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## 2005 Budget Introduced, Tax Rate Remains Flat

The 2005 municipal budget was introduced at Monday's Borough Council meeting. For the third consecutive year and the fifth time in seven years, the municipal portion of the property tax will remain flat, which means no tax increase in property taxes. Property taxes are made up of three portions, municipal, school and county. Both the county and school taxes have risen in the past few years.

Mayor Dan Gallagher said he was very pleased with this year's budget and thanked everyone who had worked so hard to keep the tax rate flat. Councilman Ed Kubala headed the budget committee, which included Councilman Charles Butrico and Councilwoman Kathy Thomas.

CFO Glenn Cullen and Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri were also thanked for their hard work on this year's budget.

This year's budget totals \$22.2M in expenditures, versus \$21.8M last year. One area that was mentioned was the reduction in the Borough's debt. This year the debt service is only 12 percent of the total budget and the Borough has become less dependent on property taxes for its expenses. Another item that was noted was that health insurance only rose two percent this year, which is much lower than the average increase.

The budget will be published in the *Observer* in the Aug. 27 issue and the final vote will be taken on Sept. 20 after a public meeting.

## Charity Softball Tourney Raises \$15,000 for Retired Detective

By Jane Dornick



Volunteers from all over South Plainfield spent the day raising money for Police Officer Gary Muccigrossi.

The weather finally cooperated and the South Plainfield PAL was able to hold their Third Annual Charity Softball Tournament on July 31. Even though the day turned out to be hot and humid, there was a welcome brief torrential downpour to help cool things down.

The day was a huge success and at the end of the day, the PAL raised \$15,000 for the medical expenses in-

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## 47th Annual Labor Day Parade Activities are Announced

The 47th Annual Labor Day Parade, which will be held on Monday, Sept. 6, is geared for the enjoyment of both the young and old. Activities, which will take place all day, can be enjoyed by those of all ages in South Plainfield and the surrounding areas. This is South Plainfield's day to shine and take pride in our community.

The day begins with a 5K race and 1.5 mile family walk. This annual event is a great way to start the Labor Day fun and festivities. What better way to start the day than with a healthy walk or run and if you get a little sore, Dr. Patrick Aiello, chiropractor, will be on hand to massage away your pain.

The parade officially starts at the

Middle School at exactly 10 a.m., led by the South Plainfield High School Marching Band. This year there will be at least 11 marching bands, as well as many of our youth groups will be marching and their floats will be geared toward this year's theme, "Our Youth of Today—The Leaders of Tomorrow." Lots of antique cars, personnel

from all branches of the armed services and local organizations have already signed up to march. Also appearing will be Bob the Builder, the Cookie Monster, Clifford the Big Red Dog and other famous characters.

Those participating in the parade are reminded that every float must have four spotters, one at each corner, or

they will not be allowed to participate. Safety is a huge concern for the parade committee and they will not allow any exceptions to this rule.

After the parade reaches the PAL, folks are invited to visit the numerous concessions which will be set up by local businesses, with plenty of giveaways and literature available. The *Observer* will also be on hand to greet all of our readers, answer questions and if you like, you can sign up for home delivery.

There will also be plenty of food. The South Plainfield Lions Club will be selling beer, steak and sausage sandwiches and soda. Other's supplying food will be: marinated chicken heroes from Hometown Heroes, cakes and bagels by Cake and Bagel Shop, zeppoles and funnel cakes by Carnival Concessions, barbecue on a stick by Summer Drama Workshop, baked goods by SPHS Class of 2005, cotton candy, popcorn, etc. by D&D Concessions and Italian ice by the South Plainfield Cheering Competition Team.

Several contests will be held at the PAL after the parade. They include: pie and watermelon eating contest, egg toss, big slide, water balloon toss, tug o' war, rock mountain climbing and a moon walk. These contests are just as much fun to watch as to participate, so plan to stick around and enjoy them. Live entertainment will be also be provided.

The evening fireworks at Spring Lake Park will be preceded by entertainment by "Sound Investment" at 7 p.m. This year's fireworks will be presented by a new company, Bay Fireworks and begin at dusk. Remember, roads close around the area of Spring Lake Park, so make plans accordingly.

If you would like more information on the parade, or want to find out how you or your group can participate, call Kim Gallagher at (908) 755-9874 or log on to the Borough's website at: [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com).

## Knights of Columbus Paint Sacred Heart Cafeteria

Members of the Knights of Columbus have been busy these past two weeks. When they asked what they could do to help Sacred Heart, they were told that the cafeteria was in dire need of an uplift. It took only a short time for the Knights to decide to volunteer their time to refurbish and paint the cafeteria in Sacred Heart School. The Knights didn't stop with just the cafeteria, they painted the stairwells and the kitchen, as well performing a major cleanup of the entire room.

The Knights started their "good deed" a few weeks ago and actually completed the job in just 14 days. The job took a total of 430 man hours, as well as hundreds of gallons of paint. The only thing still not completed are the new blinds, which are on order.

Members of the Knights arrived at the cafeteria armed with paint, brushes, rollers and drop-cloths. Children from the Confirmation class helped by folding the lunch tables and chairs and stacking them in the middle of the room to make way for the painters.

The first job the volunteers tackled was the ceiling. They took down the light fixtures and fans and thoroughly cleaned them, as well as all of the light and light covers. More than 80 gallons of white paint were needed just to spray two coats on the ceiling. In the process, some of the lighting ballasts were replaced, as well as many light tubes.

Next the Knights tackled the walls.



The Knights of Columbus spent 430 man hours cleaning, painting and refurbishing the cafeteria in Sacred Heart School. Not only did the Knights paint the cafeteria, they also painted the kitchen area and stairwells. The public is invited to attend a continental breakfast on August 22 between 9 and 11 a.m. to unveil the newly painted cafeteria. No tickets needed and there is no admission fee. (More photos on page 7).

They removed the wall radiators, checked them for cracks and for damage from past flooding. Two colors were used for the walls, the top half was painted in a lighter color than the bottom portion. The kitchen and stairwells were cleaned and painted next. On several occasions, the Knights were joined by other volunteer parishioners.

The Knights and volunteers who

participated were: Joe Scrudato, Zig Sutor, Charlie Butrico, Sr., Glen Bach, Ed Koznowicz, Sr., Bill Kelly, Gerry Butrico, Bill M. Butrico, Bill D. Butrico, Joe Archutowski, Guy Falcioni, Michael Butrico, Matt DeVito, Fred Brisbois, Vincent Butrico, Helen Tennenbaum, Steve Belanger, Neil Towey, John Lobosco, Bill Thomas, Tom Elko, Jack Pederson, Bill

Tuthill, Tony Moskal, Gene Baker, Grace Bertucci, Ann DeMico, Nancy Stillman-Pender, Marie Dolinski, Debbie Vokral, Elaine Tuthill and Freida Walker.

A Continental Breakfast will be held to unveil the newly painted cafeteria on Sunday, Aug. 22 from 9 to 11 a.m. The breakfast is free and all are invited. (See story on page 3).

Photo by Bill Tuthill



## To make it in next week's edition...

Copy and advertising must be received by Monday, August 16 at 5 p.m. to be included in the Friday, August 20 edition.

## Mark Your Calendars

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### councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Monday.  
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Tuesday, September 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
Monday, September 20	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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

### planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
Aug. 10 and 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28

### zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641  
Aug. 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28,  
Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16

### boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted  
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—Aug. 17\*, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14,  
Jan. 11, 2005, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5  
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—Aug. 17\*, Sept. 21, (Monday) Oct. 18, Nov. 16,  
Dec. 21, Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12  
\*Meetings will be held in Roosevelt Elementary School Gym

### taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

### siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.  
August 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21

### recreationcommission

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August  
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716  
Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7

### environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)  
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621  
September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8 and January 12, 2005

### businessadvisorygroup

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

### trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

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

### boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.  
August 16, September 13, (No meeting in October), November 15, December 13,  
January 31, 2005, (No meeting February) and March 21

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# IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

My name is Matthew O'Brien and I'm seven years old. This past school year I started a penny drive with my classmates in Mr. Burgess' first grade class at Riley School. I saw how to do this on a kid's TV program called ZOOM.

We were able to raise \$30 and donated the money to the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. I asked the Fire Department to put this donation toward their fund to help replace toys that may have been destroyed in a house fire and to make the kids happy in their time of need.

Thank you for publishing my story so that other children know about this and they may want to do it, too.

SINCERELY,  
MATTHEW O'BRIEN

To the Observer:

On Saturday, July 10, our Sixth Annual Grant Avenue Block Party was held. The weather was beautiful, the food was plentiful and delicious (thanks, Joel) and everyone enjoyed themselves immensely. Thank you to the Borough of South Plainfield for continuing to approve our permit application.

Our heartfelt gratitude is also extended to a member of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, Mike Pellegrino. The Pellegrino family arrived late to our event. Once "Firefighter Mike" realized that we hadn't had a fire truck to give our children a "wet-down" yet, he immediately went into action. Shortly after, you could hear the squeals of delight from the young and old.

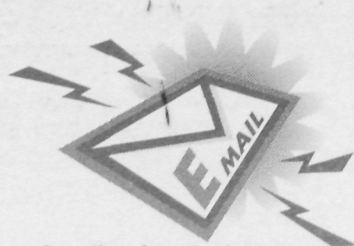
One thing is for sure, Grant Avenue enjoys their block parties—but they wouldn't be the same without "Firefighter Mike" on our side.

Thanks a bunch, Mike!!!  
2004 GRANT AVENUE BLOCK  
PARTY ASSOCIATION

Dear Editor,

I feel I owe it to every child who went through the Junior Police Academy to respond to the letter which was written in bad taste. Unfortunately, we have a few people that live in our town (or not), who shot off their mouths before knowing the facts about something they are all full of opinions about. This person obviously never bothered to take the time to find out just what the children learned and experienced during the Academy before opening their mouth. Not to mention that these people, who can't even sign their names to their letters, should be looked upon as a joke. If you can't take pride in signing your name to a letter about how you feel about an issue, then why should we, the readers, take it seriously if you can't?

I choose the word "pride" for a reason. This was a very important word that Officers LaMonda and Franchak instilled in each of the recruits during both platoons, along with the words "respect" and "honor." Just because you seem to lack these words in your world, how dare you try and take away the pride each recruit walked away with, with your anti-South Plainfield in general comments.



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worth the ink it took to print it, but the self esteem and pride those children walked away with was worth every drop. I was there the first days when they all walked in, like it was the first day of school, dragging their feet. I was there to see them march in two perfect lines in perfect step into their graduation, stand in perfect formation at attention to be saluted by the Chief of Police. With their shoulders back, heads held high full of pride and honor.

Unfortunately, our children face harder challenges with gangs, drugs, violence and so on. I personally am so proud that our police department cares enough about our kids to put together these programs to keep our kids safe and educated on the dangers of life as it is today. Honor, respect and pride: I like what our town is trying to convey to our youth.

Proud to sign my name,  
DEBI ESPOSITO

Dear Editor,

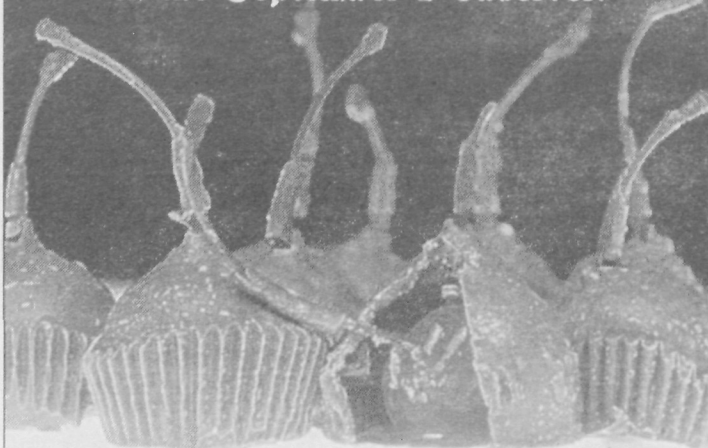
First and foremost I want to apologize to the readers that I am once again compelled to answer the derogatory letters that degrade the profession of public school teachers. Those who know me, as well as any other dedicated teacher, realize that it is our American duty to defend our profession.

The public school system has been the backbone of our free democratic society. Perhaps those not educated in the system do not realize the basic freedoms that this institution gives all of us. The public school system was an instrument that helped develop our new nation. The World Book Encyclopedia states "...in the early 1800's  
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## Utility Truck for Large-Scale Emergencies

A new special utility truck, purchased through federal grant funds, will enhance Middlesex County's response to any type of large-scale emergency.

The truck, paid for through 2003 Homeland Security Grant funds, will carry personal protective gear and decontamination equipment to be used by the county Office of Emergency Management.

"This new truck will allow our responders to deploy to a scene fully protected and ready to act in any type of emergency," said Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano. "It will also be used to assist other responders and emergency workers during large-scale crises."

The truck will be used to tow a mobile decontamination trailer to be used at hospitals or emergency scenes. It will also tow trailers used by the Hazardous Material unit of the county's Public Health Department to be used during a weapons of mass destruction event.

"It will help keep our personnel and the residents of Middlesex County safe in the event of a chemical, biological, radioactive or nuclear event or in the case of a natural disaster," Rafano said. "It will have a stockpile of decontamination equipment, masks, other protective gear and communications equipment to make a county response more effective."

## Community Blood Drive at The Manors

In an effort to meet our community's growing need for blood, The Manors at Somerset North and South are sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, Aug. 14 at 473 Demott Lane, Somerset from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The drive is open to the entire community.

Blood donors must be at least age 17, weight a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. The blood donation process takes less than an hour and includes a free mini medical exam (temperature, iron count, pulse and blood pressure). Photo or signature ID is required and knowledge of Social Security Number.

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South Plainfield High School Senior Chrisann Zushma, center, received the Paul Pompa, Sr. Scholarship from members of his family at the Lions Club Awards Dinner held last month. Helping to present the scholarship is Lion Lifetime Member Larry Massaro. Paul Pompa, Sr. was very active in the South Plainfield Lions Club for many years before his death.

## Freeholders Buy 673 Computers to be Placed in Schools Throughout the County

Some 673 new computers will be delivered beginning this week to public, parochial and private schools throughout Middlesex County as part of the Board of Chosen Freeholders Tech 2000 program.

The five-year program, now in its fourth year, sets out to place a state-of-the-art computer in every classroom in the county and to encourage teachers to receive the necessary training to properly use the technology in the classroom. It also is designed to encourage school districts to maintain and increase their technology budgets.

"The Freeholder Board is fully committed to providing Middlesex County students the tools to give them a competitive edge in higher education and future careers," said Freeholder John Pulomena, chairman of the county's

Public Health and Education Committee. "Technology has revolutionized the way we live and work. Our students deserve the chance to make technology an integral part of their lives."

Each year since 2001, the Freeholders have allocated \$1 million annually to purchase computer hardware and software to be placed in classrooms. This year, the Freeholders purchased 602 personal computers for a total of \$758,436.20. The Board also bought 71 Mac-compatible computers, for a total of \$60,455. The action was approved July 15, during the Freeholders' regular meeting.

The number of computers received is determined by the number of classrooms in a school minus the number of computers that meet minimum specifications already in classrooms. The classrooms must be or scheduled to be wired and have network infrastructure and/or Internet service.

The district also must provide the number of teachers who have completed or will complete 20 hours of continuing education credits in information technology and a commitment from the district to maintain or in-

crease technology funding.

"In addition to the equipment, we need to encourage our school officials and teachers to make computers a part of the everyday classroom experience by integrating technology into their curriculum and keeping it up-to-date," Pulomena said.

Receiving computers this year are: Carteret, Woodbridge, Dunellen, East Brunswick, Edison, Highland Park, Jamesburg, Metuchen, Middlesex, Middlesex County Vocational-Technical Schools, Milltown, New Brunswick, North Brunswick, Old Bridge, Piscataway, South Amboy, South Brunswick, South Plainfield and Spotswood. The Cerebral Palsy Association in Edison, the Diocese of Metuchen, Middlesex County Educational Services and Wardlaw-Hartridge School will also receive computers.

## You're Invited to Breakfast at the Newly Painted Cafeteria!



The cafeteria at Sacred Heart School has been undergoing a complete renovation during the past few weeks. Volunteers from the Knights of Columbus have spent countless hours and hundreds of gallons of paint renovating the cafeteria and the result is a new and sparkling bright cafeteria.

On Sunday, August 22, from 9 to 11 a.m., all are invited to attend a parish breakfast, continental style, in the newly renovated cafeteria. The breakfast is free and open to the public. No tickets are required, nor are reservations.

To commemorate this very special day, in between the 9:30 and 11:30 mass, Sacred Heart Pastor Father John Paul Alvarado will lead a procession carrying the painting of Father Michael McGuire from the church to the cafeteria and officially rename the cafeteria McGuire Hall in his honor. Father Michael McGuire, who died in March of 2000, was Sacred Heart's Pastor for more than 14 years.

The date of August 22 is also significant as it is the 99th anniversary of the date Sacred Heart was incorporated as a parish. Sacred Heart is celebrating their 100th Anniversary throughout the next year and this is just one of many activities planned. A schedule of events is on page 12.

The breakfast will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. and is free. So bring the family to see the results of the hard work of the Knights of Columbus. It is what volunteerism is all about. This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and get reacquainted with the Sacred Heart family during this 100th Anniversary celebration. (See photo and story on painting cafeteria on page 1)

## Borough Tax Bill Update

**Borough Extends Due Date to Aug. 31**

The South Plainfield tax bills have been mailed to residents. The grace period for property tax payments have been extended until Aug. 31.

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# Events

## SP Republican Meeting

August 18

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Ave. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m.

All residents of the borough are invited to attend to meet council candidates Marge Reedy, Ray Rusnak and Bob Jones and discuss any borough issues and concerns.

## Pierogi Sale at Nativity of Blessed Virgin

August 19

There will be a pierogi sale on Thursday, Aug. 19 at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave. (corner of Belmont and Delmore). The pierogies are hand-made and freshly cooked to order by Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. You have a choice of potato with cheese or sauerkraut at \$4 a dozen.

Order by 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 16 for pickup on Thursday, Aug. 19. To order, or for information, call (908) 561-6366 and leave your name, phone number and order. For more information or questions, contact Dorothy at (908) 756-7223.

## Children Safety Class

September 1

ATA Black Belt Academy will be holding their Children's Street Smart Safety Class at the library on Wednesday, Sept. 1 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The program is geared to help keep children safe during the upcoming school year. Teacher for the class is Master Tom Guerin of the ATA Black Belt Academy.

For more information, contact the library or call (908) 755-5440.

## VFW Breakfast

September 5

The VFW will be holding a breakfast to benefit veterans at the VA Hospital at Lyons on Sunday, Sept. 5 from 8 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and children get in for a reduced rate. This is an all-you-can-eat breakfast. The VFW is located at 155 Front St.

## Pig Roast at VFW

September 11

The VFW will be holding a Pig Roast/Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 11 from noon until 5 p.m. at the VFW Post, 155 Front St. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Children six to 12 are \$7. Children under five are free. For tickets or information, call (908) 668-9751. The event will be held rain or shine.

## Rescue Squad Auxiliary Fundraiser

September 18

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Auxiliary is presenting "Joey and Mary's Irish/Italian Comedy Wedding" on Saturday, Sept. 18. This fundraiser will be at the Holiday Inn

## What's happening in AUGUST

Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
(908) 754-1047

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
 <p>We are looking for volunteers to help our Labor Day Parade Committee Sign Up at the Center</p>			<p>Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10-11am Computer Class 11 &amp; 1pm</p>	<p>Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available</p>
<p>Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30am-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am Parade Committee 1pm</p>	<p>Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am</p>	<p>Exercise 8:30am Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11 &amp; 1pm</p>	<p>Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11&amp;1pm Summer Picnic 12Noon</p>	<p>Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch available Men's Forum Com.</p>

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Evening includes a four-course dinner. Advance purchase only.

Tickets are \$60. For more information, contact Denise at (732) 261-8942 or Tracy at (732) 841-4844.

## Trip to Dover Raceway

September 26

The Polish National Home is sponsoring a trip to Dover Raceway for Sept. 26. for the Nascar race. For information and to sign up for the trip, call (908) 668-9442 and speak to a bartender.

## Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome

October 2

Individuals with Down Syndrome, their friends, family and many other supporters will march in full force on Oct. 2 for the first annual Buddy Walk, organized by the Buddy Walk of South Plainfield, the national Down Syndrome Society and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

The South Plainfield Buddy Walk will begin at 1 p.m. at Spring Lake Park; registration will start at 11:30 a.m.

All funds raised will support the National Down Syndrome Society's education, research and advocacy efforts along with The Buddy Walk of South Plainfield and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Call Michele Both at (908) 531-5100 for more information about participating in the Buddy Walk of South Plainfield or any further questions. Please visit our website at [www.buddywalkofsouthplainfield.com](http://www.buddywalkofsouthplainfield.com).

## 1974 Class Reunion

October 9

We are looking for classmates!! Our

## Recreation Going to Italy

March 2005

The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a nine day classic Italy tour from March 6-14, 2005. Sightseeing tours to the Vatican, Ancient Rome, the Trevi Fountain and more. Per person is \$1,699 including airfare. A valid US passport is required. For more information, call Recreation at (908) 226-7713.

## Senior Center EVENTS

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Practical Crafts 10am  
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Widows and Widowers (WOWs) will be holding a dance/social on Sunday, Aug. 15 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. There will be a live band and refreshments served. It is \$8 a person. The dance will be held at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge.

For more information, call (732) 297-1775.

## B'nai B'rith Couples Meeting

August 15

The B'nai B'rith Ketubah Married Couples Unit (40+) will be meeting for a buffet brunch at O'Connors Beef 'N Ale House, 708 Mountain Blvd. in Watchung on Sunday, Aug. 15 at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$11.95 per adult, plus tax and gratuity. For seniors (62+), the cost is \$8.95 per person.

Non-members welcome to attend the brunch. Please R.S.V.P. to Elaine at (908) 232-0062 by Aug. 13.

## Curves Weight-Loss Workshop

August 18

Curves of Somerset will present a special workshop utilizing hypnosis for weight loss on Wednesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. Curves is located in the Village Plaza Mall, 1075 Easton Ave., Suite 5, Somerset. The one-hour workshop includes hypnosis exercises, discussion and an optional audio tape for \$10 or CD for \$15, which assists in reinforcing immediate and long-term success.

Barry Wolfson, director of the Hypnosis Counseling Center, will lead the

workshop. The cost is \$49 per person. Registration is now open.

To register, or for further information on this seminar, stop by the club or call (732) 545-8365. For information on hypnosis techniques or other hypnosis workshops, contact Mr. Wolfson at (908) 996-3311 or visit [www.hynosisnj.com](http://www.hynosisnj.com).

## MCRCC New Member Orientation

August 18

Members who have joined the Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce (MCRCC) within the past six months are invited to attend a free orientation program. Attendees will learn how to take advantage of Chamber benefits and meet Chamber President, Chris Phelan.

Pre-registration is recommended either online at [www.mcrcc.org](http://www.mcrcc.org), or via phone (732) 821-1700.

## Willow Grove Summer Study

August 18-19

Why Jesus blinds a man with a light so bright, he is forced to see the truth, is what we will discuss at the seventh session of "Life-Transforming Encounters With Jesus," being held at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains, on Wednesday, Aug. 18 from 7-9 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 19, 10-11:55 a.m. in Alexander Hall.

If you have questions, call the church office any weekday morning at (908) 232-5678, e-mail us at [wilgrv@netzero.com](mailto:wilgrv@netzero.com) or check our website at [www.scotchplains.com/wgpc](http://www.scotchplains.com/wgpc). Babysitting will be available if requested.

## Pro Wrestling Benefit for Cub Scouts

August 21

After nearly four and a half months of no National Wrestling Superstars at the local VFW Hall, Manville will get their wrestling fix on Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Hall, located at 600 Washington Ave. in Manville at 7:35 p.m.

Former WWF Superstars, Intercontinental and tag team champion Tito Santana will appear. Also, Gavin Quest and Big Shot Bryan Sexton will pair off against Kevin Knight and Manville's own WWE dark match specialist Roman.

This event is to raise funds for local scout troop 193. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for kids and seniors. Call (908) 722-3717 for information or to purchase tickets.

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## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Rebecca Horn Graduates Magna Cum Laude

Rebecca M. Horn graduated May 14 from Rider University in Lawrenceville. Graduating Magna Cum Laude, Rebecca earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. Rebecca also shared the Department of Communication Howard and Harriett Schwartz Award for Excellence. The daughter of Martin and Catherine Horn of South Plainfield, Rebecca was a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School.



Rebecca Horn

### McLafferty Named "Man of the Year"

James L. McLafferty, Executive Vice President of The Multitech Group (TMG), located in South Plainfield, was co-honored as the ACE-Mentor Man of the Year during its annual Scholarship breakfast ceremony. The ACE-Mentor Program is a unique partnership of schools, universities, architects, engineers and construction companies who unite to provide mentoring to students considering industry-related friends such as architecture.

Each year the Trustees and Sponsors select individuals who have provided support to the program by donating time and skill. James was honored due to his assistance in developing Highly-Technical Training Materials to be used by the students.

He was selected along with John Spencer, CEO of NJ Schools Construction Corp. and Lewis Morgan, VP of Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas.

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Also needed are people for the stage/running crew. Rehearsals will be held weekend mornings and/or afternoons. Show dates are still tentative.

For more information email [almstfamousplyrs@aol.com](mailto:almstfamousplyrs@aol.com) or call (908) 346-2290. You can also visit our website at <http://hometown.aol.com/almstfamousplyrs/>. Please be aware that it is slightly out of date, but does describe the 2003 show.



## Kennedy Buddies Forever

These students, along with their mothers, have been friends since they started kindergarten at Kennedy School. They are from left to right: the Battission's, the Viola's, the Cornelius's, the Malecki's, the McCarthy's and the Petriello's.

## Put On Your Running Shoes: Signup for The Labor Day 5K Run and Walk

Once again this year, the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the staff at The Club at Ricochet are sponsoring the 13th Annual The Club at Ricochet/SPASA Labor Day 5K Run on September 6. There will also be a 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk once again.

Last year's rainy weather was not an ideal condition for either runners or walkers, but even so, more than 200 participated in the 5K run and 15 in the walk. Everyone is hoping for better weather this year.

The family walk supports family togetherness and a positive drug free, fun-filled fitness lifestyle. The entry fee for the walkers is \$5 per person or family. T-shirts and substance awareness information packets will be given to the first 50 participants.

This year's 5K Run pre-entry registration is \$13 (by Aug. 27) with a race day fee of \$15. The first 200 5K entrants will receive t-shirts along with a packet of various items and substance awareness information. Once again this year, Aiello Chiropractic Center will offer pre and post race/walk massages and computer timing will be handled by Best Race Systems. Race results will be posted on the Internet at [www.bestrace.com](http://www.bestrace.com).

The race will begin and end at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. near the SPHS football field. The run/walk will begin at 9:25 a.m. with registration starting at 8:15 a.m.

It is also important to note that all proceeds for the race go to supporting the efforts of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness in making the South Plainfield community drug free. It is also hoped that participants will find time to recognize and/or patronize the many businesses and sponsors of the race.

Prizes include \$100 in cash, one month free membership to The Club at Ricochet, \$50 gift certificate donated by Home Depot or Nike running shoes donated by Sportworld. Trophies will also be presented to the overall male and female winners in

each age group.

The race is just the first of a full day of fun in South Plainfield. Festivities include the race, the parade, games, picnicing and fireworks. Bring a friend in support of healthy exercise and reducing substance abuse. Let's make this year the best ever.

The SPASA 2004 business supporters are as follows: Aiello Chiropractic Center, Bagel Pantry, Buy-Rite Auto Parts, Casablanca Is Hair, Ciccio's Pizza, David's Stationary, Domino's Pizza, Flanagan's Restaurant, Giakas Cleaners, The Home Depot, James W.

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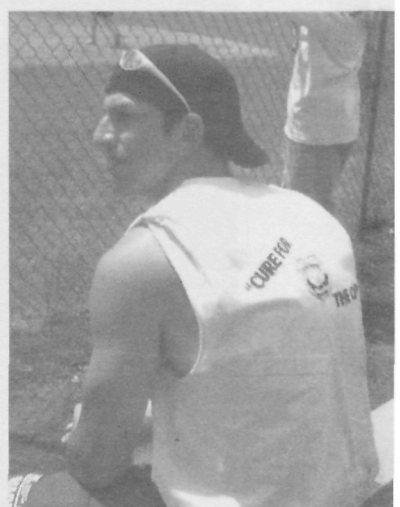
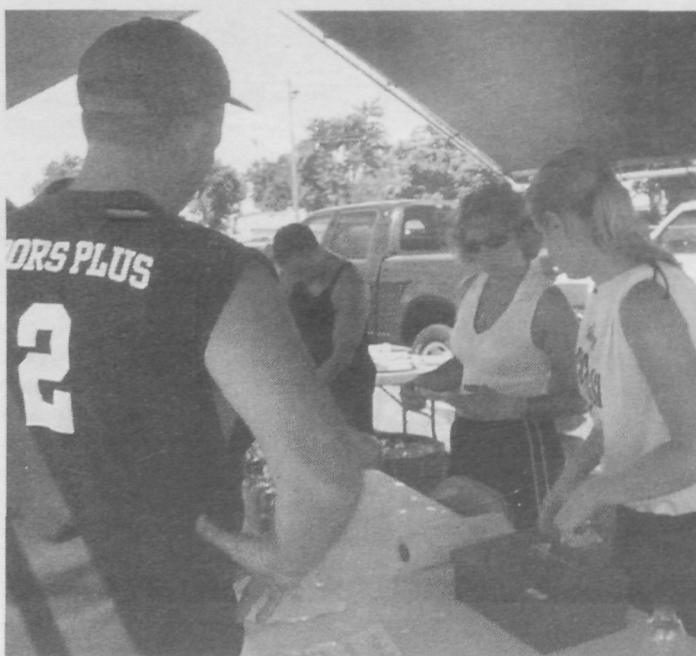
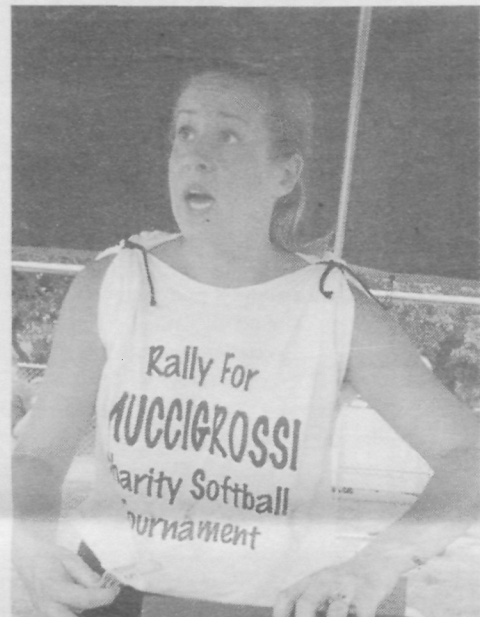
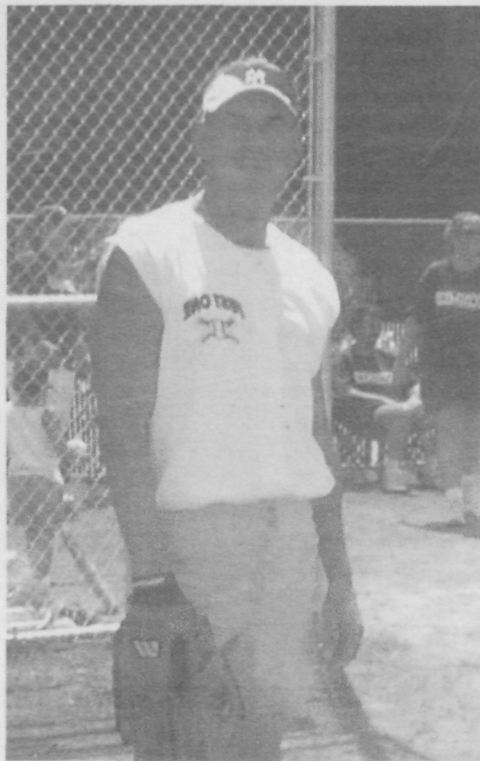
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curred by retired South Plainfield Police Detective Gary Muccigrossi. The 41-year-old police officer has been suffering from Pulmonary Fibrosis for the past two years and was forced to retire. Muccigrossi underwent a double lung transplant on July 20 and is currently home in South Plainfield recuperating and undergoing therapy.

Twenty-seven teams competed against each other in double elimi-

nation rounds in both co-ed and men's divisions.

First place in the Men's Division went to Ellery's Grill, who received a trophy and \$500 in prize money which they generously donated back to the charity. Team Floors Plus took first place in the Co-ed Division and also took home a trophy. The only glitch occurred early in day, 37-year-old Dominic Arentino suffered a broken leg. He was treated at JFK Medical Center in Edison.



To the Editor:

On behalf of the South Plainfield Police Athletic League, we would like to congratulate you on the success of our third annual charity softball tournament held on July 31. We are proud that \$15,000 was raised for retired South Plainfield Police Officer Gary Muccigrossi, who is currently recovering from a double lung transplant. In order to remain in step with the community we will have an annual event, benefiting those in need.

This year's softball tournament would not have been possible without the support of the businesses involved who dedicated their time and hard work to make this event a success. We would like to personally thank the following organizations: the Department of Public Works, AKA Inc., Sal's Spirit Shoppe, Hall's Fast Motor Freight and Warehouse, Freihofer's Baking Co. Inc., Penske Truck Rental, Twin City Pharmacy, Bagel & Buns, volunteers including Shannon Colucci, Darlene Cassio, Schanna Woodel, Arlene, Mike English and the South Plainfield Recreation Dept.; umpires Bill Colicchio, Al Czech, Tim Dziomba, Paul Fessock, Bill Haus, Chris Hubner, Dennis Moskel, Joe Oranek, Jay Schmidt and Kevin Schweers. Special thanks to those who donated prize money back to Gary, Bada Bing, Team Magnani, Team Kurilew, South Plainfield "C" League, Mongello & Scialabba, Outback, TJ's, Bolesta Lands, Pauls Brothers, Yamaha City Motorcycles, Jersey City Police Dept., South Plainfield Deponte Construction, Cosmed, South Plainfield Dems, South Plainfield Rescue Squad, Floors Plus and Hometown Heros.

A sincere thank you to ALL for a job well done; you represented the South Plainfield community well. A special thanks to all local business and citizens who made donations to the South Plainfield Elks for being so generous. We hope to see you all next year!!

Sincerely,

DET. CHRIS COLUCCI, PAL PRESIDENT AND DET. GARRETT CASSIO, PAL VICE PRESIDENT



# 5,000 for Detective

congratulate everyone who participated and are pleased to announce that over 5,000 gross who recently underwent a service, this tournament will be an

help of numerous individuals and not something we all can be proud of. The event was organized by the Department of Public Works, Sodexo, Corp., Bett-A-Way Distributors, Pantry and Back in Action. All the help of Angel Jazikoff, Sal Severini and his wife, Anthony Celentano, Lou Jazikoff Sr., Kevin Lykes, thanks to the participating teams who generously donated their first place trophy. South Plainfield Fire Dept., South Plainfield Elks, RTD, Twin City, the Squad, Flanagan's Dart, Procure,

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# Sports

## 10<sup>th</sup> Annual South Plainfield Open Golf Tournament Results

The South Plainfield Golf Association (SPGA) held its 10th Annual South Plainfield Open on Aug. 4 at Gambler Ridge Golf Course. The tournament benefits the South Plainfield High School Golf Team. There were almost 132 golfers participating. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed a great day of golf and fun.

Food, beverages and contests were on-going throughout the day, thanks to an outstanding crew of Sal (Bam) Severini, Chet Czaplinski, Dale Finn, Brother Rob Hunt, Paul Baldasare, Lynne Gaspari, Gary Gaspari, Toni Moretti, Nancy Murtagh, Kevin Murtagh, Lenny Padula, Maria DeAndrea, Robyn DeAndrea, Bissy Martin and Patty Martin. They certainly know how to feed and entertain the guests! As a special treat, Lois Severini donated 400 of her extraordinary homemade meatballs. Special thanks go to all the kids who participated, especially Ashleigh Gaspari, Lindsay Murtagh and Chelsea Hunt.

Prizes were awarded for both men and women, including Low Gross Women (Cecilia DeLeon), Low Gross Men (Guy Severini), Low Net Women (Rose DeAndrea), Low Net Men (Frank Gaspari), Low Team Score (Joe Campana, Bill White, Kevin Brady, Irv Brown), Longest Drive Women (Rose DeAndrea), Longest Drive Men (Mike "Moe" Alvarez), Closest to the Pin Women (Kumi Fujii), Closest to the Pin Men (Tom Snicsak) and Closest to the Line (Jack Mieczkowski). There was a special hole-in-one prize (Infiniti Luxury Car) sponsored by Ray Catena. Nobody took home this prize, but there were several golfers that came within a couple feet of the pin! The SPGA wants to thank its many

sponsors: Platinum Sponsors were Armpco Office Machines, Century 21 Moretti Realty, Colony Mortgage, DeAndrea Associates, Howard Paving, Oak-Tree Buy Rite Liquors and Zensky Electrical Contractor. Gold Sponsors were Arbor Interiors, Disch Tree Experts, Flanagan's Restaurant, Frank P. Licato Insurance Agency, Galaxy Steel Door Frame, Inc., GAR Equipment Corp., Grotto Engineering, Jafco Supplies, JDM Trucking, Jersey Tank Fabrications, Inc., Leland Gas Technologies, PBA Local 100, Reydel Volkswagon, Roma Foods, South Plainfield Elks, Tele-Cable Inc. and Thatcher & Lanza. Silver Sponsors were Absolute Fire Protection, Butrico's Auto Body, Caruso-Dellomo Construction, Columbia Bank, ECI Communications, Federated Fire Services, Frank P. Licato, Jr., D.M. D., Franks Automotive Services, Italian-American Progressive League, Joe and Rose Marie DeAndrea, McCriscin Home for Funerals, Nischwitz & Co., Patti Construction, Pinto Brothers Disposal, LLC., Players Sports Club, POPS Communications Inc., R.A.D. Corporation, R.T. Tech Electric Co., Sal's Spirit Shoppe, Staats Auto Body, Stilio Excavating, Inc., The Hess Group, Thomas E. Hood, Twin City Pharmacy, Unity Bank and Walter Abrams. Bronze Sponsors were C & R Auto, Euro Nova Cucina, LLC., First Class Travel, Mongello, Marshall & Scialabba, LLC., Murphy's Style Grill, North Stelton Lumber, Renato Biribin, Santoro and Santoro Attorneys and Zebro's Car & Truck Repair. Beverage Sponsors were Di-Lex Trucking, Inc. and Skrocki Memorial Home. Hospitality Sponsor was Valley National Bank. Special Sponsors

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The SPGA and the high school golf team are looking forward to the support of all the golfers and sponsors at next year's 11<sup>th</sup> Annual So. Plfd. Open. The scores for each player and other tournament results can be viewed at the SPGA web site ([www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org)).

## JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

By Lee Flanagan



We are still waiting for all equipment bags to be turned in. You can do this on Sunday, Aug. 29, from 6 to 6:30 p.m. Failure to surrender equipment in a timely manner may result in the manager and/or assistant manager from that team being denied the right to receive a team the following season. We need to know what equipment we have and what needs to be repaired so we can order accordingly for the 2005 season.

On Sept. 11 we will hold our annual end of the year picnic. The picnic will start at 12 noon at the SPJBC Complex. The Executive Board is cur-

rently making plans for this event. Watch for more details on this event in the *Observer*.

This fall we will be revisiting the SPJBC rules and bylaws. Any recommended changes must be submitted by Nov. 1. If you have a recommendation to the Rules and Bylaws Committee, please visit our website, [www.spjbc.com](http://www.spjbc.com). Charlie Huber is the chairperson of the committee and is looking for two other individuals to serve on the committee.

## Swim Team Beats Frogs in Narrow Defeat



The Tiger Sharks swim team won possibly its closest victory in the team's history when it defeated the Frog Hollow Swim Team of South Amboy with a score of 136 to 132 on July 21.

Dylan McDermott scored a first place finish in Individual Medley for the 11/12 year olds; his brother, Liam, took third place for the 10 and under race. Calvin John Smiley placed second in the 13-18 year old competition and Caleb Tole took third.

So, Plainfield swimmers swept the 10-and-under girls freestyle races with Maggie Valentino placing first, followed by Grace Pickarski in second and Kaitlyn Kenny in third. Emily Pickarski took second place in the 11/12 year old race and Katie Kaczka took second for the 13-18 year olds.

Freestyle swimmers who scored for the Tigers were Charlie Butrico in second place for the eight-and-under race with Aidan McDermott in third; Anthony Gurrieri took first place for the 9/10 division with Liam McDermott in third. Michael Boyle placed third in the 13/14 contest and Calvin John Smiley scored a first place in for the 15-18 year olds, followed by Philip Luzny in third place.

Tiger girls scored very well in backstroke. Taylor Aljian, Katie McLaughlin and Kelly O'Brien took first, second and third places respectively for the eight-and-under group. Maggie Valentino, Kate O'Brien and Grace Pickarski took first, second and third places for the 9/10 swimmers. Second and third places were captured by Emily Pickarski and Teresa Gustafsen in the 11/12-year-old division. Abby Petritsch took third place for the 13/14-year-olds while Katie Kaczka and Nina Byard placed second and third in the older girls' 15-18 race.

Breaststroke points were racked up by Kate McLaughlin in first place and Taylor Aljian in second for the eight-and-under swimmers. All three places were captured in the 9/10 division, with Kate O'Brien, first; Kelly McLaughlin, second and Michelle O'Sullivan, third. Sarah Konops took third for the 11/12 year olds. Nina Byard placed third in the 15-18-year-old race.

Butterfly swimmers who scored for the Tiger Sharks were Aidan McDermott in first place and Sean Cullen in second for the eight-and-under division; Dylan McDermott and Anthony Gurrieri took first and second

place for the 9/10 competition. For the 13/14-year-olds, Michael Boyle took second place and Alan Kasmer placed third. Philip Luzny and Chris Reed took first and second places for the older boys' 15-18 race.

In the relay races, Tiger swimmers scored four out of six first place wins. For the free relays, teammates Taylor Aljian, Kate McLaughlin, Kelly O'Brien and Kaitlyn Faustini placed first in the eight-and-under division, while teammates Emily Pickarski and sister Grace, along with Maggie Valentino and Chelsea Cullen took first for the 9-12 division.

Boys medley relay winners were

teammates Aidan McDermott, Joey Valentino, Charlie Butrico and Sean Cullen in the 8 and under division and teammates Caleb Tole, Dylan McDermott, Philip Luzny and Calvin John Smiley for the 13-18 year old swimmers.

The points scored by all these swimmers totaled up to a win over rival Frog Hollow in one of the last meets of the season.

Submitted by Donna Egan

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# Sports



Tim Morgan, Jr.

## Varsity Girls' Soccer Preview

By Tim Morgan

Thanks to a number of auxiliary programs instituted just a few years ago, namely the Grant 5/6, middle school and traveling teams, the South Plainfield High School Varsity Girls' Soccer team is starting to show ability to remove itself from the slump it has been stuck in for the past few years.

Those programs have added numbers, depth and skill to the high school level. They were designed to be a cu-

## Travel Soccer Needs Players

The South Plainfield Soccer Club is looking for players in the following age groups:

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mulative system and the effect is starting to manifest. Fifth year Head Coach Bruce Hunt predicts that in the next few years, the results of the experience the kids gain from them will show more clearly on the Varsity level and that the freshmen and sophomores will notably add a viable edge to the team.

"I think the program is headed in the right direction," Hunt said.

Last year, the Lady Tigers went 6-11, up from 4-12 the year before. Hunt said the girls had a "much improved skill level. We were in every game last year," he commented. "The chemistry was really good."

Hunt expects that chemistry to continue this year. "We have a very good mix. I'm very much excited about this year," he said.

Despite losing three of his strongest players from last year, he expects to have an even stronger squad this year. On top of 10 Varsity letter winners returning from last year, there is an abundance of underclassmen looking to crack into the lineup. Hunt expects them to compliment the veteran players to connect as a cohesive whole.

Seniors Danielle Arndt, Dawn Besser, Caitlin English, Kelly Hrutkay and Danielle Plasse and sophomores Megan Boyle, Jenna DeLillo, Ashleigh Gaspari, Katie Hardy and Becky Keller will all be looking to return to Varsity

play and promising junior Nicole Cursi could enter it for the first time.

Hunt emphasized the camaraderie of the players and called them all "hard working and dedicated." "They're just a great group of kids. They're fun to coach," Hunt said, noting that many of them play in the Seven Aside summer league in Rahway and that the seniors hold practices two to three days a week in the summer.

One of team's goals for this upcoming season is to qualify for the state tournament. In order to do so, the girls must be at least .500 by the October deadline. Hunt aims to do that by locking the hold the girls get on the majority of their games. Five of their losses last year were by only one goal, so the Lady Tigers could have their best season in years by securing their close games. "I want to be competitive in the White Division," said Hunt, who himself has been competing in and coaching the game since he was a teenager. Monroe will certainly be the toughest team to beat, while Colonia and North Brunswick are feasible matches the Lady Tigers will be concentrating on.

Dana Curcio returns as an assistant coach for the third year while Brian Figueiredo joins for his first year as another assistant coach.

## Golf Outing Planned by Sons of American Legion

The Sons of the American Legion Chaumont Squadron 243, located at 243 Oak Tree Ave. are hosting their Second Annual Golf Outing at Bunkerhill Golf Course in Princeton on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

The cost of golfing is \$85 per person. This price includes green fees, cart, prizes, breakfast (coffee and bagels), lunch (hot dogs and burgers), drinks (beer, soda, water) and buffet dinner at Chaumont Post 243.

Tee time starts at 9 a.m. Hole-in-one on the 13<sup>th</sup> hole wins a trip for two to Hawaii.

If you would like to participate in the tournament or be a sponsor, please see/call Mark Zeliff at (908) 755-5914.

Also, we are looking for sponsors at \$50/tee or \$100/hole. Proceeds will go to the various charities supported by the Sons of the American Legion.

Make all checks payable to the Sons of the American Legion Squadron 243.


## Murtagh Fires 69 to Win SP Rec Junior Golf Tournament

Brian Murtagh fired a 69 at the West Nine to win the South Plainfield Recreation Junior Golf Tournament. South Plainfield High School Senior Brian Murtagh had two birdies but it was all he needed to win the tournament.

Brian Murtagh- 69; J.R. Licato- 82; Billy Padula- 87; Branden Ullem- 88; Anthony Simone- 92; Andrew Gray- 95; Jonathan Maroux- 99 and Chris Pennisi- 104.

In the boys' division, incoming sixth grader Riley Hubner fired an 89 to win the boys' division.

Submitted by Michael Kavka



**The Observer will close at 1 p.m. on Fridays during the month of August.**

## LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE No. 1673**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance #1673 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING VARIOUS BOROUGH INTERSECTIONS AS STOP INTERSECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR A STOP SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF SAID LOCATIONS** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$24.50 August 13, 2004

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE No. 1674**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance 1674 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE # 521 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A FIRE PREVENTION CODE PRESCRIBING REGULATIONS GOVERNING CONDITIONS HAZARDOUS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY FROM FIRE OR EXPLOSION AND ESTABLISHING A BUREAU OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROVIDING OFFICERS THEREFOR AND DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES"** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$29.00 August 13, 2004

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
**WHEREAS** the Borough is required to perform quarterly groundwater monitoring tests; and  
**WHEREAS** the Borough has received a proposal from its Environmental Engineer, PMK Group, in the amount of \$24,500 to perform said groundwater monitoring for the year July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005; and  
**WHEREAS** this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a); and  
**WHEREAS** funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and will be made available in the Capital Improvement Fund account # C-04-55-834-002-901.  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a professional services contract with PMK Group in the amount not to exceed \$24,500 for the groundwater monitoring testing for the Borough for the period July 1, 2004 thru June 30, 2005.  
ATTEST: Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$35.00 August 13, 2004

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE No. 1677**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance #1677 entitled: **A BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING BOND ORDINANCE #1637 ENTITLED: "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAYS FOR THE HAMILTON BOULEVARD ROAD PROJECT"** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 13, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY**

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed on first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on August 9, 2004. It will be further considered for final passage, after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, Plainfield Avenue, in said County, on August 30, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

**Title:** A BOND ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING BOND ORDINANCE NUMBER 1637 FINALLY ADOPTED BY THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ON NOVEMBER 6, 2003 ENTITLED, "BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAYS FOR THE HAMILTON BOULEVARD ROAD PROJECT, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$1,850,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,757,500 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF" TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATION THEREIN BY \$1,450,000, TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZATION OF BONDS OR NOTES THEREIN BY \$1,375,000 AND TO AMEND THE DESCRIPTION

**Purpose(s):** Amends and restates bond ordinance number 1637 to increase the appropriation and authorization of bonds and notes and to amend the description to include the acquisition of additional properties and easements, the installation of street lighting, construction of sidewalks and curbs, storm sewer improvements and roadway improvements, in and by the Borough

**Appropriation:** \$1,450,000 additional appropriation  
**Bonds/Notes**  
**Authorized:** \$1,375,000 additional authorization  
**Section 20 Costs:** \$20,000 additional costs  
**Useful Life:** 31.88 years  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$88.50 August 13, 2004

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE No. 1676**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance #1676 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5% WAS ADOPTED ON FIRST READING AND ADVERTISED IN THE OBSERVER ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2004 AND THAT A PUBLIC HEARING BE SCHEDULED FOR 8:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2004 IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1676**  
AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK WHEN THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT IS EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN 2.5 PERCENT (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)

**WHEREAS** the Local Government Cap Law N.J.S.A.40A:4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget to 2.5% or the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), whichever is less, over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14 provides that a municipality may, in any year in which a COLA is equal to or less than 2.5% increase its final appropriations by a percentage greater than the COLA, but not to exceed the 3.5% rate as specified in the law, when authorized by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS** the COLA for SFY 2005 has been certified by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs as 2.5%; and

**WHEREAS** N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, in any year in which the COLA is equal to or less than 2.5% may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex finds it advisable and necessary to increase its SFY 2005 budget by more than 2.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that a 3.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$126,805.41 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and

**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, a majority of the full membership of this governing body affirmatively

concurring, that, in the SFY 2005 budget year, the final appropriations of the Borough of South Plainfield shall in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$130,977.02 which will result in a total of \$458,419.57 and that the SFY 2005 municipal budget for the Borough of South Plainfield be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$111.00 August 13, 2004

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
**WHEREAS** the Borough desires to retain legal services to review the proposed solid waste transfer permit application that was submitted to NJDEP; and  
**WHEREAS** the Borough has received a proposal from Wilentz Goldman & Spitzer, Attorneys At Law, to perform said functions at a fee of \$225.00 per hour, not to exceed \$10,000.00; and  
**WHEREAS** this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1) (a); and  
**WHEREAS** funds have been certified by the Chief

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 1675**  
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:  
Ordinance #1675 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE POSITION OF SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM AID AND COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITION** was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 13, 2004 and that a public hearing be scheduled for 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.  
**ORDINANCE No. 1677**  
**AN ORDINANCE CREATING EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR SAID POSITIONS THE YEARS 2004, 2005 THROUGH 2005.**  
Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, as follows:  
SECTION 1. The rates of compensation for each employee of the Borough of South Plainfield shall be on an annual basis as follows except where indicated. Such rates of pay shall be effective on January 1st of the years shown.  

POSITION	2003	2004
SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM AID	23,000-33,000	23,805 - 34,155

  
SECTION 2: INCONSISTENCY - All ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.  
SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE --This ordinance shall become effective and operative ten days after the publications there of after final passage.  
ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$73.50 August 13, 2004





The small building located next to Giakas Cleaners was demolished this week. Built in the 1960's, it was first Beacon Photo dropoff and has been occupied since then by other small businesses. It took only 45 minutes to bring the building down.

## County Dog Park is Dedicated

Middlesex County's dog park, part of the county's 675-acre Thompson Park in Jamesburg and Monroe, was officially dedicated on Monday.

Open since January, the dog park has been overwhelmingly popular with owners and their canines. Two acres of the park near the Perrineville Road entrance were fenced off to allow dogs to run leash-free, under the watchful eye of their owners.

"The number of people and pets who have used this facility is incredible," said Freeholder Deputy Director Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina, chairman of the county's Parks and Recreation Committee. "Because local and park ordinances require owners to keep their dogs on leashes at all times, our residents have embraced the change to bring their pets to the dog park for less restricted exercise and play."

The dog park is free to users and is open from dawn until sunset, seven

days a week.

The Thompson Park dog park has been split into two sections: one for dogs weighing more than 20 lbs., the other for smaller dogs. Benches and water fountains for the owners have been installed at the park, half of which is shaded by trees.

There are limits on the number of dogs allowed in the park at one time and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Biodegradable bags and containers are provided at the site. Dogs must have all their vaccinations up-to-date.

Rules and regulations are posted at the park. For more information, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (732) 745-3900.

The Park System also has opened another dog park in Donaldson Park in Highland Park, which is somewhat smaller than the one in Thompson Park.

## Comic Guitarist to Perform at "Kids Helping Kids" Benefit Concert

On Friday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m., nationally renowned comic guitarist Mike Rayburn will be performing in a "Kids Helping Kids" benefit concert at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick.

Rayburn has been voted "America's Campus Entertainer of the Year" three out of four years.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Kids Helping Kids Founda-

tion, an organization of kids who aim to facilitate youth-run volunteer programs that provide equipment, services, companionship and special wishes for kids who have been affected by catastrophic illness or injury.

To purchase tickets for this event, please call (973) 857-3422. Tickets are \$25 and are tax deductible. For more information about Kids Helping Kids, visit [www.kidshelping.org](http://www.kidshelping.org).

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cyclopedia states "...in the early 1800's an increasing number of people came to believe that something more was needed to give Americans common goals and a sense of national unity. They felt the answer lay in public education and proposed that each state set up a system of free, compulsory, tax-supported schools."

To degrade a system with unfounded data such as "...the majority of students enrolled in teacher's colleges will not be admitted to any other college due to their dismal academic performance in high school" is an insult to those students who have chosen teaching as their lifelong profession. The fact is teacher training schools' emphasis today is content knowledge courses and fewer method courses. Teachers must be qualified in the areas they teach as per the federal law - No Child Left Behind.

There are many educators today who majored in other areas as well as were employed in other professions and have decided to enter the teaching field. They are enrolled in the alternate route program because there is a shortage of teachers in this country. As Americans we must ask why there is a shortage. Could it be from the constant degradation of some?

In its report "A Nation at Risk" (1983) the commission pointed out that American students lagged behind other industrial countries. The group recommended longer school hours, more homework and increased teacher salaries. Parents and educators have asked for stricter measures against drug abuse and greater discipline in the classroom. Today under the "No Child Left Behind" Act schools as well as educators will be held accountable for students' performance.

As far as the example printed last week of the Praxis Test, I have consulted with several teachers who have taken the Praxis exams. They have stated there were no questions that ridiculous on any OFFICIAL exam. I question the validity of this example.

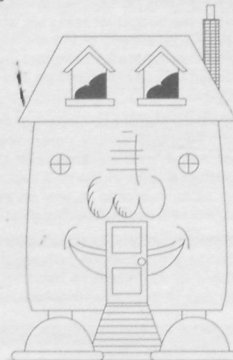
Is the system perfect? No. Is there room for improvement? Yes, but that is the American way. One hundred and fifty years ago it was against the law in some states to educate an African-American. Only 50 years ago either ad juris or de facto segregation existed. Laws and Supreme Court decisions have changed those beliefs.

This country also gives free choice to parents to educate their child in any private institution, but not at the expense of taxpayers.

To degrade high school students by trying to pass off as fact that "approximately 40% of the applicants... misspell every second word" is ludicrous. I have consulted several high school English teachers, both in South Plainfield and surrounding communities and this statement is simply not true.

As I close this letter I call attention to the lead article of last week's paper

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## IN YOUR OPINION

"Teacher Returns From Alaska as a Master Teacher." If this is the caliber of educators in South Plainfield, then the children are blessed.

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**CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY, SO.  
PFLD. RESIDENT, EXEC. OFFICER  
PLFD. ED. ASSOCIATION**

Dear Editor,

Recent heavy rains have left pools of standing water throughout the state, leaving many people concerned about the dangers of West Nile virus. This virus made its arrival to our area only in recent years, when several people were infected by mosquito bites. Mosquitoes breed in pools of standing water, but that does not mean that there is any cause for panic. Given that mosquito bites spread this rare but occasionally fatal West Nile virus to humans, local authorities have been testing mosquito pools for the virus. While there have not been any reported human infections of the virus this year, the infected mosquitoes in neighboring counties have prompted me to prepare my constitu-

ents for even the deadliest breed of mosquitoes. Furthermore, even if you cannot remove or cover the standing water on your property, there are still plenty of steps you can take to avoid the rare mosquito bite that could lead to a West Nile viral infection.

During the early mornings and early evenings, when mosquitoes are the most plentiful, you should wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts and use an effective mosquito repellent according to its instructions. In addition, you should replace any broken screens on your doors and windows in order to keep out any small mosquitoes that could be carrying the virus. These small steps can protect you and your family from the West Nile virus, which can be fatal to the elderly and the very young.

For more information on the West Nile virus and the necessary precautions, you can call my district office at (732) 819-8141, or you can visit the Department of Health and Senior Services website at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/index.shtml>.

**SENATOR BARBARA BUONO  
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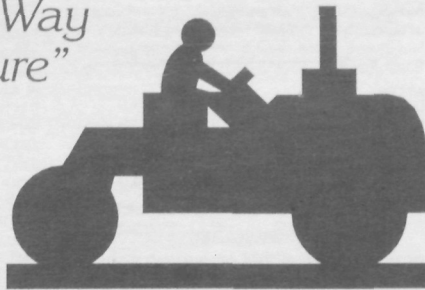
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## Bookmarks

Summer may be winding down, but there's still plenty to do – at the library and beyond. If you're planning a trip, why not pick up a guidebook? The library has guidebooks to suit any taste. For those with families who don't want to travel too far, there's Arline Zatz's "Best Hikes with Children in New Jersey," Jeff Edelstein's "The Best of Everything at the Jersey Shore" and William Scheller's "New Jersey: Off the Beaten Path." For those into spur-of-the-moment daytrips, there's Peter Genovese's "New Jersey Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff," Robert Heide's "O' New Jersey: Day Tripping, Back Roads, Eateries, and Funky Adventures" and Weird New Jersey magazine, dedicated to "local legends and best kept secrets." The summer is also prime time for festivals and fairs; Barbara Carlson's "Food festivals: Eating Your Way From Coast to Coast" is an excellent resource for those more into cannoli at San Gennaro than canoeing the Pine Barrens.

For those with summer reading to do, books are still available. Summer reading books for middle and high school go out for two weeks at a time and cannot be renewed. Holds may be placed on items which are out for 50 cents per hold; you will be notified once the item is in and will have a week to pick it up. Placing a hold prevents an item from being renewed. If you change your mind, holds can be cancelled.

The library has re-issued its patron survey. Surveys will be collected until

## SP Soccer Camp Announced

There's still time to sign up for Summer Soccer Camp in South Plainfield.

The South Plainfield Soccer Club and United Soccer Academy (USA) are hosting a second soccer camp this summer. The camp will be held at the Soccer Club facility on Kenneth Ave. from August 22 through 27.

Age 3-5 cost is \$99 and runs from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Age 5-14 cost is \$149 and runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information and to enroll online, please go to <http://www.unitedsocceracademy.com>, or call (908) 823-0130.

## Almost Famous Players Seek Garage Sale Donations

Almost Famous Players is seeking donations for a yard sale to be held in early September.

Items in good condition can be dropped off at 2 Page Ct. (off New Brunswick Ave.) or 715 Sampton Ave.

Call (908) 346-2290 for a pick up or drop off. Projected dates for the sale are Sept. 18 and 19. Donations are needed no later than a week before sale dates.



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the end of August; they are available at the circulation desk and in the children's room. Make your voice heard – speak up about what you want in the new library!

Storytimes are cancelled from Aug. 13 until Sept. 30; they will resume on Oct. 1. However, Ms. Mija's American Girls Club will continue to meet and read American Girls books Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Mija has set up a display of American Girls dolls in the cabinet in the library foyer which will stay up through the month of August.

The deadline for the "Design the New Library" contest has been extended until Aug. 31. Patrons are invited to submit their drawings of their vision of the new library. There is no age limit. Submissions will be posted on the wall in the library foyer.

The library staff has set up displays of books around the library – on top of the video collections, on filing cabinets and on carts. Topics include ancient history, New Jersey guidebooks, gardening and science. Items on display can be checked out at the front desk. Displays are changed periodically, so be sure to check back to see what's new!

## policereport

• On August 4 Josephine M. Mamboleo, 41, of Plainfield was arrested at the DMV for wrongful impersonation by showing a fraudulent social security card.

• Samuel A. Diaz, 31, of Paterson was arrested at the DMV for wrongful impersonation by showing a counterfeit Puerto Rico birth certificate.

• A Kenyon Ave. resident reported that a potato had been thrown at her vehicle while driving down Sampton Ave.

• Vesica Wellness Day Spa on Hamilton Blvd. reported that a computer desk that was outside the door had been damaged. A curtain was also ripped down that was covering a window in an upstairs hallway of the building.

• On August 5 Denise M. Shipman, 35, of Plainfield was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting a jewelry box containing earrings and a necklace worth \$50.

• Michael J. Gordon, 36, of Newark was arrested at Pathmark for shoplifting a cart full of Good Start formula worth \$555.

• Pathmark reported that two men fled the store on foot without paying for a shopping cart full of Good Start formula.

• North Bergen Rex Transport on

New Market Ave. reported that a trailer was taken from their unlocked, unguarded parking lot. This is the third trailer taken in the past seven months.

• On August 7 the Middle School reported that the handle on a garage door had been broken off and the key hole had been damaged.

• A South Plainfield Ave. resident reported that his vehicle was struck with eggs, cookie dough and soda.

• On August 8 John Russel Robinson, 26, of Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of a Sony CD player and Bible from his unlocked vehicle parked on Tompkins Ave.

• An Oak Tree Ave. resident reported that the lock had been pried off their shed door and the tools inside were used to remove \$3,555 worth of parts off of a 2000 Acura Integra parked in the driveway.

• On August 9 Jersey Oil reported that a female had received \$21 worth of gas, but said she only asked for \$4. The attendant agreed to let her come back the next day with the money, but she never showed up.

## Sacred Heart 100th Anniversary Schedule of Events

### August

- 22 Continental Breakfast in cafeteria 9-11 a.m.
- Ceremonies renaming cafeteria to McQuire Hall
- 22 Charismatic Healing Mass 2 p.m. at the church

### September

- 12 Parish Picnic 2 to 6 p.m. in the schoolyard. Free!
- 19 Liturgical Ministers Retreat 3-5 p.m. at the church

### October

- TBA Renew begins at Sacred Heart Parish
- TBA Cosmic Bowling for Youth
- 3 Feast of St. Francis Assisi 3 p.m. on the grounds
- Animal Blessing and Parade of Pets
- 11 Chef Night—Culinary Delight at SP Senior Center



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