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Photo by Louis Mormile

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department had to extricate the driver of the vehicle after it was struck by a dump truck on Woodland Avenue.

Accident Victim Extricated and Airlifted

An elderly woman was seriously injured in an automobile accident on Woodland Avenue last Friday afternoon after being broadsided by a dump truck.

Adolfo Aguilar, 37, of Plainfield, was heading south on Woodland Avenue in a Ford F350 Mason dump truck pulling an enclosed trailer, when he struck a 2001 Lincoln Town Car driven by Margaret Jaffe 84, of

Scotch Plains. According to Aguilar, the victim pulled out in front of him while making a left hand turn onto Woodland from Sprague Avenue. Jaffe's vehicle was pushed onto the West Nine Golf Course where she was trapped for approximately 25 minutes and had to be extricated by the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Dept. The victim was treated by South Plainfield EMS and paramedics from Muhlen-

berg Hospital at the scene and was airlifted by N.J. State Police Medi-Vac helicopter to The University Hospital in Newark.

At presstime Jaffe was listed as being in stable condition. The cause of the crash is still under investigation and any witnesses are asked to contact South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Officer Gary Kline at (908) 226-7693.

Council Majority Overrides Veto

The Borough's Republican Majority voted 4-2 at Monday's Agenda meeting to override Mayor Charles Butrico's veto of two weight restriction ordinances that were passed at last month's council meeting.

With the weight restrictions repealed, trucks will be allowed back on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue after being banned for nearly three years.

This is the second time the weight

restriction ordinances were introduced, passed and then vetoed. The council was set to override the mayor's veto on the first ordinances, but Council President Rob Bengivenga abstained from voting after questions were raised as to whether his vote would constitute a conflict of interest. Bengivenga works for Marpal Disposal, a division of Republic Services of New Jersey. Republic Services also owns

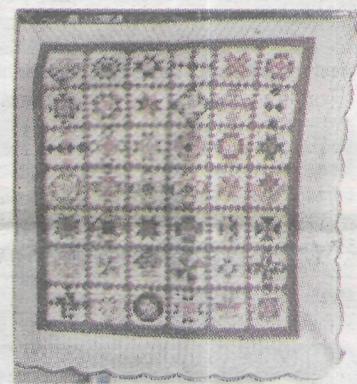
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Historical Society/Library Labor Day Quilt Raffle

The South Plainfield Historical Society and the South Plainfield Public Library are teaming up this summer to conduct a joint fundraiser. They are selling raffle tickets for a handmade, queen size Mennonite quilt. The quilt will be on display at the library in August and at the Historical Society booth on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 1, at the PAL.

The quilt's pattern is called "Sampler" and does, as the name suggests, consist of various popular quilting patterns in shades of green, pink and cranberry on a white background with cranberry edging. The value of this year's quilt is \$800.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each. The drawing will take place at 2 p.m. on



Labor Day at the PAL. The winner need not be present.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the library; the History Center at Roosevelt Administration Building, (Continued on page 12)

EWA Seeks Capacitor Cleanup of Bound Brook

By Libby Barsky

Robert Spiegel, executive director of the nonprofit Edison Wetlands Association (EWA), spoke at Monday's Borough Council Agenda meeting stressing the need to prioritize the clean up at the Cornell-Dubilier site. Spiegel reported that he found leaking and decaying capacitors lying on the eroding banks of the Bound Brook in April. Photos of the capacitors were shown during a Power Point presentation by EWA Environmental Engineer Richard Chapin to demonstrate the need for the EPA to make cleaning up the Bound Brook a priority.

Chapin said the capacitors in the photos were found downstream of the railroad culvert lying three feet from the brook and were actively eroding into the brook. The EPA removed the capacitors. Chapin pointed out that those jogging, bicycling or walking along the banks of the Bound Brook could inhale or touch dust possibly contaminated with PCB's, which over time could cause cancer and other problems.

The clean-up of the PCB's and other carcinogens resulting from manufacturing on the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site is proceeding close to plan, according

to EPA Remedial Project Manager Peter Mannino, who also attended Monday's meeting to give a status report on the clean-up. In May, 18 contaminated buildings bordering Hamilton Boulevard within the Superfund site were demolished and the resulting 26,400 tons of building debris were trucked off-site to approved landfills.

In June, 21,000 tons of capacitor debris was excavated. Plans call for the soil collected from around the contaminated buildings to be processed through an on-site low thermal desorption unit. "We went out to bid for a low temperature thermal desorption unit and will evaluate and then award the bid before the end of September," explained Mannino. Before this phase of the remediation begins, a public meeting will be held in South Plainfield to explain the process.

Even though much has already been done to the site to return it to viable use as an industrial site, PCB contamination problems remain. According to Spiegel, a major problem is a spike in the measurement of PCB's-polychlorinated biphenyls-found in the waters of the Bound Brook.

"Measurements for PCB's were higher in 2007 than those taken in (Continued on page 12)



New Jersey State Police officers visit Junior Police Academy cadets.

Junior Police Academy Graduates 25

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Recreation Department's Junior Police Academy held its second of two week-long sessions on July 21. This is the fourth year that Police Officers Dave Franchak and Al LaMonda, along with other members of the department, have conducted the condensed version of real police academy training.

Cadets began the day with calisthenics and marching techniques.

Throughout the week specially trained officers shared their expertise in different fields of police work with the class. They learned first-hand about special weapons and unarmed tactics training, how to conduct a car stop and wore special "drunk goggles" to understand how the body reacts when someone has had too many alcoholic beverages.

Detective Vincent Campagna demonstrated fingerprinting techniques and a crime scene was staged to train cadets in detailed investigations.

Middlesex County Prosecutors Office Investigator Sgt. John Rodriguez gave a Powerpoint presentation on how gangs operate and their destructive activities.

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department displayed their rescue training by demonstrating extraction techniques using an old car and gave a demonstration on fire detecting equipment.

Edison Township Police Officer (Continued on page 12)

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS air on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
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(Check community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

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

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, except as noted. * All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

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

Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
September 2 (Tuesday)	August 11
September 15	September 8
October 6	September 22
	October 14 (Tuesday)

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

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

Senior Center, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7605

August 14, August 28, September 12, September 26

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 30*, December 11*

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.: August 20 (6:30 p.m.), September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 1.
 Regular Public Meeting, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: August 20 (7:30 p.m.), September 17, October 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17, January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 8.

recreation commission

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

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

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

August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14.

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

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

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IN MY OPINION

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

Dear Editor,

Congratulations to the South Plainfield Tiger Shark Swim and Dive Teams who placed second in championships. Great job Swim Coach Laurie Post, Dive Coach Nicole Moretti and all the team participants. Thank you to swim team chairwoman Barbara Valentino, dive team's Diane Sheaffer and all the parent volunteers who work so hard all season long. This was the third season the community pool parents organization hosted the swim championships held July 25-26.

A total of nine hours were spent by Barbara Valentino and parent volunteers, who worked to make the championships run extremely smooth. The funds raised during the championship are used for the swim and dive teams to provide equipment, trophies and year-end gifts for each participant.

The swim team also donated \$2,000 to the high school swim team, which was established in 2007. They also use the money to award scholarships to swim and dive members graduating from SPHS. They plan on donating money again this year to the high school swim team and are discussing the purchase of large umbrellas for use by everyone belonging to the community pool.

Both teams consist of over 135 children from South Plainfield and surrounding communities. More than 100 families have joined the pool so they can participate on the swim and dive teams.

I would like to commend all the chairpersons and parent volunteers who spent a tremendous amount of time during the pre- and regular season insuring an incredible three month Tiger Shark program.

I would also like to commend the South Plainfield Celebration/Parade Committee and Chairman John Sorrentino on the tremendous amount of volunteer time spent yearly preparing for the Labor Day Parade. Countless hours are spent by these volunteers to ensure that every aspect of the parade is covered, including making sure emergency management, police, fire, first aid, vendor participation is securely in place. Thanks for a job well done to all involved.

Congratulations to the Summer Drama Workshop directors, staff, actors and musicians on the excellent presentation of "Damn Yankees." The audience was wowed by the excellent singing, dancing and acting of our young players.

**SINCERELY,
DEBBIE BOYLE**

Dear Editor,

I've always believed that public service is one of the noblest things a person can do for their community, but lately, I started worrying that all the nastiness of today's political attacks would discourage good people from running for office. This is why I am so excited about the two Democratic

candidates running for council: Chrissy Buteas and Franky Salerno.

I have known Chrissy Buteas for years and I have always been impressed by her intelligence, her passion for serving her community, and her work ethic. Chrissy is a lifelong resident of South Plainfield. An athlete through her years at South Plainfield High School, she went on to represent us well on the field hockey team at Rowan University where she earned her degree in law and justice studies. She also earned a master's degree in public administration from Rutgers University and was chosen to participate in Leadership New Jersey, a highly competitive statewide program that hones the skills of those who have demonstrated the kind of leadership that has the potential to create real and lasting positive change for the people of our great state.

Chrissy brings her talents to her service as an active member of the South Plainfield community. She served on the Board of Adjustment for three years and continues to serve as a member of the Recreation Commission and the Public Celebrations Committee.

When it comes to service and commitment, Franky Salerno has shown that he has what it takes. Also a life-

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long resident of South Plainfield, Franky believes that civic duty is the responsibility of every citizen. After enlisting in the United States Navy and contributing to his country with a tour of duty in Iraq, Franky returned stateside to serve the people of his hometown. He has been on the Planning Board for the last three years and coaches Pop Warner football. Franky will take on the challenge of civic duty with the same fearless dedication he demonstrated as a member of our military forces.

These highly qualified, energetic and dedicated candidates give me hope for the future of the town I love so much. I wish them the best of luck and encourage you to consider their candidacy on Election Day.

**SINCERELY,
MAY AUGUSTA**

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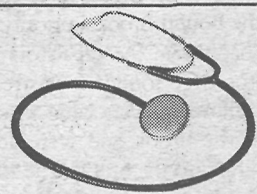
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, we've got just under a month before the summer is over in every way except Earth's axial position. So, while we can still do so, here's some summer news from the South Plainfield Library.

First of all, the notary public has been away on vacation this past week. He'll be back at work on Monday (assuming he wants his paycheck).

Once again, we've got a pretty full schedule of children's programs next week. We'll show another children's movie on Monday morning at 10:30. It's being presented free and is appropriate for family viewing. That evening, we'll have another Kidcraft program at 6:30. It's for children ages five and over, pre-registration is required. There's also a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration.

Turning to the story programs, we'll have Storytime, for children ages three and over on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Time for 2's & 3's, for children ages two and three, will be held on Wednesday and

Thursday mornings at 10:30. And Books & Babies, for children ages three and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each of these programs last about an hour and feature stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. You don't need to sign up for these programs.

In addition, there's our Game Gang program on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30, where children can play one of our board games or bring in one of their own to share. And there's a sing-along program featuring Robert the Guitar Guy on Thursday evening at 7 for children up to age eight; no pre-registration is required. For more information about any of our children's programs, please call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Turning to our Young Adult programming, we've got a couple of programs set for next week. There's the babysitting workshop, sponsored by the Middlesex County Dept. of Public Health set for Monday and Tuesday at 10 a.m. It'll be held across the parking lot in Borough Hall. The workshop is for children ages 11 and older; space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Also, we'll have another young adult movie showing on Thursday evening at 6:30. It's rated PG-13 and is being presented free. Pre-registration is requested, refreshments will be served. To find out more, please call and ask for Jaimie.

We have room this week for a couple of extra notes. First, while the library does accept donations (like books, videos and cassettes), there are some guidelines. We don't accept items which are in bad condition (moldy, falling apart, etc.) and we don't accept textbooks or encyclopedias (they become dated and aren't in demand). Also, if you're planning on donating a large amount of items, please bring them in a little at a time rather than all at once. That gives us a chance to find a spot to put them away.

And secondly, with the temperature high and energy prices even higher, we ask that you please refrain from using the semi-automatic door unless it's absolutely necessary and then only for the least amount of time needed. This'll save us money and wear-and-tear on the AC unit. What, you think we're paying to cool off all outdoors?

That's all for this week. If you have questions or comments, just call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit the Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

See you next Friday. You may now resume counting the days until Labor Day.



South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission members Ken and Audrey Reisch (left) and Esther Blick were at LA Fitness last week to recruit new members to the commission, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary in September.

New Administrators, Teachers Joining District

By Libby Barsky

At the start of a school year, students will be seeing several new faces.

Lisa Parker, who spent this year as assistant principal at the Middle School, is moving to the high school to take the position of assistant principal, replacing Kelly Richkus who became principal of Kennedy School last year after Fred Oberkehr was appointed assistant superintendent of instruction. Oberkehr replaced Kaye Crown, who retired last December.

Parker came from the Piscataway school district where she had worked since graduating from the College of New Jersey in 1988 with a BA in special education. She also received a masters degree in special education from New Jersey City University in 2004 and received the NJPSA in the Monroe Township Excel Program in 2005. Since 2003 she was dean of students at Piscataway High School. Additionally, she assisted and scheduled teachers in subject areas and assigned them courses. She also coordinated community workshops addressing issues of domestic violence and gang proliferation and developed partnerships with students and local businesses.

Kevin Hajduk is moving from the high school as a special education teacher to assistant principal at the Middle School, replacing Parker. From the time he was a student at SPHS in 1996 until the present, he has organized fundraisers for the South Plain-

field Special Olympics, as well as serving as their head coach. Graduating from East Stroudsburg University in 2000 with a BS in education, he taught special education for four years at Roosevelt School and at the high school for the past four years. In 2004 he received a master of arts degree in educational technology from New Jersey City University and in 2007, a degree from Seton Hall University as an educational specialist in educational leadership and supervision. He is currently working toward his doctorate degree in educational leadership completing 72 of the 90 credits needed.

In addition to teaching, Hajduk has held head and assistant coach positions for the Middle School track team, cross country team and wrestling teams. He has been an advisor for Peer Leadership since 2004 and is an SASA Star Partner Master Teacher. Cathy Villanueva will be replacing Hajduk as special education teacher.

The following new teachers have

Rich McCriskin 2008 Labor Day Grand Marshal

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee has announced this year's Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal will be Richard McCriskin.

McCriskin, a lifelong resident, was nominated by the Knights of Columbus. He will have the honor of leading South Plainfield's 51st Labor Day Parade on Monday, Sept. 1.

The daylong celebration begins with the 5K race, followed by the parade, events at the PAL and an evening fireworks display at Spring Lake Park.

been appointed:

Kathleen G. Connell is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Rutgers University in 2005. She earned a masters in elementary/early childhood education from Rutgers University in 2008. She will be the temporary replacement for Amy Siedenbueg, who is on a one year leave of absence. Connell taught third grade at Kennedy School in 2007 and will teach in Grant School.

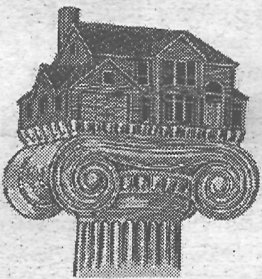
Danielle D'Ambrosio, who has a master's degree from Queens College and a degree from Central Connecticut State University, will be an elementary teacher at Roosevelt School in an additional budgeted position.

Elsi P. Denon, who has a degree from Kean University, will teach Spanish at Franklin and Riley Schools, replacing Kelly Heyman who is on a one year leave of absence.

Arnacelli Gil Pedreschi, a summa cum laude graduate of Kean University, was a student teacher last fall at
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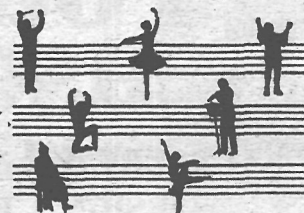
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August 8

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AARP Chapter #4144 Bus Trip

August 18 to 22

AARP #4144 five-day charter bus to the New York Catskill Resort Hotel from August 18-22. Cost includes transportation, room, all meals, use of two pools, gym and spa, daytime games, nighttime dancing, entertainment and more! Adults only; non-members are welcome. Double occupancy \$530 pp. Singles \$630.

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Grant School PTO Meeting

August 20

Grant School PTO will be holding a meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 20 in the school library at 11:15 a.m.

Premise for the meeting is to vote in the new 2008/2009 board members and briefly discuss upcoming activities at the school. All are welcome.

9th Grade Orientation

August 20

A special orientation program for incoming ninth graders will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the high school cafeteria. During

What's happening at the

SENIOR CENTER

AUGUST

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Center will be closed on Saturdays during July and August due to minimal attendance. However, if you have suggestions for programs for Saturdays, let us know and we can possibly schedule something.

Cultural Arts 25th Anniversary
September 20-7 p.m.

Crocheting
9:30am-11:30am
Yoga 10:30-11:30am
Art Class 11:30am

Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social
Group 10am

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

Pathmark
Shopping 9am
Crafts Class 10am
Computer Class 10am,
11:30am, 1pm
Exercise Class 1:15pm
Bally's Trip 9am

Bingo 10am-2pm

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the program, incoming freshmen will become familiar with some basic operating procedures. Students should bring their class schedule to the orientation program. Duplicate schedules will be available in the Guidance Office.

Students will be required to sign an attendance register and are urged to dress in a manner more consistent with coming to school than a summer vacation day. Therefore, hats, tank-tops and other attire of a casual nature should not be part of the dress for this orientation program.

Ritz Novelty Act at Spring Lake Park

August 24

The Rootin' Tootin' High Falootin' Puttin' on the Ritz Novelty-Act will be performing some of the most fa-

mous melodies of all time with some shtick in Spring Lake Park on Sunday, Aug. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The free concert is sponsored by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Parks and Recreation Commission. This is a virtuoso group of seven players including zylophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar/banjo, clarinet, bass and drums.

Old Timers/Run for the Children

October 5

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., The Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Moretti Realty will hold the third annual "Run for the Children" on Sunday, Oct. 5 (rain date Sunday, Oct. 12). Sign-in 9:30-11 a.m. Cost is \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger; non-riders and the public \$10 per person. Raffle tickets \$5 each for the chance to win a Vespa Motor Scooter.

For more information, contact Rich D'Urso (732) 406-2826, Greg Rhein at (908) 405-7753 or Guy Moretti at (908) 755-5300, E-mail morettig@morettiirealty.com.

— Out of Town —

Stress Factory Comedy Club

August 8 & 9

Jim Florentine (The Apprentice, Crank Yankers) will be at The Stress Factory Comedy Club in New Brunswick on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 8 and 9. Show time is 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by calling (732) 545-4242 or at www.stressfactory.com.

Middlesex East WOWs

August 8

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, is holding an open dance on Friday, Aug. 8 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission: \$10 members, \$12 guests.

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

Great Dane Meet and Greet Event

August 9

The Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, one of the largest breed specific rescues in the northeast will hold a meet and greet on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Petco, located at 1701 U.S. Rt. 22 West in Watchung.

Come out and meet some of our available Danes along with our volunteers. Merchandise and educational information available.

Divine Performing Arts Dance Company

August 10

The Divine Performing Arts Chinese classical dance company will perform at the State Theater of New Jersey on Sunday, Aug. 10 from 8 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$75, \$65, \$45 and \$35.

For more information, contact the theater box office at (732) 246-7469 or visit the theater Web site at StateTheaterNJ.org or the dance company Web site at Divineperformingarts.org.

Oktoberfest at the Deutscher Club

August 9 & 10

An outdoor Oktoberfest at the Deutscher Club, 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9 from 5-10 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Flea market on Sunday; live music. Wooden dance floor, covered pavilion. German and American food. Picnic tables. No outside food or beverages. Donation \$5 per person, children under 12 free, free parking. Rain or shine.

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

Augustober Festival

August 16 & 17

The 134th Augustober Festival sponsored by the Plattduetsche Volksfest-Verein of New York and New Jersey will be celebrated at the historic Schuetzen Park, located on Bergen Turnpike and Kennedy Boulevard in North Bergen on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16 and 17 from noon until 10 p.m. each day. Open to the general public; admission is \$5 adults, children are free.

For more information, call Kathryn Brinkrode at (201) 290-8147.

Hawaiian Night

August 23

The Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, is hosting a Hawaiian night outside on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 5 to 10 p.m. Live music by Norbert Ludewig Orchestra. Wooden dance floor, covered pavilion, picnic tables. No outside food or beverages permitted. Donation \$5 per person, children under 12 free. Free parking. Rain or shine.

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Marisa Bodner and Eric Strauss Wed

Marisa Lauren Bodner and Eric Martin Strauss of Andover, together with their parents, Albert and Miriam Bodner of South Plainfield, and Gerald and Elizabeth Strauss of Bloomsburg, Pa., are pleased to announce their marriage on August 3, 2008, at the Berkeley Plaza in Berkeley Heights.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a 2000 graduate of Monmouth University in West Long Branch. She is employed as a resource center teacher at Memorial School in Maywood.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Bloomsburg (Pa.) High School and a 1996 graduate of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is employed as deputy business editor-production at *The Star-Ledger* in Newark.

The bride wore ivory and her bridesmaids wore peridot green. Rabbi David Levy officiated. The maid of honor was Ashley Bodner of



Marisa Bodner and Eric Strauss

South Plainfield, sister of the bride, and the best man was David Steinruck of Andover, a friend of the groom.

The couple will travel to the Pacific Northwest on their honeymoon, before returning home to Andover.

Melissa O'Connor and Arthur Violet Engagement Announced



Melissa O'Connor and Arthur Violet

of their daughter, Melissa O'Connor, to Arthur Violet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Violet. Both Art and Melissa are graduates of The College of New Jersey.

Melissa is employed by the Bayonne Board of Education, where she teaches social studies to seventh and eighth grade students.

Arthur is a business manager for Enterprise Car Rental Company.

Melissa and Art plan an October 18, 2008 wedding, followed by a honeymoon in the Hawaiian Islands.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stogoski are happy to announce the engagement

Curves Host Open House

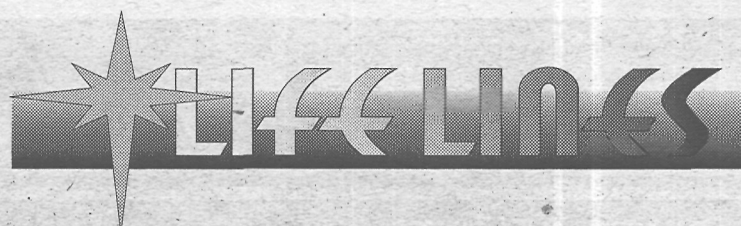
If you've been curious about Curves, located at 27 South Plainfield Ave., or just want to know what they have to offer, then stop in August 18 through August 24 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday during their open house. "This is a chance for someone to come in and see the equipment we have and learn more about our program," said owners Jerri and Elissa.

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For more information, contact Jerri or Elissa at (908) 757-4422 or Curves 2904@verizon.net. The first 50 new members can join for 66% off the initial service fee.



The state of the economy is constantly in our thoughts, even more so to those of us who are "news hounds." All we hear is how bad things are and statements such as: "gas might go up to \$10 a gallon," "we are or we aren't in a recession," "food is more expensive than ever and foreclosures are at an all time high," etc. Gloomy, isn't it? Is there anything positive about all this?

I think there is. I think that all this gloom is actually leading us away from our collective greed and the frenzied materialism that has propelled many of us in our pursuit of the American Dream. We now pause to contemplate the economy's effect on not just our own needs, but on the needs of others.

We are beginning to realize that this crisis has caused harm to the entire society in the massive layoffs, unprecedented number of bankruptcies and alarming unemployment rates leading to human hardship, despair and degradation—a predicament with the severe consequences such as increased crime, alcohol and drug abuse, family break-ups, loss of self worth, depression and even suicide.

Quoting the late George Carlin, "We spend more, but have less" we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees, but less sense; more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems; more medicines,

but less wellness. We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and *pray too little*." Accordingly, we have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.

What are we to do? Love. Love is the most powerful force on earth. Love is an action word. Start at home with kind words, warm hugs, loving kisses and then let it shed abroad. Get involved in services and organizations that help others. Visit homeless shelters with small gifts; sit with an elderly person in a nursing home, maybe a group home could use a volunteer to help out. *Be a good Samaritan.* (Read St. Luke 10:25-37.) It is a powerful lesson about a severely wounded man lying on the side of the road, ignored by everybody who passed by, including the clergy. But one man stopped, cleaned him up and provided food and shelter. Find that person that needs you and make a difference. Bear in mind that helping others helps us put our own problems in the proper perspective and helps alleviate our own pain.

Jesus said, "This is my commandment: that you love one another as I have loved you."

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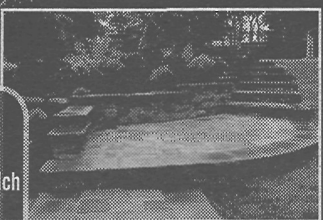
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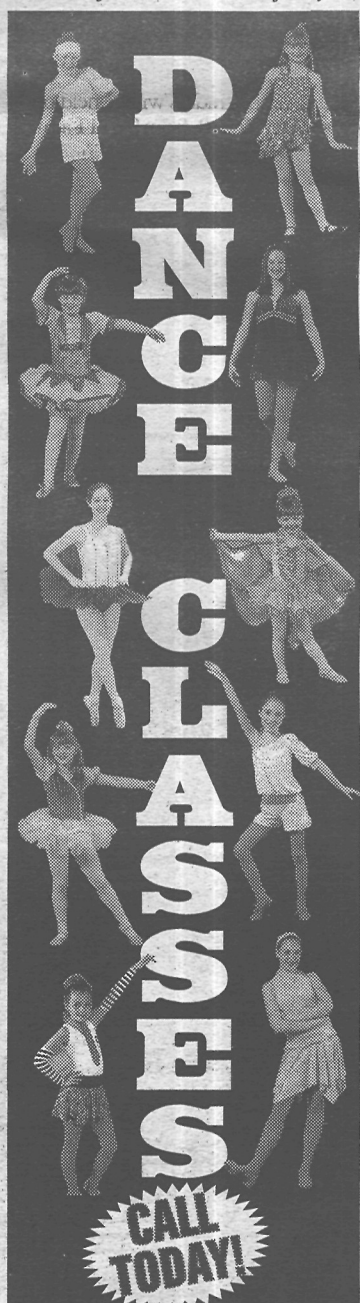
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Sports

Tiger Sharks Swim Team

Tiger Sharks Lose to Metuchen

Once again the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks faced the toughest competition in the league, Metuchen Municipal Pool. The final score was 149 to 121.

The girls started the meet unable to secure any first place wins in the individual medley, but veteran swimmer Emily Piekarski took second place in the 13-18 age group. Both Nicole Bythell (10 and under) and Ali Huber (11/12) secured third place ribbons.

The only boy to take a first place ribbon in the longer freestyle events was Nick Gurrieri in the 10 and under age group. Enzo Butrico (11/12) and Matt Moates (13-18) placed third.

Maggie Valentino placed first in the butterfly event for the 13/14 age group. Breanna Tang (9/10), Taylor Aljian (11/12), Gracie Piekarski (13/14) and Chelsea Cullen received second place ribbons for the same event.

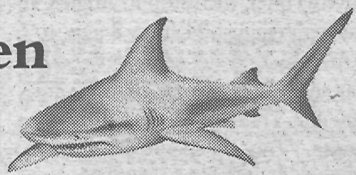
The boys picked up some strong scores in the breaststroke events. The 8 and under boys swept the event with Cristian Butrico, Michael Stanczak, and Brandon Tang taking first, second, and third respectively. Nicholas Spadevecchia placed second for the 9/10 year olds. The 11/12 age group had Charlie Butrico placing second and Joey Val-

entino placing third. Anthony Gurrieri placed first and Jim Boyle took third in the 13/14 age group. Alan Kasmer was the only 15-18 year-old to place with a third place ribbon.

The girls were able to take first place in the shorter freestyle events when Maggie Valentino (13/14) and Chelsea Cullen (15-18) out touched their teammates, Gracie Piekarski and her sister Emily Piekarski respectively. The younger teammates placed third in the 8 and under group, Jenna Yan, 9/10 age group, Breanna Tang, and 11/12 age group, Taylor Aljian.

The boys had the team pull ahead in points in the backstroke events. Once again the 8 and under boys swept the event with Brendan Tang (first), Cristian Butrico (second) and Michael Stanczak (third). Nicholas Gurrieri (9/10), his brother Anthony (13/14) and Matt Moates (15-18) placed first for the backstroke. Joey Valentino and Enzo Butrico placed second and third for the 11/12 age group. Jim Boyle placed third for the 13/14 year olds.

The score was close going into the relays and South Plainfield needed to win four relays to win. The competi-



tion was difficult and the 8 and under boys Brendon Tang, Michael Stanczak, Cristian Butrico and Joseph Anesh and the 9-12 boys Matt Lind, Enzo Butrico, Charlie Butrico and Nick Gurrieri, were the only two relays to take first place.

Many thanks to our 13/14 year old swimmers. At this age the events become longer and more difficult. Swimmers at this age level are committed to the sport. South Plainfield Tiger Sharks (13/14) are Jessica Bohn, Jimmy Boyle, Cristina Butrico, Kristina Forbes, Miranda Garcia, Anthony Gurrieri, Ryan Hodkey, Kaitlyn Kenny, Billy Lillis, Anindya Mehta, Kate O'Brien, Michelle O'Sullivan, Lauren Parello, Evelyn Peregrin, Gracie Piekarski, Zak Post, Allison Quintanilla, Sydney Smith, Angela Spadevecchia and Maggie Valentino.

Many cheers to those swimmers who also found the time this summer to appear in the SDW production of "Damn Yankees."

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley



2008 Pocono "Ryder Cup" Champions—Front row (L-R): Charlie Woodhull, Andy Barnett, Ralph Feh, Bob Besser, Douglas Graham, Mike Behr. Back row: Jack Kudrick, Frank Cirigliano, Lenny Padula, Tom McCreesh, Bill Schulte and Joë Sosnak.

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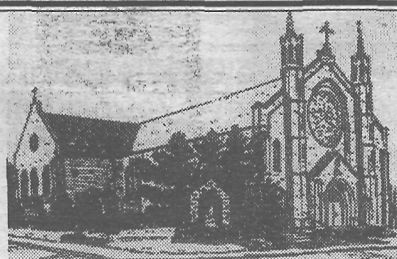
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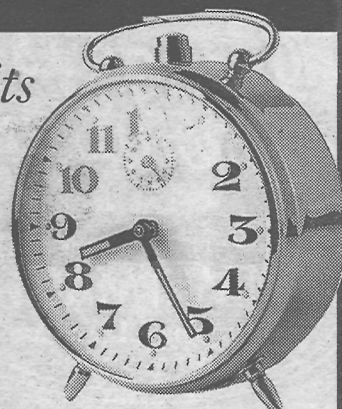
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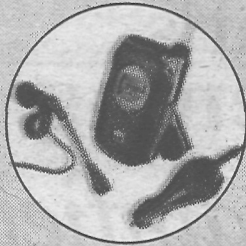
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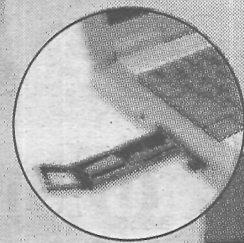
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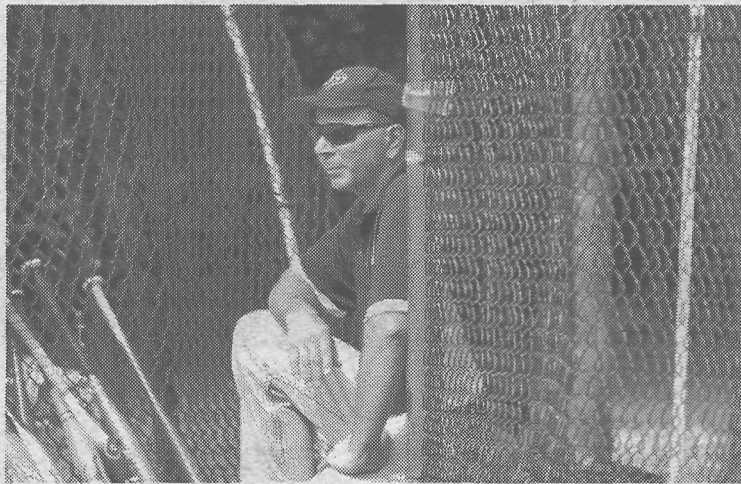
Sports

Ponytail U-10 All-Stars Undefeated

If you are walking down Pitt Street and you hear an exhilarating roar coming from Field #3 (known as "The Jungle") don't fear, it is just the amazing fans of the South Plainfield U-10 Ponytail All-Stars. The crowd has been on their feet cheering for the undefeated all-stars since the first scrimmage game held the first week in June.

The all-star team wrapped up their 11-0 Parkway League season on July 29, with a 3-1 victory over the Colonia Cyclones, awarding the all-stars with a first place trophy. This victory came on the heels of the team's most electrifying win of the season.

The girls clinched a spot in the finals with a come-from-behind 10-8 victory over the previously undefeated Flemington Flames on July 27, at the 7th Annual U-10 Fast Pitch Summer Sunation Softball Tournament held in South Plainfield. Down 6-1 after the first inning, the comeback began in the top of the third with Caroline Ratti's amazing three run inside the park homerun. Outstanding offense continued with big hits and smart base running by Kelly Shea, Nicole Gerardi, Naomi Nieves, Sarah Walsh and Katherine Vill. The 'all-stars' tough



Coach Dave Ratti is always focused on the game even though his demeanor is so calm. All the girls respect and look up to him throughout the season.

momentum of the game. The game ended in the bottom of the seventh with an unassisted double play by Amanda Harper at first base.

Unfortunately, the girls were unable to play the final round of the tournament due to heavy rain and thunderstorms, conceding the first place trophy to the Bridgewater Panthers, the higher seeded team. Great sportsmanship was displayed by both teams as the trophies were handed out at the snack stand due to the rain.

One quote Coach Dave Ratti understands is "failing to prepare is preparing to fail," because he was fully prepared to lead his team to victory, especially with the help of assistants Dave Harper, Al Vill, Jim Shea and Mary Cargill. The U-10 All-Stars com-



Caroline Ratti putting the flame out on the undefeated Flemington Flames.

pleted their season with an overall record of 24-7.

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Submitted by Patti Ratti



Moriah Garcia's unique style of pitching can throw off the best of hitters.

defense was led by the combined pitching efforts of Moriah Garcia, Nicole Sottiriou, Sarah Cargill and Caroline Ratti. Camryn Schaeffer's awesome glove in the outfield robbed the Flames of two big hits and Taylor "T-Bone" Henry's rocket arm in right field threw out runners at first base, changing the

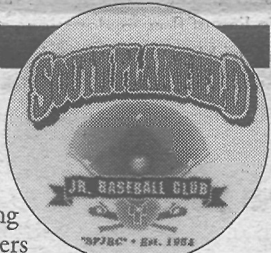
By Gary Lampasona

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Time is running out for Fall Ball registration. Our registration numbers are up and we are looking forward to another fun and successful fall baseball season. If your child is seven years of age or older and enjoys playing baseball, this is a great way to continue to improve those skills and have a lot of

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Submitted By Bob Nilan

It's been another terrific season for the South Plainfield Golf League with some extraordinarily well-played matches and a number of outstanding individual performances by the top players in the league.

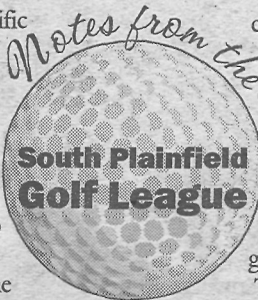
As the final week of the season approaches, there could be no better ending than to see both divisional titles up for grabs. In the American Division, Buy-Rite Liquors and the Hackers, who have shared first or second place since the opening week, will have a face-to-face showdown to determine the divisional championship.

Over in the National Division, the Roughriders, who have been sitting in first place the past three weeks, will take on the very talented B-Datt Squad while second-place Twin City will tee off against KC's Korner.

Both Buy-Rite Liquors and the Hackers barely eked out victories last week to maintain their tie for first place. John Gaven and Mike King had marvelous 1-over par rounds of 34 and Irish Danny Griffin eschewed his traditional green cap and instead wore a pink shirt and tan cap, and the 2-handicapper shot a 37 as Buy-Rite managed to earn an 11-9 victory over a very tough Unique Sports Accessories team. Chris Dillon and Jack Todaro both posted nice rounds of 37 in a losing effort.

The Hackers also had a tough match and narrowly got by Plainfield Animal Hospital, 11-9. The dynamic trio of Kevin Boyce, Bill Mann and Todd Sherman all shot very impressive 2-over 35s for the victorious Hackers. Andy Oravec carded another fine round for PAH with his 36 and Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar chipped in with his usual 37.

Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas launched a massive drive on the first hole that landed squarely in the middle of the second fairway, but he eventually straightened things out for a 37, a score matched by his partner, Marty "Kiwi" Simpson as Witty's Liquors defeated Pomovets, 14-6. Frank Oades



continued his fine season with a nice round of 37 and Efrain "The Happy Bridegroom" had a 39 for last year's champions, Pomovets, who locked up last place with this loss. Oh, where have you gone, Jim Pomovets, Jr.?

The Roughriders really smoked Sport & Social, 16-4, led by "The Best of All Possible Subs," Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer who turned in another superlative round, a 1-over 34. His playing partner, Jerry Foglia, had a very respectable round of 38 that could easily have been a few strokes lower. Captain Frank Matthews of Sport & Social was the only member of his team to break 40, carding a 38.

Guy Severini fired another sparkling even-par round of 33 to earn medalist honors for the night while leading his Twin City team to a stirring 12-1/2 to 7-1/2 triumph over a fine B-Datt Squad. Teammate Joe Diller had what Nick Faldo might describe as a very tidy round of 38. The B-Datt Squad played very well: Kyle Kurczeski had a terrific round of 35; Sam Martin a 37; and Tony Cassano, Sr., a 38, but these low-handicappers have to give strokes and their good scores just fell short of gaining a victory.

In one of the most surprising results of the entire season, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, the last place team in the National Division, played with one-man short and got scintillating performances from Mike Dube and Jeff Orth and defeated KC's Korner, 11-9. Mike Dube had his best round of the decade, an impressive 2-over 35, and Jeff Orth kept his titanic drives in the fairways, for the most part, in recording a 36. Mark Dugan played solidly for KC's Korner and shot a 36 and his partner, Rich Steele had a 39 and they looked a bit bewildered when they learned they lost a close match to three men, 11-9.

Low scores for the night: Guy Severini, 33; John Gaven, 34; Mike King, 34; Fred Kirchofer, 34; Kevin Boyce, 35; Bill Mann, 35; Todd Sherman, 35; Mike Dube, 35; Kyle Kurczeski, 35; Mark Dugan, 36; Andy Oravec, 36.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Buy-Rite	10	3	0	Roughriders	9	3	1
Hackers	10	3	0	Twin City	8	4	1
USA	7	6	0	B-Datt Squad	8	5	0
PAH	6	7	0	KC's Korner	6	7	0
Witty's	5	8	0	2 Buds, 2 Dubs	3	10	0
Pomovets	3	10	0	Sport & Social	2	11	0

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Obituaries

Ann Marie Spock, 88

Ann Marie Spock died on Monday, July 28 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison due to complications of pulmonary disease.

She was born in Plainfield on July 23, 1920 to Fred and Mary Burton. She had been a resident of South Plainfield since 1954, when she married the late Alexander Spock.

Ann enjoyed traveling with Mike Siwec, her late beloved companion, to Atlantic City, Aruba and on cruises through the Caribbean.

She was a longtime member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church and was passionate about her dear friends, family, neighbors, the N.J. Lottery and all the finer things in life.

In addition to her husband, Alexander and her companion Mike, Ann was predeceased by her brother, Richard Burton.

She is survived by her only child, Candice Spock and partner Denise Rozell of Kensington, Md. and a sister, Irene Kolenski of Piscataway.

In her later years, Ann was lovingly supported by her special friends and caregivers; Michele Siwec, Gert Mularz, Ann Venitelli, Frannie Majeski and Karen Haley.

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



Ann Marie Spock

David resided in Edison for seven years, before settling in South Plainfield in 1999.

A graduate of DeVry Institute in Woodbridge, he was employed as a technician for Xerox since 1986. Previously, he worked as a DJ for various clubs and private venues in the Central New Jersey area.

David was a devoted family man, who coached Pop Warner Eagles for five years in Edison, t-ball and teenor ball in South Plainfield and was an avid football fan. He enjoyed telling a good joke and making everyone laugh.

He was predeceased by his parents, Norberto and Auria (Perez).

David is survived by his devoted wife, Doreen (Bispo); two sons, Jagger and Giovanni; a nephew, Ryan Bispo, whom he had guardianship over; a sister, Nancy Gonzalez and husband, Angel and their son, Caleb David Gonzalez; in-laws, Rosemarie, Debbie, Alfred and Judy Bispo and Johnny and Donna Bispo; a nephew, Michael Bispo and wife Marianna, a niece and several nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to his children, c/o Doreen Mendez, 2425 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Katherine Praul Segrave, 72

Katherine (Praul) Segrave died on Friday, Aug. 1 at the South Jersey Healthcare Elmer Hospital in Elmer.

Born in Elizabeth, she was raised in Cranford and lived in South Plainfield for 25 years before moving to Swedesboro three years ago.

Kathy will be remembered as a kind, warm-hearted person with a gentle soul, and will be sadly missed by her family and friends.

Mrs. Segrave was predeceased by her first husband, James Praul.

She is survived by her husband,

Andrew Segrave; three children, Joanne Praul of South Plainfield, Jennifer Lenik and husband Frank of Woodstown and Jeffrey Praul and wife Lori of South Plainfield and six grandchildren, Daniel and Debra Lenik, Matthew, Jeffrey, and Meagan Praul and Danielle McParland.

A memorial gathering will be held on Monday, Aug. 11 beginning at 7 p.m. followed by an 8:30 p.m. memorial service at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St., Robbinsville, N.J. 08691 or to your local S.P.C.A.

Marilyn J. (Rush) Chicarelli, 75

Marilyn J. (Rush) Chicarelli died on Thursday, July 31 at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, S.C.

Born and raised in Pennsylvania, Mrs. Chicarelli lived in Dunellen prior to settling in South Plainfield in 1950.

Marilyn was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church, the South Plainfield Senior Citizens and Women of the Moose.

She enjoyed bingo and crafts.

She was predeceased by a son, Richard, who died in 1972; three sisters and a brother.

Surviving is her husband of 57 years, Norman; a daughter, Pat Wilson and husband Gary of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; a granddaughter, Amy-Jo Hvam of North Carolina and a great-grandson, Gunner Hvam.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Muscular Dystrophy Assoc., 1030 St. George Ave., Avenel, N.J. 07001; The American Heart Assoc., 1 Union St., Robbinsville, N.J. 09691 or to the American Diabetes Assoc., Center Point II, Ste. 103, 1160 Rt. 22 East, Bridgewater, N.J. 08807.

New Jersey Unveils New 511 Phone System

New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) Commissioner Kris Kolluri recently launched the state's new and improved 511 travel information telephone system. This service will help motorists save fuel, navigate New Jersey's roadways, reduce commuting times and minimize the impact of traffic incidents.

Motorists can now dial 511 for voice-activated telephone information regarding traffic, weather and construction. They can also request updated traffic information on highways, cities, or hot spots as well as information on EZ Pass.

"By using 511, motorists can make informed decisions about planning alternate routes and revising departure times. This improves the driver's trip and helps reduce congestion and improve safety," said Commissioner Kolluri.

Motorists who dial 511 will hear information about congestion, incidents or unusual delays on state highways, the New Jersey Turnpike and Garden State Parkway. The service provides motorists with real time traffic and travel information seven days a week, 365 days a year. Traffic and travel information on 511 is managed by a partnership of public agencies led by NJDOT, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority (NJTPA), and the New Jersey State Police (NJSP). Traffic information is provided by a variety of sources including local law enforcement agencies, local fire departments and traffic monitoring devices such as traffic cameras and travel time sensors.

New Jersey recently opened a new, state-of-the-art Statewide Traffic Management Center that enables NJDOT, the NJTPA and the NJSP to improve

management of and response to accidents, adverse weather, special events and congestion. Up to 40 staff members from all three agencies monitor and exchange video images from 420 traffic surveillance cameras located throughout the state on an 18 foot by 50 foot video wall.

NJDOT is offering motorists several other new services that use technology to provide traffic information. NJDOT recently launched a new real-time traffic Web site, www.NJ511.info, which offers interactive maps and displays traffic incidents. The Google maps-based Web site offers motorists real time traffic conditions on state highways, interstate highways, the Garden State Parkway and the New Jersey Turnpike. The Web site highlights incidents, construction, weather and special events. NJ511.info also includes an interactive traffic camera page.

NJDOT has also launched a personalized travel service, which sends free real-time road condition updates and alerts to motorists' cell phones, E-mail accounts and personal digital assistants.

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David "KiKi" Mendez, 48

David "KiKi" Mendez died on Friday, Aug. 1 at home, surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer.

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Council Majority Overrides Veto

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Midco Waste Systems, which does business in South Plainfield. Because of his non-vote, the override did not pass. When abstaining, Bengivenga said he wanted to wait and asked the Borough Attorney to research the matter and give a legal opinion.

The attorney has since said Bengivenga's vote would not be a conflict of interest. The weight restriction ordinances were introduced a second time, passed and then vetoed by Butico.

With the weight restrictions lifted, trucks can return to the boulevard immediately. However, Bengivenga said that trucks would not be allowed back on the boulevard until the safety issues submitted by Traffic Safety Officer Lt. Kevin Mutagh under the borough's control have been implemented. He did not give any details on what safety issues would be done, but said the borough engineer is working on the plans.

The weight restrictions will need approval by the county, since the road is a county road. However, the state DOT can override the county's decision.

Over the weekend, signs appeared on the front lawns of homes along Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue saying "Trucks (with a slash though it), Remember in November." The signs were paid for by the South Plainfield Democratic Organization.

Grant School Honor Roll – Fourth Quarter

High Honor Roll—Katie A. Addario, Andrew J. Akpan, Mansi N. Amin, John R. Amini, Jhordanne B. Anderson, Cameron L. Bashner, Claudia R. Bashner, Matthew S. Belanger, Wiktorja Blazejowicz, James J. Boettcher, Abhilasha (Abby) M. Borad, Taylor M. Brinks, Adam J. Butrico, Charles J. Butrico, Mark S. Butrico, Nicole T. Bythell, Ryan A. Bythell, Alyssa B. Capone, Nicholas P. Castagno, Melanie D. Cheng, Kimberly Corsino, Crystal Custodio, John Gilbert F. DeLaCruz, Holly A. DeLair, Cody Decker, Kyle J. Dickerson, Taylor M. Donato, CJ M. Dudek, Morgan A. Evans, Khalil A. Farid, Kaitlyn C. Faustini, Kayla M. Fisher, James A. Flasser, Antonio J. Garcia, Moriah E. Garcia, Rebecca K. George, Bryan P. Gillen, Imrin K. Goraya, Christopher J. Graves, Sabrina M. Hemming, Shayna N. Hodge, Erika J. Holtermann, Ania Januszko, Raymond J. Jazikoff, Roweena M. Kanj, Dominika Kapolka, Thoa (Theresa) H. Le, Matthew C. Lind, Charlotte R. Macchia, Robert C. Mammone, Gianna M. Marcovecchio, Kayla M. Massaro and Elizabeth L. McCormick.

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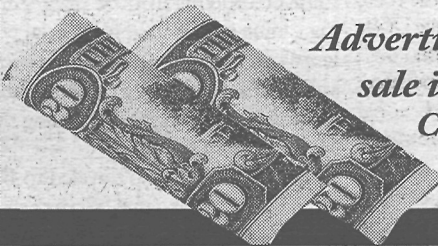
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EWA Seeks Capacitor Cleanup

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1997 when the EPA monitoring of the Bound Brook began. After the 1997 measurements were taken, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection installed signs warning that fish caught in the waters of the Bound Brook, New Market Pond and Spring Lake Park should not be eaten. New signs will be going up and the fish will be tested as well," said Mannino.

To prevent problems in the future, Chapin called for the EPA to take actions involving physically removing the capacitors and providing an asphalt cap to prevent migration of contaminated sediment instead of going through a remediation process.

Chapin stated if the remedial process is initiated, the work won't be completed until 2034 and acceptable ground water goals are reached. "At the end of the day, there will still be a landfill there and over 50% of the PCB's will be left," Chapin said.

Mannino noted that stabilization technologies will be evaluated to stabilize the stream banks as part of the remedial process and funding provided for any additional work.

Historical Society/Library Labor Day Quilt Raffle

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125 Jackson Ave. on Tuesdays from 2 to 4 p.m.; Nicastro's Garage, 720 Hamilton Blvd., weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Labor Day at the Historical Society booth at the PAL.

Purchasers can also contact Kathy at (908) 754-7268, or send a check or money order in a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the South Plainfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The annual quilt raffle is a long-standing tradition launched by the Historical Society in the 1970s. The first quilts were handmade by members and friends of the society, but in more recent years the quilts have been purchased from the skilled hands of Pennsylvania Amish and Missouri Mennonites.

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New Teacher Appointments

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the high school and is returning this fall as a Spanish teacher, replacing Orlando Garcia who resigned.

Tara Scalfani, a 2007 graduate of Kean University who was named Outstanding Professional Intern by Kean Art Education Department, has been appointed Grant School Art long-term substitute teacher effective September 2 through January 30, 2009. She is a temporary replacement for Jennifer Gil, who is on a leave of absence.

Arleen J. Seamon, who received her BA degree from Ursinus College and a masters degree in special education from the City College of New York, will be replacing Susan Schocklin, who was transferred as an elementary special education teacher.

Julie Zoletta is a graduate of Richard Stockton College with a bachelor of science degree in environmental studie and taught Middle School Science at Liberty Academy Charter School in Jersey City last year. She was appointed Middle School science teacher, replacing Robert Prongay, who resigned.

Positions still unfilled are a part-time Future Stars teacher, kindergarten enrichment teacher, high school English teacher and part time enrichment aides.



Mayor Charles Butrico, Council President Rob Bengivenga, Councilman Matthew Anesh, Captains Robert Brembt and Robert Barrone with plaque recipients.

Junior Police Academy Graduates 25

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Ellmyer brought in their drug-sniffing canine who is used for special police work. Recruits also received a lesson from Officers Franchak and LaMonda on the dangers of using the MySpace Web site.

This year the group traveled to BB Grand Slam for a game of lazerball, a fusion of lazer tag and paintball, which uses compressed air or nitrogen. It uses the sound from a marker firing air to trigger an infrared beam at either a stationary target or opposing player.

The highlight of the week is the visit from the N.J. State Police Homeland Security helicopter which landed behind the PAL building. Troopers Dipple and Banayay explained what their job entails and answered questions about avionics. Cadets also got to sit inside the helicopter before it took off.

Parents and friends were invited to

see the recruits graduate at a special ceremony that began with Lainie Harris singing "The Star Spangled Banner." Captains Paul Brembt and Robert Barrone, along with Mayor Charles Butrico, Council President Rob Bengivenga, Councilman Matt Anesh, Lt. Charles Siedenburgh and other guests representing companies that donated their services to the program congratulated each graduate who received their training completion certificate.

Many thanks to the following people and organizations for their participation in the program: Chief John Ferraro, Capt. Paul Brembt, Capt. Robert Barrone, Lt. Charles Siedenburgh, Lt. Ray Jazikoff, Det. Vincent Campagna, Officers Kevin LoMonte, Chanta Hunter, Recreation Director Kevin Hughes, N.J. State Police, Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and Edison Twsp. Police Dept.



Lainie Harris sings "The Star Spangled Banner."

Appreciation plaques were given to the following businesses and individuals for their generous donation: Restaurant Depot-Jim Furlong, Fed Ex



Edison Officer Ellmyer show off his canine unit dog.

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The graduates for the second session were: Chris Cieszkiewicz, Brian Csohor, Jesse Deffler, Dianne Ferraro, Frank Ferraro, Ashley Franchak, Beatriz Gaitan, Karina Gaitan, Jairo Gaitan, William Garner, Raymond Jazikoff, Christopher Mathis, Squad Leader Shane McCoid, Tucker Merkler, Lenae Mondesir, Isaiah Reels, Matthew Resende, Andrew Rhoades, Brandon Rickert, Squad Leader Shianna Rodas, Anthony Santone, Edward Sheaffer, Daniel Snogans, Matthew Ward and Justin Williams.



Members of the fire department show cadets how to operate a hose.



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