest.

## A Sweet Reward

The South Plainfield Girl Scout community held a pie contest on Labor Day. Mayor Butrico, and councilmembers were judges, along with John Mocharski. Linda Thiel's raspberry pie took first place. Second place went to Sarah Reineke from Girl Scout Troop 2 for her Toll House chocolate chip pie and third place was awarded to Doris Hansen for her entry of a blueberry pie. Congratulations to the winners.

Many thanks to Kevin Hughes for the use of the PAL building, Mayor Butrico and councilmembers Anesh, Bengivenga and McConville.

## SPHS Music Boosters

# MUSIC NOTES

Well, we made it through the misty rain on September 27 when the marching band and color guard performed Cirque du Soleil's "Quidam" at the Somerville competition. The students did a great job, missing second place by only 1.4 points.

On October 4 they performed in South Brunswick. With seven bands in our group, both "open class" and "A class," the band scored 77.35, putting them fourth overall, but in second place for the "A class" bands. Congrats on a job well done.

Our next competition is at Hillsborough High School on Saturday, Oct. 11. The marching band is scheduled to perform just after 4 p.m., so come and cheer them on.

Our 27th annual Marching Band Festival and USSBA Competition will be held at Jost Field on Saturday, Oct. 18 beginning at 6 p.m. We have over 12 marching bands from around New Jersey perform. Hot food, refreshments and merchandise will be available for sale. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

Come, wear your school colors and see what all the excitement is about! You'll hear great music and see wonderful performances by all.

The music department is selling gourmet popcorn and citrus fruit. See any student in the music department to place your orders. Gourmet popcorn will deliver before Thanksgiving; fruit will deliver prior to the winter break.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the chorus room. Hope to see you there.

—Submitted by Pamela Hussey

## Juniorettes Seek New Members

The South Plainfield Juniorettes are a group of young women who improve the community through various volunteer service projects. Juniorettes meet new people and always have fun. They receive recognition and numerous awards throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a member, E-mail Jessica Vasquez at [josblink1825@comcast.net](mailto:josblink1825@comcast.net).

### THE ALMOST FAMOUS PLAYERS

#### Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour is

fast approaching and the group is in need of assistance. We are currently seeking help from local businesses and are in need of donations to purchase items for sets, costumes, props and special effects. Last year's bad weather has left us far behind financially. Any help/donations are greatly appreciated! Contact (908) 346-2290 or (908) 756-8011. Show dates are October 24-26 and 31 and November 1.

### Correction

#### Flu Shots at Senior Center

In last week's *Observer*, we published the incorrect date for flu shots. It should have read: "The Middlesex County Health Department will be offering flu vaccines and pneumococcal immunization to residents 18 and older. Shots will be available at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Friday, Oct. 24 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m."

For more information, call the senior center at (908) 754-1047.



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Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

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# Around Town

## All-Day Scrapbooking at Wesley Methodist

October 11

Wesley Methodist Church is hosting a Creative Memories Croptoberfest All-Day Scrapbooking Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fee is \$25 and includes eight hours of cropping time, prizes, snacks, drinks, a pizza and salad lunch and seven break-out learning sessions (optional).

For more information, call Dayel Giammarino at (908) 754-4255.

## Tricky Tray at St. Stephen's Church

October 11

St. Stephen's will be hosting a tricky tray event on Saturday, Oct. 11 in the church hall. Doors open at 6 p.m. and calling begins at 7:30 p.m. Super raffle includes a 32" LCD HDTV and BlueRay DVD player and Nintendo Wii. Mystery prizes, door prizes and 50/50 raffle. For tickets or information, call (908) 806-8770.

## Blackrose to Perform

October 11

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Season's Restaurant, located on Rt. 27 in Edison, on Saturday, Oct 11 at 10 p.m.

## Wesley Church/ Blessing of Animals

October 12

Wesley Methodist will celebrate St. Francis and a service of blessing of the animals will be held on the church lawn on Sunday, Oct. 12 at 3 p.m. The community pets are welcome to be blessed.

## Historical Society Meeting

October 14

The South Plainfield Historical Society will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7 p.m. in the history center, located in the Board of

Education building (old Roosevelt School.) Parking and entrance on Jackson Avenue.

## Marching Band Festival

October 18

South Plainfield High School is hosting the 27th Annual Marching Band Festival USSBA Competition on Saturday, Oct. 18 beginning at 6 p.m. at Frank R. Jost Memorial Field. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 students/senior citizens. Hot food, refreshments, baked goods and more! Over 12 local high school bands and color guards. Questions? Call (908) 754-4620.

## St. Stephens Oktoberfest

October 18

The 11th annual Oktoberfest will be held at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. All-you-can-eat German dinner. Cost is \$11 adults, \$8 seniors, \$5 children 5-12 and children under five are free. Reservations recommended, but walk-ins accepted. Take-out dinners will be available.

For reservations or information, call (908) 757-4474.

## Columbiettes Fall Fashion Show

October 19

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will host their annual Fall Fashion Show on Sunday, Oct. 19 at the Spain Inn, 7th Street and Rock Avenue in Piscataway. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes an all you can eat buffet luncheon. Clothes from Dress Barn in South Plainfield will be modeled. Proceeds go to support local charities and community events.

For tickets or information, call Emma at (732) 287-2346 or Kathy at (908) 756-3772.

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## SPBA Meeting

October 23

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner, located on Front Street. This month's "Spotlight on Business" presentation will be the John Hancock Financial Network and the "Community Projects" presentation will be by Shirley Thompson.

Contact SPBA President Debra Anne Leporino at SPBAPres@aol.com if you would like to be a guest or guest speaker or do a five-minute presentation on your company or business at the next membership meeting.

## SPHS Class of 1978 30th Reunion

October 25

SPHS Class of 1978 will hold their 30th class reunion on Saturday, Oct. 25 at the Crown Plaza Hotel (formerly known as Clarion Hotel & Towers) in Edison. Pre-paid entry only; no tickets will be sold at the door.

For information or to purchase tickets, please E-mail sphs30yr@gmail.com or call Janie at (908) 755-0959.

## — Out of Town —

## Middlesex East WOWs

October 10

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, Oct. 10 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Live music and refreshments. \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

## Halloween Party

October 10

Join us for our annual Halloween party on Friday, Oct. 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the Brass Lantern, 335 Main St., Metuchen. Games, prizes for the best costumes, refreshments, creepy music, and tarot card readings. Do you have a ghost story you would like to share? Prizes will be given for best story.

For more information, call (732) 548-5442.

## Indoor Oktoberfest

October 11

Deutscher Club Of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, is holding an indoor Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 5 to 11 p.m. Kitchen opens at 5:30 p.m. German and American food available. Live music from 7 to 11 p.m. Donation is \$6. Free parking.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

## Edison Arts Society 10th Anniversary

October 11

The Edison Arts Society will present its 10th anniversary season with the Edison Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Middlesex County College Performing Arts Center, 2600 Woodbridge Ave. in Edison. All tickets are \$25.

For tickets and reserved seating, visit [www.edisonarts.org](http://www.edisonarts.org).

## Allentown Art Guild Art Show/Yard Sale

October 11 & 12

The Allentown Art Guild will hold a two-day fall art show and sale at the Jeff Martin Photography Studio in Allentown on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 11 and 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information, call 259-0455, or (609) 259-4292.

## Stockton Fund Run/Walk

October 12

The Richard Stockton College Alumni Association Legacy Fund Run/Walk will be held at Stockton's G. Larry James Stadium on Sunday, Oct. 12. Proceeds benefit the G. Larry James Legacy Fund for Stockton scholarships. Register online or download an application at [www.raceforum.com](http://www.raceforum.com).

For information, call (609) 626-3604 or E-mail [ofans@stockton.edu](mailto:ofans@stockton.edu).

## Science of Survival/ Liberty Science Ctr.

October 17

Liberty Science Center hosts the National Premiere of The Science of Survival beginning Friday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. This new exhibition provides a thought-provoking and hands-on experience that enables guests to explore options for a more sustainable lifestyle, and how science and technology will play a part in a positive future for all.



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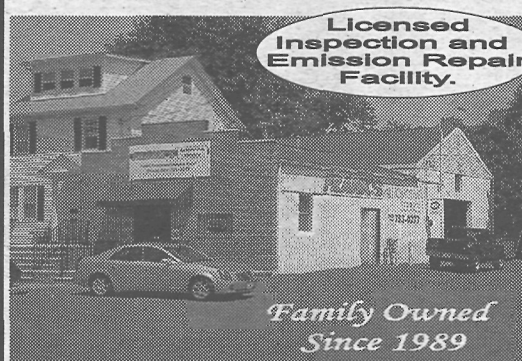
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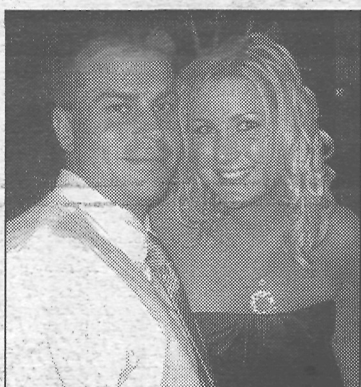
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## southplainfieldpeople

# Milestones



Christopher Pfeil and Melissa Tillotson.

### Melissa Tillotson and Christopher Pfeil Engaged

Joanne and John Tillotson of South Plainfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Christopher Pfeil of Bridgewater, son of Sandra and Ronald Oakes of North Port, Fla. and Robert and Mary Pfeil of South Shores, N.C.

Melissa, a 1999 graduate of South Plainfield High School, currently resides in Bridgewater and is employed by Private Client Services of Marsh, Inc. in Morristown.

Christopher, formerly of Montgomery, is a 2002 graduate of Rutgers University. He is employed by Extenis in Woodbridge as an account manager.

A Fall 2009 wedding is planned.

### William Meixner Graduates Ball State University

William Meixner of South Plainfield graduated from Ball State University with a master of arts degree.

Ball State University is a state-assisted doctoral institution located in Muncie, Ind., a mid-sized Midwestern city one hour northeast of Indianapolis. The campus is home to nearly 20,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

### Lee Aboosamara Begins Senior Year at Valley Forge Military Academy

Lee Aboosamara entered his senior year at Valley Forge Military Academy and College in Wayne, Pa. on August 8. He joined 120 cadets for leadership detail and was awarded Executive Officer (XO) of Charlie Company. The XO runs all the day-to-day operations of his company and directs his chain of command, including his first sergeant and all platoon leaders. Leadership detail is broken down into several phases which include teaching leadership development, team building, responsibility, accountability, goal setting, physical fitness, honor, integrity, character, confidence, motivation, counseling, teamwork, loyalty, discipline and school of a soldier.

On August 18 he was appointed captain of the varsity soccer team. The team has a 14-game schedule and competes in the Keystone Cup Championship. Over this past summer Lee played soccer at Rutgers and TCNJ to stay in practice. This is Lee's fourth year playing varsity soccer. Lee scored

two goals during the first scrimmage.

Lee also received several awards this year including dean scholars that is given to cadets who have a grade point average for the year of 88% and above for the academic year. He also received silver stars for every semester last year. Cadets who receive silver stars are designated "superior" students.

As he did last year, Lee will continue to be a cadet speaker at chapel services and serve as an honor guard for chapel services such as wakes and other processions.

Lee hopes to maintain a tradition of "C" Company being named best company in the corps of cadets, as was won every month while Lee was first sergeant.

In June he will graduate from Valley Forge and join an elite group of alumni that includes General Norman Schwarzkopf, J.D. Salinger, Playwright E.E. Albee, Former Senator Budman and several NFL players.



Amanda Veinott sitting in the Namib Desert during one of her many travels.

### Amanda Veinott Spends Fall Semester at Sea

Amanda Veinott, daughter of George and Maureen Veinott of South Plainfield, has been accepted to complete her fall semester on board the M/V Explorer, Semester at Sea. This is a "floating university" sponsored by the University of Virginia, where the students circumnavigate the globe.

The philosophy of this study abroad program is "...since 1963 we have stayed true to our mission as an educational non-profit: the development of global understanding through life changing international experiences."

Amanda's journey began in August in Nassau, Bahamas and includes field trips in Brazil, Namibia, South Africa, India, Malaysia, Vietnam, China, Japan, Hawaii, Costa Rica, the Panama Canal and ends December 14 in Miami, Fla.

Amanda is currently a junior at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Va., majoring in psychology (industrial/organizational) and a double minor in leadership and anthropology.

You can visit Amanda's travel blog at [www.amanda.roamwithme.net](http://www.amanda.roamwithme.net).



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ELECTION 2008

# Democrats Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno Declared Winners of Debate



Mayor Charlie Butrico summed up the response of the majority of those in attendance at last week's council debate saying: "If anyone had a doubt about who is best prepared to bring positive change to our borough, it was answered at the debate. Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno showed why it was easy for the Democrats to come up with a campaign slogan this year. They embody 'honest service from a new generation.' It is so rewarding to see new leaders emerge with a positive agenda for South Plainfield's future. By comparison, the Republican candidates offered nothing but recrimination, blame and negativity bordering on hostility to anyone who is not a member of their political party. It was particularly disappointing to witness the performance of Councilmember Anesh. He came close to slandering the reputations of respected members of our community. I actually had several members of the public come up to me after the debate and ask 'what is wrong with Matt Anesh? Why is he so angry all the time?' By comparison Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno projected at the debate the kind of people they are. They simply want to continue to serve others as members of the borough council. Everyone knows of Franky's service to our country in Iraq and Chrissy's work ethic that resulted in graduation with high honors from both college and graduate school. Everyone knows of their work with our sports programs and fraternal and civic groups while still in their 20s. I can't wait to see that positive energy put to work for all of our residents next year. If you compare the debate to a prize fight, Chrissy and Franky delivered the knockout punch."

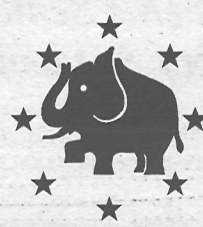
Candidates Buteas and Salerno thanked the mayor for his support. Chrissy Buteas commented: "Franky and I simply spoke the truth. I

guess since the facts aren't on their side, the Republicans decided to get nasty. Calling people names doesn't change the fact that Bengivenga and Anesh have raised our property taxes 15 points in seven months...more than five times the prior seven years combined. Insulting the character of respected members of our community doesn't change the fact that the Republicans support a dangerous plan to return trucks to Hamilton Boulevard. Making wise cracks doesn't justify diverting the state grant for the New Market Avenue extension to worthless projects like the road to nowhere or not preserving one inch of open space. I am honored to run with an individual of integrity like Franky Salerno. He served our country after 9/11 because it was the right thing to do. That is the same way he performed at the debate and that is the same way he will serve on the borough council."

Franky Salerno summed up the Democrats' position: "Chrissy Buteas and I are proud of our platform and that is what we talked about at the debate. We have pledged that there will be no tax increase next year, that trucks will not be allowed back on Hamilton Boulevard, that the New Market Avenue extension will be completed within nine months of us taking office, that we will preserve open space making New Market Avenue a priority and that we will make Mayor Butrico's ethics plan the law in South Plainfield. Councilmembers Bengivenga and Anesh have blocked it. Why won't they disclose their family businesses and real estate holdings in town? Chrissy Buteas displayed her intelligence and focus at the debate. As a result of the campaign I have had the pleasure of working with her almost every day. Her honest work ethic is just what we need on the council. We thank everyone for their kind comments on the debate and ask for your support on November 4."

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# Anesh & Bengivenga: "Let's Rekindle South Plainfield's Bipartisan Spirit"



In the short time Republicans have been leading the Borough Council, Councilman Matt Anesh and Councilman Rob Bengivenga have been working to bring back accountable and responsible government. This includes cutting spending by over \$700,000 and slashing borrowing by two-thirds.

But Anesh and Bengivenga know that residents want more from their elected officials. They also want politics to end on Election Day and for the council to work together, regardless of party.

"Residents expect us to be bipartisan when the election is over," explained Anesh. "This means working across party lines."

"We've worked hard to do just that," added Bengivenga. "For example, we've appointed more members of the opposite party to key positions than any administration in South Plainfield history."

"We're proud of our attempts to reach out to not only Republicans and independents, but also to fair-minded Democrats," explained Anesh.

Hiring Glenn Cullen as administrator was the first step according to Bengivenga. "While Glenn is a registered Democrat, we believed he was the best person for the job, and we've been proven right time after time."

"Choosing former Democratic Council President Joann Graf for borough clerk was also the right move," he added. "We hired the best of the best, not based on politics."

Republicans also appointed a former Democratic chairman as public defender, and they kept several other Democratic appointees in their spots, including the municipal judge and the insurance consultant. "Typically new administrations clean house," said Anesh. "We didn't."

"Rob and I always tried to do the right thing," Anesh said. "Even when we were in the minor-

ity we did not vote against everything the other side proposed, like the Democrats do now. We saw certain things we could not support, but we always supported a project if it benefited the residents."

In fact, both candidates point to times when they voted differently from one another. That's even happened on key issues according to Anesh. "We promised to be independent when we ran, and I think we showed that our town comes before all else, including our party."

Anesh and Bengivenga also point to the ad hoc truck committee as an example of the bipartisanship they want to continue.

"Both chairs of that committee have been high-profile Democrats. In fact, the current chairman, Mike English, is a former Democratic mayor," explained Anesh. "The council representative is also a Democrat."

"We've reached out repeatedly," added Bengivenga.

Yet Bengivenga's been disappointed by what he calls "excessive partisanship" by the mayor and the mayor's party.

"They've voted against projects that benefit residents, even when grant money supported the projects," said Anesh.

Anesh pointed out how the Democrats opposed resurfacing South Plainfield Avenue and Tompkins Avenue, even though the projects were supported mostly by grants. They also voted "no" on handicapped ramps, even though the borough would lose the funding if the project did not proceed."

Bengivenga is afraid all the progress that's been made will be lost if his opponents are elected: "They'll be controlled by the Democratic bosses, and we'll go back to the way things were, when your opinion only mattered if you had a 'D' after your name."

"Matt and I want to rekindle South Plainfield's bipartisan spirit," said Bengivenga. We've shown that we will reach out to anyone who wants the best for our town, whether you're a Democrat, a Republican or an independent. We'll continue to do this. This is the type of change we'd like to keep going."

To find out more about Matt Anesh and Rob Bengivenga, to get a lawn sign, or to volunteer for the campaign, visit the new Republican Web site at [www.spgop.com](http://www.spgop.com).

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## SPHS Class of 1978 Searching for Classmates

The SPHS Class of 1978 is looking for their classmates. Please E-mail them at [SPHS30YR@gmail.com](mailto:SPHS30YR@gmail.com) if you have any information on the following missing alumni:

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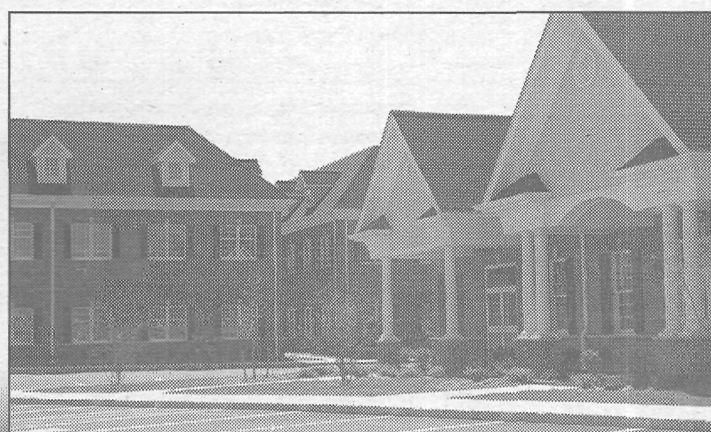
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# Sports

By Gary Lampasona

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

### Important Reminder

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Can't get there? You can also download the forms directly from our Web site, [www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc](http://www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc), and mail them to SPJBC, P.O. Box 166, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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baseball game (games are held Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays), and ask someone to find you a board member—we'll be glad to sign you up.

By signing up now, we can make important decisions for next spring and avoid last minute changes to leagues and teams. It makes for a more organized, enjoyable baseball experience for all.

Hope to see you soon!



## Notes From Recreation

• Recreation wrestling registration will be held Saturday, Oct. 25 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the PAL.

• Registration for the recreation high school basketball league starts Tuesday, Oct. 14. It is open to all South Plainfield youths in high school and not on a high school basketball team. \$400 per team. Team registrations only, no individuals.

• Youth basketball sign-ups end Monday, Oct. 20.

• There are 43 tickets available for Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular on Thursday, Dec. 11. Register at the PAL Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are only \$90. Bus leaves the PAL at 4 p.m. for the 8 p.m. show.

• There are 43 tickets available for Disney Worlds of Fantasy on Wednesday, Nov. 26 (½ day of school). Register at the PAL Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are only \$35. Bus leaves the PAL at 1:15 p.m. for the 3 p.m. show at The Meadowslands.

## Traveling Soccer

## South Plainfield Hammertime And Colonia Duel at St. Joe's

Colonia and South Plainfield both came ready to play and both teams were determined.

Hammertime gave up two goals in the first half. Although down 2-0, Hammertime's defense came to life to hold off the Cyclone's attack and give their offense the upper hand.

An assist from Sarah Cargill gave Kate Gray the first opportunity to score against Colonia in the beginning

of the second half.

The second scoring opportunity came from a pass made by Sydney Surowiec to Sarah Cargill for the tying score.

Even though Hammertime was not able to claim victory, they showed improvement in their skills and ability against a very strong Colonia team.

Hammertime's next game is October 12 against Spotswood.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, here they are, October and autumn. And we find ourselves getting ready to rake leaves (and jump in the piles), put up Halloween decorations (and buy Christmas ones), vote for the candidate of your choice (of the ones on the ballot) and read the latest from South Plainfield Library.

The library will be closed on Monday, in observance of Columbus Day, and on Friday, for staff training.

We'll be following a slightly modified schedule next week for our children's programs. "Storytime," for children age three and over, will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30; Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children age two and three, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And, due to the Friday closing, next week's "Baby Time" program has been cancelled. (Don't worry, kids; it'll be back next week.) Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity. For more details, please call us and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

On the subject of children's programs, don't forget about the pumpkin painting program on Saturday, Oct.

18. It's for children of all ages and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There's no charge and no pre-registration is required; just stop in and start working. One change from previous years: you have to bring your own pumpkins for decorating. (This way we won't run out of pumpkins like in the past.) We'll provide all the other materials you need.

So they don't feel left out, we've got a program for young adults, too. We'll be showing a Halloween-themed movie for the YA's on Thursday evening at 6:30. The presentation is free; refreshments will be provided. The movie is rated PG and runs about 90 minutes. For more information on the movie, including the title, please call us and ask for Jaimie. (Unfortunately, concerns over performance, rights prevent us from listing that information here.) Pre-registration is requested, but not required.

The Library Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday evening, Oct. 14 at 7. Members of the public are invited to attend and learn more about the library's current and future plans, including important matters of library policy and needed repairs to the building. There will be a public comment time early in the meeting.

In order to make the best possible use of our limited amount of space (no, it's not in order to confuse the daylighters out of you), we've made more changes in our internal arrangement. New paperbacks have been moved next to the regular paperbacks, while the carousel where the new PB's were now houses the Playaway books on MP3 players, as well as Circuit DVDs, when we run out of space on their carousel. Meanwhile, the Circuit CDs are now kept in the same area where our own CDs are, while the list of those Circuit titles is kept behind the Circulation Desk. Also, the Anime titles on videocassette (you know, those things we used before DVDs) are now shelved in the Young Adult section. Got all that?

Lastly, to our recent surprise, we've found that our stock of British TV mysteries has been a big hit with our customers. Well, we're not about to go against patron demand (not in this case, anyway), so we've added a bunch of new titles from that genre. These include new episodes of the "Midsomer Murders" and "Inspector Lynley" series, along with discs from the "Inspector Lewis," "Rebus," "The Racing Game" and "Father Brown" series. In addition, to show our patriotism, we've also added new discs from domestic mystery series including "NCIS," "Without a Trace" and "CSI: NY." As always, DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days with free renewals.

That's all for now. For more details, call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) on the 'Net. See you next Friday.

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# Obituaries

## Loretta (DeFilipo) Conroy, 87

Loretta (DeFilipo) Conroy of South Plainfield died on Monday, Oct. 6 at her home.



Loretta Conroy

Loretta was born in South Plainfield to the late Frank and Lena DeFilipo and had been a lifelong borough resident.

During her early career, Loretta was an executive secretary for then New Jersey Governors, Charles Edison and Walter Evans Edge. During her married years, she was the parish secretary at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield for 15 years before retiring in 1982.

Loretta was active in her community as a charter member of the Suburban Women's Club of South Plainfield and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church where she was a member of the Altar Rosary Society and the Monday Morning group. She was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Advisory Council.

Loretta was a long time local recreation and high school wrestling fan, where she enjoyed watching her grandsons and all their teammates participate during matches and tournaments.

In 1952 Loretta married James W. Conroy, who was the founder of the James W. Conroy Funeral Home in South Plainfield. Upon Jim's death in 1973, Loretta continued ownership of the funeral home until 1983 when her daughter and son-in-law assumed ownership of the family business.

Loretta is survived by her son, James J. Conroy of South Plainfield; a daughter, Roberta and husband Robert Hunter Jr. of South Plainfield; a brother, Louis DeFilipo and wife Elinor of Point Pleasant; a sister, Doris Clark of Piscataway; six beloved grandchildren, Ryan, Colin, Caitlin and Patrick Hunter and James, Jonathan and Jeffrey Conroy. She is also survived

by her many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at The South Plainfield James W. Conroy.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the Children's Specialized Hospital, 150 New Providence Rd., Mountainside, N.J. 07092.

## William "Randy" R. Brooks, 69

William R. "Randy" Brooks died suddenly on Thursday, Oct. 2 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in New York, Randy grew up in Staten Island until the age of 16 when he moved to Woodbridge. While residing in Woodbridge, Randy was a standout high school baseball and basketball player. To this day, Randy still holds several pitching records and was recently inducted into the Woodbridge "Hall of Fame."



William R. Brooks

He later entered the United States Marine Corps, serving in the Philippines and Korea before being honorably discharged. Randy later resided in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield in the early 1970s.

Randy was employed by Anheuser Busch in Newark for over 25 years. He had begun his career with an entry level position, working his way up through the company before retiring as senior manager.

While raising his children, along with his beloved wife, Rochelle, Randy was very active in various athletic, cultural and social organizations. In addition, he served on the South Plainfield Board of Education for more than nine years and held the position of board president.

He was predeceased by his beloved wife of 43 years, Rochelle, who died suddenly in February of 2006.

Surviving are three sons, William, Jr. of Manhattan and Los Angeles, Sean of South Plainfield and Christian and wife Deidre of Florham Park; three brothers, Steve, John and Chuck Slanovec and three grandchildren, Alexander Edward, Ashlyn Katherine and Kendra Heather.

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

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St., Suite 301, Robbinsville, N.J. 08691 or the American Cancer Society, 2600 U.S. Highway #1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

## Helen Yancilla, 89

Helen Yancilla of South Plainfield passed away on Sunday, Oct. 5 at her home.

Mrs. Yancilla was born in Scranton, Pa. and resided in Union for 13 years before moving to South Plainfield.

After various careers, Helen went on to receive her associates degree in special education at Middlesex County College. Afterwards she worked for the South Plainfield and Edison school systems.

Mrs. Yancilla was an avid reader and led an extremely active family life. Her greatest joy were her five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Walter, who passed away in 1990.

Mrs. Yancilla is survived by three daughters, Elaine, Diane and Dona; five grandchildren, Robby, Linda, Christina, Laura and Daniel and eight great-grandchildren, all of whom will miss her more than words can say.

Funeral services were held at The South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial contributions be made in Mrs. Yancilla's memory to the Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, Attn: Development Office, 176 Riverside Dr., Red Bank, N.J. 07701.

## Angelina (Pellegrino) Jankoski, 86

Angelina (Pellegrino) Jankoski died on Friday, Oct. 3 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Mrs. Jankoski resided in South Plainfield for over 60 years.

A communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church, Angelina loved to cook, garden and spend time with her entire family.

Her husband, Charles, whom she was lovingly devoted to for 60 years, passed away in 2007. In addition she was predeceased by a grandson, Kevin Stanislaw, who died in 2005; four sisters, Molly Marino, Margaret Stevens, Dee Peretti and Catherine Pellegrino and a brother, Tony Pellegrino.

Surviving are her two children, Dolores Stanislaw and husband Monico of North Plainfield and Michael and wife Neva of South Plainfield; a brother, John and wife Ralphine of Delaware; three grandchildren, Paul Stanislaw and wife Roseanne, and Mike and Leann Jankoski. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

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

## Frederick "Fred" V. Eustice, 65

Frederick "Fred" V. Eustice died suddenly on Thursday, Oct. 2 at Hunterdon Medical Center in Flemington.

Born in Plainfield, Fred resided in South Plainfield for nearly 40 years before moving to Clinton 15 years ago.

For the past 10 years, Fred worked as a sales associate at Walmart in Clinton. Prior to working at Walmart, Mr. Eustice was the director of security at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Fred served with the 82nd Airborne Division 508th Infantry.

He enjoyed spending time with his family and adored his grandchildren.

He was predeceased by three sisters and two brothers.

Surviving are four children, Kerri Cook of Pennington, Correen Zacharias of Highlands Ranch, Colo., Frederick V. Jr. of South Plainfield and Matthew of Doylestown, Pa.; his former wife and great friend, Kathleen (Nevins) Eustice of South Plainfield; a sister, Carol Waryn of South Plainfield; three brothers, Robert Sr. also of South Plainfield, Raymond of Norway and Edward of Pennsylvania and three loving grandchildren, Madeline Pearl Cook, Sebastian Matthew and Grace Kathleen Zacharias.

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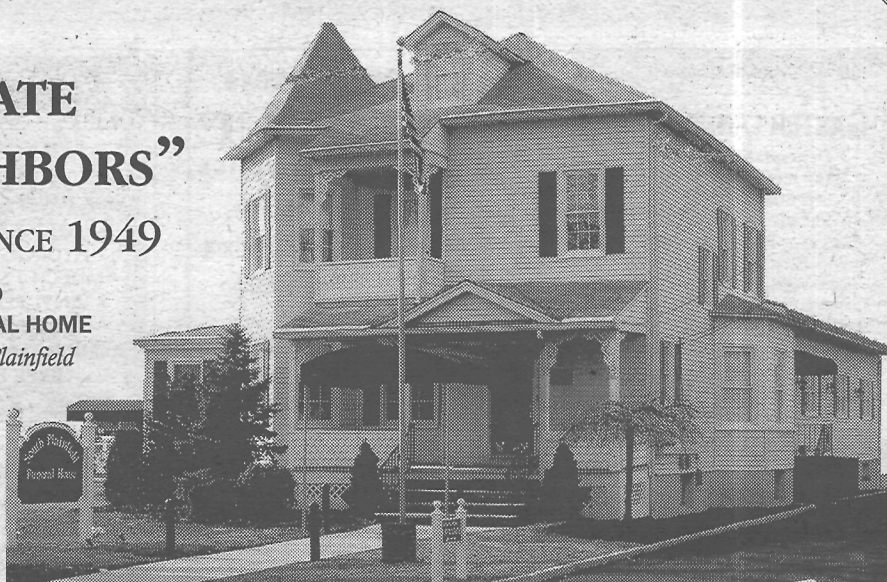
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# police report

• On Sept. 24 Antoine M. Jackson-Harris, 24, of South Plainfield was arrested for obstructing a governmental function, possession of a controlled substance, failure to equip his bike with an appropriate illuminating device and an outstanding warrant.

• Melissa Thomas, 28, of Fanwood

was arrested for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker and failure to inspect.

• Police observed playground equipment at Walnut Street Park that had been spray painted with graffiti.

• On Sept. 26 Antonette Hawkins, 44, of Perth Amboy was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for

four outstanding warrants.

• Two residents of The Highlands on Cabray Court and Kissam Court reported that their vehicles' windows had been smashed and GPS devices have been taken.

• A Middlesex resident reported the theft of a cell phone from the locker room of LA Fitness.

• A Bridgewater resident reported the theft of a 2006 Dodge Ram 1500 from the parking lot of Regal Cinema.

• On Sept. 27 Essa M. Ghanem, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and being an unlicensed driver.

• Distine Wagner, 40, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and for an unregistered vehicle.

• On Sept. 28 a Clinton Terrace resident reported the theft of 20 pieces of rebar from their front yard.

• On Sept. 29 Tanya E. Brown, 31, of Jackson, N.C. was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and two outstanding warrants.

• On Sept. 30 a Clinton Avenue resident reported the theft of a BMX bike from their living room.

• On Oct. 3 Michael I. Cruz, 22, of New Brunswick was arrested for

driving with an expired license, no front license plate, failure to maintain lamps and two outstanding warrants.

• On Oct. 4 Oscar Mauricio Diaz-Hernandez, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, being an unlicensed driver, refusal to submit to a breath test and reckless driving.

• Angelica M. Paredes, 20, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, uninsured motor vehicle and two outstanding warrants.

• Ponytail Park reported that the sign for the park had been broken in half.

• On Oct. 5 Jorge Mario Sosa, 27, of Manville was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breath test, reckless driving, failure to stay right and for no insurance.

• A DeFillipo Drive resident reported the theft of a blow-up birthday cake from their front lawn.

• Pioneer Associates on Sylvania Place reported that two of their company vans and the garage door had been spray painted.

## Crossing Guard Speaks Out

(Continued from page 1)  
mother live through that."

However, Traffic Safety Supervisor Lt. Kevin Murtagh said that he had addressed the situation last year. One guard begins his shift at Hamilton and Barrone avenues to cross the children taking the courtesy bus in the morning. The guard then moves half a block to the front of Roosevelt. The same applies to the afternoon bus drop-off. "If the kids choose to walk to Barrone they can. There is a guard there," said Lt. Murtagh. He also feels it is up to parents to educate their children on where to cross and utilize the guards. "I've talked to this crossing guard several times," he said. He has even addressed a complaint from a parent who shared her concerns with the guard.

Lt. Murtagh said the issue was resolved by moving the one guard closer to the courtesy bus stop.

In regard to the budget situation, Murtagh said, "If there is a need for a guard, I bring it to the Board of Education," but he feels that at this point that the borough is covered. "Of course we'll do what we have to, but we can't put a guard on every corner," said Lt. Murtagh.

Board of Education Vice President and Traffic Advisory Committee Liaison Tim Morgan said, "I am always concerned about the kids and have always done everything in their interest and safety. Kevin is tops on my list." Morgan added. "It is ultimately the parents responsibility to make sure the kids get home safely."

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**BOY SCOUT TROOP 267  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Dear Editor,

Last week's ad by the Democrats left me bewildered. In it, they pledge "no tax increase." But last time they made that pledge (2006) they raised taxes a month after the election. I distinctly remember, because I ran for council that year and could not believe when they went back on their promise.

The ad also has a "tax test." Back in March the mayor sent around a totally different "tax test." Which one is accurate? Is the new "tax test" right or is the old "tax test" right?

I'd also like to see some consistency from the Democrats when they talk about taxes. During the debate Christine Buteas used two different numbers, neither of which was correct. The numbers in last week's ad are different than in their September ad, which is different than their March ad. If they are going to make up numbers, can they at least be consistent?

The truth? The Democrats left a huge

fiscal mess that resulted in an increase. It was their budget, and they spent the money. Their complaining reminds me of someone who goes on a spending spree and then acts shocked when the bills arrive. But the Democrats not only went on a spending spree, they stuck someone else with the bills.

**ALEX BARLETTA**

Dear Editor,

The general consensus of all who attended the debate is disappointment with Councilmember Matt Anesh. He embodied the definition of "attack dog." Attacking the honesty, ability, and reputation of respected members of the opposition party is not the way to justify your own presence on the council, Mr. Anesh. After being in office for three years you would think Councilman Anesh and his runningmate Mr. Bengivenga would have accomplishments to crow about.

I guess Mr. Anesh hopes he can distract the voters from the Republican record which includes a 15 point tax increase, a total avoidance of disclosure of conflicts of interest regulations, the dangerous plan to return trucks to Hamilton Boulevard in an attempt to "punish" their political opponents and creation of a bogus "coalition" to avoid campaign finance rules and divide our town. South Plainfield deserves better than the angry, petty politician that Matt Anesh has become.

It was refreshing to see Democrats Chrissy Buteas and Frank Salerno talk about their plans for South Plainfield's future. They represent a new generation of leaders who want to encourage others and complement accomplishment. In 25 days our residents will have the choice as to who is the majority party next year on the borough council.

cil. If there was ever any doubt, Councilmember Anesh convinced all of us that it's time to go in a new positive direction and vote for the team of Buteas and Salerno who will serve our entire community with honesty and respect.

**JOHN GORMAN**

To the Editor:

I was born in Edison but I always liked South Plainfield because everyone seems to know each other and say hello when you're at the Drug Fair or the A&P. That's why when I was looking for a house last year I bought it in South Plainfield.

Although I am not a political person I was kind of shocked when I got my tax bill this year, so I have followed this year's council campaign more than usual. I must admit, since I am only 28 I kind of lean toward the local Democrats because they are young too and I think they can understand how tough it is to own a house and pay bills.

I really wanted to go to the council debate, but I had to work. However, one of my best friends went and told me about it. He told me that the one Republican, Mr. Anesh, was downright nasty to people. What is that all about? If you ever had any doubt about who best reflects what South Plainfield is all about the debate kind of decided it for you.

We don't need people with egos out of control that insult others and try to split up our town. We must all support Chrissy Buteas and Frank Salerno.

**SHERRI DAILEY**

Dear Editor,

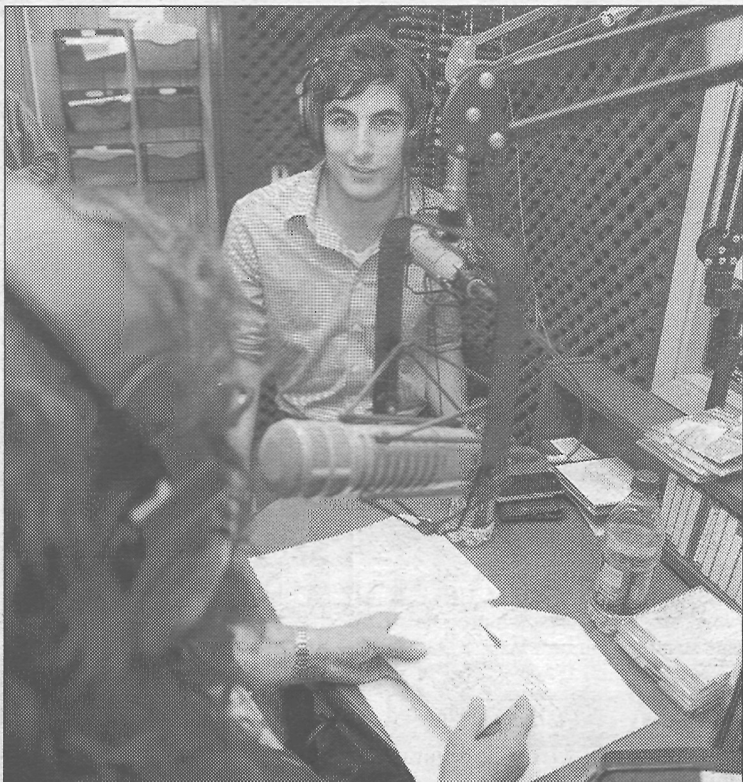
A wise man once said, "When you find yourself in a hole, the first thing you ought to do is quit digging."

Our council has done exactly that. Last year, South Plainfield was in a financial hole. We were borrowing money left and right. Spending was out of control. The tax cut we had been promised was nowhere in sight. It was a pretty bad situation and we said so at the polls on Election Day.

One year later, borough spending is down. Borrowing is under control. Revenues are known and well understood. It is clear that we have quit 'digging' our hole and are beginning to climb out of it. Responsible stewardship is guiding our borough back to financial stability. Our borough council has really stepped up and done the right thing. On Election Day, remember that.

Re-elect Anesh and Bengivenga to keep a good thing going.

**AMY JOHNSON**



Greg Garbowsky, bass player for the Jonas Brothers, is interviewed by Blue Colt Radio DJ Lory Jackson.

## Jonas Brothers' Greg Garbowsky Interviewed on Blue Colt Radio

Greg Garbowsky, bass player for the hit musical group The Jonas Brothers, was an in-studio guest at the Middlesex County College Blue Colt Radio Station on October 2.

The South Plainfield resident who is moving to Los Angeles this month talked about his career with the group and how he got started in music. He

also answered questions sent in by listeners over the Internet. He was interviewed by Blue Colt DJ Lory Jackson, also of South Plainfield.

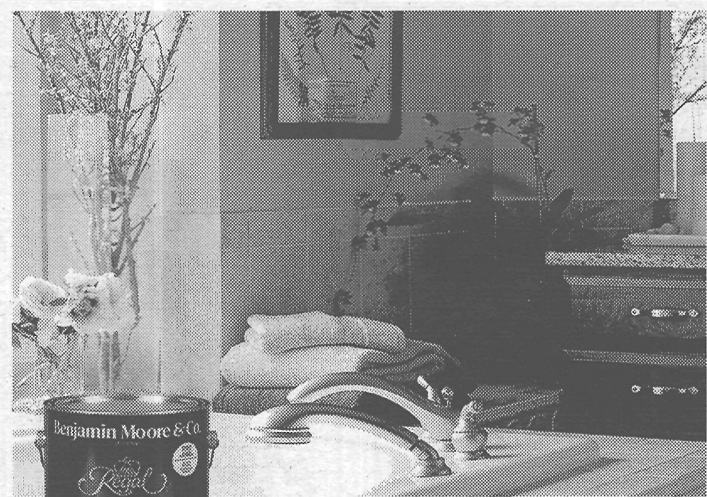
Garbowsky is a family friend who played in a band with Jackson's son.

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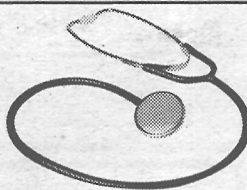
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