

The South Orange Gaslight



Feel the Heat! Giants of Jazz 10

Saturday, November 3

Ten years ago, South Orange resident and world-renowned bass player John Lee envisioned a fundraiser for South Orange's free outdoor summer concerts - a one-night spectacular featuring the greatest names in jazz. Every year since, he has co-produced Giants of Jazz with the South Orange Department of Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

"John Lee works magic to pull together all the talent for this one night," said Judy Wukitsch, the department's assistant director.

"On this tenth anniversary of Giants of Jazz, we salute his remarkable accomplishments" as a composer, producer, educator and performer.

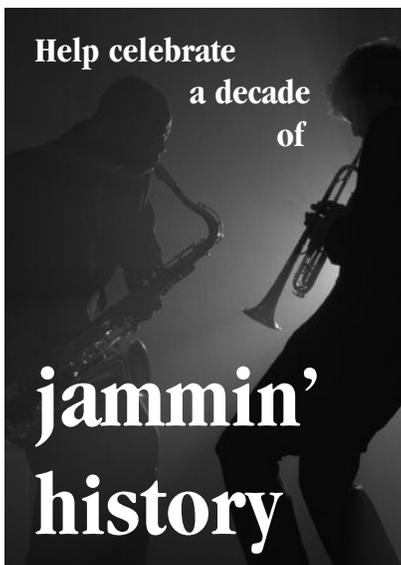
On Nov. 3, Giants of Jazz 10 will kick off at 7:30 p.m. in the South Orange Middle School. As usual, the musician list will read like a who's who of jazz, including Dr. Billy Taylor, Hank Jones, Benny Powell, Frank Wess, Jimmy Owens, Claudio Roditi, Antonio Hart, Don Braden, Charles Davis, David Glasser, Roberta Gambarini, Earl May, John Lee, Leroy Williams, Willie Jones III, Vincent Ector and Duke Lee.

This year's Jazz Master Award will go to Barry Harris, the internationally renowned jazz pianist, composer and educator who has been



described as "a one-man jazz movement." His countless awards include the prestigious "Living Jazz Legend" bestowed by the John F. Kennedy Center for the Arts, and "Recognition for Outstanding Achievement and Contributions to the Jazz Genre of the Music Community," a distinction he shared with Oscar Peterson and Hank Jones.

Every year, reviewers marvel that some major jazz festivals do not equal the dazzling one-night line-up of Giants of Jazz. And standing-room-only audiences respond with roof-raising excitement. Be sure to get your tickets for the hit show described by the New York Times as "the premiere jazz festival in the state." For information, call (973) 378-7754, or visit www.thebaird.org. ▲



Flu shots, Oct. 26

The South Orange Department of Health will offer influenza vaccinations for residents 18 and older on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at The Baird.

Residents with Medicare Part B cards must bring their cards to the clinic in lieu of payment. Those without Medicare Part B cards will be charged \$20.

For information, call (973) 378-7715, x7710. ▲

Parking updates announced

The South Orange Parking Authority announces the following updates in service:

- **The parking lot at Valley and Third streets** is now open Monday to Friday for business/employee permit-only parking, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; free on Saturdays and Sundays.

- **Commuter parking wait lists** that have been frozen will reopen on Jan. 1, 2008. Two lists are available: Resident Commuter and New Jersey Transit. (The NJT list is open to both residents and nonresidents.) Wait list forms are available at www.southorange.org. E-mail completed forms to nsparlin@south, or fax to (973) 378-7836.

- **Lot 9 (Sloan Street)** renovations are underway and should be completed by the end of the year. Multi-space parking payment machines will be installed. Single-space meters are being eliminated.

- **Three jitney routes** now service the neighborhoods of Montrose/Tuxedo Park, Newstead/North Wyoming and Irvington/Prospect. ▲

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Villager wins gold in Pan American Games

Villager Lauren Sammis was a gold medal winner for the U.S. dressage team in the Pan American Games held in Rio De Janeiro in July.

She led the team to a gold medal with the highest score in the Prix St. Georges class and also captured a silver medal in individual competition.

Sammis, who has been competing in equestrian events since age 13, specializes in dressage, a prescribed series of movements that test a horse's natural athletic ability and willingness to perform. Her success in the summer games was shared with an eight-year old gelding named Sagacious HF.

Sammis is the founder of Sammis Sales LLC, a Bedminster-based broker of dressage horses. She pairs horses with amateur and professional riders and has fostered numerous championship teams. She also trains riders. ▲

Tutoring workshop offered

The ACHIEVE Volunteer Tutor Program of South Orange and Maplewood will hold its first training workshop of the school year on Oct. 23 and 24. Veteran tutors and newly registered volunteers are welcome. Topics will range from "Reading and Writing Strategies" to "Math Problem Solving" to "Helping Students Manage Time and Tasks." Adults, high school students and college students interested in tutoring local school children, can call (973) 762-5600, x1847, or go to www.somef.org. ▲

Biz buzz

Mia Cose Bella has opened at #8 West South Orange Avenue, next to the Village Diner. The shop offers unique

art glass, baby and wedding shower gifts, handmade jewelry, pottery and textiles. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▲



John Gross to present primer on Village finance

Want to learn how the Village does its accounting? How budgets are put together? And how the tax rate is set? On Tuesday, Oct. 23, Village Administrator John Gross, CFO, will present "Finance and Budget 101," a nuts-and-bolts talk on municipal finances. He will speak at the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee meeting at 7 p.m. in Village Hall. All residents are invited and dialogue will be encouraged throughout the session. ▲

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PENNY PRETZEL PLAYHOUSE

Puppets perform an American legend

Penny Pretzel will host "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow," performed by Shadow-Puppet on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Three professional puppeteers will operate more than 150 shadow puppets in this 40-minute classic American tale. Neal Meglathery, radio voice of the Montshire Minute, narrates the story in Washington Irving's words. The audience will enjoy a backstage view of the production. Tickets are \$9 each. A sell-out performance is expected. To learn more, call (973) 762-3854.

DREAMCATCHER REPERTORY THEATER

'Wonder of the World'

The New Jersey premier of "Wonder of the World," by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Lindsay-Abaire, will be presented Oct. 26 to Nov. 11 by Dreamcatcher. The story revolves around "Cass" who discovers a bizarre secret in her husband's sweater drawer, then flees her mundane life to find out what she missed when she married. Her zany odyssey is a path to self-discovery. Adult tickets are \$25. For information, call The Baird, x2228, or visit www.DreamcatcherRep.org.

Become a Friend of the Library

The Friends of the South Orange Public Library seek new members to help enhance library services for patrons.

Tax deductible financial contributions help the Friends expand on past activities such as the Martin Luther King celebration, the annual book sale and equipment purchases. Initiatives for 2007-2008 include: programming support, books and materials for the children's room; resources for the library's local history center; and physical condition improvements within the library.

To learn more, call (973) 762-0230 or e-mail friends@sopl.org. ▲

AT THE BAIRD

S. ORANGE RECREATION

Winter Sports

Registration begins Nov. 1. Enrollment is limited in some programs.

- Indoor Soccer – Sundays, elementary school children and adults.
- Recreation Basketball – Saturdays, grades 3-8.
- Indoor Lacrosse - girls, grades 5-12.
- Pee Wee Tennis - ages 4-8.
- Platform Tennis - grades 3-8.

Jaguar Track

This competitive indoor track club is for boys and girls, ages 6 to 18. Practices will be held two or three evenings per week beginning Nov. 12. In-person registration at The Baird is on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 7:30 to 9 p.m.; or Saturday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. to noon. For more information, contact Maurice (973) 763-0617 or Andrea Johnson (973) 762-0910.

Travel Basketball Teams

Boys and girls, grades 6 to 8, can try out the week of Oct. 22 for teams competing in the Suburban Essex League. Practices and games are held weeknights and Saturdays, from November through February. Players must be South Orange residents. For tryout dates and times, see the Web site.

Learn to Ski

South Orange and Maplewood students in grades 3 to 8 are bused from The Baird to Mount Peter ski area on five Wednesdays starting in January.

PIERRO GALLERY OF SOUTH ORANGE

The Last Word: Narrative Women Painters, 21st Century Oct. 21-Nov. 25

"According to critics and historians, as of the 1980s, painting was officially dead. Yet in the 1990s, we found a flurry of painters newly devoted to process over content. The idea of narrative painting may be dead with the white male echelon, however, a number of women painters have since stepped up to the plate and with a great deal of panache!" So says S.K. Duff, curator of Pierro's forthcoming exhibit featuring artists Celeste Rapone, Karen Neilson-Fried, Barbara Laube and Gabe Brown. Opening reception: Oct. 21, 3 to 5 p.m. For information, call The Baird, x3, or visit www.pierrogallery.org.

Local authors hold book reading, signing

South Orange author Will Allison and Maplewood author Pamela Erens will present a joint reading and signing of their new novels on Friday, Nov. 2, starting at 7 p.m. at Toro Loco restaurant, 23 Valley Street.

Allison, who is listed in "The Best American Short Stories" and "Pushcart Prize: Best of the Small Presses," will read from his novel "What You Have Left." Erens, an award-winning fiction and prose writer and long-time editor for "Glamour" and "7 Days" will read from her novel, "The Understory."

SCHOOL PARENTS:

Get an assist from the Community Coalition

The South Orange/Maplewood Community Coalition on Race is offering special parenting events this fall. For information, call (973) 761-6116 x6, or visit www.twotowns.org.

- **Schools Superintendent Brian Osborne** will open the annual "Report to the Community" on at 7 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 18, at The Baird.

- **Parent Advocacy Workshops** feature local education experts. A session for elementary school parents is co-sponsored by The Parenting Center, on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 7:30 p.m., at Seth Boyden Elementary School. Another workshop for middle school parents will be held Tuesday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m., at South Orange Middle School.

- **The sixth annual Pre-School Open House** will be held Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 7 to 8:30 pm, at Columbia High School cafeteria. A presentation on preparing for kindergarten will be followed by an exhibition of 20-plus local child-care providers.

- **"Highlighting CHS: Facts, Fears, or Folklore,"** a program for middle school parents, Tuesday, Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m., at South Orange Middle School.

How much is that "thing" worth?

Find out at "Treasures in Your Attic," Sunday, Oct. 14, from 3 to 6 p.m. at Ye Olde Curiosity Shoppe, 111 South Orange Avenue. Three experts will conduct appraisals in an "Antiques Roadshow"-style program sponsored by the South Orange Chamber of Commerce. Bring china, silver, coins collectibles, stamps, paintings and other presumed valuables. Three appraisals will cost \$15. For information, call (973) 762-4333.



Help your elementary students get organized

Parents: give your children the building blocks of sound organizational strategies at an early age. Help them get to school on time, manage papers, complete homework and use time effectively. The 7 p.m. program on Oct. 25 is at South Orange Middle School. Cost: \$20. For information, call the South Orange-Maplewood Adult School at (973) 378-7620 or visit www.somadultschool.org.

Middle school to benefit from new charity event

An evening of fine food, dancing and celebration is planned for Nov. 16 at SOPAC as a benefit for South Orange Middle School. The first annual President's Harvest Ball will help launch an after-school enrichment program.

The collaborative effort with Seton Hall University will allow the middle school to consider adding courses in computer animation, sports clinics, a CSI class taught by local police, dance classes, homework help and more. The program will be staffed by community volunteers, middle school teachers, and Seton Hall students, staff and faculty.

Tickets start at \$100. Call the Parenting Center, (973) 762-5600, x1850.

Main Street hosts Fall Festival

This year's Fall Festival takes place Wednesday, Oct. 24, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Farmers Market. Enjoy pumpkin decorating, face painting and live music – all free. For information, call (973) 763-6899 or visit www.mainstreetsouthorange.org.

On Stage at SOPAC

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- Oct. 21, 3 p.m. - Discovery Orchestra presents a program of fanfares including Copland's "Fanfare for the Common Man," \$40/\$32.

- Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. – The U.S. Army Blues Jazz ensemble, free.

- Oct. 24, 7 p.m. – Juilliard's "Di Wu," the first in a four-part series of classical and piano performances, \$15/\$12/\$10.

- Oct. 25 and 26, 8 p.m. – Dionne Warwick, "My Music and Me," personal story and song, \$48-\$98.

- Nov. 1, 7 p.m. – Shangri-La Chinese Acrobats, \$38/\$28.

- Nov. 4, 3 p.m. – "Hot Peas 'N Butter," family fun, \$18.

- Nov. 9, 8 p.m. – Comedienne Julia Sweeney, \$40/\$32.

- Nov. 11, 7 p.m. – Flamenco Vivo Carlotta Santana, music and dance, \$45/\$38.

Halloween Fun On Tap!

■ The South

Orange Halloween Festival featuring Haunted Alley, Glenda the Witch's Costume Ball and the Treat Street Parade, takes place Wednesday, Oct. 31, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Spiotta Park. It is co-sponsored by the South Orange Chamber of Commerce, (973) 762-4333; and Main Street South Orange, (973) 763-6899.

■ Big Jeff

Halloween Concert

All ages, come to the South Orange Public Library in costume and hear live Halloween music, Monday, Oct. 29, at 7 p.m.

■ Commuter

Comics' annual costume contest takes place Sunday to Wednesday, Oct. 27 to 31. Drop by the store at 50 West South Orange Avenue. Best costumes in eight categories will be awarded on Oct. 31. Each contestant gets one free comic. For information, call the store at (973) 762-6666, or visit www.commutercomics.com.

- **"Santos de Palo de Puerto Rico,"** an art exhibit on loan from El Museo del Barrio in New York City, is on view through Nov. 7 at Walsh Library Gallery. See the artistry of traditional carvers, or santeros of Puerto Rico. For believers, Santos de Palo are objects imbedded with the saint's spirit.

- **"The Crucible"** – Arthur Miller's classic drama of the Salem Witch Trials in 1692, at Bishop Dougherty Student Center. Six weekend performances, Oct. 19 to 28. Regular admission, \$15.

- **"Hurricane Katrina and its Aftermath: Flushing Away Myths of Race and Class,"** a lecture by Professor Annette Trefzer. Oct. 22, 6:30 p.m., at Walsh Library. Call (973) 761-9385.

Library Events

(973) 762-0230

Caring for the Caregiver

How can caregivers tend to themselves emotionally, physically and spiritually, and still provide loving care? Jeffrey Ambers, a certified empowerment coach, tells how on Tuesday, Oct. 30, at 7:30 p.m. A Q&A will follow. The talk is directed to caregivers with significant work, parental and spousal responsibilities.

Laugh Out Loud

Oct. 14 to 20 is Teen Read Week and librarians want you to "Laugh Out Loud @ Your Library." Themed events for this year's celebration, sixth grade and up, include: designing a mascot for the Animation Club, Make Your Own Pizza Night, and Open Stage Poetry Night.

Lecture Series

Thursdays, 1 p.m.

- Oct. 18 – psychotherapist and author Lewis Epstein, "Wisdom of the Ages."

- Oct. 25 – Seton Hall English Professor John Sweeney, "What Makes a Good Story."

- Nov. 1 – lawyer Herbert Zuckerman, "Current Developments in the Courts."

- Nov. 8 – Seton Hall History Professor Larry Greene, "The Double V: The Rich and the Reich."

- Nov. 15 – Black Maria Film Festival founder John Columbus, a festival preview.

Library Cinema

- Oct. 17 – House Calls.

- Oct. 31 – Bell, Book and Candle.

October Villager of the Month

Bob Danzig

When Bob Danzig was 11 years old, heading to his fifth foster home with his garbage bag of pathetic possessions, he had an epiphany. A sympathetic social worker in Albany took him aside and said, "I want you always to remember something. You are worthwhile."

It was a statement emblazoned on Danzig's soul.

Today, he travels the globe as a motivational speaker and book author who helps others accomplish what they never dreamed possible, largely by giving back in thanks for life's blessings.

From his long-time home in South Orange, Danzig operates a humanitarian mission funded wholly by his lecture fees and author royalties.

Danzig's inspirational story begins at age two when he was abandoned by his parents. He spent his childhood in five foster homes and after graduating from high school with no family support, he took a job as an office boy at his local newspaper, the Albany Times Union. Nineteen years later he became its publisher, before heading to the helm of the Hearst Newspaper Group.

Now an author and motivational speaker, Bob is also a member of the teaching faculty at the prestigious New School University and the guiding hand of the Hearst Management Institute. His goal is to be an instrument for the affirmation that every single person is worthwhile.



Danzig is the author of "The Leader Within You," "Vitamins for

the Spirit," "Angel Threads," "Every Child Deserves a Champion," and "There Is Only One You." He is also working towards adapting his adult-focused program, The Confidence Academy, for children.

In 1992, Danzig and his wife Patricia Brady Danzig, a lyric soprano, established a nonprofit organization, Professional Bi-Cultural Development (the name is a take-off on her initials). PBD's first goal was career growth for gifted young musicians. When Bob stepped down as CEO of the Hearst Newspaper Group and accelerated his speaking and authoring career, the focus expanded to include support for foster care children in college.

Because every child deserves a champion and because we're all full of promise, the Village salutes Bob Danzig for his contributions as a humanitarian. He is a true believer in the strength and leadership within us all. ▲

Leaf removal starts Oct. 22

This year's leaf removal season is Oct. 22 through Dec. 11. Pickup cycles are estimated at 11 days.

Any rake-out after Dec. 11 will be in violation of municipal ordinances. For more information, check the leaf collection Web page, www.southorange.org/leafcollection, or call the leaf removal hotline, (973) 378-7501. The information is updated daily.

For those who live on county roads, call (973) 239-3366.

Leaf Collection Rules and Regulations

1. Leaves should be piled no more than four feet from the curb and must not extend into traffic lanes.

2. Leaves left in plastic bags will not be picked up.

3. No debris other than leaves is permitted in the streets. Improper placements could prevent pickups.

4. Avoid creating leaf mounds, which attract children and subject them to traffic dangers. Mounds also create potential fire and traffic hazards.

5. Do not place leaves within 10 feet of storm catch basins. ▲

In Touch

with Village Government

General Info.
(973) 378-7715
Emergency, 911
Clerk's Office, x1
Administrator, x12
Construction, x3
Tax Collector, x4
Assessor, x5
Finance, x6
Engineer, x7
Parking Auth., x8
Health Officer
x2020
Animal Control
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Fire Dept.
378-7751
Library
762-0230
Police Dept.
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Public Works
378-7741
Recreation & Cultural Affairs
378-7754
Recycling Info. & Street Dept.
378-7741
Water Service
266-8869

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Correction

Last month's article about a new nonpaid subscription service on the Village Web site incorrectly reported that informational subscriptions do not require site registration. In fact, registration IS required for the service, which brings timely e-mail information from selected Village departments. ▲

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