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Ad Hoc Truck Committee To Recommend New Route

The members of the Ad Hoc Truck Committee met on August 14 and voted to recommend a new truck route for the Borough Council's consideration.

The committee was formed to find an alternate route to direct truck traffic away from residential streets as they travel to Metuchen Road.

The ad hoc committee, chaired by Mike English, displayed arial maps and committee member Paul Kavka, an engineer, gave a description of the route and what sections of the wetlands would be affected by the route. The committee had been studying three different routes and narrowed down their choice to the final truck route. They intend to show their plans to the council at the next agenda meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 2. According to English and Kavka, the route takes "the path of least resistance."

The new route would extend Hollywood Avenue to Metuchen Road by using almost all borough-owned property. The route goes through mostly uplands, thus disturbing the least amount of wetlands. It would utilize the new improvements the county recently completed at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard

and Ryan Street. In the future, Mack Place could also be extended as an additional route to Helen Street to reach Rt. 287.

The committee will also recommend that Gladstone Design, Inc., the company Kavka works for, be selected as the consulting engineers and land surveyors for the project. The committee will also ask that the council pass a resolution to continue their role as advisors to oversee the construction of the road from the permit level to the end of the project.

For the past three years, truck traffic has been diverted off of Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue and rerouted along South Clinton Avenue to New Market Avenue and onto Spicer Avenue. This route was declared unsafe by Traffic Safety Officer Lt. Kevin Murtagh.

The council recently passed two ordinances to rescind the weight restriction on Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue and later voted to override the mayors veto of the ordinances. Trucks are expected to be using Hamilton Boulevard and Belmont Avenue as soon as the borough receives approval from the county. If the county fails to give their approval, the state can override the county.



U10 SP Tournament Second Place—Front row (L-R): Sarah Cargill, Nicole Sottiriou, Katherine Vill, Camryn Schaeffer, Taylor Henry and Sarah Walsh. Second row: Amanda Harper, Caroline Ratti, Kelly Shea, Moriah Garcia, Naomi Nieves and Nicole Girardi. Back row: Dave Harper, Head Coach Dave Ratti, Mary Cargill and Al Vill.



U14 SP Tournament Second Place—Front row: Ashanti Bishop, Megan McMahon, Liz Gratta, Jamie Quail, and Kate McLaughlin. 2nd row: Ali Ratti, Jessica Jazikoff, Jayme Bishop, Andrea Muglia, Kelly Pauls and Katherine Podlovits and 3rd row: Coach Bill McLaughlin, Manager Tom Gratta, Coach Jessa Jones and Scorekeeper Patti Ratti. (Not pictured: Becky Eustice)

Ponytail Hosts All Star Tournaments

The Ponytail Softball Parents Association hosted the Seventh Annual U14, U12 and U10 Fastpitch Summer Sensational Softball Tournaments last month.

For the most part, the weather cooperated on all three weekends and attendance was great. The snack stand was kept busy at all times selling pork roll and cheese sandwiches, bagels, candy, hamburgers, hotdogs, ice cream and cold drinks. We also sold t-shirts that advertised each team that participated in the tournaments. A photographer was there taking

pictures of all team members.

The U14 tournament consisted of eight teams participating. They were South Plainfield, Jersey Clash, Shore Shock, Watchung Golden Warriors, Jersey Diamond Girls, NJ Insanity Yellow, Clark and the North Edison Blue Devils. Because of their hard work, South Plainfield made it to the semi-finals shutting down NJ Insanity Yellow. South Plainfield was ready to play and had to face the Traveling A Jersey Diamond Girls in the Final game of the day. The girls played well

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WTC Steel to Pass Through Borough

The FDNY is sponsoring a motorcycle run from New York City to Shanksville, Pa. on Saturday, Aug. 23. FDNY will be delivering World Trade Center (WTC) steel that will be presented to the Shanksville Fire Department at a ceremony on Sunday, Aug. 24.

The motorcade is estimated to include more than 1,000 motorcycles, an FDNY bus, FDNY vans, NYC communications vehicles and two tractor trailers (one carrying the steel, fashioned into a cross, and the other transporting FDNY Engine 343) and other vehicles.

The New Jersey route of travel will be from the Outer Bridge Crossing; Route 440 to Route 287N; Route 287N to Route 78W and Route 78W into Pennsylvania with a fueling stop at Exit 3 in Warren County.

FDNY has requested that the fire service have units at each overpass and any other safe location (off the highway) to salute the motorcade and the WTC steel as it passes. The steel is symbolic to members of FDNY and they care for it with great respect.

The motorcade will depart Brooklyn at 7 a.m. and should reach Middlesex County (South Plainfield) at about 8 a.m.

Those interested in joining in the run should visit www.ironandsteel-nyctoshanksville.com. All proceeds from the run will benefit the FDNY Fire Family Transport Foundation.

Calling All Junior Journalists

The *Observer* and Hometown Heros will be sponsoring a float in the upcoming Labor Day Parade and will be honoring all past and present Junior Journalists. We are asking that all past winners to join us on the float and show South Plainfield how proud we are of all our Junior Journalists.

If you would like to participate, please call Charlie at Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376 or Nancy at the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 as soon as possible. Participants will receive a t-shirt and refreshments.



Crews begin curb restoration work on the corner of Franklin Avenue and Steven Terrace. Additional curb and ADA restoration will be taking place on Nunnink Lane, Houston Street, Bleeker Street, Geary Drive and Greenwich Street.

Annual Tradition Marches Onward Parade, 5K Race, Walk to Highlight Labor Day Activities

The 51st Annual Labor Day Parade promises to be another great day for South Plainfield to shine. The South Plainfield Public Celebration Commission began planning for the parade shortly after last year's parade was over.

The day begins with a 5K race and 1.5 mile Family Fitness Walk, sponsored by the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness along with The Club at Ricochet and the South Plainfield Education Foundation. The race begins at 9:15 a.m., registration

begins at 8:15 a.m. Application fee is \$20 and \$5 for students. Fee for the 1.5 mile walk is \$5.

The parade kicks off at the Middle School at 10 a.m. and ends at the PAL. At presstime, 15 marching bands are scheduled to march, along with more than 60 groups and organizations. Of course there will be lots of clowns, cartoon characters and floats.

There are a host of activities, games and contests scheduled to take place at the PAL beginning at noon. There will also be a variety of delicious food

to sample. Live musical entertainment by Mirage begins at 12:30 p.m.

The festivities conclude at Spring Lake Park with live musical entertainment provided by Sound Investment starting at 6 p.m. and fireworks at dusk.

Residents should take note that roads along the parade route will be closed to traffic at 9 a.m. as well as in the evening around Spring Lake Park.

Next week's *Observer* will have detailed information, including a map of all of the Labor Day festivities.



Members of the South Plainfield Senior Center prepare for the summer picnic held on August 7.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS air on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. AGENDA and/or Other SPECIAL Meetings air Saturday at 8 p.m.



(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)	September 8
September 15	September 22
October 6	October 14 (Tuesday)

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 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 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 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.: 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.: 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.
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
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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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters may be submitted by mail to South Plainfield Observer, Editorial Dept., 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, by email: spobserver@comcast.net or fax 908-668-8819. Letters should not exceed 200 words. We reserve the right to edit for clarity or length. It is the editor's discretion to limit the number of letters submitted by one individual on the same subject. The opinions expressed in "Letters" do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the *Observer*. All letters must be submitted with name and phone number, for verification.

IN MY OPINION

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

To the Police Chief:

As parents we pray we will never receive "the call" telling us our children's voices have been silenced forever.

As children (regardless of age), we fear for "the call" that leaves us orphans.

As family circles widen we extend that fear, such as waiting for the safe return of our son-in-law, John Piveers of Green Brook, who is a marine in Iraq. John also worked in law enforcement in Middlesex County.

'My' call came tragically on August 1. My parents (and best friends) were in a near-fatal car crash. The "jaws of life" had to be used to extricate them from their car and my mom was airlifted to a trauma center.

I say "near fatal" each and every time with a prayer and gratitude for the men and women of South Plainfield who helped save my parents' lives.

As September 11 once again nears, our hearts turn to those who served and continue to serve. As a transplanted New Jerseyan now living in Florida (once a Jersey girl, always a Jersey girl!), I remember the pride and awe I felt when I heard that rescue workers from New Jersey heeded the call in New York City.

Because of the heroic actions of the South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad, my parents can greet their newest, great grandson, Max, son of Kim and John Pireizo. Due date is on or around September 11. This time the call will be a joyous one.

**THANK YOU AGAIN,
MINDY JAFFE ROGERS**

To the Editor:

The South Plainfield Parade Committee seems to have missed the train again! For a number of years the South Plainfield VFW and American Legion Post 243 submitted the name of one of its finest members, Floyd Austin, to be the grand marshal of the Labor Day parade. This year again was no exception, but the committee passed him over. I recently talked to a member of the committee and questioned why Floyd was not considered as a choice. The committee member stated that he really hasn't done anything for South Plainfield recently.

Let me pick out just a few of the things that Mr. Austin has done for South Plainfield. He served his country honorably during World War II to keep us here in South Plainfield safe. He landed on the beach at Normandy, France and, along with his outfit, fought bravely. He was then sent to

and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. In case anyone has forgotten, this battle was the last Nazi offensive and Floyd lost 19,000 of his fellow soldiers. After returning from the horror of war, he and a small group of citizens started the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. With no money they were somehow able to obtain an ambulance and some equipment. Muhlenburg Hospital furnished the medical supplies that were needed. For over 50 years Mr. Austin, a charter member, was a dedicated volunteer and served the people of this town. He has also dutifully served his church, First Baptist Church on Hamilton Boulevard, and is its oldest living member. Floyd was employed by the Leigh Valley Railroad as an engineer of the last passenger service train to South Plainfield, the Black Diamond. Do not forget his being a member of both the American Legion Post 243 and the VFW and all the years of volunteer work he has done with both of these organizations.

I reminded the committee member of all the attributes of Mr. Austin's past. I mentioned that he is now in his 90s and asked, how much more is he expected to do? I think of all the years his name has been presented to the parade committee and they have kept passing him by, forgetting what he has done not only for his country, but also for South Plainfield in the past. Is the lack of interest in Floyd because the parade committee feels he hasn't done enough? I say he has done more than enough to be recognized by our town. Maybe the parade committee should visit our Historical Society at Roosevelt School. They may be surprised what they can learn about our community and what our older citizens did to make this town what it is today.

I would like to request the VFW and the American Legion Post 243 to make Labor Day Floyd Austin Day for all the labor and sacrifices he made for our country and for South Plainfield.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
KOREAN VETERAN,
JAKE CATALDO**

Dear Editor,

I was given the opportunity to participate in Edison Wetlands Association's Environmental Education Program at the Triple C Ranch as an intern this past summer. The environmental education program consists of a full day's worth of fun learning ac-

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tivities. First, the children take a farm/petting zoo tour, where they are introduced to the animals on the farm and given the chance to pet them. The children then participate in an eco-tour of the Dismal Swamp, or The Diz as we like to call it, where they learn the different ecosystems such as the vernal pond, wooded wetlands and streams.

The children can also partake in other activities: one being a macro-invertebrate study, in which the children can get their hands and feet wet by studying water samples from a creek for small invertebrates. Another is a volunteer nature cleanup. Since the Dismal Swamp has many tributaries, a lot of litter drains into The Diz and washes over its stream banks. Having the children help remove it enforces the importance of recycling and not littering.

The most rewarding part of the environmental education program is seeing the children transform during the day. Most of them are from urban areas and are out of their element as they step off the bus onto the farm. It doesn't take long for them to get interested in the farm, the activities and information the program offers. Their endless questions, looks of enthusiasm and reactions to the animals are always refreshing and gratifying. It doesn't get old with each new group of children that visited the farm over the summer.

The Triple C Ranch is the last remaining farm in Edison and part of the Dismal Swamp Conservation Area. The 1,000-plus acre Dismal Swamp offers over 175 bird species and is the last major natural area left here. Above all though, the Dismal Swamp is the perfect outdoor classroom. Its different ecosystems and wildlife offer an out-of-the-classroom experience to local children. It gives them a rare retreat into nature in an area so close to their backyard.

I urge everyone to come out and visit the Triple C Ranch, which is owned and operated by Edison Wetlands Association, and witness all that the Dismal Swamp has to offer. The Triple C Ranch is located at 206 Tyler Road in Edison and is open to the public on weekends from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. More information is available at www.friendsofthediz.org.

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NOTES FROM THE SENIOR CENTER

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

Tax Relief-It's Not Too Late to Apply

By now, most residents should have received their economic stimulus payment from the IRS. If you haven't or you don't know what I'm referring to, let me explain.

You're eligible to receive a special refund from the IRS if you have a valid Social Security number (SSN), can't be claimed as a dependent on a tax return and have either an income tax liability or "qualifying income" of at least \$3,000. Qualifying income includes any combination of earned income and certain benefits from Social Security, Veterans Affairs or Railroad Retirement. All you have to do is file a 2007 Federal tax return and the IRS will determine how much you are eligible to receive and they will mail you a check. It's that easy.

If you haven't yet filed a tax return to get your stimulus payment, you still have time to do so. But you must file by October 15 to get your payment this year. It will generally take 8-12 weeks after you file your return to get your stimulus payment. If you've already filed to get your payment but have not received a check yet, you can check on the status of your stimulus payment by calling the toll-free Rebate Hotline at 1-866-234-2942. If you need additional assistance, we recommend that you visit the IRS Tax-

payer Assistance Center at 100 Dey Street in Edison.

One warning! The IRS is not E-mailing or calling taxpayers about their stimulus payment. If someone claiming to be from the IRS calls or E-mails you about the payments and asks you for your Social Security number, bank account or credit card number or similar information, it's a scam. The scammers are trying to get your personal and financial information so they can empty your bank account, run up charges on your credit card and more.

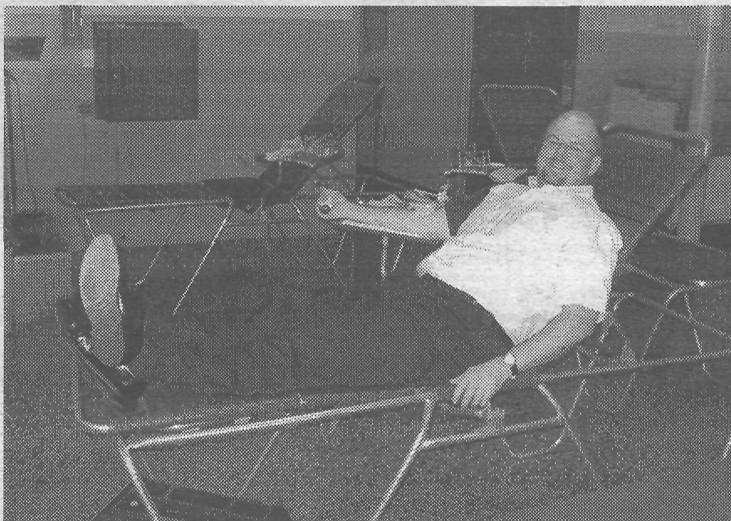
Another program offering tax relief is the Property Tax Reimbursement program (PTR). The program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases. The amount of the reimbursement is the difference between the amount of property taxes that were due and paid in the "base year" (the first year that you met all the eligibility requirements) and the amount due and paid in the current year for which you are claiming the reimbursement, provided the amount paid in the current year was greater. You must meet all the eligibility requirements for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the current year to qualify for the reimbursement.

You must have lived in New Jersey continuously for at least the last 10 years, as either a homeowner or a renter; have owned and lived in your home for at least the last three years; and have paid the full amount of property taxes that were due on your home for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the year for which you are claiming the reimbursement; and you meet the income limits for the base year and for each succeeding year, up to and including the year for which you are claiming the reimbursement. Residents applying for the 2007 reimbursement must have total income for 2006 that is less than \$43,693 for single applicants and \$53,576 (combined income) for married couples, and total income for 2007 that is less than \$45,135 for single applicants and \$55,344 (combined income) for married/civil union couples.

If you meet the requirements but have never filed a PTR, please contact the South Plainfield Office on Aging for assistance at (908) 754-1047.



Bob Longo, Carl Adlassnig, Marie Dolinski, Mary Timko, Karen Hurst and Jeff Pauls wait to donate blood.



Father Damien donates blood at the Knights of Columbus blood drive.

Knights Blood Drive Draws Overwhelming Response

Sacred Heart Church and members of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus held a N.J. Blood Services blood drive in the Sacred Heart School cafeteria on August 17.

The blood drive, planned to be held from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., ran until 4 p.m. due to the tremendous turnout of donors, including parishioners from Sacred Heart Church and the community.

Donors were extremely patient

while they waited to give blood. Grand Knight Bill Buttrico from the Knights of Columbus donated pizzas for those who was waiting.

Sixty residents came out to donate blood. Forty-eight donated; five were deferred due to medical reasons and seven could not wait.

Sacred Heart Church would like to thank the many volunteers who helped out to make the blood drive a success.

Romance Author To Appear At the Library

Historical romance author Sheryl Brennan will appear at South Plainfield Public Library on Saturday, Aug. 30 at 2:30 p.m.

A member of the Romance Writers of America, Brennan's latest book, "Celtic Sacrifice," is due for release in November. During her appearance, she'll talk about how she became interested in writing, her early writing experiences in journalism and corporate communications, and how she turned to novel writing. She will also answer questions from the audience. Attendees may order autographed copies of her upcoming book at this appearance. This event is being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. For more information about Ms. Brennan, you may visit her Web site at www.sherylbrennan.com/index.html.

Get Your Tickets For the Labor Day Quilt Raffle

The South Plainfield Historical Society and the South Plainfield Public Library are teaming up 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 during August and at the Historical Society booth on Labor Day at the PAL.

The quilt is valued at \$800. Raffle tickets cost \$2 each. The drawing will take place at 2 p.m. on September 1 at the PAL. The winner need not be present.

Raffle tickets can be purchased at the library; the History Center at Roosevelt Administration Building on Tuesdays from 2-4 p.m. or by contacting Kathy at (908) 754-7268.

Juniorettes Seeking New Members

The South Plainfield Juniorettes, a group of young women who work together to meet the needs of their community through volunteer service projects, are seeking new members.

The juniorettes have accomplished a myriad of projects over the years, including a fashion show and Project Linus. If interested in becoming a member, E-mail Jessica Vasquez at josblink1825@comcast.net

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Around Town

Troop #267 Car Wash

August 23

Boy Scout Troop #267 will hold a car wash at the Middle School on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Your support is appreciated!

Car Wash to Benefit Field Hockey

August 23

The South Plainfield High School Field Hockey Team will be holding a car wash on Saturday, Aug. 23 in the Middle School parking lot from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5 for a car and \$7 for a truck/van/SUV. Please stop by and support the team!

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 famous melodies of all time with some shtrick 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.

7th Grade Orientation

August 28

Seventh grade orientation will take place on Thursday, Aug. 28 at 9 a.m. in the Middle School cafeteria. Green middle school t-shirts will be on sale for gym class. The PTO will also be selling shorts, t-shirts and black socks. Various literature for parents will be available. It is very important for all

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>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.</p>				<p>Bingo 10am-2pm</p> <p>22</p>
<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Borough Council Candidates Debate Wednesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center</p>				
<p>Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30am Art Class 11:30am</p> <p>25</p>	<p>Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am</p> <p>26</p>	<p>Aerobics 8:30am Computer 10am, 11:30am, 1pm Line Dancing 10am Crocheting 1pm Tai Chi 2pm</p> <p>27</p>	<p>Pathmark Shopping 9am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm</p> <p>28</p>	<p>Bingo 10am-2pm</p> <p>29</p>

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VFW Annual Picnic

September 6

South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 will hold their annual picnic/pig roast on Saturday, Sept. 6 from noon to 5 p.m. All are welcome.

Adult tickets are \$17 in advance or \$19 at the gate; seniors are \$15, children ages six to 12 are \$7; under five are free. In addition to great food, there will be games, door prizes, a moonwalk and a DJ.

For more information or tickets, call (908) 688-9751.

SPHS Meet The Coaches Night

September 9

Meet the Coaches Night will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 9 in the high school cafeteria C/D at 6:30 p.m. All sporting seasons will be represented by a coach and the Booster Club will have a buffet dinner, dessert and coffee available for attendees. There will be promotional Tiger merchandise available and a membership table for anyone interested in joining our Booster Club. Everyone is encouraged

to attend this meeting to learn about the athletic program at the high school and meet your child's coaching staff.

OLC Blood Drive

September 12

Our Lady of Czestochowa will hold a blood drive on Friday, Sept. 12 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the parish hall on Hamilton Boulevard. Come and give the gift of life.

For information, call (908) 757-4490.

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@morettirealty.com.

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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.

For more information, call (732) 5574-8600.

Depression/Bipolar Support Group

August 27

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature a video of former Chief Judge Sol Wachtler speaking to the New York Mood Disorders Support Group on Wednesday, Aug. 27 at 7:45 p.m. at Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road. The public is cordially invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For information, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at (800) 367-6274.

Extreme Yard Sale

September 6

Our Lady of Mount Virgin School, 450 Drake Ave. in Middlesex, is holding an "extreme" yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 6 (rain date is September 13) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have unwanted items to sell, you can reserve a space for \$25 or just come to shop.

For more information or to reserve selling space, please call (732) 560-4347 or visit olmv.net.

Center For Hope Hospice Golf Outing

September 8

The 22nd annual golf outing to benefit the Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care will be held on Monday, Sept. 8 at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Clark. Register early as the spots fill up quickly. Cost is \$185 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart BBQ lunch, cocktail hour and dinner at The Gran Centurions. Cocktail hour and dinner only is \$60 per person. Fabulous gifts and raffle prizes abound during this fun-filled evening.

For more information call Larry Reagan at (732) 244-1044.

Back-To-School Prayer Rally

September 10

Jim Nevius, pastor of the Apostolic Church of Truth & Spirit (better known as ACTS), will be hosting the fifth annual Back-To-School Prayer Rally on Wednesday, Sept. 10 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at 24 Patrick Ave. in Edison (off Rt. 1 South, behind Office Depot). The purpose of this annual gathering is to pray for a safe and successful 2008-2009 school year.

For more information, call (732) 906-8002 or www.webacts.org.

Golf Outing/Our Lady of Mount Virgin

September 12

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church in Middlesex is hosting a golf outing on Friday, Sept. 12 at Bunker Hill Golf Course, 220 Bunker Hill Rd., Princeton. Tee time 1 p.m., shotgun start. The format is modified scramble; players of all levels are invited. Dinner at the Middlesex Elks, 545 Bound Brook Rd. in Middlesex. Cost is \$90 and includes dinner-individual; \$100-hole sponsorship; \$400-foursome with hole sponsorship; \$30 dinner only (limited availability).

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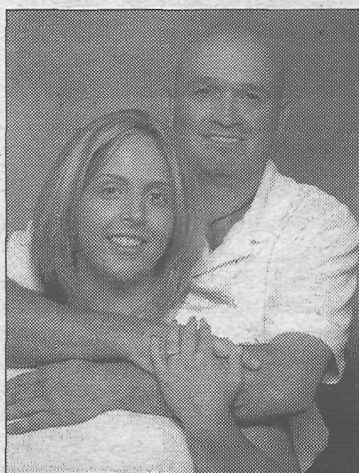
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Kerri Ann Howells and Jerry Lane

Kerri Ann Howells and Jerry Lane are Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Howells of Edison and Mr. and Mrs. John Zelenak of Carteret announce the engagement of their daughter, Kerri Ann Howells, to Jerry Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lane of Greeneville, Tenn.

Kerri is a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School where she played softball and soccer; a 2004 graduate of The College of St. Elizabeth where she majored in business marketing and played softball and soccer; and a 2006 graduate of The University of Phoenix with an MBA in business management.

Jerry graduated from Greeneville High School where he played baseball. He graduated from East Tennessee State University where he majored in environmental health.

Prior to moving out of state, Kerri enjoyed working at Chris Guarraci's World Gym in Dunellen.

Kerri and Jerry met through work. She is employed as a sales and marketing coordinator for TEVET, LLC and Jerry works as a production manager for Universal America.

A winter wedding is planned with Fr. Taras Chubenko at St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral.

E-mail your milestones to
spobserver@comcast.net.

Zachary Gray Named to Dean's List at Lehigh

Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. has named Zachary Gray to the dean's list for the Spring 2008 semester. Zack achieved a 3.63 GPA on a scale of 4.00.

He also received the honor of having a paper published in the Lehigh Student Review. The Lehigh Student Review is a 'Journal of the Liberal Arts' and contains articles of the best scholarly writing done by Lehigh students. Zack was one of only nine students out of a student body of 4,500 to be so honored.

Zack is a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School and is the son of Jeff and Janice Gray.



Sarah Schaible Hits a Hole-In-One

Sarah Schaible of South Plainfield hit a hole-in-one on hole 10 at the Raritan Landing Golf Center on August 8. Sarah used a #7 club and hit the hole from 72 yards away. She was golfing with Jack Schaible, Peter Hoadley and Joe Hoadley.

Adult School Brochures On the Way

During the next few weeks brochures will be sent out to all area residents for the upcoming Fall 2008 semester of the South Plainfield Adult School. If you do not receive a brochure and would like one, please call the Adult School at (908) 754-4620, ext. 213.

The Adult School offers a variety of classes including typing, computers, scrapbooking, yoga, exercise, painting, volleyball, Spanish, golf, and Reiki, as well as an extensive range of exercise and swimming classes for adults and children offered through The Club at Ricochet.

There is still space available on both of our trips to the U.S. Tennis Open at Flushing Meadow on Monday, Aug. 25 and Wednesday, Aug. 27. The price of the ticket is \$90 each day which includes admission and price of the bus.

On Saturday, Oct. 4 we are continuing the very popular trips into New York City with "The Hidden Treasures of New York." The price of the trip is \$52.

There are also tickets available for the Broadway show "Young Frankenstein" on Sunday, Nov. 16 (matinee). The bus leaves at 1 p.m. and the price of the ticket is \$93.

You may register over the phone with a credit card by calling (908) 754-4620, ext. 213 or come to the adult school office in the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

Let us start off with a quick reminder. While August 16 was the last day to check in if you were participating in the South Plainfield Public Library's Children's Summer Reading Program, the Young Adult and Adult summer reading programs will be continuing.

Next February all over-the-air television signals (those that you receive using an antenna) will go digital. If you have an older television and do not subscribe to a cable or satellite television program provider, you will need to purchase a converter box to continue receiving your signal. The boxes can cost more than \$50, but the federal government is helping people by offering coupons worth \$40 toward the purchase price. We have the forms and bookmarks in English, Spanish and Vietnamese in the library to help you acquire the coupons.

Also, the South Plainfield Historical Society and the South Plainfield Public Library Building Fund are sponsoring a raffle with the prize being a beautiful hand-made queen size Mennonite quilt which is on display in the library. Tickets are \$2 each and available in the library. The drawing will be held on Labor Day (September 1) after the annual Labor Day Parade. Winners do not need to be present to win.

This is also a good time to remind all the students in the South Plainfield school system that they should be well

into their summer reading projects for school. Some grades have very small reading lists and if you wait too long you might not get the books you want to read before school starts next month. But don't forget there is another place to look to find books that are on the summer reading list. If you go to the library's Web site, www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us, there is an icon titled "Audiobook Downloads." When you click on it you will be taken to a database which will include some of the books on the summer reading lists. This way you can still get a book when all our print copies are checked out.

Furthermore, if you have a favorite author and want to be put on a list whenever they publish a new book, we now have forms you can fill out to do just that. Available at the circulation desk, the forms list over three dozen authors with space to write in any names of particular interest to yourself. As usual there will be a \$.50 fee for each hold.

Historical romance author Sheryl Brennan will be at the library on Friday, Aug. 30 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. to talk about her new book, "Celtic Sacrifice."

Finally, all children's programming are cancelled until the beginning of October. However, the children's room is open and you can still come in, check out materials, and visit Miss Linda and Miss Mija.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit us at 2484 Plainfield Avenue.

Elks to Hold Soccer Shoot

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 will hold their annual soccer shoot on Tuesday, Aug. 26 at the South Plainfield Soccer Club fields located on Kenneth Avenue. Rain date: Thursday, Aug. 28.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. with the contest starting at 7 p.m. The contest is open to boys and girls ages 5-13 in the following age groups: U-8, U-10, U-12 and U-14. Birth certificates are required. Trophies will be

awarded to the first, second and third place winners in each boy and girl age bracket. First place winners will go on to the district shoot to be held at the field in October.

The Elk's Youth Activities Program has a goal of keeping children occupied with positive, character-building role models and activities, providing alternatives to drug use, and simply having fun! Any questions, contact Sharon Reuter, (908) 791-1214.

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Kennedy Variety Show Displays a 'Spice of Life'

By Patricia Abbott

Milli Vanilli move over—the staff of Kennedy School has you beat by a long shot. It is said that “variety is the spice of life” and at the end of the school year a little spice was definitely needed to help speed along those last few weeks. The event of the year at Kennedy School was their annual variety show.

The show, directed by teacher Sandy Doyan, featured approximately 50 people, including the entire Kennedy faculty and staff and even family members such as Sandy’s husband, Tom. They worked hard organizing the many aspects of the show from music, choreography and costumes to props, sound and intermission refreshments. The show was a mix of lip sync and live music, serious songs and wildly comedic entertainment. In addition to the amazing array of talent the show featured music teacher, Barbara Habeeb, a singer/songwriter who uses the name Barbara Harley when she performs professionally.

The eclectic selection of songs were decided by Sandy along with staff recommendations. Students were allowed to vote for some of their favorite numbers. Audience members ar-

rived early hoping for good seats to the sell-out show.

The evening began with the staff dressed in Kennedy Variety t-shirts parading down the center aisle to take the stage for their first number entitled, “Another Opening.” The Kennedy Sisters (ala movie ‘Sister Act’) were a huge hit, performing two numbers. They were one group of rocking sisters. There was a visit from “Miss Hannah Montana,” her blonde hair swaying to and fro as she sang. Principal Kelly Richkus was not shy when taking the stage and performing several numbers. The students seemed thrilled to see her ‘let her hair down’ and have fun onstage. Speaking of Richkus, Kelly’s husband, Rob, assistant principal at Grant School, was the emcee for the evening.

One very memorable and touching performance was Sandy and Tom Doyan performing live, singing “From This Moment On,” by Shania Twain. Sandy received an unexpected surprise when her son, Tommy, arrived from

Florida to attend the event.

Another favorite was the Kennedy version of the Village People performing “YMCA.” Hands were in YM-C-A motion and the room rocked with action. Add the non-stop laughter and applause as the cast mounted the stage again and again in assorted wild costumes.

More than 400 people attended the show. The school has been holding a variety show for more than nine years and it is one of the most well attended events of the year.

As the evening progressed, children wandered to the front to get a better view of their teachers strutting their stuff. From the opening number until the very end, there was never a dull moment.

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- On Aug. 3 Andre Travante Robinson, 25, of Piscataway was arrested at Sears for shoplifting a Sony FM tuner worth \$39.
- On Aug. 5 the Junior Baseball Club reported that a message board on the snack stand had been damaged.
- On Aug. 6 Charles Wang, 40, of Somerset was arrested at Kohl’s for shoplifting clothing worth \$363.
- Riley School reported that the air conditioner unit in the nurse’s office had been pushed in, the window had been broken and a desk had been ransacked. Nothing was taken.
- On Aug. 7 it was noted that the new stop sign at the intersection of Linden and East Fairview avenues had been removed.
- On Aug. 8 a Kenyon Avenue resident reported that the driver’s side mirror of their vehicle had been smashed.
- On Aug. 9 J.B. Schmidt, 68, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, failure to exhibit a valid insurance card and an outstanding warrant.
- A Stone Mountain, Ga. resident reported that their drivers side window had been smashed and a Garmin GPS taken while parked at Hampton Inn on New World Way.
- On Aug. 10 Ovidio Orellano, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- A Harrison Avenue resident reported that the passenger side door mirror had been broken off.
- On Aug. 11 William Sykes, 59, of South Plainfield was arrested for fictitious plates, unregistered vehicle, uninsured vehicle, driving on a suspended license, failure to stop and an outstanding warrant.
- On Aug. 12 Wachovia Bank of Oak Tree Road reported that the camera lens of the ATM machine had been scratched.
- On Aug. 13 a Cedarbrook Avenue resident reported that the passenger side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Garmin GPS was taken.
- Trevor L. Wood, 52, of Plainfield was arrested at MVA for exhibiting a fraudulent insurance card.

- On Aug. 14 Ltd C. Hannah, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for lack of child restraints, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- Krishan C. Perera, 19, of Piscataway was arrested at Kohl’s for shoplifting eight video games worth \$193.
- John Ferguson, owner of Quality Home Improvements, reported the theft of four ladders and plastic trash cans worth \$1,238 from the rear of a Clinton Avenue residence.
- A Lindenwold resident reported the theft of a 2006 Ford E250 van containing \$6,000 worth of tools from the parking lot at 7000 Hadley Road.
- A Highland Park resident reported the door lock of his vehicle had been damaged while parked at LA Fitness on New World Way. A wallet and 300 CD’s were taken.
- A 1995 Honda Civic that was stolen in Livingston was recovered in the parking lot of LA Fitness on New World Way.
- On Aug. 15 Bhojenaraine Sami, 23, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, speeding, driving on a suspended license and careless driving.
- A Brennan Court resident reported the theft of a boy’s Mongoose bike that was chained to a piece of wood in front of the house.
- On Aug. 18 a Lee Place resident reported the theft of two bicycles from underneath the porch in the rear of the yard.



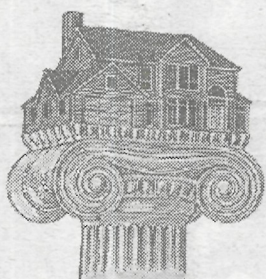
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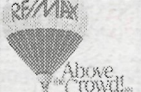
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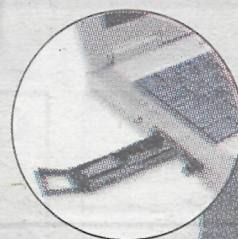
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Ponytail All Stars Sweep Parkway Softball League

The Parkway Invitational Softball League is a competitive fast pitch league for girls ages eight to 18. There are close to 80 teams spanning four counties in Central New Jersey, with four age group sub-divisions. Within each age group there are two divisions based on skill level and playing experience. The mission of the league is to provide young women an opportunity to learn softball skills, learn to compete and work with others and to prepare for high-school softball. South Plainfield participated in the U14, U12 and U10 American Division.

The U14 division consisted of eight teams that participated during the regular season. They are South Plainfield, Cranford, Hillsborough, Mountainside, Longhill, Union, Clark and Iselin. South Plainfield's girls ended up with an undefeated season of 10 wins, no losses, which included five shut out games and were seeded number one in the playoffs. The last game of the season was played on July 29 at Ponytail Park against number two seed, Cranford. Both teams played awesome defense until the fourth inning, when South Plainfield scored the first run of the night and ended the inning leading 2-0. Cranford came back and scored three runs. The girls had a few big hits, but were unable to score again. South Plainfield took home the second place trophy in the U14 American Division.

The U12 division was made up of 12 teams that participated during the regular season. They were South Plainfield, Westfield, Clark, Longhill, Mountainside, North Edison, Metuchen, Berkeley Heights, Cranford, Elmora, Hillsborough and Union. The U12 girls ended their regular season with a record of nine wins and one loss, including two shut out games. Unexpectedly there was a three-way tie for first place between South Plainfield, Westfield and Clark. The rules state that the team that gives up the most runs during the regular season has to play for third and fourth place. South Plainfield played for the third place trophy on July 28 at Ponytail Park against Longhill, and what a game it was. South Plainfield held a 1-0 lead, but Longhill tied the score at 1-1. In the sixth inning, South Plainfield scored another run, taking

(Continued on page 10)



U10 Parkway First Place Winners—Front row (L-R): Kelly Shea, Sarah Cargill, Amanda Harper, Caroline Ratti, Nicole Sottiriou and Nicole Girardi. Second row: Naomi Nieves, Camryn Schaeffer, Moriah Garcia, Katherine Vill, Sarah Walsh and Taylor Henry. Coaches are Mary Cargill, Al Vill, Dave Harper, Head Coach Dave Ratti and Jim Shea.

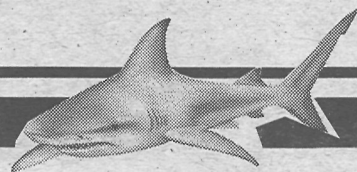


U12 Parkway League Third Place Winners—Front row (L-R): Danielle Pisano, Jessie Bishop, Shannon McMahon, Holly DeLair and Haley Hlavka. Back row: Coach Kevin Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Nicole Miller, Emily Skula, Manager Rick McMahon, Kate McLaughlin, Gina Louise, Annie Pezzolla and Coach Dave Delair. (Not pictured: scorekeeper Cheryl Hughes)



U14 Parkway League Second Place Winners—Front row: (L-R) Kate McLaughlin, Jamie Bishop, Ali Ratti, Jessica Jazikoff, Liz Gratta and Megan McMahon. Back row: Coach Jessa Jones, Kelly Pauls, Ashanti Bishop, Coach Bill McLaughlin, Becky Eustice, Andrea Muglia, Jamie Quail, Katherine Podlovits, Scorekeeper Patti Ratti and Manager Tom Gratta.

Tiger Sharks Swim Team



Tiger Sharks Lose to Middlesex

On July 19 the Tiger Sharks Swim Team of the community pool swam their last dual meet of the season against Middlesex. The two teams were close throughout the meet and one more relay win would have put South Plainfield in the winner's circle. Middlesex took five out of six relays, giving them the win by a score of 151-145.

Individual medley: (10 and under) Brianna Tang-third; (11/12) Ali Huber-first and Kelley O'Brien-second; (13-18) Jillian Murphy-first, setting a team record with a 3:01.98 score and Emily Piekarski-second.

Longer freestyles: (10 and under) Nick Gurrieri-second; (11/12) Enzo and Charlie Butrico-second and third respectively; (13-18) Matt Moates-second and Michael Boyle-third.

Butterfly: first place (9/10) Megan McDermott, (11/12) Kelley O'Brien, (13/14) Maggie Valentino and (15-18) Jillian Murphy. Second place went to Amy Zinsky (11/12), Gracie Piekarski (13/14) and Ellen Zinsky (15-18). Vicki Tumati (8 and under), Breanna Tang (9/10) and Chelsea Cullen (15-18) placed third.

Breaststroke: (8 and under) Cristian Butrico, first place and Brendan Tang-took second; Anthony Gurrieri (13/14) placed first breaking his own pool record with a 1:37.20. Taking third place ribbons were Charlie Butrico (11/12), Anindya Mahta (13/14) and Alan Kasmer (15-18).

Taking first place in the shorter freestyle events were Ali Huber (11/12), Maggie Valentino (13/14) and Chelsea Cullen (15-18). Placing second in the same events were Megan McDermott (9/10), Gracie Piekarski (13/14) and sister Emily Piekarski (15-18). Finishing the event was Jenna Yan (8 and under) and Amy Zinsky (11/12) placing third.

Only two boys placed first in the backstroke. They were Matt Lind (9/10) and Matt Moates (15-18). Cristian Butrico (8 and under), Nicholas Gurrieri (9/10), Joey Valentino (11/12) and Anthony Gurrieri (13/14) placed second. Brandon Tang (8 and under) and Enzo Butrico (11/12) placed third.

The only relay team to finish first was the 13-18 girls medley relay: Jillian Murphy, Cristian Butrico, Chelsea Cullen and Maggie Valentino.

On July 13, the following swimmers participated in the Roycefield

Sprint Meet: JP Barry, Danielle Bythell, Nicole Bythell, Nicolas Gurrieri, Brendan Tang, Brianna Tang, Vicky Tumati, Jenna Yan, Amy Zinsky, and Ellen Zinsky. Medals were given to swimmers who placed first, second or third and ribbons were presented through tenth place.

Brendan Tang was the high point scorer in the 7 and under age category: placing first in butterfly, first in freestyle, second in backstroke and fourth in breaststroke.

Nicolas Gurrieri, 9, took third place in butterfly, backstroke and freestyle and placed fifth in breaststroke.

Brianna Tang, 9, placed second in freestyle, fourth in breaststroke, sixth in butterfly and eighth in backstroke.

Jenna Yan, 7, was second in breaststroke, sixth in backstroke, seventh in butterfly and freestyle.

Amy Zinsky, 12, was fifth in breaststroke, ninth in butterfly and tenth in freestyle.

Ellen Zinsky, 15, placed eighth in butterfly and ninth in backstroke.

The youngest swimmers participated in the Brookside Minnow Meet on July 20. Those participating were: Nicolas Gurrieri, Brendan Tang, Brianna Tang, Richard Tang, Vicky Tumati and Jenna Yan.

Placing between first and twelfth place were: Nicolas Gurrieri-first in 50 yd. freestyle, second in 25 yd. freestyle, third in individual medley and fourth in breaststroke; Brendan Tang-third in butterfly, fourth in freestyle and breaststroke and fifth in backstroke; Brianna Tang-second in freestyle, third in breaststroke, fifth in butterfly and seventh in backstroke; Richard Tang-fifth in freestyle; Vicky Tumati-11th in butterfly; Jenna Yan-third in breaststroke, fifth in backstroke, seventh in butterfly, and eighth in freestyle.

Mr. Tang, father of Brianna, Brendan and Richard, swam in the 25 adult freestyle.

The Tiger Sharks would like to thank their parents, their biggest fans, who faithfully got them to practices and meets, packed those nutritious snacks, and yelled the loudest. They are the backbone of the team. A special cheer to parent Barbara Valentino who is chairperson for the parents group.

Next week: Results of the championship that was held at the community pool the last weekend in July.

—Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

The Hackers played solid golf all season long. In the final stretch, they showed their true mettle by first edging out Plainfield Animal Hospital, 11-9, in the penultimate week of the regular season and then by prevailing over Buy-Rite Liquors, 10½-9½, in the final week to gain the American Division Championship.

In the play-offs against the National Division Champions, the Roughriders, Jeremy Szoc shot a marvelous 1-under 32 to lead the Hackers to an 11-9 victory and the distinction of being the 2008 League Champions. Captain Kevin Boyce continued his fine play and posted an impressive 1-over 34 and Bill Mann turned in another fine round for the victors, a 3-over 36.

The Roughriders concluded their excellent season by gaining what would be in Olympic terms the silver medal. If there were an MVP Award in the league, it would certainly have to go to Jerry Foglia of the Roughriders who finished a terrific season with a sparkling even-par 33. Andy "The Caddie Comedian" Hayward devoted a lot of time this season to sharpening his stand-up comic skills, but he showed he hasn't let his golf skills erode in the process as he carded a nifty 35. Frank Weingart hit some of his awesome drives a bit off target but still managed a 39.

In the battle for the bronze medal, Buy-Rite Liquors triumphed over Twin City, 14-6. Mike King shot a terrific round, a 1-over 34 and the Two Guys from Dublin, John Gaven and Danny Griffin, both had nice 2-over rounds of 35.

Joe Diller, who has played so well and so consistently all season long, earned the medal for Twin City with a 36 and teammate Guy Severini chipped in with a 37.

In a very well-played match for fifth place in the over-all standings, Unique Sports Accessories got good performances from all four of their players to defeat B-Datt Squad, 14-6. Leading the way was Jay Bertleson who started off very inauspiciously with double-bogeys on the first two holes and then settled down and fired a 1-over 34. Captain Chris Dillon and Jack Todaro had a pair of 36's and Mike Dillon contributed a 39.

Danny McCreesh of the B-Datt Squad capped off a summer of excellent play with a 1-over 34. Tony

Cassano, Jr. had a 37 and Tony Cassano, Sr. posted a 39 as the B-Datt Squad finished in sixth place overall.

KC's Korner showed some of the old form that earned them back-to-back league championships in 2005 and 2006 as they blew out Plainfield Animal Hospital, 16-4. Tony Cotone, Jr. fired a

36 to earn the medal for his team while Mark Dugan registered a 37 and Dan Conti, who now sleeps with his new Callaway driver, shot a 38.

For Plainfield Animal Hospital, Mike Cortese was the only golfer who managed to break 40 turning in a 39.

Captain Dale Dube's 36 and Jeff Orth's 37 sparked 2 Buds, 2 Dubes to a 12-8 win over Witty's and a ninth place finish in the 12-team league. Mike "Kiwi" Graham added a final round score of 36 to his string of good scores and Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas posted a 38.

In a match filled with a lot of bogeys, some doubles and a few others, Pornovets defeated Sport & Social, 12-8. Efrain Solis spearheaded the victory for Pornovets with a 37 while Dennis Bibby again was the medalist for Sport & Social with his 38.

Captain Frank Mathews of the last-place Sport & Social gained a standing ovation from his team when he announced that he will provide an all-expenses paid week-long vacation in Myrtle Beach in March of next year. "I will pay any price, make any sacrifice" Mathews was quoted as saying "to insure that my team is ready to go on week one next year."

Low scores for the night: Jeremy Szoc, 32; Jerry Foglia, 33; Kevin Boyce, 34; Jay Bertleson, 34; Mike King, 34; Danny McCreesh, 34; Andy Hayward, 35; John Gaven, 35 and Danny Griffin 35.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

1. Hackers
2. Roughriders
3. Buy-Rite Liquors
4. Twin City Pharmacy
5. Unique Sports Accessories
6. B-Datt Squad
7. KC's Korner
8. Plainfield Animal Hospital
9. 2 Buds, 2 Dubes
10. Witty's
11. Pornovets
12. Sport & Social

Gordon R. Stone, 57

Gordon R. Stone died on Friday, Aug. 15 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Funeral services were under the direction of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Lincolnton, Ga.

Hope R. (Langone) Kehrberger, 62

Hope R. (Langone) Kehrberger died on Monday, Aug. 11 at home.

Born and raised in the Bronx, Hope lived in Queens before moving to New Jersey in 1978. She resided in South Plainfield for several years before moving to East Brunswick in 1999.

She worked for the White Rose Food Distribution Center in Carteret for six years and the most favorable time of her life was being a grandmother.

She was predeceased by her husband, Thomas, who died in 1989.

Surviving is a daughter, Kristina Jerome of South Plainfield; a son, Anthony and wife Mindy of Yardly, Pa.; a son-in-law, Rob Jerome of Parlin; her loving companion, Paul of East Brunswick; a sister, Anne Langone and companion Jeffrey Tomaka of Manhattan; two grandchildren, Kayla Michelle Jerome and Lilly Sophia Kehrberger; a sister-in-law, Catherine Kehrberger of Arkansas and a brother-in-law, George Kehrberger and wife Pat of Waldwick.

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

John S. Gall, 91

John S. Gall died on Friday, Aug. 15 at Arista Care at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

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Obituaries

Born and raised in New Brunswick, John resided there for several years before moving to North Brunswick, living there for 25 years before settling in Edison four years ago.

John worked for the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation as a truck driver for over 35 years.

Surviving are his wife, Louise of Edison; two daughters, Nancy and husband Nick Lemmo of South Plainfield and Susan and husband Floyd Kalver of Marion, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Michael, Timothy and Andrew Tavalare and four great grandchildren, Taylor, Dylan, Gabriel and Matthew Tavalare.

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

Leo C. Beenders, 60

Leo C. Beenders died on Sunday, Aug. 17 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Plainfield, Leo was raised in South Plainfield and lived in North Plainfield for several years before moving to Somerset four years ago.

He graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1966 and worked as a tax manager for AT&T, working in both the Berkeley Heights and Morristown offices and retiring in 1992.

In his youth, Leo enjoyed bowling and later on in life he enjoyed gardening, playing poker and participating in football, baseball and NASCAR fantasy leagues.

He was predeceased by his parents, Leo H. and Doris Beenders.

Surviving are his wife of 23 years, Rae Jean Beenders; two sons, Christopher and wife Lisa of Stewartville and Ryan of Phillipsburg; two grandchildren, Kyle and Brooke Beenders and his step-mother Maureen Beenders of South Plainfield.

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

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Robert Abbate requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield for the erection of a porch with roof over; existing at 30.22'; proposed 25'; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 178 Daniel Street, Block 195, Lot 16, R-7.5 zone 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 11, 2008 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 August 22, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

August 15, 2008-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on August 14, 2008.

A. Case #33-07/S/V-Fox and Foxx Real Estate. Block 188; Lot 48; 2449 Plainfield Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

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Police On Roving DWI Patrols

For the second year in a row the South Plainfield Police Department was awarded a \$5,000 grant by the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic in its "Over the Limit, Under Arrest" campaign designed to curtail drunken drivers.

"The department is using the \$5,000 grant to pay the expenses the

police will incur for the roving DWI patrols," said Police Chief John Ferraro.

The program has started and will continue through September 1.

Penalties for the first offense can include the revocation of the driver's license from seven months to one year, a \$300 to \$5,000 fine, \$1000 a

year insurance surcharge for three years; \$230 fee to the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center, \$100 to alcohol education and rehabilitation fund and \$75 to neighborhood services fund. Offenders will also have to spend twelve to forty-eight hours at an intoxicated driver resource center.

All Stars Win in Parkway League

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the lead, 2-1. But the game wasn't over yet. Longhill fought back again and in the seventh inning tied the game at 2-2. This led to an "international tie breaker." Each team started off with a runner on second base (normally your last batter out). South Plainfield was able shut down Cranford, leaving runners on second and third base and they were not able to score. Now, it was South Plainfield's turn. A runner was placed on second base and after a passed ball moved to third base, putting a runner in scoring position. With determination and the support of our coaches and fans, a bunt was executed and the winning run from third base was able to score. South Plainfield won the game 3-2. Everyone was very excited and happy for the girls and their performance. Longhill and South Plainfield played an awesome game and both teams showed exceptional team sportsmanship throughout the entire game. Congratulations to both teams.

The U10 division had teams that participated in the regular season. They were: South Plainfield, Colonia A, Mountainside, Longhill, South Orange, Elmora, Hillsborough Gold, New Providence, Metuchen, Springfield and Berkeley Heights. South

Plainfield ended their regular season undefeated, with a record of 10 wins no losses, including three shutout games and were seeded number one in the playoffs. The girls played second seeded Colonia A on July 29 at Ponytail Park. What a night for South Plainfield. The girls played hard and the fans cheered them on. Both teams' performances were exceptional all the way to the end. The South Plainfield all-stars never give up without a fight. The girls pulled out all the stops and beat the Colonia A team 3-1, walking away with the first place trophy for the U10 American Division. For such a young team, they proved that if you want something bad enough, you can achieve anything. Congratulations team.

In closing, the Parents Ponytail Association would like to thank all the girls, their families and the coaching staff for a great season. Your devotion and support throughout the entire season is so much appreciated and will not be forgotten. We hope to see more and more new faces at our monthly meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the PAL building. Come and make a difference. Also, you can visit our Web site at www.spponytail.com.

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The South Plainfield Police Athletic League held their seventh annual charity softball tournament last month. Thanks to the many volunteers, sponsors, participants and donors, the tournament was another huge success. The 2008 men's winning team was Bada Bing (left) and the 2008 co-ed winning team was Ellery's (right).



SFY 2009 MUNICIPAL BUDGET
of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of
Middlesex for the State Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2009

Summary of Revenues - Current Fund	Anticipated	
	SFY 2009	SFY 2008
1. Surplus	2,250,000.00	2,814,000.00
2. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	7,657,298.93	7,884,595.41
3. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	0.00	4,053.27
4. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes	16,556,438.39	15,581,765.95
Total General Revenues	26,463,737.32	26,284,414.63

Summary of Appropriations - Current Fund	SFY 2009 Budget	Budget
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	10,590,292.00	10,307,438.00
Other Expenses	11,948,973.32	11,641,579.63
2. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	423,044.00	539,390.00
3. Capital Improvements	140,000.00	175,000.00
4. Debt Service	2,346,428.00	2,546,007.00
5. Judgments	0.00	0.00
6. Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,015,000.00	1,075,000.00
Total General Appropriations	26,463,737.32	26,284,414.63
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part Time	127	127

SFY 2009 Dedicated Pool Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	SFY 2009	SFY 2008
1. Surplus	0.00	1,000.00
2. Pool Member Fees	157,500.00	143,000.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues	15,000.00	16,000.00
4. Deficit-General Budget	60,000.00	73,000.00
Total Revenues	232,500.00	233,000.00
Summary of Appropriations	SFY 2009 Budget	
	Budget	
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	153,800.00	152,500.00
Other Expenses	56,000.00	55,500.00
2. Capital Improvements	500.00	500.00
3. Debt Service	13,700.00	16,500.00
4. Statutory Expenditures	8,500.00	8,000.00
Total Appropriations	232,500.00	233,000.00
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part Time	2	3

SFY 2009 Dedicated Sewer Utility Budget		
Summary of Revenues	Anticipated	
	SFY 2009	SFY 2008
1. Surplus	160,000.00	350,000.00
2. Miscellaneous Revenues	5,454,000.00	4,985,233.90
Total Revenues	5,614,000.00	5,335,233.90
Summary of Appropriations	SFY 2009 Budget	
	Budget	
1. Operating Expenses: Salaries & Wages	449,800.00	432,500.00
Other Expenses	4,560,200.00	4,239,183.90
2. Capital Improvements	5,000.00	5,000.00
3. Debt Service	556,000.00	617,000.00
4. Deferred Charges & Other Appropriations	43,000.00	41,550.00
Total Appropriations	5,614,000.00	5,335,233.90
Total Number of Employees - Full & Part Time	1	2

Balance of Outstanding Debt		
	General	Sewer Utility
Interest	394,104.40	461,825.00
Principal	4,080,800.88	2,675,000.00
Outstanding Balance	4,474,905.28	3,136,825.00

Notice is hereby given that the budget and tax resolution was approved by the City Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex on August 11, 2008.

A hearing on the budget and tax resolution will be held at the South Plainfield Borough Hall on September 22, 2008 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., at which time and place objections to the Budget and Tax Resolution for the year SFY 2009 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Copies of the detailed budget are available in the office of Joann Graf, Acting Municipal Clerk, at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080, (908) 226-7606, during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Ponytail Hosts Tournaments

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but could not hold on. They ended the tournament with a record of four wins and one loss, taking home the second place trophy. The girls played hard and also had a lot of fun. Everyone is very proud of all of them. Many thanks to Manager Tom Gratta; Assistant Coaches Bill McLaughlin and Jessa Jones and Scorekeeper Patti Ratti for all their time and support. Congratulations girls. You are number one in our scorebook.

The U12 tournament consisted of the following 12 teams: South Plainfield, North Edison Blue Devils, Howell Heat, Bridgewater Panthers Red, Bridgewater Panthers Black, Hazlet Hawks, Colonia Cyclones, Westfield Blue Storm, Fords, Shore Shock, Branchburg Blaze and Woodbridge. Unfortunately, the South Plainfield girls came up short and did not place in this tournament. The Colonia Cyclones took first place and the Hazlet Hawks took second place in an exciting finish.

Special thanks to Manager Rick McMahon, Assistant Coaches Dave DeLair and Kevin Hughes and Scorekeeper Cheryl Hughes. It was a long, but successful weekend.

Girls, we are so proud of you. Thank you to the girls and their families for sticking around to help out where and when it was needed.

The following teams participated in the U10 tournament: South Plainfield, Bridgewater Panthers, Flemington Flames, Colonia Cyclones, Westfield Blue Storm, North Edison Blue Devils and the Edison Angels. South Plainfield played hard throughout the weekend, making it to the semi-finals to face the Flemington Flames. The

team had a slow start and was losing the game by many runs, but they came back with a vengeance. South Plainfield was determined to win the game and win they did in an exciting game. The girls moved on to the finals, playing for first place against the Bridgewater Panthers, when the skies opened up with thunder, lightning and rain. The final game could not be played under those conditions. The Bridgewater Panthers were awarded first place because they were seeded higher than South Plainfield, and the South Plainfield All-Stars were awarded the second place trophy. Special thanks to Manager Dave Ratti, Assistant Coaches Al Vill, Jim Shea and Dave Harper and Scorekeeper Mary Cargill.

With much appreciation, many thanks to all the teams participating. Thanks to Sportsworld (Kevin and Tom) for providing the t-shirts; the Recreation Department for working on the fields when needed, the umpires who worked very hard and called fair plays and most of all, the parents who volunteered their time and energy wherever needed (i.e., scheduling of the tournaments, updating the Web site, stocking and re-stocking the snack stand, snack stand duty, cleanup, etc.). Thank you to Stacey Pace (a U10 mom) for taking pictures and videos. Thank you for taking your time to include all the members of the U14, U12 and U10 all-stars.

Thanks for another successful season to the 2008 South Plainfield all-stars. Continue to work hard, play hard and always lead by example. Remember to visit our Web site at www.spponytail.com.

-Submitted by Nancy McMahon

CONTACT We Care to Hold
Open House in September

CONTACT We Care, the 24-hour caring and crisis hotline based in Westfield, will hold an open house on Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 170 Elm St. in Westfield. The general public is invited to attend to learn more about volunteer opportunities within the organization.

The 33 year old non-profit organization, devoted to offering the gift of listening to callers in need, has trained more than 1,000 volunteers since it first opened its doors in 1975. The next training class will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 24 in Westfield.

CONTACT's 50-hour volunteer training includes presentations by experts in active listening, grief recovery, mental health issues, substance

abuse, spirituality and suicide prevention.

Along with a presentation by Training Director Susan Fasano, the open house will include a special presentation on "Constructive Caring" presented by Connie Palmer, LCSW. This will be an interactive, informative presentation that promises to be beneficial to all caregivers.

"CONTACT's open house is a wonderful opportunity for members of the community to learn more about our unique direct service organization and to meet and talk to current CONTACT volunteers," said David Owens, executive director.

For more information or to RSVP for the open house, call (908) 301-1899.

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