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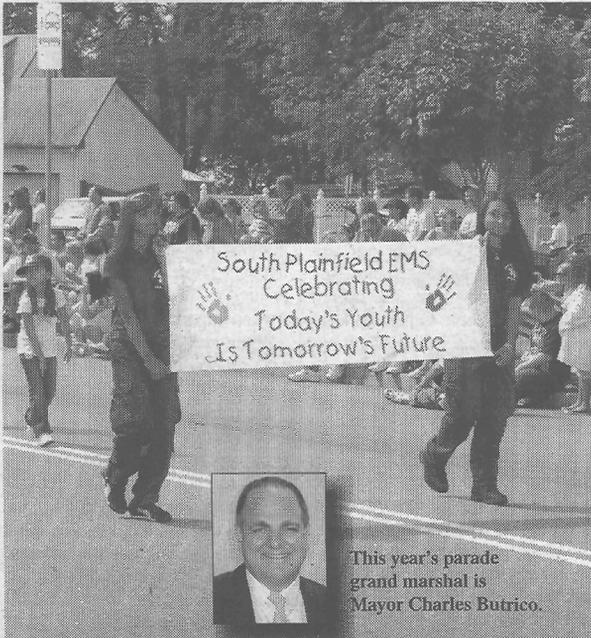
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Annual Parade to Headline 53rd Labor Day Celebration



This year's parade grand marshal is Mayor Charles Butrico.

Mayor's Cup to Kick Off Labor Day Weekend

The annual Mayor's Cup Softball game between the South Plainfield Police and Fire Departments is back and will mark the beginning of the festivities for this Labor Day weekend.

The event, scheduled for Friday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m., will take place at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club located at 450 Kenneth Ave.

New for this year's Mayor's Cup softball game will be a Home Run Derby which is open to the public. Participants can enter the contest for a nominal fee of \$10 and compete for home run bragging rights and prizes.

The home run derby begins at 6 p.m. followed by the benefit softball game. Food, beer and soda will be available throughout the evening. Refills of beer will be available with the purchase of a \$10 commemorative mug.

The PBA and volunteer fire department will donate all proceeds from the home run derby and sale of commemorative mugs and food to the families of Matthew Hannon and Alyssa Ricciardi. Both children are residents of South Plainfield.

Matthew will turn four on August 30. He has suffered from Ewing's Sarcoma since he was seven months old and attends weekly physical therapy since losing an arm to the disease.

Six-year-old Alyssa suffers from Neuroblastoma. She has had a kidney transplant and requires treatments every six weeks to treat an iron overload.

If you are interested in entering the home run derby or if you are a local business that would like to sponsor part of the event with a sign, banner, or product, please contact Officer Pete Magnani of the South Plainfield Police Department at (908) 226-7693 or email him at Pmagnani@southplainfieldnj.com.

Rain date is Friday, Sept. 10.



The South Plainfield High School marquee announces the appointment of Jose Negron, superintendent of schools, as its interim principal.

Negron Appointed Interim High School Principal

By Libby Barsky

In a surprise motion made by Board of Education member Debbie Boyle at the August 18 Board of Education regular public meeting, Superintendent Jose Negron was appointed high school interim principal until the position can be permanently filled.

Because the committee of the whole and public meetings are combined during the summer, the board and attendees did not receive the evening's agenda until minutes before the proceedings. High School Assistant Principal Ralph Errico's name was listed on the agenda for the position of principal at a salary of \$110,215

beginning the following day. Boyle instead asked that the appointment be tabled and the board voted 6-2 in favor. Board members Steve Bohn and Bill Seesselberg voted against it; Gary Stevenson was absent.

Boyle then asked that Negron's name be added to the agenda as interim, citing the fact that it is in his job description and it is board policy that he can take over the job if it is in the "best interest of the district." The motion passed 5-1 with Seesselberg voting no and Board President Jim Giannakis and Bohn abstaining.

During the public portion of the meeting, resident and former board

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Police Seek Plainfield Man in Fatal Shooting

Police are seeking a Plainfield man who shot and killed Quadir Ali-Muslim, 32, also of Plainfield, at the Best Western hotel on Stelton Road Sunday evening. The victim was found lying in the first floor hallway when South Plainfield police arrived at approximately 11:50 p.m. He was pronounced dead from a single gunshot wound shortly after at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

According to Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan, Harold Tucker, 29, was charged with murder, possession of a handgun for unlawful purposes and possession of a handgun by a person previously convicted of a crime. He had previously served time in

state prison from September 2000 to May 2004 on drug charges and from December 2004 to October 2007 for aggravated assault.

An initial investigation by South Plainfield Police Det. Shaun Clifford and Prosecutor's Office Investigator Scott Crocco revealed that the shooting was not random and both men knew each other. Tucker is described at between 5' 10" and 6' tall, weighing between 180 and 200 pounds and is considered to be armed and dangerous. Assistant Prosecutor Nicholas Sewitch warned, "If observed, he should not be approached." Police are still investigating a motive for the shooting.

Mayor Charles Butrico said, "The

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Motorist Charged in Train Collision

A motorist was arrested on August 19 and charged with drunk driving and causing injuries to his passenger, who was thrown from his car when it was struck by a freight train. Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan and Acting Police Chief James Parker said that Hector Espinel-Mendez, 20, of North

Plainfield was charged with the aggravated assault of Latoya Lorimer, 18, of Piscataway who was injured in the collision with the train at 3:45 a.m. in South Plainfield.

Lorimer was flown by helicopter to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, where

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Baseball Club Makes History

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club has its first ever, four-time District 9 Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Champions. The now 13U team, managed by Commissioner Mike Pellegrino, won three consecutive district titles from ages 9U through 11U and now has taken revenge against one of the top rival teams in the district, South Brunswick.

As the NJ Babe Ruth District 9 Tournament began, the team was poised for a good run. Coming out of the SPJBC-hosted Father's Day Tournament with runner-up status, the coaches knew the kids were playing well as a team. The immortal Casey Stengel once said, "Finding good players is easy. Getting them to play as a team is another story!"

Coach Pellegrino knew he didn't have this problem.

Faced with some arm injuries, the players made no excuses and played any position that was asked of them to the best of their ability. They bring their hard-hats to every game and "Do Work!" Contributions from every player enabled this team to repeat as champions. This special group had one goal in mind and refused to accept anything less.

The team's roster is John Chillemi, Kyle Dickerson, Tommy Dunn, Bryan Gillen, Chris Graves, Chris Marrero, Cody O'Connor, Mike Olano, Vincent Pellegrino, LJ Scarpitto and Xavier Wilson.

The boys won their third tournament of the summer in South Brunswick by beating the Old Bridge Patriots in back-to-back games and then beat the CJ Steel in the finals.

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South Plainfield 13U team are the District 9 Champions.



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planning board

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Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

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Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11*, Dec. 9.*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the whole meetings: Sept. 15, Oct. 13,

Nov. 10, Dec. 8. 2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting: Sept. 22, Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15. 2011: Jan. 19, Feb. 16,

March 16, April 6.

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room,

Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room,

Roosevelt Administration Building

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

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.

sifepan sub-committee

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

Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.

Questions? 908-226-7621

Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Monday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605



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In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

Dear Editor,

Please understand that I have nothing against Acting Chief of Police Paul Brembt and wish him all of God's blessings in his retirement. I thank him for his 25-year service to our town.

The article in the August 20 edition of the *Observer* states that he will retire from the force effective April 1, 2011, with his last active day being September 10, 2010.

I assume that he will be paid his full salary, including all his benefits, through the almost seven months that he will not be working for our town.

Once again, please understand that this is not a personal attack on him, but on our local governing body which agreed to this situation.

The taxpayers of South Plainfield can no longer afford agreements which allow public employees to be compensated for no activity.

I worked in the "corporate world" for a number of years, and we were informed many years ago that we have to take unused vacation time, company time, etc. by the first month of the following year or we would forfeit that time.

Perhaps future public employee agreements will be a little more taxpayer friendly.

SINCERELY,
TONY WARGACLE

Dear Editor,

Being a non-political everyday citizen, after reading letters to the *Observer* in regards to our library, I feel that I just have to respond. In one letter, a partisan hinted that 'We The Voters' didn't understand the issue when we voted down the library proposal, and that we need to be educated. Immediately thereafter, two letters from Democratic operatives began the 'education' process. This is the same arrogance that is filtering down from Washington, that thinks that 'We The People' are stupid. I have news for these people. We did know what the issues were when we voted down the library proposal and understand now

what is going on.

The latest two letters return to the same theme; they both interestingly failed to address the recent proposal of a committee that recommended switching the library location with the Board of Education, something I myself recommended twice in this newspaper during the past year or so. Perhaps it makes too much sense.

I thought it interesting that one of the letter writers wrote that "giving back 10% would have been in violation of the law." I'm sure that's correct, but in these times of terrible unemployment conditions, wouldn't it have been refreshing for these people to contact our state legislators asking that the law be changed? Yeah, I know that's stupid for us to want to conserve our money.

Now here's some education for these people: It is our money, no matter who takes it from us and redistributes it, and not yours to do with as you wish against our will!

I'm trying not to inject politics in this, but I would strongly urge any and all who are looking toward November that they better side openly with We The People. Otherwise, local votes will be going along with how the national scene goes, and I don't think that is going to be pretty.

KEVIN (THE ELDER) O'BRIEN

Dear Editor,

I am writing to express my outrage that one of the few nature areas we have left is being paved over. The woods and wetlands comprising much of the D'Annunzio property in the Dismal Swamp are being bulldozed for more overdevelopment. The surrounding neighborhood along Park Avenue in South Plainfield and Edison has already

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seen flooding drastically increase over the past decade every time a new development is built.

The State of New Jersey recognizes the importance of the Dismal Swamp and designated the entire area as New Jersey's newest preservation area. Yet the Borough of South Plainfield is going against this new law and allowing its zoning board to hear this proposal. The safety of our homes and families is in the balance, hoping that the South Plainfield leadership will finally decide to protect an entire neighborhood from the dangers of increased flooding rather than letting another politically connected developer pave over an important flood control area.

Right now Edison Wetlands is the only group doing anything to stop this overdevelopment, but citizens can make a real difference.

Families and residents speaking out is the only real hope we have to protect nature for our kids and protect our housing values from flooding and traffic.

This will be the best test yet of how committed South Plainfield's leaders are to protecting families from flooding and other hazards.

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Model UN Approaches Fourth Year

By Holly McDeed

Since its founding four years ago, the South Plainfield High School Model United Nations, under the leadership of history teacher Miten Shah, has granted students the opportunity to debate global issues. In regular debates, people state their own opinions—or at least the opinion of their parents or a person who looks more successful than they do.

In Model UN, students pretend to be representatives from the United States or ambassadors from foreign countries when stating their opinions. History can be rewritten in seconds if the person representing Thomas Jefferson decides to say, "Guys...I think we should just call off the American Revolution. We could probably save a lot of wars for the world if the United States doesn't happen." If someone represents the Soviet Union during the Cold War, it is possible to pass a note to a military adviser that states, "I would like to place an order for three atomic bombs and a glass of milk, please!" It is essentially acting, but combined with research papers, hours of debate practice, and hardcore, in-



Model UN: (L-R) Miten Shah, Ryan Flannagan, Hena Yagnik, Parin Mody, Samrin Singh, Payal Sindha, Manraj Singh, Elizabeth Balon, Maher Khan, and history teacher Francis Flannery at the Washington Area Model UN Conference at George Washington University in Washington in March.

depth fact finding.

Those who excel at debate and diplomacy may even win awards. In the 2009 Model Congress, held at Rutgers University, Kara Thomas, Jeremiah Magpile, Heather Stoloff and Kirsten Nuber all won individual awards. At that same conference, South Plainfield High School took home the Outstanding Small Delegate Award. Most

recently, Elizabeth Balon won the Best Delegate Award at the 2010 conference held in Washington, D.C.

However, Model UN is not about awards. Balon says of her experience in Model UN, "Model UN was the only place in South Plainfield (besides my actual home) that I felt comfortable expressing my ideas about world peace. It triggered the inner-diplomatic me."

After the conferences, Shah said that he noticed a change in the students. "Their public speaking, research, conflict resolution, cooperative work, and just overall academic skills improved noticeably. More so, they were simply more confident in themselves," he relates.

Although a very gifted senior class has left Model UN for college, new Model UN-ers will arrive and lead the way with their passion for history and politics.

According to Shah, the 2010/2011 Model UN will include more fundraisers, perhaps including a talent show and additional conferences. Model UN is, and will always be, one of the greatest pieces of intellectual gold SPHS has to offer.

Free Paper Shredding Event

South Plainfield residents, it's time to begin sorting through those shoeboxes in the attic. Do you really need gas station credit card receipts from 1988? Bank statements from the savings account you closed in 1995? If you have not put these at the curb for recycling because of privacy concerns, we have an event for you.

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, in conjunction with the Borough of South Plainfield, will sponsor a free paper shredding event on Saturday, Sept. 25 at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Residents can bring confidential papers—old files, receipts, bills, financial statements—to be shredded for re-

cycling. The mobile truck shreds the paper on-site, so residents can watch their papers being destroyed.

The truck will be at the senior center from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until it fills up. There is no need to remove staples, paper clips or paperboard binder covers.

Do not bring books, magazines or newspapers or anything made of plastic. These should be placed at the curb in the blue recycling box, or brought to the borough's recycling center on Kenneth Avenue.

Contact the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management at solidwaste@co.middlesex.nj.us or call (732) 745-4170 for more information.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

All children's programs are canceled until Tuesday, Oct. 4.

For those of you looking for jobs, the library has information for you. The library has a job information center that contains books and books on CD to help you write a cover letter and resume. If you have a library card and photo ID you can search for a job or fill out a job application on the library's public computers.

A new, free site on the Internet to try is Indeed.com. This is a comprehensive search engine that enables job seekers to review millions of available employment postings on thousands of company and career sites and job boards. The site is very easy to navigate for those computer illiterate people. The home page introduces two windows to initiate a basic search. The "what" window allows the user to enter a job title, company name, or job-skill keyword. Next to this the user can isolate geographically a specific city, state or zip code. Each job listing gives the title, description, company name and exact location, qualifications, salary, source of the job listing and date posted. Embedded links enable the user to apply directly for the jobs. Another feature of the site is the ability to create a job alert that notifies the user via email whenever new jobs matching his or her profile are posted. Need a job? Come into the library and try this site as well as other resources.

There is a new interlibrary loan policy at the South Plainfield Public Library. Interlibrary loan requests that are filled and received from New Jer-

sey libraries will be free to South Plainfield library patrons unless they don't pick up the requested item(s). A \$.50 charge will be assessed on any item not picked up by the patron. For interlibrary requested materials that come from out of state, the library patron will be responsible for the return shipping and handling charges. This is the price of postage and \$50 worth of insurance.

The library also has a new policy for lost library materials. When a library patron loses a library item and pays for it, they will no longer be entitled to a refund of the price of the item if they find it within three months. The full price of the item must be paid when the item is lost. A \$5 processing fee will be added to the cost of the item to cover the cost to the library to replace and process the lost item.

Children under 12 years of age may not be left unattended in the children's room for any reason. This policy is for the safety of the children. Parents on computers may not leave children unattended in the children's room. Parents will be given one warning and then asked to leave the library.

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Events

American Legion Annual Picnic

August 28

The American Legion Chaumont Post #243, 243 Oak Tree Ave. will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 28 featuring six hours of music with Eric and Karen Seiz from 1 to 4 p.m.; deejay from 4 to 7 p.m.

Triple water slide for the kids, horseshoe tournament and face painting for younger children. Open to the public. Adults: \$15; \$7 for children six to 13; children five and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the post lounge. 50/50 drawing, door prizes. Bring your own pop up tents.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (908) 668-9414.

Elks Family Picnic

September 4

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave. will hold a family picnic on Saturday, Sept. 4 (raindate September 5) from 1 to 6 p.m. Adults: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; children seven to 17: \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door; under seven, free.

A variety of picnic foods, kiddie carnival with planned activities for the kids and their own buffet and a horseshoe tournament.

For tickets, call (908) 668-9750 or Barbara Muller at (732) 690-3871.

Blackrose to Perform

September 6

Blackrose, a band playing classic rock & roll music and today's hits, will perform at the South Plainfield Middle School on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 6 from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Scouts to Host Activities Day

September 11

The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of South Plainfield would like to invite all boys between the ages of six and 18 to come join them for an activities day on Saturday, Sept. 11 at the South Plainfield American Legion, 243 Oak Tree Ave., 1 to 4 p.m. Activities include various scouting skills, races and games.

Evening ceremonies will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. and will include a 9/11 memorial and flag retirement.

For more details and to pre-register for certain events, please log on to our website: www.troop07080southplainfield.scouts.org.

St. Stephen's International Festival

September 10-12

St. Stephen's Church, 609 Lanc Ave., will hold an International Festival on Friday, Sept. 10, 4 to 11 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 12, 2 to 8 p.m. International foods, American delicacies, desserts, shrimp and clam bar, kids corner, deejay and more.

For more information, call (908) 756-0410.

SPHS Field Hockey Car Wash

September 12

A car wash sponsored by South Plainfield Tiger Field Hockey Association will be held on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the PAL parking lot on Maple Avenue. Come

support our girls. Cars: \$5; trucks or vans, \$7. Proceeds benefit South Plainfield Hockey Association.

Sacred Heart School Golf Outing

September 15

The Sacred Heart School Advisory Council has announced that the school will be hosting a golf outing at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Registration/continental breakfast: 8 a.m.; shotgun start: 9 a.m.; prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; dinner buffet included. Cost per golfer: \$130; \$520 per foursome.

For more information, call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament

September 29

The inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cost: \$150 per player in advance to reserve your spot.

Registration from 7 to 8 a.m.; shotgun start, scramble format at 8:30 a.m.; reception and lunch at 1:30 p.m.; and awards for longest drive, closest to the pin, first, second and third place at 2 p.m. ceremony.

To reserve a spot, send check (made payable to Gary Kline) to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467 or via PayPal to Gary's email: mrjuvey1365@aol.com.

For information or to make a contribution, call Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946.

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club Mtg.

September 1

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton, 1015 Amboy Ave. The speaker will be Clara Prince from The Friends of Linden Animal Shelter. Plans for the Metuchen Fair will be discussed. Guests are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Karen at (732) 742-6869.

Indo-American Fair

September 4 & 5

The eighth Grand Indo-American Fair-2010, the biggest and the best festival of people of South Asian descent, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 4 and 5 (rain date: September 6) at Mercer County Park in West Windsor.

For more information, visit www.indoamericanfair.com.

Jerseylicious Premiere Party

September 5

Gatsby Salon will host a viewing party at 4Sixty6 Lounge in West Orange on Sunday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. to celebrate the second season of the Style Network's *Jerseylicious*. Open to guests 21 and over. Drink specials and bar menu. Mingle with the stars. A \$10 donation at the door will benefit St. Jude's Children Hospital. RSVPs are required.

To RSVP, email Nikki at RSVP@thehiveevent.com.

Labor Day Upscale Singles Dance Party

September 5

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August 29

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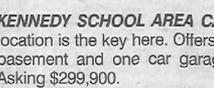
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TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer...10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Line Dancing 10:30 am
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
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Mayor Announces Members Of New Library Committee

By Jane Dornick

Mayor Charles Butrico announced the appointment of six members to the new Library Committee at last week's Borough Council meeting. The committee's responsibility will be to bring forth proposals for a new facility.

Councilmembers Rob Bengivena and Chrissy Buteas, along with two members of the Library Board of Trustees, President Eric Aronowitz and Treasurer Nina Rohrer were named to the committee. The two residents selected by the mayor were Bob Golon and Suzanne Lepore.

Butrico had suggested that an informal group be put together soon after the Zoning Board of Adjustment rejected the library board's proposal in May to move the library to an industrial area on Montrose Avenue.

Recent rifts between the library trustees and the Shared Services Committee, made up of council and Board of Education members, has also brought the plans for the library to a standstill. Aronowitz is "ticked off" that "no member of his board has been contacted directly by anyone on shared services," nor has any member attended any of their monthly meetings. According to BOE member Debbie Boyle, who chairs the school's shared services group, she and library board member Cheryl Nagel-Smiley have communicated.

"I have no problems meeting with anybody," said Aronowitz. "It serves no purpose if we operate in a vacuum." He was upset about the way he found out about the shared services suggestion to relocate the library to the Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Avenue. He became aware of the suggested move af-

Future Stars Preschool Has Openings for Fall

The Future Stars Preschool program still has openings available in the Elli program. The preschool expansion program is a five afternoon a week free program for four year old students who reside in South Plainfield, contingent upon income eligibility.

For more information, call the adult school at (908) 754-4620, ext. 215.

ter reading Bengivena's letter to the editor in the *Observer*.

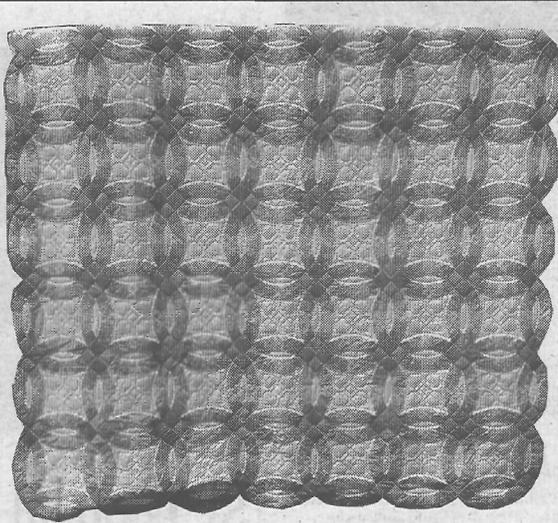
However, Bengivena, the council's shared service liaison, said "This is ludicrous," saying he did, in fact, formally email an invitation to Aronowitz asking him to join their most recent meeting. "They have my phone numbers and know how to contact me," commented Aronowitz, who was annoyed that the invite came via email sent to CFO Glenn Cullen and forwarded to him.

Looking ahead Bengivena says he is "open to new ideas" whether it be building a new structure or further investigating the idea of using the administration building. He wants to see something possibly in the downtown area that is both cost effective and will accommodate the needs of the library. "If it benefits the residents, I'm all for it," said Bengivena. He did note the lack of government funding at this time as opposed to the grant which was received in 2006 and would have covered one third the cost to build a new library. That idea was defeated during a Democracy Week vote by residents back in 2008.

Aronowitz feels that the new library committee is the "correct forum" for suggestions to be made. He is anxious to "kick around options" from people with different backgrounds and perspectives. Buteas says she is "looking forward to working in a bipartisan manner with other members from the council, the library board and the community, to address the needs of our library."

The current library on Plainfield Avenue is 46 years old. "The structure lacks the wiring that can handle future innovations and is not feasibly practical," stated Aronowitz, who also went on to say that according to state regulations if the building were to be demolished a new one would have to stay within the current footprint. The fact that the property is also in a flood zone precludes any additions or expansion.

Butrico intends to set the first meeting date with the committee shortly. Aronowitz says he will request that the committee's report be made to the library trustees by October 15, prior to the November election. "Bottom line-I don't care who gets credit," said Aronowitz.



Historical Society to Raffle Queen Size Wedding Band Pattern Quilt

South Plainfield Historical Society will hold a raffle of a handmade quilt after the Labor Day parade on Monday, Sept. 6. The quilt is queen sized, double wedding band pattern with shades of blue on a cream background and handstitched by the Mennonites of Missouri. The quilt is on display at the library. Raffle tickets are \$2 each and can be purchased by calling Kathy Horvath at (908) 754-7268 or William Tuthill at (908) 756-9654. They can also be purchased at the Historical Society booth on Labor Day. Drawing will be held after the parade; winner need not be present.

SPHS Class of 1980 Looking for Missing Alumni for Reunion

South Plainfield High School Class of 1980 will be celebrating their 30th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 2 from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Brant Beach Yacht Club on Long Beach Island. The cost is \$78 per person and the RSVP deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 31. To register, please contact Susan Graves Metz at susanmetz@embarqmail.com or Jeannine Gorman at jagorman@comcast.

The reunion will be held during Chowderfest Weekend. You can check out the details at www.sphs1980.com.

Also, if you know the whereabouts of these classmates, please let Susan or Jeannine know: Aaron Calland, Dawnie Calland, Johnnie Cleckie, Gary Cox, Stephen Curtin, Steven Davis, Michele Dellavalle, Randy Edwards, Saloam El, Martha Farris, Jane Fowler, Gary Gallaway, Laurie Gargano, Gemma Gaspari, Michael Goble,

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Woman Dies from Self-Inflicted Gunshot Wound

A 24-year-old woman died after apparently shooting herself in a friend's car on Sunday according to Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan and Provisional Chief James Parker of the South Plainfield Police Department.

The woman, whose identity is being withheld, was pronounced dead at 12:42 p.m. on August 22 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

An investigation by the South Plainfield Police Department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office have determined the woman was riding in her friend's car on Sampton Avenue in the borough when she apparently shot herself at 11:52 a.m.

A preliminary investigation also determined that it appeared that no foul play was involved.

An autopsy was scheduled to be performed, but the results were not immediately available.

Knights to Hold Annual Mums Sale in September

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203 will be conducting their seventh annual Mums sale beginning in late September and running through mid October.

High quality mums in various colors will be on sale at the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. This fundraiser supports the Knights various charitable works throughout the year.

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FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

The South Plainfield School District will be open for students on Wednesday, Sept. 8, closed for Rosh Hashanah on Thursday, Sept. 9 and will reopen again on Friday, Sept. 10.

The Middle School PTO will be hosting many programs and events throughout the year. They are requesting parent's help with the \$30 activity fee for each student in seventh and eighth grade. The money covers the cost of the Battle of the Books lunch and gift cards, Poetry Slam, Battle of the Teams, honor roll and seventh grade picnics, eighth grade dinner dance, donates to the Washington, D.C. trip, scholarships and many other programs that the PTO sponsors. Back to School night will take place on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m. School spirit wear will be for sale such as sweatpants, t-shirts, gym and cheer shorts, along with jumbo book sox and back sacks. Linda Kelly will also be selling Middlesex County Entertainment Books. The book fair will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 21 through Thursday, Sept. 23 followed

by the Yankee Candle and Joe Corbi holiday cookie dough fundraisers. PTO membership is \$2 per family and attendance is encouraged at the meetings which are held the first Tuesday of each month in the school. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 7 at 5 p.m. Please visit the school website posted on the marquee in front of the Middle School. PTO President is Debbie Boyle, Vice President is Jen Falcone, Treasurer is Eileen Brady, Public Relations are Jane Dornick and Sue Buttrico.

Please watch for the 2010/2011 school calendar which will now be available on the South Plainfield School District website.

Your participation in the South Plainfield Education Foundation 5K race prior to the Labor Day parade will help support the many events that the foundation hosts. The foundation alumni first edition book will be available within the next few months. For further information about the race, please contact Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302.



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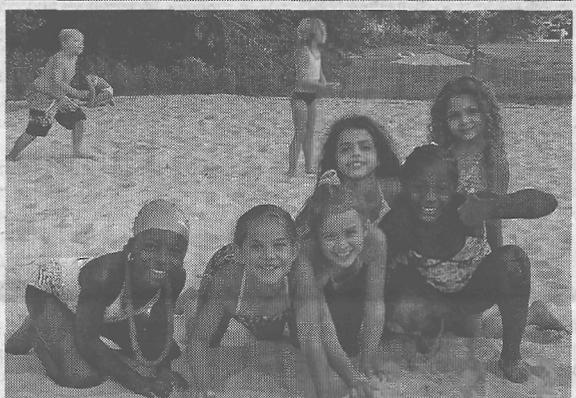
The South Plainfield Football Eagles 2010 pool party was held at the South Plainfield Community Pool. More than 400 members and their families attended, setting another record for the organization.

The Eagles football players and cheerleaders were enjoying a break from all the training they have been participating in for the past three weeks of a very productive pre-season. The night was filled with music, games, food and prizes.

The organization would like to thank the recreation department management and community pool staff for their very supportive help.

The first official games begin on Sunday, Aug. 29 at the Kenneth Avenue Field.

Please show your support and come watch our kids play and perform.



What's New at the YMCA?

Extensive research has shown that exercise for individuals recovering from cancer, and individuals going through treatment for cancer, can help reduce fatigue and loss of strength. The Metuchen Branch YMCA is offering a free 12 week membership to cancer survivors who are looking for a gradual approach to exercise to build endurance and strength. Participants are needed for both day and evening programs. Day session will meet on Thursday, Sept. 16 through December 2 from 12 to 1 p.m. Evening session begins on Tuesday, Sept. 14 through November 30 from 6 to 9 p.m. To register, contact Nicole Miller at (732) 548-2044 or email Nicole.miller@metuchen-edisonymca.org.

Take a trip to the Metuchen Branch YMCA on Wednesday, Oct. 6 at the American Music Theater in Lancaster, Pa. for a classic tribute to the golden age of swing as multi-talented performer Bryan Clark and his orchestra salute some of his favorite legendary performers: Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Nat King Cole, Dean Martin, Sammy Davis Jr, and more. The fee per person is \$89 which includes transportation and a family style lunch at the Good N Plenty Family Restaurant. Bus will depart from the Metuchen Municipal Pool parking lot at 9 a.m. For more information, contact Jean Vick at (732) 548-2044, ext. 217 or email jean.vick@metuchen-edisonymca.org.

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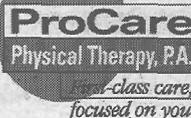
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BOROUGH NOTES

The following took place at the August 16 Borough Council meeting:

- The council accepted the retirement of Acting Chief Paul Brembt.
- Appointed Captain James Parker as Provisional Chief of Police effective September 10.
- A professional service contract was approved for Henry Hinterstein for landscaping services associated with the New Brunswick Avenue road project.
- Waive the fire permit for borough organizations in the Labor Day festivities at the Middle School.
- Daniel Adams was hired as a part time groundskeeper effective August 24.
- Angelo Strillacci was hired as a part time plumbing sub code official for the week of August 16-20.
- The CFO was authorized to issue a refund check for \$1,233.74 to Cesar Pratts for overpayment of taxes.
- The council authorized submitting of an application for the South Plainfield Municipal Alliance grant for 2011 in the amount of \$20,777 with a municipal match of \$5,544.

- Authorized the tax settlement of for SP Fidelco I, LLC, 3474 So. Clinton Ave. for the tax years 2008, 2009 and 2010. Total settlement will be used as a tax credit in lieu of refund.
- Accepted the resignation of Suzan Diaz as a telecommunications operator.
- Nicholas Smith, Nicholas Sacco, Nicholas Figler, Samantha Hogan and Jurrien Kratz were approved as probationary members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department.
- A block party requested by Stephen and Connie Macellara for Sunday, Sept. 5 on Revere Road between May Avenue and Putnam Road from noon to 10 p.m. and one by James Gustafson for Saturday, Sept. 18 on Selene Avenue between East Hendricks Boulevard and Wexler Avenue from noon to 5 p.m. were approved.
- The council authorized the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department to construct a training prop on borough property located at he DPW compound, and waived the fees.

South Plainfield Area Pets Go Online

Pound Puppy Protection Rescue Of NJ Inc., South Plainfield, has recently joined other animal welfare organizations in the area that list their homeless pets on Petfinder.com, the oldest and largest database of adoptable animals on the Internet. The site currently has over 294,500 homeless pets listed, and it is updated continuously.

More than 13,500 animal welfare organizations in the U.S., Canada and other countries post their pets on the site. Pound Puppy Protection Rescue Of NJ Inc. pets may be viewed at www.petfinder.com/shelters/NJ649.html. A potential adopter enters search criteria for the kind of pet he or she wants, and a list is returned that ranks the pets in proximity to the zip code entered. Adoptions are handled by the animal placement group where

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First-Time Homebuyer Credit Deadline Extended

The deadline for the completion of qualifying First-Time Homebuyer Credit purchases has been extended. Taxpayers who entered into a binding contract before the end of April now have until September 30, 2010 to close on the home.

The Homebuyer Assistance and Improvement Act of 2010, enacted on July 2, 2010, extended the closing deadline from June 30 to September 30 for eligible homebuyers who entered into a binding purchase contract on or before April 30, 2010 to close on the purchase of the home on or before June 30, 2010.

Here are five facts from the IRS about the First-Time Homebuyer Credit and how to claim it:

- If you entered into a binding contract on or before April 30 to buy a principal residence located in the United States you must close on the home on or before September 30.
- To be considered a first-time homebuyer, you and your spouse—if you are married—must not have jointly or separately owned another principal residence during the three years prior to the date of purchase.
- To be considered a long-time resident homebuyer, your settlement date must be after November 6, 2009 and you and your spouse—if you are married—must have lived in the same principal residence for any consecutive five-year period during the eight year period that ended on the date the new

home is purchased.

• The maximum credit for a first-time homebuyer is \$8,000. The maximum credit for a long-time resident homebuyer is \$6,500.

• To claim the credit you must file a paper return and attach Form 5405, First Time Homebuyer Credit, along with all required documentation, including a copy of the binding contract. New homebuyers must attach a copy of the properly executed settlement statement used to complete the purchase. Long-time residents are encouraged to attach documentation covering the five consecutive year period such as Form 1098, Mortgage Interest Statements, property tax records or homeowner's insurance records.

For more information about the First-Time Homebuyer Tax Credit and the documentation requirements, visit IRS.gov/recovery.

policereport

- On August 10 a Spicer Avenue resident reported that the rear windshield of their vehicle had been smashed.
- On August 11 Jazmin Nicole Defreitas, 22, of Middlesex was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- On August 13 Andres Mosquera-Jimenez, 26, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, reckless driving and speeding.
- On August 15 Roger D. White, 53, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, parking in a posted no parking zone and an outstanding warrant.

- A Spicer Avenue resident reported that the passenger side front tire of their vehicle had been slashed.
- On August 16 Christopher Springsteen, 27, of Atlantic Highlands was arrested at Rite Aid for shoplifting Ambersol tooth pain medication.
- Cristobal Avila, 19, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, no turn on red, unlicensed driving, uninsured motor vehicle, failure to exhibit an insurance card and failure to exhibit a vehicle registration.
- Alonso Arias, 47, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

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SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison



The South Plainfield Soccer Club is well underway on the start of the fall season. As in the past, we have several events that occur early on in our season and pre-season. Here are a few important dates and reminders to put down on your calendars:

The Labor Day Parade—The SPSC will be entering a float once again for the annual town parade. Last year we took the trophy for "the best youth entry." Can we repeat? We need participation from our members, kids and parents alike. Our players will be riding on the float, along with a few parents to supervise and those who walk along the float. Landi Hawk is working hard to organize the decorating and coordination of our participants, so if you can help out, please contact Landi at (908) 397-3940 or email: landi.hawk@yahoo.com. Players, remember to wear your uniforms!

Canning—Will be held August 27, 28 and 29, September 3, 4 and 12, and October 1, 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10. These are the only canning dates for the fall season. Shifts are 2 1/2 hours. You can on any of these days; all you need to do is contact Laura Sansone to arrange your shift. Call Laura at (908) 755-3626 or (908) 370-8118. Canning is mandatory for all players in the club, so be sure to make arrangements to get it done early so you do not miss out on a spot.

Knock Off Party—We will be hosting our second annual Kick Off Party at the fields on Saturday, Sept. 18 from 4 to 10 p.m. This was such a great time last year, we are very excited to present it again. This is the club's way of saying thanks to all our families for being a part of the club and giving everyone a chance to get together and socialize. There will be food, music and fun for everyone. Save the date and we hope that everyone will be able to attend and join us in kicking off the season! More details to follow.

Fields and Facilities Day—Our season kicks off the weekend of September 18 and 19 and much is needed to get our fields and facilities ready. If you would like to help out and satisfy your work bond, contact Bob Sanko for a spot on our fields and facilities day on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Red Bulls Training—Training with our Red Bulls trainer will begin the week of September 5. Coaches will be notifying their teams of their assigned sessions very soon. This will be your weekly session throughout the fall season.

General Meeting—Our next general meeting is Thursday, Sept. 2 at 7:30 p.m., downstairs at the VFW located on Front Street. To all our parents: Please come out and learn about all that goes on in the club and how you can help make this a successful season. We look forward to you being a part of the club in every way.

Remember—Check your email inboxes for more club information or you can always go to our website at www.sopfldsoccerclub.com.

TIGER SHARKS DIVE TEAM

By Maria O'Sullivan



Members of the 2010 Tiger Sharks Dive Team.

Tiger Sharks Dive Team Place Second At New Jersey Diving Championships

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Dive Team competed July 29 in the New Jersey Diving Conference League, a championship held at the Cedar Hill community pool. South Plainfield placed second in its division. Medals were given from first through sixth place in each event.

Event 1—girls 15-18: Jena Cianfrocca took home the third place medal.

Event 2—boys 15-18: Sean Alers took third place, Austin Melendez fourth place, Patrick Boyle fifth place and Johnny Sotiriou placed sixth.

Event 3—girls 13/14: Nicole Bythell took second place and Janet Kelly placed third.

Event 4—boys 13/14: Patrick McCoid took fifth place and Chris McNeil placed sixth.

Event 5—girls 11/12: Nicole Sotiriou took first place and Mary McNeil placed fifth.

Event 6—boys 11/12: Benjamin Sheaffer took second place and Nicholas Scalera placed fourth.

Event 7—girls 9/10: Brianna Spadavecchia took third place and Jemma Scalera placed fourth.

Event 8—boys 9/10: Justin Bell took home the third place medal.

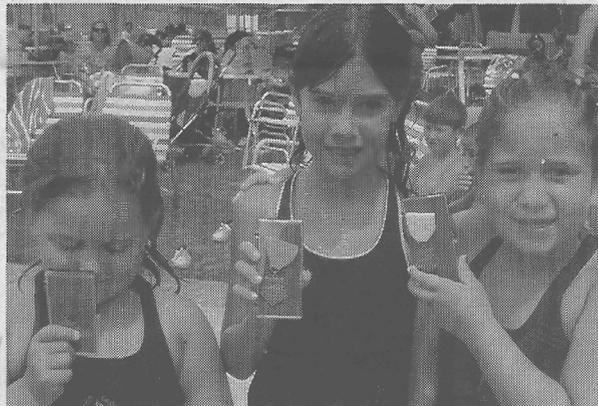
Event 9—girls eight and under: Nicole O'Sullivan took home the third place medal, Kristina Kuchinski was

fifth and Sara Fleming placed sixth.

Other divers who competed in championships were Miranda Garcia, Laura Biggs, Angela Spadavecchia, Michelle O'Sullivan, Jessica Leinbach, Carlos Silva, Nathan Persad, Chris Diaz, Kylie Janzewski, Grace Hageman, Geni Huber, Sarah Oehler, Ashli Bell, Matilda Mercer, Gina Cummings, Emily Kuchinski, Elissa Mackenzie, Angela Ruhnke, Brian Silva, Danny

O'Shaughnessy, Chelsea Alers, Kristi Maher, Aidan Charlotte, Ed Walinski, Cassie O'Shaughnessy, Celeste Kubert and Danielle Bythell.

All members of the Tiger Sharks Dive Team have greatly improved. Many thanks to our coach Nicole Moretti for her dedication and hard work during the season. Congratulations to all divers and we'll see you next season!



Eight and under girls celebrate with their medals won during championships. (L-R): sixth place winner Sara Fleming, 6; fifth place winner Kristina Kuchinski, 8; and third place winner Nicole O'Sullivan, 6.

By Gary Lampasona



JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

Time is running out to register for Fall Ball. Final registration for Fall Ball will take place Saturday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. After that day, we will be making the decision to go ahead with the fall season; it depends on the final numbers. Leagues will be 7/8, 9/10, 11/12 will play 50/70, 13/14 Pony B. You must be seven before April 30, 2011.

Please register ASAP. You can also download the form from the handout section of our website: www.league

lineup.com/spjbc and mail it in. If you would like to be a manager or coach, please note that on your registration form. Any questions please feel free to contact the club house at (908) 754-2090.

Picnic: Our annual picnic is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 11, from 12 to 5 p.m. at the complex. If your child played baseball during the 2010 Spring Season, come on down and celebrate with us.

THE CORY KLINE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 29, 2010

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Times	Registration & Range	7:00AM - 8:00AM
	Shotgun Start*	8:30 AM
	Reception/Lunch	1:30 PM
	Awards	2:00 PM
	Completion	2:30 PM
	*Players must arrive by 8:00am	
Format	Scramble	
Contests	Longest Drive	
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Awards	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place	
Cost	\$150 per player	



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TIGERS SHARKS SWIM TEAM

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Tiger Sharks Win Final Swim Meet

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team won its final meet which was held at the Community Pool on July 27. Somerset Valley Y Swim Team was defeated by the Tiger Sharks with a final corrected score of 140-136. A pool and team record was set by Brianna Tang for the 11/12 50M breaststroke. Another pool and team record was set by Daniel Galarza in the 50M freestyle for 11/12 boys.

Starting the meet swimming individual medley was Daniel Galarza (11/12) taking first place and Paul Stanik taking third place. In the 10 and under category, Mark Stanik and Andrew Galarza placed second and third, respectively. Anthony Gurricci (13-18)

placed second.

While none of the girls 10 and under were able to place in the longer freestyles, the 11/12 girls Chandler Carter, Aubrey Marish and Darlene Fung swept with a first, second and third, respectively. Then the older girls swam the longer freestyles and also swept. Taking first, second and third place were Emily Piekarski, Gracie Piekarski and Maggie Valentino.

Brothers Harrison and Joseph Anesh placed second and third for the eight and under age group for the butterfly. Brothers Mark Stanik (9/10) and Paul Stanik (11/12) placed first in their age categories. Andrew Galarza

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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

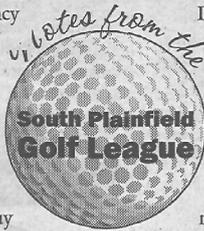
Twin City Pharmacy completed their terrific season in fine fashion by pouncing the defending champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 18-2. Once again, Twin City put on a power display as Jay Coppola and Guy Severini turned in a sparkling pair of 34s and Joe Diller looked good in posting a 36. 2 Buds, 2 Dubes missed the dynamic presence of ebullient Jeff Orth. Captain Dale (the Needler) Dube with his 39 was the only golfer who managed to break 40.

After winning the league championship in 2009, 2 Buds, 2 Dubes plummeted to sixth place in the American Division and will meet McCriskin's Home For Funerals in the playoffs next week to determine which team will end up dead last in the overall standings.

Sean Brooks and his Witty's Liquors teammates were delighted to tee off against a team they didn't have to spot a good number of strokes. Captain Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas has not played regularly this season, but he returned to action and crushed some awesome drives and showed his deft touch around the greens as he fired a 36 to gain a 10-10 tie with Unique Sports Accessories. Sean Brooks contributed a 38, and Bob Chase matched Bickunas with some monster drives on his way to a 39.

Ted Stanik had a nice round of 36 to add to his strong outings for Unique Sports Accessories this season, and Captain Chris Dillon played well and carded a 37.

This was a key match for Witty's Liquors since the tie put them in third place and means that next season they will again compete in the American Division, while Unique Sports Accessories will see action in the National



Division. Oak Tree Dental was very fortunate that the Roughriders could only field three golfers because two of their mainstays, Frank Oades and Efrain Solis, both had their worst rounds of the season on the same night. The entire Oak Tree Dental team had off-nights, but they still managed to eke out an 11-9 win over the short-handed Roughriders. Captain Bob Nilan earned the medal for his team with a round of 40.

Tony Cotone, Jr. and his buddies from KC's Korner were totally at ease in their match against the Italian-American Club since they had already wrapped up the National Division championship. Facing no pressure whatsoever, KC's Korner easily cruised to a 15-5 victory. Veteran Rich Steele earned the medal with a 38, while his teammates played in a relaxed fashion, saving their best for next week's playoffs. Frank Approvato shot a 40 in a losing effort for the Italian-American Club.

Alfie's Boys lit up the burnt-out West Nine course when their A-team finally got together. Irish Danny Griffin was on fire as he turned in the best round of the night, a wonderful 1-under 32. John Gaven had some awesome shots on his way to a beautiful round of 33, Mike King was sharp in carding a 35, and Bill Mann had the

extraordinary distinction of being the high man for his team with his splendid round of 36.

The Polish National Home had no chance against this line-up and got wiped out, 17-3. Ray Starnick earned the medal for the Polish National Home with a solid round of 37.

McCriskin's Home For Funerals, on the last night of the regular season, finally came to life and cremated Sport & Social, 15-5. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar continued to play like his father, Andy, taught him as he posted a solid round of 37. The best rounds for Sport & Social were a pair of 45s by Pat Romano and Dennis Bibby.

In next week's playoff action, Twin City Pharmacy, the American Division champs, will face KC's Korner, the National Division title-holders, for the league championship.

In other matches, Oak Tree Dental will meet Alfie's Boys in a battle for the bronze medal. Witty Liquors will take on the Polish National Home and Unique Sports Accessories will tee off against the Italian-American Club. The Roughriders will go head-to-head with Sport & Social and 2 Buds, 2 Dubes will confront McCriskin's Home For Funerals to decide who avoids being buried in the cellar.

Low scores for the night: Danny Griffin, 32; John Gaven, 33; Jay Coppola, 34; Guy Severini, 34; Mike King, 35; Joe Diller, 36; Bill Mann, 36; Ted Stanik, 36; Kevin Bickunas, 36.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Twin City Pharmacy	10	3	1	KC's Korner	10	3	0
Oak Tree Dental	8	5	1	Alfie's Boys	9	5	0
Witty's Liquors	7	6	0	Polish National Home	7	6	1
Unique Sports	6	6	2	Italian American Club	6	8	0
Roughriders	6	7	1	Sport & Social	4	10	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubes	3	11	0	McCriskin's	4	10	0

Sacred Heart School to Hold Inaugural Golf Outing

The School Advisory Council of Sacred Heart School has announced its first golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The beneficiary will be Sacred Heart School.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., accompanied by a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Hot dogs, soda and beer will be available at the turn. Prizes will be awarded for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. with a dinner buffet

following. A Hole-In-One package offers four prizes (one per par 3) including: Hapuna Beach for two; Newport Dunes Golf Package for two; PGA Village Golf Package for two; and Pine Needles Golf School for two. Individual golfer is \$130 or \$520 for a foursome.

The Golf Outing Committee, chaired by Manuel P. Sanchez, Esq., is also seeking both corporate and individual sponsors for the event. A Platinum Sponsorship (\$1,000) includes a foursome, your corporate banner

and sign on the first tee and recognition at the event. A Gold Sponsorship (\$750) includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and recognition at the event. A Silver Sponsorship (\$500) includes a twosome, a tee sign and recognition at the event. A Personalized Sponsorship (\$250) includes your personalized sign on any hole of your choosing. A Non-Golfing Sponsorship (\$600) includes a corporate banner and recognition at the event. Breakfast sponsors and beverage cart sponsors are also needed at \$250 each. If you would like to donate raffle or door prizes, recognition will be made of your donation.

For registration or to reserve a place, please call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

Obituaries

June E. (Packer) Tyndall, 83

June E. (Packer) Tyndall passed away on Friday, Aug. 20 in Leisure Park Skilled Care Facility in Lakewood.

Born and raised in Garwood, Mrs. Tyndall lived in Cranford and South Plainfield before entering the care facility.

As a homemaker for most of her life, June was a devoted and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She is also a member of the Crane's Ford Chapter of the DAR.

She is predeceased by her husband, Russell P., who died in 1993.

June is survived by a daughter, Marjorie Mingione of South Plainfield; two sons, Russell E. of Brick and Jonathan and wife Polly of Hampton; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Eisner and husband John, and Matthew, Joshua and Samantha Tyndall; and two great-grandchildren, Emma and Nicholas Eisner.

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

Paul Natelli, 43

Paul Natelli died on Saturday, Aug. 21 at home.

Born in Plainfield, Paul was raised in Edison and resided in Freehold.

Paulie graduated from J.P. Stevens High School in Edison in 1986 and played on the high school football team.

He was co-owner of Nick and Nate's Automotive and Tire Center in Freehold.

Paul was an active guy. He was an avid softball player and played in various leagues for several years. He enjoyed fishing as well as riding and working on his Harley. Paulie was a fun guy with a great sense of humor always making people laugh. He was a loving son and brother, and really enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is predeceased by his father, Alfred;

his stepfather, John Mazzetta; and two brothers, Thomas and Edward.

Surviving are his mother, Dolores "Dell" Natelli Mazzetta of South Plainfield; two sisters, Dolores "Dee" McCriskin and husband Richard, also of South Plainfield and Donna Macan and husband Glenn of Edison; three brothers, Jack and wife Karen of Colonia, Larry of Woodbridge and Kenny and wife Sandra of Old Bridge. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, www.kidney.org.

Edward J. Sitko, 63

Edward J. Sitko died on Monday, Aug. 23 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Mr. Sitko was born in Plainfield and he lived there for 17 years. He has resided in South Plainfield since 1963.

He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Era and was employed by PSE&G of New Brunswick for 32 years as a work scheduler.

Mr. Sitko is predeceased by his parents, Edward and Irene Sitko; and by a sister, Nancy Smith.

Surviving are a brother, Richard R. Sitko of Essex Fells and two nephews.

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Motorist Charged in Train Collision

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she is listed in critical but stable condition.

Espinel-Mendez was also charged with drunk driving, drunk driving by an underage person and reckless driving. In addition, Norfolk-Southern Railroad has charged him with a count of criminal trespass.

He is being held in lieu of \$100,000 bail and must post the full amount before he can be released from custody.

An investigation by Officer Peter Magnani of the South Plainfield Police Department and Investigator Jeffrey Temple of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office determined that Espinel-Mendez was intoxicated when he turned onto the railroad tracks at the New Brunswick Avenue intersection and drove east along the tracks for approximately 1.4 miles.

The car, a 1999 BMW, was about 350 feet from the railroad crossing at Front Street when it became disabled. As the west-bound freight train approached, Espinel-Mendez left Lorimer, who was

a passenger in the front seat, and fled the car. She was injured when she was ejected from the car after the train struck the rear corner of the vehicle.

Espinel-Mendez subsequently returned to the scene and was arrested following the investigation.

Anyone with information on the collision is asked to call Officer Magnani at (908) 226-7693, or Investigator Temple at (732) 745-3373.

As is the case with all defendants, the charges against Espinel-Mendez are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Negron Appointed Principal

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member Frank Mikorski praised Errico for his volunteer efforts with the South Plainfield Education Foundation, the Gold Card picnic and telethon he attends "all within the framework of a normal work day," said Mikorski, who asked the board to "vote the right way for Mr. Errico."

High school assistant principals Joseph Cirigliano and Kelly Richkus spoke of Errico as being able to "take the leadership role" and said he would be a "source of guidance for the faculty to start the year at this time of

uncertainty." Since Richkus will be on maternity leave beginning October 1, SPEA President Louise Mruz was concerned that if Errico was appointed, the high school would be opening with "two people down."

High school English teacher Donna Egan said Errico was doing a good job; however, Anthony Massaro, former principal and assistant superintendent, who had applied for the position, "would have been a good solution."

Boyle was upset that they had only received the superintendent's recommendation for an interim principal "two minutes before the meeting." She, along with board member Carol Byrne, stated that Massaro would have been "the perfect person" for the job. Massaro had previously stated that if given the job, he would donate \$150 to \$200 a day of his pay to the Education Foundation.

Previously, two applicants for the position backed out just prior to last month's board meeting.

Fatal Shooting

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town is still safe" and it appears the murder is gang-related, but that residents should not be concerned.

Tucker still remains at large as of presstime. Plainfield police are also assisting in the investigation. Anyone with information on the shooting is asked to call Det. Clifford at (908) 226-7664, or Investigator Crocco at (732) 745-4471.

Liquid Assets Ghost Story to be Featured on A&E's Bio Channel

The ghost of the gentlemen's club, Liquid Assets, on New Market Avenue, will be featured on A&E's BIO channel this Saturday, Aug. 28 at 10 p.m.

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vited club owner John Colasanti and local psychic Jane Doherty to share their story after Colasanti saw something very strange on his security cameras.

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SCHOOL BOARD Notes

The Board of Education approved the following at its meeting on August 18:

- Maternity leave of absence for Kelly Richkus effective October 1 through October 15 followed by unpaid parenthood leave of absence with paid benefits effective October 16 through January 7, 2011.
- Ten month secretarial positions at the high school and middle school which were previously tabled.
- A business office secretary position.
- High school appointments: Jamie Rubenstein-English replacing Gale Pastula; Brittany Plis-biology replacing Tom Seiz; Marisa Braunstein-business education replacing Ann Zajkowski; Amanda Somers-psychologist replacing Nancy Lech; Mallory Christmath to replace Paul Rafalowski who was transferred to the middle school.
- Appointed Edward McCarty to replace James Makowski as middle school special education teacher.
- Long term substitute appoint-

ments for Grant School from September 7 through October 29 at \$120 day; Margaret Lay for Allison Schneider and Alicia Torchia for Dana Hauck.

- Roosevelt School teacher Allison Riccardo's unpaid parenthood leave of absence from September 1 to September 30.
- High school music teacher Tracy Murray, recovering from surgery, paid medical leave of absence from September 1 to October 3, followed by unpaid medical leave with paid benefits from October 4 to November 30.
- Special education teacher Amy Arnold's transfer from Roosevelt to Kennedy School will be effective September 1.
- The transfer of music teacher Sarah Livecchi from Riley to the middle school effective September 1.
- High school sixth period teaching assignment for Brittany Plis to teach two additional science labs per week for a total of \$3,520 effective September 1.

Adult Baseball Players Wanted

Adult baseball players and teams wanted for the Amateur Baseball Association of NJ. The ABA is the premier adult men's (18 and over) recreational baseball league in New Jersey. We are also the fastest growing league in Northern and Central New Jersey. This year again we have multiple wood and metal skill level leagues. We play mainly on Sundays with some Saturday games. Season starts in September.

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Sports

Tiger Sharks Win Final Swim Meet

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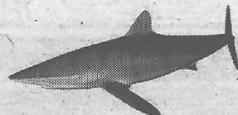
Kristy Tam placed second in the eight and under breaststroke. Jenna Yan (9/10), Brianna Tang (11/12) and Allison Huber (13/14) placed first for their age groups. Sister Genna Huber (11/12) and Maggie Valentino (15-18) placed second, while J. Kang (11/12) and Michelle Gustafson (15-18) placed third.

The boys managed to capture three out of five first place ribbons for freestyle. The Galarza Brothers, Andrew and Daniel, and Anthony Gurrieri brought home those blue ribbons. Joseph Anesh (eight and under) and Marcel Green (13/14) placed third for the freestyle.

The girls managed four out of five blue ribbons for backstroke. Chandler Carter (9/10), Brianna Tang (11/12), Taylor Aljian (13/14) and Teresa Gustafson (15-18) received the first place ribbons. Kristy Tam (eight and under), Darlene Fung (9/10) and Allison Huber (13/14) placed second, while Jenna Yan took third for the 9/10 age group sweeping that event. Emily Piekarski finished the backstroke events with a third place ribbon for the older girls.

Free relay (9-12) was won by J. Kang, Aubrey Marish, Darlene Fung, and Brianna Tang. The 13-18 free relay was won by Allison Huber, Kelley O'Brien, Chelsea Cullen and Maggie Valentino. The only boys' team to take first place was the 9-12 team. Swimming that event were Daniel Galarza, Paul Stanik, Mark Stanik and Brendan Tang.

The heat winners were Noah Karch (25 free), Brianna Padvano (25 back), Katie Kwan (50 back), Kristina Kwan (25 back), Andrew Toapanta (50 free), Liam McDermott (100 free), Kaitlyn Faustini (100 breast), Chelsea Cullen (100 back) and Erin Barnett (25 breast). Featuring our 13/14 year old swimmers who make the transition to the longer events are: Taylor Aljian, Charlie Butrico, Enzo Butrico, Nicole Bythell, Kaitlyn Faustini, Madison Faustini, Rebecca George, Marcel Green, Allison Huber, Eric Ivaniuc, Christopher McNeil, Kelley O'Brien, Patrick Osiadacz, Michael Petritsch, Amanda Rowlands, Edward Sheaffer, Samantha Soto, Marcos Toapanta, Ashley Valencia, Joey Valentino and Amy Zinsky. Next week: the results of the championship swim meet which was featured in the *Observer* a few weeks ago.



County's Fall Slo-Pitch Softball Leagues Forming

Team applications are being accepted for the Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department's Fall Slo-Pitch Softball Leagues. Men's single and double-header leagues and women's Sunday morning leagues begin play in late August and September. Rosters are on a first come, first served basis.

Opening day is scheduled for late August and games are scheduled throughout September and October and into early November, depending on rainouts and playoff schedules. Men's single game league plays 6:45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays; opening day is Sunday, Aug. 30. Men's double-header game league starts at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and

Thursdays, with second games to follow immediately; opening day is Tuesday, Sept. 7.

All games are played at Thomas A. Edison Park in Edison or Warren Park in Woodbridge.

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Baseball Club

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Once again, accurate pitching, stellar defense and timely hitting was on display during the tournament. Every game was a nail-biter, but somehow the boys found a way to edge their opponent.

The boys went on to play in the Northern NJ Babe Ruth State Tournament at Bloomfield. They were defeated in the quarter-final round versus Bayonne. Great season boys!

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