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Communications Supervisor Loses Battle With Cancer

By Jane Dornick

Lifelong borough resident Betty Schiavi, 52, passed away early Tuesday morning after a long battle with cancer.

Bette will best be remembered for her career as a South Plainfield Police Department 911 dispatch operator. She was hired in September of 1994 as a civilian public safety telecommunications operator and answered 911 calls alongside police officers. In the late 1990's, she was one of the first 911 operators to begin taking calls without the aid of police officers when dispatch became a civilian-only operation.

She was a member of the National Emergency Number Association and taught preschoolers in the bor-



Bette Schiavi

ough how to use the 911 system. During her 12 years with the police department, she attended a hostage negotiation and suicide intervention seminar and received numerous letters of commendation for her ability to

handle emergency phone calls during stressful situations.

In September of 2004, Bette was promoted to public safety telecommunications supervisor and was in charge of the 911 dispatchers. Retired Police Capt. Michael Grennier, Bette's supervisor for many years, recalls, "Bette was a co-worker and lifelong friend of mine who always gave 100% to the residents of South Plainfield and will be missed by all." Chief John Ferraro spoke of Bette as a "highly skilled professional who set the standard for telecommunication operators. She will be missed, but remembered by everyone in the department."

Prior to working with the police department, Bette worked at Muhlen-

burg Hospital, studied nursing and was a switchboard operator at the Carrier Clinic in Princeton. She always enjoyed helping other people. She was a Life Member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, after volunteering on the squad for over 20 years and was in charge of the cadets.

In 2003 Bette was diagnosed with breast cancer, but continued to work throughout her treatments. She always had a positive outlook and was in remission for over a year. However, last year doctors discovered that the cancer returned and had spread.

Bette's co-workers at Borough Hall thought so highly of her that they donated their vacation time to help her keep up with her expenses. Administrative Clerk Marie Smith said,

"Bette was always very caring, funny, friendly, sociable and courageous."

Bette even threw herself a party at the rescue squad building when she recovered from her first surgery and invited everyone who had generously helped her through a difficult time.

Aside from her career, Bette loved to do cross stitching and was a devoted animal lover.

She leaves behind a sister, Constance Matejek of Safety Harbor, Fla. and a brother Leonard and his wife Lynn of Stuart, Fla.

A graveside blessing will be held on Friday morning, August 25, at 10:30 at Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield. A celebration of life will be held on Friday from 5-8 p.m. at the Rescue Squad on Plainfield Ave.

Negotiations With SPEA Are Stalled

By Libby Barsky

Negotiations on the contract with the South Plainfield Education Association are at an impasse, SPEA Vice President Diana Joffe told the Board of Education during the public comment segment of the Aug. 16 meeting. Joffe asked the board to continue negotiations directly with Board members, preferably without using negotiator Dr. Kenneth King, who was hired by the Board to be their spokesman.

"We have been in negotiations since March. Since there is no settlement in sight, we want the Board to be responsible. Please join us in bargaining around the clock, 24/7 if necessary. We will do this from now until Sept. 5 if we have to. Please be engaged with us," said Joffe, who invited Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rosado to the table as well.

"You, Dr. Rosado, have ownership in this as well. Be prepared to work with us and sign an agreement before Sept. 5. It's important to you, it's important to us and to the community,

the parents and especially to our kids. I await your response," she added.

After Joffe's remarks, the Board went into executive session. They emerged 15 minutes later and Joffe spoke privately with Board negotiating team members, Tim Morgan and Carol Byrne, about setting up dates for future meetings.

Joffe believes Dr. King, who is the Board's negotiator, "is not equipped for school negotiations. He doesn't understand the intent of negotiation. He wants to control negotiations and bully us. We spent 45 minutes arguing over a comma. Everything is NO! In my 20 years of being on the team, I've never been so frustrated."

Board member Carol Byrne called Dr. King a calm man who never gets excited. "He (King) was recommended by the school boards association and he teaches others how to negotiate. He will continue to be in negotiations and our chief spokesman. "We don't see an impasse. There is always room to talk," she said.



Twenty-six children participated in the fun and educational "Wee Saints" Vacation Bible School at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church from August 14 through 18. The children learned about Mary and the saints through storytelling, crafts, music and movement. Parents joined the children on Friday as they presented what they had learned during the week.

Families, Fun Headline Annual Labor Day Festivities



Labor Day Parade
Grand Marshal
Shirley Thompson

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, where the entire town can get together and enjoy the festivities.

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

The parade officially kicks off at the Middle School at exactly 10 a.m., led by the South Plainfield High School Marching Band and parade grand

marshal, Shirley Thompson. There will be numerous marching bands and youth groups will be interpreting their this year's theme, "Families: South Plainfield's Greatest Asset."

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 always a huge concern to the parade committee.

When the parade reaches the PAL, folks are invited to visit the numerous concessions which will be set up by local businesses. A percentage of all proceeds will be donated to

emergency services. There will plenty of give-a-ways and literature available, as well as face painting and hair braiding. The *Observer* will also be on hand greet all of our readers, answer questions and if you like, you can sign up for home delivery. Stop by and say hello.

The South Plainfield Wrestling Team will have a dunking booth. Proceeds will go toward a 30 member trip to the Minnesota National Wrestling Championships.

There will also be lots of food. The South Plainfield Lions Club will be selling beer, steak and sausage sand-

wiches and soda. There will be plenty of pretzels, subs, cotton candy, water, soda, gyros and much more.

Don't forget to join in the egg and water balloon tosses and other games. They are not only fun for the participants, but a hoot for those who just want to watch.

The evening fireworks at Spring Lake Park will be preceded by entertainment by "Sound Investment" at 7 p.m. Roads close around the area of Spring Lake Park, so plan accordingly. Next week's *Observer* will have full coverage of the parade and the days events.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

| Date | Agenda Meeting | Public Meeting |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| September 5 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| September 19 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| October 3 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| October 17 | 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 (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

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

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

Aug. 29*, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10

Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

zoning board of adjustment

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

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Sept. 14, Sept. 28,

Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30* and Dec. 14.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.- Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13,

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

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.- Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15,

Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March and April 4.

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at

Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

(No meetings July and Aug.) Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 and Jan. 10.

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at

Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

On Friday, Aug. 18 at 3 p.m., I needed help and I called the South Plainfield Police Department and shortly two police officers arrived at my house. A woman was trying to gain entrance to my home. She was trying to open my front door, back door and windows and was constantly walking around the front and the back of my house.

She didn't speak English, so I thought we had a problem. But the two officers soon found out that she was lost. They calmed her down, as well as me. By 4 p.m. they found out where she lived. She was visiting and had taken a walk. They contacted the woman she was visiting, who was at work and she came and picked the woman up.

I am sorry that I did not get the names of the two officers. All I can say is thank you very much to those officers. They are really South Plainfield's finest.

MARY MCKNIGHT

Dear Editor:

After reading the obviously orchestrated letters from Republican Mayoral Candidate Bob Bengivenga Jr. and a couple of his supporters, one thing becomes perfectly clear. In all three letters, they attacked me personally and attempted to punch holes in Charlie Butrico's traffic plan, but they never set forth a plan of their own.

The reason they have chosen this campaign tactic is simple... Republican Robert Bengivenga, Jr. doesn't have a traffic plan! If the Republican team really wants to join us in putting forth a positive plan for the future of South Plainfield, why don't they just work with Charlie Butrico in getting trucks off Hamilton Blvd. and addressing traffic throughout our borough?

I think the voters would respect the Republicans if next week they simply sent a letter to the editor saying "We support Charlie Butrico's Traffic Plan." That kind of support would prove that politics isn't the most important thing to the Republicans.

JOE SCRUDATO, COUNCIL
CANDIDATE

Dear Editor,

As a candidate for mayor, one of the things my running mates and I have made a priority is coming up with ways to control taxes and spending. We've said it before, and you'll hear us say it again: families shouldn't have to choose between paying their taxes and saving for retirement or to send their kids to college.

One way to control spending is by having a shared-services program between the Borough and the school district. Other towns are saving money by using shared services and South Plainfield is behind the curve in not doing the same. Councilman Matt Anesh and I are strong proponents of this program, and in fact, we talked about it extensively during our campaign last fall. Not only would it help control municipal spending, it would also help control the school board budget.

As I write this letter I'm pleased to announce that we are one step closer to having shared services in South Plainfield. I want to thank Board of Education President Jeff Seider and

Submit Letters to the Editor:

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

Letters may be submitted to the Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax 908-668-8819 or by email: spobsobserver@comcast.net. Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m. Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Please limit letters to no more than 250 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject.

the administration, including Dr. Rosado, for meeting with me several times in an effort to get this program going. We had our third meeting recently, where we added several more board members and council members to the mix, and I must say, the ideas have promise.

We've done a lot of brainstorming and some of the ideas include working together on playground and field maintenance, working together on equipment and building maintenance and working together on snow plowing and other services. These are just a few of the ideas.

While our talks still have a way to go, I'm happy to see the renewed spirit of cooperation between the board and council. The council has a responsibility to work hand in hand with the board for the benefit of the taxpayers, and especially the children. Working together is in everyone's best interest.

We need to make South Plainfield more affordable for families and especially our seniors. Shared services will take us one step closer to this goal.

COUNCILMAN ROBERT
BENGIVENGA, JR., CANDIDATE
FOR MAYOR

"Cappi" Award Nominations Being Accepted

The Police Athletic League, along with the South Plainfield Recreation Commission, will be choosing the 2006 "Cappy" Award winner. Recommendations for nominations will be accepted through Sept. 8. Recommendations can be made by anyone by sending a letter stating the qualifications of the candidate. Two Police Athletic League and/or Recreational peers will approve the submitted recommendations for consideration. Requirements are listed below.

Nominees should have 10 years of service in youth sport and/or recreation; various voluntary services and be a resident of South Plainfield.

All nominees should exemplify high moral values and ethical judgment, never been convicted of a felony and possess dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations can be sent to the Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave., Attn: Chris Colucci, PAL president, or sent directly to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Ave., Attn: Kevin Hughes, Recreation Director.

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FROM THE Senior Men's FORUM

By Walter J. Pasacrita,
Chairman

Editors Note: Walter Pasacrita is chairman of the Senior Men's Forum of South Plainfield. The forum will periodically submit columns on their views and opinions. If you would like to know more about the group, you are invited to attend one of their meetings.

The Senior Men's Forum recently wrote to Kevin Ciak, president of the School Board Association to which the South Plainfield School System is a member, stating that we were recommending dues no longer be paid to the Association favoring the unfair Abbott-Burke Legislation. The reason for our action is due to the fact that the State's apportionment of tax monies of schools in our County are inequitably distributed as follows:

Abbott Districts:

Funded With Property Taxes:

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| East Orange | 8% |
| Newark | 9% |
| Jersey City | 10% |
| Camden | 3% |
| Trenton | 8% |
| Perth Amboy | 11% |
| Asbury Park | 7% |
| New Brunswick | 18% |

Non-Abbott Districts

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|------------------------|-----|
| East Brunswick | 80% |
| Edison | 88% |
| Metuchen | 90% |
| Highland Park | 75% |
| North Brunswick | 83% |
| Piscataway | 80% |
| Woodbridge | 84% |
| South Plainfield | 80% |

As shown above, residents in the Abbott districts are paying an average of 8% towards their property taxes to support the education of their children while the non-Abbott districts pay 82.5%. Therefore, we feel that South Plainfield is not being properly represented and strongly oppose membership and monetary support to an organization that favors the huge inequity illustrated above as well as maintaining a separate urban coalition within its ranks.

Whether parent or non-parent or even senior citizens on fixed incomes we should stand united to pay only our fair share of school taxes impacting our property taxes and demand other districts to do the same. A copy of our letter to Mr. Ciak was sent to Dr. Rosado.

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Ratepayer Advocate Demonstrates How to Save Energy to Seniors



Ratepayer advocate Seema Singh with Councilman Rob Bengivenga and Senior Director Joann Graf.

By Libby Barsky

"Conserve, conserve, conserve, to save energy and cut utility bills," was the message Seema Singh, ratepayer advocate brought to seniors at the Senior Center recently.

"If you take the steps to be more energy efficient, I guarantee you can cut 15% from your bills," Singh said. Her talk "How to Lower Your Utility Bills" was buttressed by two books, *Consumer Conservation Handbook* and *Consumer Assistance Handbook*, which were given out to those who attended the lecture.

The *Consumer Conservation Handbook* lists estimated monthly

energy costs of typical home appliances—washer, dryer, freezer—and how to achieve savings in energy and lowering your bill.

"In its simplest terms, the conservation of energy means consuming less energy," begins the *Consumer Conservation Handbook*. It offers energy conservation strategies so that less energy is used—from shutting off lights when not needed, performing a home energy audit to find sources of energy loss in living space (there is a chapter to walk you through one)—to installing energy-efficient appliances that use less energy.

Some of the cooling tips include:

- Raising the temperature for your

air conditioner. Every degree raised on your thermometer can save three percent on cooling costs. Going from 73 to 78 degrees can mean savings of up to 15 percent.

- Using pedestal and ceiling fans to improve air circulation, allowing raising of the air conditioner's thermostat.

- Turning off the central air conditioner 30 minutes before planning to leave home. The house will remain cool for that time.

- Using the dishwasher only when full and doing laundry at night when demand for electricity is less. Loading the dryer in consecutive shifts also is more energy efficient.

The Division of the Ratepayer Advocate is a state agency that represents and protects the interests of all utility customers before the board of public utilities, state and federal courts and agencies whenever companies seek changes in their rates or changes in the delivery of services in how much they

charge for natural gas, electric, water, wastewater, telecommunications or cable TV. The agency currently has 22 attorneys and is involved in 1,400 utility cases. "If you can't pay your utility bills, call the utility carrier and try to work out a plan," Singh told seniors.

The *Consumer Assistance Handbook* is a guide featuring the names and addresses of the utility companies doing business in New Jersey. The table of contents includes listings of consumer rights and financial assistance programs for telecommunications and energy bills, how to complain about cable TV rates and services and how to avoid being disconnected from your water company.

For further information about the Division of the Ratepayer Advocate, visit <http://www.rpa.state.nj.us>, e-mail njratepayer@rpa.state.nj.us, call (973) 648-2690 or fax (973) 648-2193.

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Around Town

Somerset Patriots Buddy Walk Awareness September 7

The Somerset Patriots will be hosting a Buddy Walk/Down Syndrome Awareness Night at their 7:05 p.m. game with the Pennsylvania Road Warriors on Thursday, Sept. 7. They will provide public address announcements promoting the Buddy Walk of South Plainfield to be held on October 7 at Putnam Park. A table will be set up on the concourse for registration for the walk. South Plainfield's own Kyle Both will throw out the first pitch. Tickets are available from Michele Both for this special night. They are \$10 per ticket, with a portion of the proceeds being donated to the Buddy Walk of South Plainfield.

If you are interested in attending this special event, please contact Michele Both at (908) 531-5100. Please come out and support our community efforts.

VFW Picnic/Pig Roast September 9

VFW Post #6763, located at 155 Front St., will host their annual picnic and pig roast on Saturday, Sept. 9 from 12-5 p.m. Tickets are \$17 in advance and \$19 purchased at the door. Kids are \$7.

AARP Safe Driving Course September 16 and 23

An AARP Safe Driving course will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16 and 23, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Both sessions must be attended to receive a three year discount on your automobile insurance. Any legally licensed driver may take the course.

Cost is \$10 to be paid upon registration with Mary at (732) 752-3764. Space is limited, so call immediately to reserve your spot.

AARP Chapter Meeting September 18

AARP Chapter 4144's next meeting will be held at the South Plainfield

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| Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30am-11:30am Art Class 11:30am | Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am Lunch Available | Exercise 8:45am Computer Classes 10am, 11:30am & 1pm DMV License Issuance Line Dancing 10am Tai Chi Class 2pm | Pathmark Shopping 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm | Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available |
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

Senior Center on Mon. Sept. 18, at 12:30 pm. A program on hearing loss and hearing aid technology will be presented by Total Hearing Care of Watchung.

Needlecrafters meets Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m. To join, call Jean at (732) 752-0358

Parents' Ponytail Meeting September 26

The Parents' Ponytail meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 22 has been canceled. The next Parents' Ponytail meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 26. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the PAL building on Maple Ave. Hope to see you there!

Old Timers Motorcycle Run October 1

The First Annual Run For The Children Battling Cancer, sponsored by The Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., in cooperation with the Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Moretti Realty, will include a scenic motorcycle run through Hunterdon County on Sun-

day, Oct. 1 (raindate: Sunday, Oct. 8). Sign in from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the PAL. Free t-shirts to the first 50 who sign up. Cost is \$20 for riders and \$10 for passengers, non-riders and the public.

Food, prizes, music and vendors at the PAL upon return at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Rich at (908) 753-7629 or Rudy at (908) 405-0836 or send email to openyourheart@morettiirealty.com.

— Out of Town —

Life Line Screening August 28

Life Line Screening Radiology will be at the Rose of Sharon Community Church, 825 W. 7th St., Plainfield on Monday, Aug. 28 with appointments beginning at 9 a.m.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. Sign-up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening and pay only \$129.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1344. Pre-registration is required.

Learn Greek Dancing August 29

The Ocean City Arts Center, 1735 Simpson Ave. in Ocean City presents "Learn Greek Dancing...Opal!" on Tuesday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Kostas Tzouvanellis, the official Greek dance instructor at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church in Atlantic City, will show you the dance steps.

For more information call the Arts Center at (609) 399-7628.

Traveling Friends Fall Foliage Trip to NE October 2-5

Traveling Friends, Inc. is sponsoring a fall foliage tour to New Hampshire and Vermont Oct. 2 to Oct. 5. Depart South Plainfield 7 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 2 and return 8:15 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 5.

Included in price: motor coach; escort; three nights at the Indian Head Resort; six meals—three full breakfasts/three dinners; meal and hotel gratuities; all tours and admissions. Cost per person is \$599 double occupancy, \$786 single, and \$522 triple. A \$50 deposit with reservation; balance due by Sept. 2.

For more information and to make reservations call (973) 748-6406.

What's happening in AUG/SEPT

sionals 30s/40s will hold a "Classy Happy Hour" on Friday, Sept. 1, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Bamboo Grille inside Basking Ridge Country Club, 185 Madisonville Rd. in Basking Ridge. Late night live music band afterwards. Drink specials and appetizer specials. Cost is just whatever you order. RSVP is required by 9/1 to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073 so that you may be informed of where to meet the group or email www.StarlightSocials.com.

Middlesex East WOWs 25th Anniversary September 8

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will celebrate their 25th anniversary on Friday, Sept. 8 starting at 6 p.m. with a dinner/dance at St. Demetrius Hall, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Everyone is welcome to attend. Admission is \$30 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

For tickets and information call Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Young Sierrans 20s/30s Hike September 9

Young Sierrans 20s/30s will hold a hike on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 11 a.m. at Harriman State Park, Rt. 87, exit 15A to 7 Lakes Drive in Sloatsberg, NY.

Past paced, rigorous three hour hike, good hiking shoes required. Bring plenty of water. Must be in good health. Meet hike leader in first parking area. Rain cancels. Optional relaxing social at local eatery afterwards. No cost except for whatever you order. RSVP required by Sept. 8 to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073. Visit <http://newjersey.sierraclub.org/YoungSierrans/> for more information.

Depression/Bipolar Disorder Meeting August 30

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will hold its monthly meeting featuring a roundtable discussion with trained, experienced facilitators on Wednesday, Aug. 30 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. The public is invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members. Free literature to all attendees.

For local information call (973) 994-1143; the NJ Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at (800) 367-6274 or visit the website of the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance/Morristown area at <http://dbsanewjersey.org/morristownarea>.

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Milestones

Area Student
Named To Marist
Dean's List

Mary C. Lillis of South Plainfield was named to the Marist College Dean's List for the Spring 2006 semester.

Mary is a member of the Class of 2009 and is majoring in psychology/special education. She was also named to the Marist Dean's List in the Fall 2005 semester.

Marist is an independent comprehensive liberal arts college with an enrollment of 4,200 full-time undergraduate students from 33 states and 15 countries. Marist is included in the *Princeton Review's* guide to the top colleges and universities in the U.S., The Best 361 Colleges, placing Marist in the top 10 percent of all institutions of higher education in the United States. The *Princeton Review* and *Forbes* also named Marist one of the 25 "most connected campuses" in America.

Marist is ranked among the top tier of colleges and universities in U.S. News & World Report's America's Best Colleges and is also listed in Barron's Best Buys in College Education.

Local Student
Selected to Attend
Leadership Conf.

Kelly McCormack, of South Plainfield, Class of 2009, has been selected to participate in the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC), an extraordinary leadership development program for experience, and develop the skills and traits that define and identify a leader. This year, approximately 8,000 gifted high school students from across the U.S. and from 45 countries around the world will find themselves immersed in a learning environment unlike any they have ever experienced. These young leaders return to their schools with increased potential and newly developed abilities that enable them to make a positive difference in their communities.

During the conference, students attend special workshops and classes where they study distinctions of leadership. Special guest speakers (that in previous years have included U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona, U.S. Secretary of Education Rod Paige, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former Attorney General Janet Reno, President of the World Bank, James Wolfensohn and Supreme Court Justices Anthony Kennedy, Sandra Day O'Connor and David Souter as well as world-renowned surgeons, international medical researchers, ambassadors, Pentagon and White House officials add a sense of reality and bring current national and international issues to life.

Through participation in this extraordinary program, students develop their abilities to think on their feet, to engage in critical analysis, and to communicate effectively—skills that will serve them well as leaders in high school, college and throughout their lives. The NSLC mission is to identify and recognize outstanding young leaders from around the world, and to provide them with a unique learning environment that encourages not only academic achievement, but also diversity, cooperation and social responsibility.

The NSLC offers leadership conferences on Mastering Leadership, Law and Advocacy, Medicine and Health Care, Entrepreneurship and Business, International Diplomacy, U.S. Policy and Politics, Intelligence and National Security, Engineering and Inside the Arts.



CBA President Joseph Diegnan presents Dr. Scott Linick and his wife Karen with the Glitter Award.

Plainfield Animal Hospital
Wins Glitter Award

The Plainfield Animal Hospital on Park Avenue has received the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award. CBA President Joseph Diegnan and Clean Communities Coordinator Alice Tempel presented the award to Dr. Scott Linick and his wife Karen in recognition of the outstanding new veterinary facility, which opened in June 2005.

Dr. Linick explained that the practice, which was founded in 1952, was outgrowing the old building. The waiting line of people and pets sometimes went out the front door. Now there are seven veterinarians on staff and they are open seven days a week. The spacious new hospital was designed by Bob Longo of Cornerstone Architects, a Borough firm. Dr. Linick said he was looking for the "Wow!" factor, and that has certainly been achieved. The landscaping maintenance is handled by Silver Creek Landscaping, also a South Plainfield business.

Dr. Linick said that their location near fast food restaurants and convenience stores does result in a litter problem, but they stay on top of it. Every morning a custodian polices the

grounds to collect any debris. He feels it is important to keep the property well-kept. There is even a dog-walking area with a pooper scooper station, equipped with Pooch Patrol Pouches for the convenience of the clients.

Scott and Karen Linick have lived in South Plainfield since 1987. They are involved in many aspects of Borough life. He said he feels honored to receive the Glitter Award. He is very proud of the community, and wants to do his part to keep it clean and beautiful. He hopes everyone will work to keep South Plainfield the great community it is.

The Clean Business Association gives Glitter Awards to South Plainfield businesses that are unusually well-maintained or have recently improved their appearance through renovation or landscaping. Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share its goal of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control. For more information, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Jaimie Unglaub

Summertime is coming to a close. As Labor Day barbecues start up why not entertain your company with some music? The library has added some of the latest music albums to its collection for you to play at your next party. These include *Back to Basics* by Christina Aguilera, *American V: a Hundred Highways* by the late Johnny Cash, *Sacred* by Los Lonely Boys, *Two Lights* by Five For Fighting and *Let Love In* by the Goo Goo Dolls.

For all you TV series buffs we have several new series for check out on DVD including seasons of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*, *House*, *7th Heaven*, *Veronica Mars*, *Dawson's Creek*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* and *Scrubs*.

Taking a late summer vacation and looking for a good book to relax with? Then try one of our latest editions! These new books include the mystery *One Last Breath* by Stephen Booth;

for all you Desperate Housewives fans we have *Wives Behaving Badly* by Elizabeth Buchan; for *The Da Vinci Code* fans we have *The Last Templar* by Raymond Khoury and lastly we have acquired several new romances by author Emily Giffin.

As noted in last week's column, story time and crafts are canceled for the month of September. Before we say goodbye to summer there is one last special event for children ages seven and older. NJ Storytelling Guild's Judy England will be doing a special story time. This event will be held at the library at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 31. Registration is not required and this is a free event. Miss Linda's, Miss Mija's and Miss Jaimie's story and craft times will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 3.

If you have any further questions please ask a library staff member or phone the library at (908) 754-7885.

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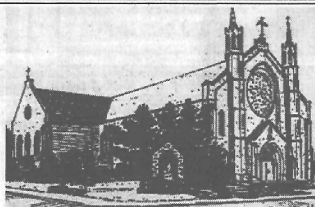
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H.A.W.: It's a Cool Place to Walk

By Dorothy Miele

First in a series of articles on Highland Woods Reserve; its caretakers, the Friends of the Woods; and E.O.W. programming at the Nature Center.

There are many ways to stay cool on a hot summer's day. Creative thinkers could make a sizable list of options—including chilling at the mall (don't go far—remember gas prices) or shivering in a movie theater (well, Johnny Depp's worth it). If you've done this, that, and those other things all summer long, why not try something different as August winds down: a casual walk through Highland Woods Reserve. It's cool in more ways than one, it's local, and it's free.

Tucked in the geographic center of South Plainfield, the woods on Sylvania Place (off South Clinton Ave.) are many degrees cooler than most parks in South Plainfield, with tall oaks, aspens and hickories shading the easy-walking trails. You won't find Canada geese munching on manicured lawns, either. Instead, what you will see is a scenic delight—almost 36 acres of streams, uplands and wetlands that seem to be out of place in suburbia. These sublime acres provide habitat for a diversity of animals and hundreds of herb, shrub and tree species.

Do you enjoy birds? Over 75 bird species, including wild turkey and rare loggerhead shrikes, have been recorded in the Reserve according to their seasonal occurrence. Walk quietly and you may observe some of the mammals found there which include white-tailed deer, raccoon, rabbit, shrew, mole, gray and northern flying squirrel. A little snooping by the stream will reveal evidence of recent beaver



Highland Avenue Woods trail located in the Highland Woods Reserve.

occupation.

A small variety of fish live in the crystal clear water of the stream, as do freshwater clams and crayfish. Several species of harmless reptiles and amphibians can be found, but they usually hide before being discovered.

The Reserve is designated as open space for its educational resources and passive recreational opportunities. It is overseen by the South Plainfield Environmental Commission and the Friends of the Woods, a non-profit organization of youth and adults who maintain the walking trails. The Friends also schedule Walks 'n Talks programming for the public, scouts, garden clubs and schools. Security is provided by the South Plainfield Police Department Bike Patrol.

The Commission and the Friends worked hard to remove tons of trash which were illegally dumped on the

property before the Reserve was protected. Trails were blazed and marked, and in 1997, 16 trail stations were designated in conjunction with production of a self-guide booklet which is available at Borough Hall free of charge.

The Reserve is open from sunup to sunset, seven days a week. Hiking is permitted only on the trails, and motorized vehicles are not allowed. Dogs must be leashed and owners must clean up pet litter as in other parks in the borough.

Don't have time to take a walk? Take a virtual tour of Highland Woods. Log on to: <http://geocities.com/friendsofhighlandwoods>. Contact SPNatureTrails@cs.com with questions or comments. Become a Friends of the Woods (F.O.W.) member for \$10 per family per year. See: <http://geocities.com/friendsofthewoods>.

Newly Opened Adeline's Restaurant Features Italian American Cuisine

Adelines Italian American Restaurant, located at 2243 Hamilton Blvd., is South Plainfield's newest restaurant. They are open for business for both lunch and dinner hours despite the detours.

Boyd Bergmann, chef from 1988 to 2003 is back as executive chef and manager. Nouri Shafie, who worked alongside him from 1992-2003 joins him. Adelines, under new management with a completely new staff, is looking forward to serving your dining needs.

Several Observer staff members have dined at Adelines and all agreed the detours were a minor obstacle compared to the dining experience.

Appetizers include Spedini Romano, with mozzarella and a slice of bread egg dipped and lightly fried drizzled with anchovy aioli. They also feature fried calamari, perfectly fried to golden brown, accompanied by two sauces and Eggplant Rollatini, stuffed with ricotta and sun-dried tomatoes and topped with a wonderful marinara sauce is light, yet filling. Appetizer prices range from \$7.95 to \$12.95.

Entrees selections vary from Shrimp Finocchio; perfectly cooked shrimp over linguini pasta in a creamy white garlic sauce with pine nuts and fennel to Steak Gorgonzola cooked perfectly to your specification and topped with gorgonzola cheese and a



Adeline's Chef Boyd Bergmann (back row) with waitresses Denise and Nichole, and Lauren and Lucy (sitting).

delicious demi-glaze. The Chicken Francaise is delicious, with two ample portions, tender and perfectly cooked. Entrees are accompanied by the vegetable of the day, yellow zucchini dipped in egg batter and lightly fried and potatoes sautéed with onions. Entree prices range from \$12.95 to \$24.95.

Desserts vary from cannoli to chocolate or carrot cake, as well as ice

creams and sorbets. Their cheesecake is so light and creamy, you would swear the chef stole your grandmother's recipe.

Adeline's telephone number is (908) 755-8520. Reservations accepted, but not required.

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would like to become Catholic or who are baptized Catholic, but have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

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SFY 2007 MUNICIPAL BUDGET of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex for the State Fiscal Year 2007

Revenue and Appropriation Summaries

| Summary of Revenues | Anticipated | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| 1. Surplus | 2,553,000.00 | 2,755,000.00 |
| 2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues | 7,911,681.00 | 8,028,623.19 |
| 3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes | 13,550.43 | |
| 4. a) Local Tax for Municipal Purposes | 14,047,624.43 | 13,259,015.65 |
| b) Addition to Local District School Tax | | |
| Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support of Municipal Budget | 14,047,624.43 | 13,259,015.65 |
| Total General Revenues | 24,525,855.86 | 24,042,638.84 |

| Summary of Appropriations | Anticipated | |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | 2007 Budget | Final 2006 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages | 9,720,809.00 | 9,511,542.00 |
| Other Expenses | 10,648,262.86 | 9,999,673.90 |
| 2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | 448,615.00 | 497,750.00 |
| 3. Capital Improvements | 200,000.00 | 355,000.00 |
| 4. Debt Service | 2,558,169.00 | 2,733,672.94 |
| 5. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | 950,000.00 | 945,000.00 |
| Total General Appropriations | 24,525,855.86 | 24,042,638.84 |
| Total Number of Employees | 125 | 125 |

| SFY 2007 Sewer Utility Budget | | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Summary of Revenues | Anticipated | |
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| 1. Surplus | 350,000.00 | 380,000.00 |
| 2. Miscellaneous Revenues | 5,050,906.00 | 4,875,400.00 |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget) | | |
| Total Revenues | 5,400,906.00 | 5,255,400.00 |
| Summary of Appropriations | Anticipated | |
| | 2007 Budget | Final 2006 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages | 443,350.00 | 428,356.00 |
| Other Expenses | 4,157,756.00 | 3,903,744.00 |
| 2. Capital Improvements | 100,000.00 | 200,000.00 |
| 3. Debt Service | 651,500.00 | 675,000.00 |
| 4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | 48,300.00 | 48,300.00 |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget) | | |
| Total Appropriations | 5,400,906.00 | 5,255,400.00 |
| Total Number of Employees | 3 | 3 |

| SFY 2007 Swim Pool Utility Budget | | |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Summary of Revenues | Anticipated | |
| | 2007 | 2006 |
| 1. Surplus | | 2,448.59 |
| 2. Miscellaneous Revenues | 163,500.00 | 159,700.00 |
| 3. Deficit (General Budget) | 85,000.00 | 82,000.00 |
| Total Revenues | 248,500.00 | 244,148.59 |
| Summary of Appropriations | Anticipated | |
| | 2007 Budget | Final 2006 Budget |
| 1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages | 136,500.00 | 133,500.00 |
| Other Expenses | 55,321.00 | 58,698.59 |
| 2. Capital Improvements | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| 3. Debt Service | 48,079.00 | 48,050.00 |
| 4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations | 8,100.00 | 3,400.00 |
| 5. Surplus (General Budget) | | |
| Total Appropriations | 248,500.00 | 244,148.59 |
| Total Number of Employees | 2 | 2 |

| Balance of Outstanding Bonded Debt at June 30, 2006 (Includes Debt Service Appropriation Listed Above) | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | General | Water Utility | Sewer Utility | Swim Pool Utility |
| Interest - Current Year | 1,490,000 | n/a | 475,000 | 40,200 |
| Principal - Current Year | 226,839 | n/a | 176,500 | 879 |
| Remaining Outstanding Bond Principal Balance | 5,404,800 | n/a | 3,140,000 | 0 |

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex on August 8, 2006.

A Hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at the Borough Hall on September 19, 2006 at 8:00 o'clock P.M., at which time and place objections to said budget and Tax Resolution for the year SFY 2007 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the budget are available in the office of Vincent Buttiglieri, Borough Clerk, at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, (908) 226-7606, during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. each weekday.

Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

Eddie's Grinders maintained their slim chance of winning the American Division title by downing Witty's 13-1/2-6-1/2, while league-leading KC's Korner dropped its math to Pornovets, 13-1/2-6-1/2.

Ed Banach of the Grinders had an off night, but playing partner Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer came through with a beautiful even-par round of 33, his best of the season. Jay Bertleson and Chris Dillon both had 39's. Howard Adler posted another terrific round for Witty's matching Kirchofer's even-par 33, and Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas pitched in with a 39 in a losing effort.

When a first-place team plays a last-place team, you'd think the clear advantage would be with the higher-ranking team. But there's such balance in the American Division that it really wasn't a major upset when Pornovets triumphed over KC's Korner.

Mike Kavka, subbing for the ailing Marty Van De Vaart, shot another fine round, a 37, to earn medalist honors for Pornovets. Frank Oades played well again and had some terrific drives on his way to a 39. Mark "The Spark" Dugan was in top form for KC's Korner and had an impressive 33, but did not get much help from his teammates.

2 Buds, 2 Dubs engaged in a relatively high-scoring match with Plainfield Animal Hospital with 2B2D prevailing by a score of 12-8. Chris Nuzzo was low man for victors with a 40 and Mark Chichvar with a 38 was the only member of PAH to break forty.

In a key match in the National Division, first-place Twin City, led by Joe Diller's sparkling round of 33, got by the Hackers 12-8. Matt Kurilew of Twin City contributed to the victory with a nice round of 39. Kevin Boyce fired a 35 for the Hackers and Todd Sherman had a 39 as the Hackers slipped down to third place.

With this victory, Twin City, who finished in tenth place overall last season, clinched the National Division title and will meet the winners of the American Division in two weeks for league championship honors.

Buy-Rite Liquors needed some breaks to get by Patti's Construction, 11-9. Irish Matt Griffin again spearheaded Buy-Rite in shooting a 37 and teammate Mike King scored a 39. Jovial Matt Ward was not in his usual state of ebullience at the outcome of the match although he did manage to win the medal for Patti's with a 40.

Four rounds of 42 were shot in the VFW-Sport & Social match with S&S winning 14-6 over a VFW team that played with just three men once again. Frank Matthews, Todd Gregory and Dennis Bibby shared medalist honors for S&S, and Bob Nilan was the lowman for VFW.

In next week's final regular match of the season before the league playoffs, KC's Korner will face off against Witty's, and Eddie's Grinders will be up against Plainfield Animal Hospital. The outcome of these crucial matches will determine the American Division Championship.

Low Rounds of the Night: Fred Kirchofer, 33; Howard Adler, 33; Joe Diller, 33; Mark Dugan, 33; Kevin Boyce, 35; Mike Kavka, 37; Danny Griffin, 37; Mark Chichvar, 38.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

| AMERICAN DIVISION | | | | NATIONAL DIVISION | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|-------------------|---|----|---|
| | W | L | T | | W | L | T |
| 1 KC's Korner | 8 | 4 | 1 | Twin City | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| 2 Eddie's Grinders | 8 | 5 | 0 | Buy-Rite Liquors | 7 | 5 | 1 |
| 3 2 Buds, 2 Dubs | 7 | 6 | 0 | Hackers | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| 4 PAH | 6 | 6 | 1 | Sport & Social | 7 | 6 | 0 |
| 5 Pornovets | 6 | 6 | 1 | Patti's Const. | 5 | 7 | 1 |
| 6 Witty's | 6 | 7 | 0 | VFW | 0 | 13 | 0 |

County's Fall Slo-Pitch Softball Leagues Forming

Teams are being sought for the Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department's fall slo-pitch softball leagues. Men's single-and-double-header-game leagues and women's single-game leagues begin play in August and September.

Rosters and payment are now being accepted. Up to five team members may be non-county residents.

Deadline for roster and payment is Aug. 15.

For information, and to join, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (732) 745-4222 or (732) 745-3900 or send an e-mail to Erin.Carroll@co.middlesex.nj.us.

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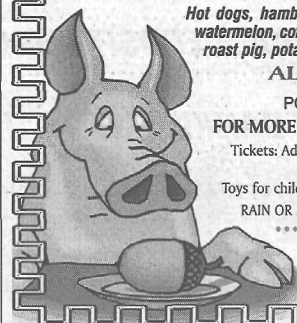
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Obituaries

Josephine A. (Cotugma) Ackerman, 84

Josephine A. (Cotugma) Ackerman died on Friday, Aug. 18 at Care One at The Highlands in Edison.

Born in Phillipsburg, she resided in Iselin for 16 years before moving to Old Bridge 40 years ago.

A member of St. Thomas the Apostle RC Church in Old Bridge, Josephine was also a homemaker.

Her husband, Robert B. Ackerman died in 2002 and her son, Joseph Ackerman, died in 2004.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Joann and Joseph Lemrich of South Amboy; two sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Margaret Ackerman of South Plainfield, William and Joanna Ackerman of Lakewood and son, James Ackerman of Old Bridge; two sisters, Eileen Cope of Phillipsburg and Ann Schumacher of Las Vegas, NV. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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Ruth McClay Murphy, 91

Ruth McClay Murphy died on Saturday Aug. 19 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Born in New Brunswick, Mrs. Murphy had resided in Highland Park before settling in Edison where she had resided for most of her life.

Employed as an executive secretary, she had worked in the New Brunswick office of the Federal Reserve Bank. She later worked in Edison's Lincoln School as a lunch aid.

During her daughter's youth, Mrs. Murphy was very active with the Edison Angels Softball League and the Edison Jets Pop Warner Football League as a team mom.

She was a member of the Edison Chapter of AARP, the Edison Senior Citizens and in addition, the NJ Chapter of AARP.

She enjoyed crocheting and knitting. She crafted many items and donated them to many organizations including local nursing homes and hospitals. She also ran many knitting and crocheting clubs for children in the Edison School System and adults in the Edison AARP.

Her family was very important to her. She enjoyed spending time with them and especially enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting events.

She is survived by her husband, Arthur; a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Kevin Murtagh and two grandchildren, Brian and Lyndsey Murtagh.

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Ruth McClay Murphy



The Charles P. Greco 4th Degree officers from the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held their Installation of Officers ceremony on July 29 to install the incoming 2006-2007 4th Degree officers. The ceremony was held at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church followed by a reception at Sherbans Diner. The 2006-2007 4th Degree Officers are as follows: Friar-Father J. Maciej Melaniuk, Faithful Navigator-Larry Makoski, Captain-Joe Scrudato, Pilot-Tom Elko, Admiral-Gene Buldowski, Scribe-Steve Belanger, Purser-Gene Baker, Comptroller-Bill Hartmann, Inside Sentinels-Fred Brisebois and Robert Smith, Outside Sentinel-Bob Walker, 1-year Trustee-Lenny Kleczkowski, 2-year Trustee-Jim Vokral and 3-year Trustee-Tony Moskal.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Congratulations to Kaye Crown, assistant superintendent of Instruction, Kelly Panuzzo on her appointment as SPHS assistant principal, Ellen Decker-Lorys on her appointment as South Plainfield Middle School assistant principal and Leslie Rippon as athletic trainer. Best wishes to all the hires, tenure certificate receivers and reinstated personnel.

As chairwoman of the 2007 Grant Elementary Stokes Committee, I would like to thank all those who participated in our fundraising events. We raised \$16,000, which will benefit all the children participating in the Stokes trip that will take place Oct. 9, 10, 11 and 12 and 13. The Grant Elementary PTO is still in need of a president, but in the mean time Diane Zekas, Cheryl Papa and I will be sharing the duties of president. Our first PTO fundraiser will begin Sept. 8 with a "Gift and Things" brochure. It will benefit our Cultural Arts programs, year end events and assembly programs for fifth and sixth grades.

We are in need of volunteers for our book fair, which will begin Sept. 20, on Back to School night and again on the 21st and 22nd for students. Please contact Eileen Brady if you can volunteer some time. Also new traffic routes for dropping off children at Grant School will be in the mail.

Tommy Haus our thoughts and prayers are with you as you continue to heal.

Nancy Grenier, you go girl, keep up your hard work as you continue to work to free our town of massage parlors that do not meet the town-

Glitterbugs Reading To Children

The South Plainfield Glitterbugs did not let the 100 degree temperature keep them from promoting their cause. Christopher and James Markey along with co-coordinators Marie Markey and Diane Pender visited New Life Christian School on Aug. 1.

The boys read *The Warville Wizard* by Don Madden to 40 wide eyed students, who were entranced as they learned the tale of a wizard who did not like that the townspeople of Warville kept littering. He cast a spell on the townsfolk, saying that any litter they created would come back to them and adhere itself to their bodies. The boys explained to the children that even a child can make a difference for a cleaner world.

If you would like to have members of the Glitterbugs read their program at your scout meeting or your group, email marie.markey@comcast.net or call (908) 755-3213.

ship regulations.

Our first super 50/50 will begin during the Labor Day Parade, supported by the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club. This super 50/50 will benefit the ticket booth at Jost Field and the bleachers in the high school gym. Tickets will be \$5 each and drawn at the Thanksgiving Day Football game at Jost Field. Please support this worthwhile cause.

The Borough Council meeting will be broadcast on channel 74, on Monday at 8 p.m. View the council in action. The SPHS Graphic Arts Class, instructed by Rich D'Urso, along with Matt Ward, will be taping the Labor Day parade which will be aired on Comcast Channel 74. This is the first time for the Labor Day parade. Dates and times will be announced.

Margaret Francis Giglio, 85,

Margaret Francis Giglio died on Thursday, Aug. 17 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, Margaret had resided in Piscataway since 1959. She was a homemaker and a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church in Piscataway.

Her husband, Dominick J. Giglio Sr., and her son, John Giglio, have both predeceased her.

Surviving are four sons, Dom Jr. and wife Ginny of Toms River, Robert of Piscataway, Michael and wife Sandy of Indian Trail, NC and Richard of Atlanta, Ga. and a brother, Mike Cortese of Calif. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Dominick, Felicia, Lisa, Teri, Rachel, Ben and Bethany.

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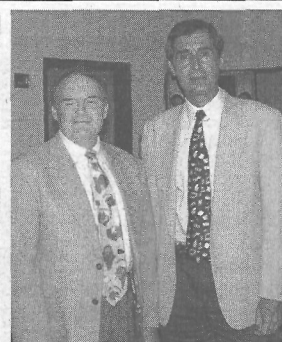
b. Plagiarism is not permitted in term papers, themes, essays, reports, images, take-home examinations, and other academic work. Plagiarism consists of presenting the expressed thoughts, ideas, and writings of another person or source as one's own. Students should be aware that plagiarizing does not only concern

copying verbatim the words of an author or written source without proper documentation. It also involved paraphrasing the opinions and statements of others without giving due credit to the source(s). Although instances of plagiarism most often occur in the writing of reports, articles, and research papers, using the ideas or words of another as one's own in speech is similarly dishonest. Plagiarism is considered a form of stealing as well as of cheating; therefore, plagiarism is an unlawful act requiring disciplinary action.

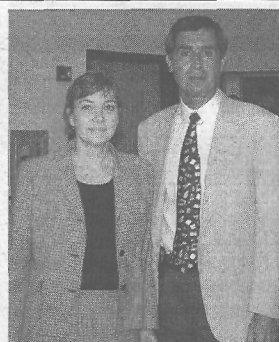
c. Falsifications, including forging signatures, altering answers after they have been graded, the insertion of answers after the fact, the erasure of grader's markings, and other acts that allow for falsely taken credit.

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3. If a student receives three counts of plagiarism within the same class, the student will receive a failing grade for the entire year in that subject.



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado congratulates William Beegle, left, and Kaye Crown, right, on receiving their tenure.



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ATTEST:

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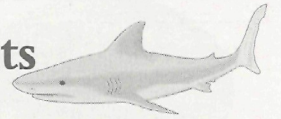
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Tiger Sharks Break Two Pool Records But Lose by 2 Points



Swimming their toughest competition at the Community Pool on July 22, the Tiger Sharks were able to break two pool records, but lost by two points to East Brunswick by a score of 139 to 137. East Brunswick is the top competitor in the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference for the "A" League.

Even though South Plainfield lost the meet, the team was charged up knowing that they were almost able to defeat a tough competitor. Once again, starting the meet with a first place win was Taylor Aljian, with a second place win for Amy Zinsky in the 10-and-under Individual Medley. Ella Volynets (13-18) also scored second place in the same category.

Dylan McDermott (11/12) was the only first place winner in the longer freestyle events for the boys. Anthony Gurrieri placed second and Enzo Butrico took third in the same age group, making it a clean sweep. Aidan McDermott (10-and-under) and Matt Moates (13-18) also placed second in their age groups.

Dylan's sister Megan McDermott was the only eight-and-under to place in the butterfly, capturing the first place win. Taylor Aljian (9/10), Chelsea Cullen (13/14) and Jen Boyle (15-18) also placed first in their age groups. Kelley O'Brien (9/10) and Ellen Zinsky (13/14) placed second, while

Maggie Valentino (11/12) and Ella Volynets (15-18) placed third.

In the breaststroke events, Nicholas Gurrieri placed second for the eight-and-under group. Aidan McDermott placed first and Charlie Butrico was third for the 9/10-year-olds. Liam McDermott was second and Jerry Ching placed third for the 11/12-year-olds. Brian Babinetz came in first for 13/14-year-olds and Alan Kasmer placed second for the 15-18-year-olds.

Megan McDermott secured another first place win in the eight-and-under freestyle. Kelley O'Brien and Annie Pezzolla placed second and third for the 9/10-year-olds. Maggie Valentino, who placed third, was the only South Plainfield swimmer to score for the 11/12-year-olds.

The swimming duo of Chelsea Cullen and Emily Piekarski took the first and second place wins for the 13/14-age-group, while Jen Boyle was the only 15-18 age swimmer to win a second place ribbon.

The boys were able to secure three first place ribbons for backstroke. Nick Gurrieri (eight-and-under), Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) and Dylan McDermott (13/14) took home the first place ribbons. Dylan O'Connor

(eight-and-under), Charlie Butrico (9/10), Brian Babinetz (13/14) and Matt Moates (15-18) all placed third in backstroke.

South Plainfield needed four out of the six relays to win the meet. Two of the relay teams broke pool records, but the team only won three relays. Breaking the pool record by three seconds were Anthony Gurrieri, Liam McDermott, Joey Valentino and Aidan McDermott in the 9-12 Freestyle Relay. The girls 9-12 Medley Relay broke the pool record by nine and one half seconds. Swimming that relay were Maggie Valentino, Kelley O'Brien, Kate O'Brien and Taylor Aljian. The only other relay to win was the eight-and-under boys freestyle relay. Those swimmers were William McLaughlin, Dylan O'Connor, Cristian Butrico and Nicholas Gurrieri.

During the swim meet, there may be more than one heat of swimmers. The following won their heats: eight and under 25 Back-Max Niemeyer; 9/10 50 Freestyle-Courtney Allocco; 11/12 50 Freestyle-Kaitlyn Kenny and Kelley McLaughlin and the 13/14 100 Freestyle-Abby Petritch.

There are many swimmers on the Tiger Sharks team who may not place,

but are faithful in the team's efforts. They are the depth of the team and swim their personal best. They include: eight-and-under, Cristian Butrico, Ben Lundy, Tim Nuber, Drew MacKenzie, Justice Lipuma, Olivia George, and Elisa MacKenzie; 9/10, Michael Petritch, Dominick Gruver, Cody O'Connor, Sean Cullen, Frank Ferraro, Mike Olano, Christian Wizza, Jamie Bohn, Mary Ann Novak, Rebecca George and Vanessa Mosquera; 11/12, Jason Kwan, Michelle O'Sullivan, Lauren Parello, Kristin Forbes, Shannon Conway, Evic Peregrin, Jessica Bohn, Sydney Smith and Cristina Butrico; 13/14, Erin O'Connor and 15-18, J.P. Barry.

Many of these swimmers are newcomers and have not swum before. They are also involved in many other activities such as Summer Drama Workshop, baseball, karate and other summer events. They are to be congratulated for their loyalty to the team and managing all their extra curricular activities.

Finally, South Plainfield sent three of their youngest swimmers to the Brookside Minnow Meet, an invitational for swimmers under the age of nine.

The following are their accomplish-

ments: seven-year-old Megan McDermott placed second in the 25 freestyle, second in the 25 butterfly, second in the 25 breaststroke and fourth in the 100 IM); nine-year-olds Kelley O'Brien placed third in the 25 butterfly, third in the 50 freestyle, second in the 100 IM and first in the 25 back and Aidan McDermott was fourth in the 25 breaststroke, third in the 50 freestyle, fifth in the 25 butterfly and second in the 100 IM).

On behalf of the parents organization and the coaches we want to thank Kevin Hughes, recreational director and all the pool staff for their support and help during the swim season. Next week's issue will feature the championship for the league.

The wealth of a man's life can be measured by the difference he's made in the lives of others.

—Anonymous

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

August 11, 2006 - Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 10, 2006.

- Case #51-02/S - American Redi-Mix Concrete Co., Inc. Block 388; Lot 10; Hollywood Avenue. The applicant's request for amended preliminary and final site plan approval w/additional voluntary conditions was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #94-05/S/V - South Plainfield Daycare, LLC. Block 528.01; Lot 46.09; 3000 Hadley Road. The applicant's request for final amended site plan approval w/additional voluntary conditions was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #36-06 - Lenore Squier and Margaret Balconis. Block 198; Lot 10; 501 Maple Avenue. The applicant's request for a limited use variance in order to construct an additional/2nd dwelling unit was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$31.25 August 25, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Gem Estates, Inc. requesting a variance or other relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit Section 907.3 Off Street Parking and loading areas-k. No paved area shall be closer to any property line than five (5) feet; however, if the zoning regulations require a greater distance from any property line such regulations shall control; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 9 Stacey Court on Block 77, Lot 32.01 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 14, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

\$38.50 August 25, 2006

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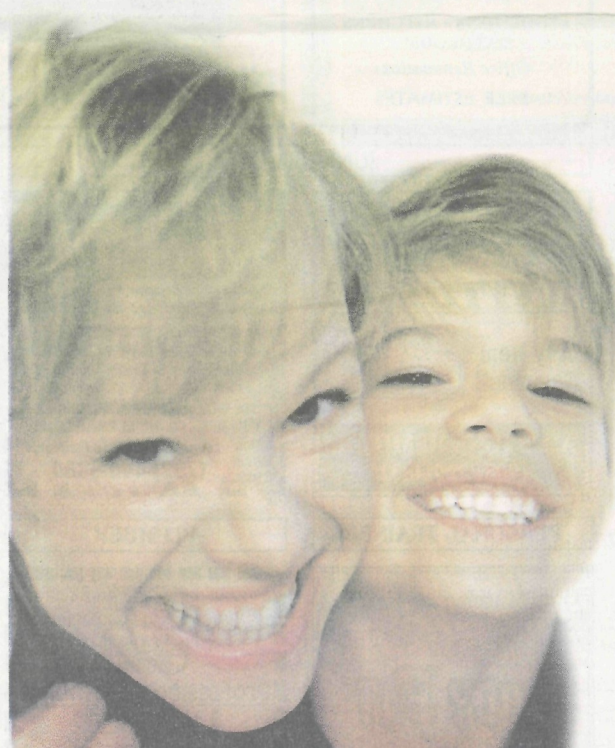
An appeal has been filed by Sherilyn E. Courtney requesting a variance or other relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit an addition. (1) Proposed addition lacks 8' required side setback; 5.2' proposed. (2) Proposed addition lacks 30' front setback; 28.5' proposed. (3) Proposed addition lacks 20' required rear setback; 5.2' proposed. (4) Proposed addition exceeds lot coverage by 391 sq. ft or 5.2%; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2520 Audubon Avenue on Block 85, Lot 3 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 14, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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