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Detective Injured While Attempting to Make Arrest

Det. Garrett Cassio was conducting a motor vehicle stop on Grant Ave. last Friday morning when the suspect's car took off, running over his foot.

Det. Cassio observed a vehicle exiting a driveway and recognized the driver of the car as Brian L. Johnson. Cassio had been looking for Johnson for several active warrants. The outstanding warrants were for possession of a weapon for unlawful purpose, possession of a weapon, terroristic threats and simple assault. His bail was set at \$5,000, with no 10% option on those charges.

Cassio approached the vehicle and advised Johnson that he was under arrest. Johnson turned his steering wheel towards the detective and sped away, running over Det. Cassio's right foot and then left the area at a high rate of speed. Patrol units responded to the suspect's house and arrested Johnson without incident. Cassio was transported to Muhlenberg Hospital by a police unit, where he was treated for a swollen foot and released.

Johnson was charged with aggravated assault on a police officer and eluding a law enforcement officer. Bail has not been set as of presstime.

Man Struck And Killed by Conrail Train

Early last Sunday morning a man was struck and killed by a Conrail train traveling eastbound, just east of New Brunswick Avenue. The victim was Roger A. Oades, 46, of Piscataway.

The train was traveling from Harrisburg, Pa. to Newark. According to reports, he was seen lying on the track, and failed to respond to the trains warning horn. The engineer was unable to stop the train before hitting Oades.

The victim was pronounced dead at the scene by Mercy Six. Investigation is being conducted by Det. Eugene Bataille of the South Plainfield Police Department.

Last Day For Regular Youth Soccer Program Sign-Up

Friday, Aug 10 is the last day to sign-up for 2001 Youth Soccer Program. The fee is \$30 per applicant. Registering after Friday will include a \$5 late fee.

The program is open to all South Plainfield residents, ages 6-13 as of October 1, 2001. The Soccer Program runs evenings and Saturdays, September through November.

Register at the PAL, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required.

Randolph Ave. Block Party Features Hat Contest



A hat contest was just one of the planned activities at the Randolph Ave. block party held recently. Both adult and kids joined in the fun and displayed a variety of hats. See story and pictures on page 6.

Ricochet/SPASA 11th Annual Labor Day 5K Race; 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk

This year marks the 11th year that the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the Club at Ricochet Health will sponsor the 5K race held on Labor Day. The annual race takes place prior to the parade on Labor Day in Veterans' Park. The race featured its first group of 40+ runners back in 1991. Last year over 200 runners completed the 3.1 mile course which covers the parade route up and back.

The race would not be possible if it were not for the many local South Plainfield sponsors, especially The Club at Ricochet. The staff at Ricochet offers a wide variety of health and fitness activities along with the 5K race and recently incorporated a 1.5 Family Fitness walk.

Prizes include \$100 in cash, or a one month free membership to Ricochet, \$50 gift certificates donated by Home Depot and Nike running shoes donated by Sportworld. Trophies are also awarded to first place finishers, in each age group, male and female. Trophies are donated by Joe Romer Trophy.

Entry fee for the walk is \$5 for individuals or the family. The first 75 entrants receive a t-shirt. The 5K run entry fee is \$10 if received before Aug. 27, or \$12 on the day of the race. The first 200 entrants receive a t-shirt.

Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. on race day. The race starts at 9:25 a.m. from Veterans' Park.

Aiello Chiropractic Center will be

on hand to offer pre- and post-race/walk massages.

Participants are asked to park in the Drug Fair parking lot or other nearby lots, but not in Veterans' Park and not on the parade route.

Proceeds from the race help support the Drug Awareness activities of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness.

Applications for the 5K race can be obtained at the Club at Ricochet on St. Nicholas Ave., the PAL building or the South Plainfield Observer office.

Bill Beegle, principal at Riley School and race coordinator can provide additional information by calling 754-4620, ext. 345.

Historical Society Raffle-Quilt On Display at South Plainfield Library

The South Plainfield Historical Society's quilt, which is the first prize in this year's Labor Day raffle will be on display in the South Plainfield Library until August 31. The quilt then goes on a float in the Labor Day Parade.

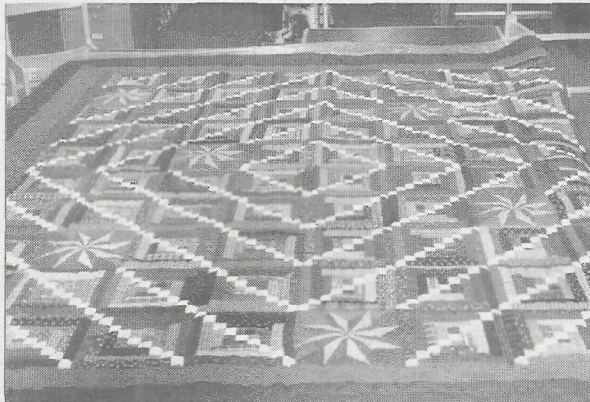
The quilt is a beautiful, hand-sewn queen-sized from Kutztown, Pa. It is a modified log cabin pattern and is valued at about \$800.

This year, the raffle will include second and third place prizes. Each of these prizes is a gift certificate for two tickets on the brunch cruise aboard the Cornucopia Princess, valued at \$90.

The Historical Society is asking for volunteers to help sell tickets along the parade route.

For tickets or information, call Bill Tuthill at (908) 756-9654; Mary Mazepa at (908) 754-3503; or Arlene Anthony at (908) 753-7852.

All books, sold or not, must be re-



turned to the Historical Society. They can be mailed to the SP Historical Society, PO Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or you can give them to a member at the Historical Society's

booth on Labor Day, no later than 1 p.m.

The raffle drawing will be held at Veteran's Memorial Park following the Labor Day parade.

Games, Prizes, Fun, Clowns, Balloons, Etc. Planned for Parade Day

Plans for the 44th Annual Labor Day Parade held on Monday, Sept. 3 are taking shape.



The parade committee is now meeting weekly in order to make sure everything is in place by parade day. This is a huge undertaking and many details need to be checked and rechecked. The committee works very hard to make sure that the Labor Day Parade is successful and everyone has a great day.

More than 40 bands, groups and floats are already signed up to march in the parade and Veterans' Park will be filled with a variety of homemade food, plenty of drinks and lots of activities for both old and young alike. In the next few weeks we will be listing all the marchers, as well as exactly who will be in Veterans' Park.

The parade committee still needs volunteers to help out as parade marshals. If you are interested, call Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1517.

The committee is also extending an invitation to all past Parade Grand Marshals to sit in the reviewing stand located in Veterans' Park and watch the parade as their guests.

This year's theme is "To All The Generations of Families—Happy 75th Birthday." Jessica Rapatski, who is the parade theme winner, will also be in the parade.

Monday's festivities begin with the annual 5K Race and 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk.

Veterans' Park will have many activities. They include a moon walk, face painting, sand art, a clown and many other games and contests. The band 'Back Splash' will be performing in the park during the afternoon. And, of course, the *Observer* will be in the middle of the fun all day long. Remember, it's our birthday too!

The celebration shifts to Spring Lake Park in the evening. Music will be presented in the gazebo until dark, followed by a spectacular fireworks display. Serpico International will be presenting this year's fireworks. (This is the same company as last year.) Everyone said they were the best ever and Serpico promises to do an equally spectacular job this year.

If your group would like to march in the parade, they must fill out an entry form. Forms are available at Borough Hall or the *Observer* office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd. It's a great opportunity for your group or business to join in the celebration.

If you need information about marching in the parade, entering a float, volunteering to be a parade marshal, or having a concession stand in the park, contact Councilwoman Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1517.

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Log on to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, August 13 Thursday, August 16 (Revised Date)
Tuesday, September 4 Thursday, September 6
Monday, September 17 Thursday, September 20

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

August 14, August 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11, Dec. 25 (no meeting).

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

August 21, Sept. 4 (no meeting), Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6 (no meeting), Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 (no meeting), December 27.

recreation commission

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

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

September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, 2002

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Regular Board Mtg., Tue., August 28, Sept. 18, Oct. 23; 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole, Tue., Aug. 21, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11.

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

trafficsafety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26.

USS Hayter Navy Crew Holds Reunion



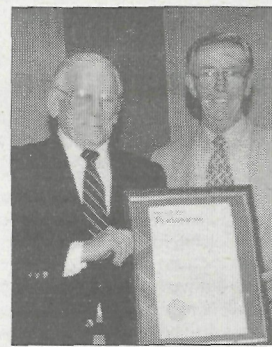
Crew members of the WWII Destroyer Escort, USS Hayter held their second reunion this past weekend in South Plainfield.

The crew, along with their wives, met from Friday, Aug. 3 through Sunday, Aug. 5. A weekend of activities were planned. Saturday, the crew attended a cook-out at organizer Joe Bergen's house in Piscataway. Sunday they got a chance to try out their "sea-legs" again. They took the brunch cruise on the *Cornucopia Princess* up to the Hudson River, past the Statue of Liberty and then back to Perth Amboy. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the trip, as well as the food aboard the ship.

Sunday night, the crew held a banquet at the Holiday Inn. Mayor Dan Gallagher along with Piscataway Mayor Brian Wahler stopped by to welcome them. Mayor Gallagher also presented a proclamation of welcome to mark the occasion. More than 48 people attended the weekend reunion.

This crew was part of the Destroyer-Escort DE 212/APD 80, during World War II. They served in both the Atlantic and Pacific. Their ship was credited with capturing a German submarine. The ship now serves as a power station on a Far East island.

Photos/story by Bill Tuthill



In My Opinion

This letter is for all interested participants for the Annual Labor Day 5K run, from William Beegle, coordinator of the SPASA and race organizer.

Dear Fellow Runner,

I hope you are having a great summer and enjoying yourself. I also hope you are running or walking regularly and keeping in shape.

On behalf of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the staff at Ricochet Health and Racquet Club, I wish to invite everyone to join us again for our Eleventh Annual Ricochet Health and Racquet Club/SPASA Labor Day 5K Run on Monday, Sept. 3, 2001.

To add to the more than 200 runners last year, we are excited to be continuing the 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk again this year. Over thirty walkers participated in this event last year, and we hope to increase this number in support of family togetherness and a positive drug free, fun filled fitness lifestyle. The entry fee for the walkers is \$5 per person or family with t-shirts and substance awareness information packets given to the first 80 participants.

This year's 5K Run pre-entry registration is \$10 if you sign up by Aug. 27 and a fee of \$12 on race day. The first 200 5K entrants will receive t-shirts along with a packet of various items and substance awareness information. The run/walk will begin at 9:25 a.m. from Veterans Park with registration beginning at 7:45 a.m.

Please park at Drug Fair or other places, but not in Veterans Park or along the parade route. Again this year, Aiello Chiropractic Center will offer pre and post race/walk massages and computer timing will be handled by Best Race Systems.

It is also important to note that all proceeds for the race go to supporting the efforts of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness in making the South Plainfield community drug free. I also hope that you will find time to recognize and/or patronize the many businesses and sponsors of our race listed below. S.P.A.S.A. business supporters are: Aiello Chiropractic Center, Poland Spring Water, Bagel Pantry, Physiques In Motion, Buy-Rite Auto Parts, Presto Printing Service, Carousel Beauty Salon, Ricochet Health and Racquet Club, Casablanca Is Hair, Rodolfo's Pizza, Ciccio's Pizza, Sherban's Diner and Restaurant, David's Stationery, South Plainfield PAL, Domino's Pizza, South Plainfield Liquor Store, Flanagan's Restaurant, South Plainfield Middle School Graphic Arts Department, Giakas Cleaners, Sportsworld, Home Depot, Spring Lake Texaco Service Center, James W. Conroy Funeral Home, Twin City Pharmacy, Joe Romer Trophy Shop, Vail Hardware, K.C.'s Korner Bar and Restaurant, McCriskin Home for Funerals, Mohn's Florist and Oak Tree Farms.

Last year's race/fitness walk was the biggest yet. We have a lot of fun kicking off a great day in South Plainfield with parades, games, picnicking and fireworks. Bring a friend in support

of healthy exercise and reducing substance abuse. Let's make this year the best ever.

**SINCERELY,
WILLIAM D. BEEGLE
SPASA COORDINATOR
RICOCHET/SPASA RACE
ORGANIZER**

To the Editor,

My family and I are planning to move out of South Plainfield, but before we go, I would like to take the time to thank two businesses in town. Sometimes it's the small things that count, and I would like to extend my gratitude to Witty's Discount Liquors and CVS on Plainfield Ave.

Joe DiQuillo, the owner of Witty's, and his staff were so generous in helping my family and I with moving. They went above and beyond to gather boxes for me, and also assisted with carrying them out to my car. CVS on Plainfield Ave. also deserves praise for all the time they spent gathering boxes for my family and I.

South Plainfield has been our home for some time now, and I will greatly miss it, especially The Club at Ricochet. It really is a wonderful establishment and I would like to say thank you to The Club for the outstanding service they have provided for members. I will miss them very much.

Again, thank you to all who have helped me. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**SINCERELY,
SHARON BUTLER, ON BEHALF
OF THE BUTLER FAMILY**

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Send us Your Letters/Opinions

We want to hear from you concerning what is going on around town. We will omit your name by request, but you must give us your name and phone number when you submit your letter, or it will NOT be published. In the past few weeks we have had several letters we did not publish because names were not submitted with the letter.

Send your letter/opinion to: *The South Plainfield Observer*, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield 07080. You can email us at GGNAN@aol.com or fax to 908-668-8819.

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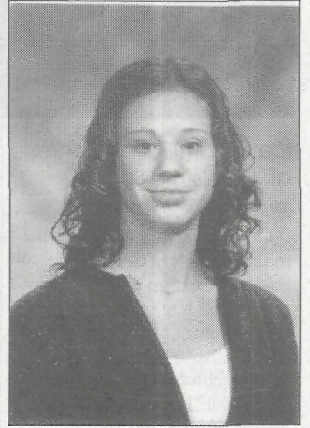
Senior Center Construction Underway



Construction has begun on the new Senior Center located on the corner of Maple and Lakeview Ave. The land has been cleared and a foundation has already been poured.

Photos by Bill Tuthill

Mary Otlowski To Complete Girl Scout Gold Award Project



Mary Otlowski

Mary Otlowski, a senior at South Plainfield High School, will be working towards her Girl Scout Gold Award project this summer. Mary is a member of troop #259 and has been involved in girl scouting for 13 years.

Her project, Handicapped Aquatics, is to provide swim lessons for special needs children of all ages. Mary will hold ten lessons per two week session, and each lesson will last 30 minutes. Scheduling a lesson is on a first come, first serve basis, and can be done at your convenience.

In order to complete her Gold Award, Mary needs 50 hours of service. She plans to run this program throughout the summer, and if needed, she will be volunteering at the Jewish Community Center in

Edison to earn the needed hours to complete her project.

To sign up for a lesson, or for more information, call (908) 755-2527, or contact the Community Pool at (908) 226-7713.

Free Poetry Contest Open to Residents

The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the Interna-

tional Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the South Plainfield area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is Oct. 31, 2001. The contest is open to everyone and entry is free.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.

To enter, send one original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 19912, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by Oct. 31, 2001. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Police Dept. Conducting Community Survey

The South Plainfield Police Department is conducting a community survey to seek input from residents and to identify community concerns. Responses will be accepted from August 10 to September 10. The forms can be obtained at the following locations: South Plainfield Police Department, South Plainfield Police Department Community Oriented Policing Office on Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield Public

Library, South Plainfield Recreation Center (PAL Building), the borough of South Plainfield website at www.southplainfieldnj.com/police; and at the South Plainfield Observer office, at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Further media comments regarding this survey can be obtained by contacting Chief Robert Merkler. Please take a moment to complete the survey and forward it to us.

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"Help Us Celebrate South Plainfield's 75th Birthday!"

At Our 44th Annual Labor Day Parade Monday, September 3

FESTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- 5K RACE & 1.5 MILE WALK
- GREASE POLE CONTEST
- FACE PAINTING
- MOON WALK
- PIE/WATERMELON EATING CONTEST
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If your organization would like to participate in the parade, or your organization is looking for a fundraising idea and would like to have a concession in the park, please call Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1517.

Around Town

Ice Cream Eating Contest at "Here's The Scoop"

August 12

On Sunday, August 12, Crossroads Assembly of God Church will hold an Ice Cream Eating Championship at Here's The Scoop Ice Cream Parlor, at the corner of Park and Oak Tree Rd.

Competitors in the competition will be Bill "Just Give Me the Darn Spoon" Abbas and the reigning champion, Diane "Anything But Chocolate" Jones. The competition will start at 2 p.m., and the rules set forth for the contest are very simple. Diane has agreed to defend her title at the parlor of Bill's choice, must be blindfolded, must put one arm behind her back, must eat three pints prior to Bill starting and must use chopsticks instead of a spoon.

Judges for the competition will be Pastor Matt of the church, and parishoners Deanna and the "Jones Boys."

Wesley United to Hold Bible School

August 13-17

ALL ABOARD!!! Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave., invites all children to journey with us on a "Good Neighbors Tour" of the Bible at Summer Vacation Bible School. The program runs Aug. 13 through Aug. 17, weeknights from 7 to 9 p.m. There will be fun activities including crafts, music and snacks. Please call 908-757-2838 and register by Aug. 1.

SP Fire Department To Host Wetdown 2001

August 18

The Members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department invite you to attend the dedication of the new 2001 E-One Pumper 2000 G.P.M. on Saturday, August 18. Featured will be live music performed by The Rockets, as well as beer, soda, food, t-shirts and mugs. There will also be a DJ and a dunking booth. Registration for Fire Departments will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the dedication of the E-One Pumper will be at 11 a.m. at Fire Headquarters. A parade will follow after the dedication.

The Wetdown will be held from 12 to 5 p.m. at South Plainfield High School. Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Chief Trophy, Company Trophy, Best Appear-

ing Pumper, Best Appearing Truck, Best Appearing Rescue, Furthest Distance Traveled by a Company, Bucket Brigade, 1 1/4" Hose Lay and for the winners of the Tug of War competition.

Polish Home To Hold Annual Picnic

August 26

The Polish National Home will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 1-6 p.m., rain or shine. There will be beer, wine, soda, food, games and prizes. Prices are as follows; children under five are free, senior citizens and children ages 6-12 are \$6, members are \$10 and non-members are \$12. For more information, call (908) 668-9442.

SP Fire Department To Host Wine Tasting Event

September 29

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will host a Wine Tasting event on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 11 p.m.

The event will be held at the Embassy Suites, in Piscataway. Ticket price of \$70 per person includes a wine tasting reception, from 6 to 8 p.m., a buffet dinner from 8 to 9 p.m. and also features an open bar, DJ and dancing, held from 9 to 11 p.m. There are also special hotel room rates available for overnight stays.

For tickets or more information, contact John Celentano at (908) 757-5691 or Mike Gallagher (908) 755-9874.

Recreation To Sponsor Two Trips to Broadway

October 13, December 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to New York to see Broadway Shows. The first show, *Contact*, will be on Saturday, Oct. 13. The cost is \$60 per person and the bus leaves from the PAL Building at 10 a.m.

The second trip is to see the classic Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Show. Tickets are \$75 per person and the bus will leave the PAL Building at 1:30 p.m.

Each trip allows everyone to shop and dine before the show.

To purchase tickets, visit the Recreation Office, located in the PAL Building on Maple Ave. The office is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

—Out of Town—

NJ Repertory Company Presents One-Woman Show

August 9 - September 2

The NJ Repertory Company, Lumia Theatre, 179 Broadway in Long Branch is proud to present award winning singer/songwriter/guitarist/concert artist, Christine Lavin, in her new one-woman show, "Getting in Touch With My Inner Bitch," Aug. 9 through Sept. 2, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling the theater at (732) 229-3166. For more information, visit their website at www.njrep.org.

WOWs to Hold Dance

August 10

The Middlesex East WOWs Carteret Chapter will hold a dance for widows and widowers on Friday, Aug. 10 at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave., Carteret. \$7 at the door includes live music and refreshments. For more information, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

First Presbyterian Church To Dedicate New Carillon

August 12

The sound of church bells will fill the air in Dunellen on Sunday, Aug. 12 at First Presbyterian Church. A new carillon will be dedicated to God and the community at 11 a.m., following the congregation's 10 a.m. morning service. The public is invited to join the celebration, which will be followed by refreshments. Also, a second dedication service, in Spanish, will be held at 3 p.m. The church is located at 218 Dunellen Ave., beside Washington Memorial Park. For more information, please call (732) 968-3844.

KISMET Hosts Singles Event

August 15

KISMET will host an After Work Social For Single Professionals, on Wednesday, August 15, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. It will take place at The Inn at Mount Bethel, 161 Mount Bethel Rd., Warren. \$10 at the door includes refreshments.

For information, contact (908) 232-8827 or visit www.thatskismet.com.

Angel in Our Daily Lives Lecture

August 15

On Wednesday, Aug. 15, Teresa of Spiritual Communications will be hosting an interactive lecture event at the Livingston Elks Lodge, 19-21 Mt. Pleasant Avenue. She will be covering numerous techniques for interacting with our Angels, including the benefits of meditation and prayer. There will also be a question and answer period at the end of the lecture. Tickets are \$12 at the door. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., with the event starting at 8 p.m.

For more information, call (201) 475-1044, or visit www.Teresacomunicates.com.

'Eliminate Sickness' Seminar

August 18

A FREE seminar, "Eliminate Sickness," by Rev. George Malkmus, founder of Hallelujah Acres and Back to the Garden Health Ministries is being offered by the Health Education for Abundant Life and Center for Preventative Health on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. at the North Stelton African Methodist Episcopal Church, 123 Craig Ave. Piscataway (across from Timothy Christian School). Rev. Malkmus will teach about improving even the most difficult health problems through diet. For more information call (908) 754-4255.

CHATS Adoption Support Group To Meet

August 27

Adoption Support CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) group will meet on Monday, Aug. 27, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield. Patty and Bill Reents will lead a discussion of the book, *Itzhaka: A Daughter's Memoir of Being Found*, by Sarah Saffian. Anyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not; adoptee, adoptive parent, birth parent; or anyone with an interest in adoption. Open sharing of adoption-related stories are encouraged, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit their website at <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats>.

Kaleidoscope of Hope Walkathon To Benefit Ovarian Cancer

September 9

Walkers of all ages, including corporate teams, are invited to Morristown's Loantaka Brook Reservation (South St. entrance) on Sunday, Sept. 9, to have a good time and show their support for ovarian cancer research. The Kaleidoscope of Hope Foundation is sponsoring its second annual Walkathon, with options for a one, three or five mile course. Registration is at 8 a.m., followed by warm-ups at 8:30, and the walk at 9:30. A celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, featuring food, entertainment and massages. Walkers are asked to bring pre-paid sponsorship pledges. Dogs are welcome for an extra \$10. Individual, group and corporate sponsorships are invited. Information on ovarian cancer will be available, as all the proceeds from this event will go toward research. For information and/or pledge forms, call (973) 644-0500.

Terra Nova Garden Club To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

November 15

The Terra Nova Garden Club is turning 50! Come and celebrate with them at their 50th Anniversary Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club, on Plainfield Rd. in Edison, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Featured guests will be noted floral designer Winifred Applegate and pianist James Nuzzo.

For reservations or more information, call Kay McCormack at (732) 548-1976.

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Tiger Day Camp Kids Hold Talent Show

The kids at Tiger Day Camp held their Annual Talent Show last Friday at Grant Central Sixth Elementary School.

The show, directed by Ms. Leslie DiLollo, was presented to parents and friends. Everyone in attendance applauded and cheered all of the acts.

Christine and Amber opened the show with *Two Fiestas*, followed by Megan and Stephanie who performed *I'll Never Stop Loving You*.

Morgan, Stephanie and Megan did *Say My Name* and Gregory and Freddie went next with *Tell Me, Tell Me Baby*.

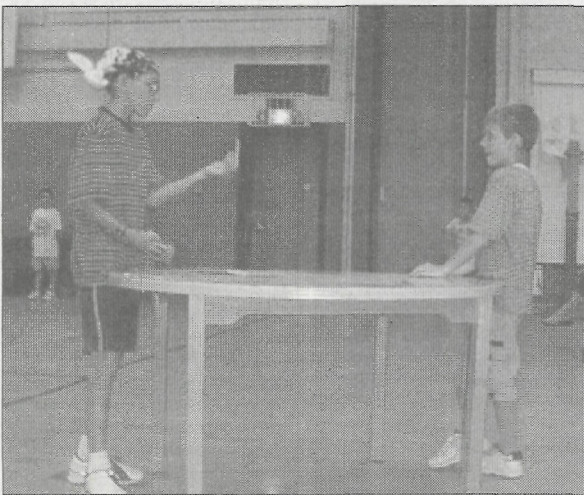
Next was Stephanie and Megan performing *I Was Born To Make You Happy*; and then *Bills, Bills, Bills*, which included Morgan, Christine, Amber and Christina.

Robert did *Little Bow Wow*, and then took part with Amber, Gregory, Mike and Freddie to perform *Little Romeo*.

Leading off the last three acts of the show were Michele, Priya and Madison with *Bug A Boo*; followed by Greg, Robert, Amber and Christine with *Ghetto Girls*.

Concluding the show was Amanda, with *Waterloo*.

Ms. DiLollo was presented with a bouquet of flowers at the end of the show by Amanda, for her dedication to the kids and their show.



Statewide Office of Privacy Protection Proposed

Assemblywoman Barbara Buono (D-Metuchen) emphasized the importance of legislation that would establish a statewide Office of Privacy Protection in the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

"As we head into the 21st century and experience the rapid growth of e-commerce and computer technology, we must make an effort to protect the privacy interests of the general public," said Buono. "Privacy protection is particularly important as it relates to the consumer in an age where it has become increasingly simple to access someone's personal information."

Among the various duties performed, the Office of Privacy Protection would work to protect the privacy of individuals' personal information by identifying consumer problems in the privacy area. Additionally, it will facilitate the development of fair information practices such as how a company or the government uses personal information about consumers.

The Office will also put forth examples of appropriate business policies that deal with personal privacy protection as well as taking complaints about violations in this area. The de-

partment may also make recommendations for legislative action through their annual report released by Oct. 1 of each year.

"Privacy protection has become increasingly crucial in this technologically oriented culture that relies heavily on the use of personally identifiable information for access to a plethora of confidential materials," said Jeremy E. Gruber, Legal Director for the National Workrights Institute, the only national private, nonprofit organization devoted to human rights in the workplace.

California legislation signed into law in October, 2000 created the first Office of Privacy Protection in the nation charged with the task of working with law enforcement and the public to adequately address complaints and inquiries regarding personal privacy.

"New Jersey needs to join California in remaining ahead of the curve in the protection of personal privacy rights as well as prevention of the abuses that can occur if that information ends up in the hands of the wrong person," Gruber added.

The Buono measure, Assembly Bill 3698, is a product of *"A Privacy and*

Personal Information Policy Forum: Setting the compass for privacy policy in New Jersey" which the assemblywoman hosted on January 19, 2001, at the Eagleton Institute of Politics. This panel discussion featured national experts of financial, personal, medical and online privacy representing all ends of the spectrum who came together to address relating issues and ways to address them.

"People are increasingly concerned with the rapid growth of computer technology. They are worried that their personal information will find its way into unwelcome hands and be used in ways that they do not approve of," said Buono.

Assemblywoman Buono is the sponsor of several pieces of legislation pending in the General Assembly that focuses on privacy rights and protection. Among these initiatives is a package of "Neterime" legislation that would protect children identities, personal privacy, credit card fraud, and email advertising.

Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee Meetings To Be Held

The Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee will hold meetings in the Grant Central Sixth Elementary School gymnasium at 7 p.m., on the following dates: Wednesday, Aug. 15; Wednesday, Sept. 5; Wednesday, Oct. 10; Wednesday, Nov. 7; Wednesday, Dec. 5; Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2002; Wednesday, Feb. 6; Wednesday, March 6 and Wednesday, March 27.

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Milestones

Brendan J. Lazar Named to Dean's List at Rutgers

Brendan J. Lazar has earned Dean's List status for the spring semester at Rutgers College, College of Engineering. Brendan will be entering his senior year this fall.

He is chairperson of the New Stu-

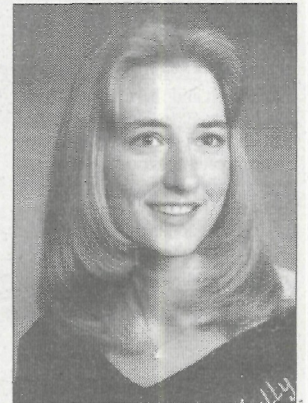
dent Organization and president of the Off-Campus Student Organization. He is presently interning with an environmental engineering company in New Jersey.

Kelly Schnyderite Named to Dean's List at College of New Jersey

The College of New Jersey has recognized the academic achievement of Kelly Schnyderite of South Plainfield.

Kelly, a junior majoring in elementary education/psychology, earned Dean's List status for the spring semester.

She is the daughter of Ron and Mary Ann Schnyderite and plans on a career in Speech Pathology following graduation.



Kelly Schnyderite

FedEx Honors South Plainfield Residents with Four Star Award

FedEx Custom Critical, Inc., North America's largest time-specific, critical shipment carrier, recently honored Barry Lapsley and Janet Wassel with the Four Star Award. They were among 50 independent contractors who received the award.

The Four Star Award was given to contractors in the FedEx Custom Critical fleet who excelled in the areas of service, safety, availability and load acceptance during the company's fiscal year, which ran from June 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001. The winners of the award were brought to Cleveland for an awards gala at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. They also toured the FedEx Custom Critical headquarters in Akron, Ohio and attended a luncheon and reception in their honor at Firestone Country Club in Akron.

Lapsley and Wassel have seen plenty of interesting runs, including one last year for the presidential pri-

mary in New Hampshire, but the adventure of driving is still what Lapsley enjoys. "I've seen parts of the country I never would have seen," he says. "I've seen sunrises and sunsets, freshly fallen snow sparkling in an open meadow on a crisp, cold winter morning, complete with a herd of deer. It's nature at its best and sometimes at its worst."

FedEx Custom Critical provides exclusive-use, time-specific shipment services throughout the U.S. and Canada and within Europe. Among its divisions are Surface Expedite, nonstop, door-to-door transport of critical shipments; White Glove Services, for shipments that require special care in handling; and CharterAir, which offers an array of expedited air solutions to meet customers' critical delivery times. FedEx Custom Critical is an operating subsidiary of FedEx Corp.

Property Tax Deadline Extended to Aug. 30

Property tax bills have now been mailed and residents should have received them.

Because of a delay in the mailing of the tax bills, a grace period was granted. Property tax bills usually due

on Aug. 1 will now have to be paid by Aug. 30.

A letter enclosed in each tax bill from Councilman Jim Vokral explains that the taxes due are slightly higher than previous bills.

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Randolph Avenue Holds Block Party

Story/Photos by Patricia Abbott

On a recent Sunday afternoon residents of Randolph Ave held their first annual block party. Twenty five families and close to 100 guests attended the event. The party was held in between Adeline and a few surrounding streets. Tables and chairs were set on the lawns and in the street. A large grill with a never ending supply of hamburgers and hot dogs sat alongside a table laden with chafing dishes offering a wide variety of food. There were salads of all kinds, eggplant parmigiana, ziti, chicken, sausage and peppers, kielbasa and more. Another table held goodies that ranged from chocolate bars to cheesecake.

There were activities and games for the children and the adults. Kids enjoyed a scavenger hunt, three-legged race, and chalk drawing contest. Bob Publik created balloon animals and even a few balloon hats. After the youngsters finished a round of musical chairs the adults took to the chairs for a hysterical version of their own. A game of Blindfold Survivor was a hit with all ages. The Most Original Hat contest had winners in child and adult categories. Dottie Waskiewicz won the adult contest and Katie and Kelly O'Brien tied for first place in the child contest.

The party was organized by a planning committee consisting of neighbors Bob and Pat Publik, Lou and Maryann Ronzo, Dottie and John Waskiewicz, George and Ginny Popik, and Betty and Greg Gaydos. An impromptu New Year's Eve gathering of neighbors produced the idea for the success party and they are already planning for next year.



From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Joan Delman (substituting for the vacationing Kenneth Morgan)

Most people like to relax and take it easy in the summertime, but things have been busier than ever this summer at the South Plainfield Library.

If you think kids like TV better than books, maybe you don't know any of the kids in our summer reading program. This year, three hundred children have joined our summer reading club, reading a total of 7, 115 books so far!!! The last day to check in for the Summer Reading Club is Aug. 11.

In addition to the Summer Reading Club, our children's department continues to offer its weekly storytime and craft programs. There will be one more Kidcraft program this summer on Monday, Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m., for children ages six and up; please sign up in advance. Storytime & Craft, for children ages three and up, continues on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., and Thursday at 1:15 p.m.; no pre-registration is required. For more information, please ask Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Reference Librarian Allan Kleinman has been conducting Computer Classes for Novices at the library on Monday mornings. The classes are for adults with no knowledge of computers, and offer hands-on training in the basics of computer operation, Windows, Internet, and e-mail. Classes scheduled for August are full, but we will be offering them again in the fall. If you would like to get on a waiting list for future classes, call or stop by the reference desk.

We have also received a grant to establish a Job Information Center here at the library. The kick-off for the Center was held on Saturday, July 21 at 10 a.m., with a program entitled

"Job Searching 101." We will be purchasing a computer with Internet access for job seekers' use. Stay tuned for further details.

Did you know...?

The World Wide Web, by recent estimates, contains as many as ONE BILLION websites, covering just about any subject you can think of. For example, you can use the web to find movie reviews, check stock prices, contact government officials, look up a doctor's credentials, learn a new language, get parenting tips, search for a new job or a new home, keep track of your favorite sports team, or plan your vacation! But with so many websites, how can you find the information you're looking for? At the South Plainfield Library, we've tried to make the job easier by selecting some of the best websites for you, and arranging them by subject. Go to our homepage, www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us and click on *Useful Websites*. And students should check out our *Homework Links* for help with school assignments — September is just around the corner!

Reminders:

The August group of circuit videos and DVDs are still available. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

Sign up for one of our online book clubs, and receive sample chapters of popular fiction and nonfiction books in your e-mail every day. To register or learn more, go to our homepage, www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

The area chapter of the Lion's Club is still collecting used eyeglasses of all types and in any condition; please drop off your old glasses in the collection box at the Circulation Desk.

Copies of *Recipes for All Seasons*, a cookbook from the Terra Nova Garden Club in Edison, are available at the library for \$10 each.

Flo's Kids Perform Piano Recital on Father's Day

Students from Flo's Piano Studio in South Plainfield performed a recital filled with fun and classical music this past Father's Day, June 17.

The recital was held at the Watching Arts Center in Watchung.

Flo Powell, teacher and proprietor, opened the recital with welcoming the pianists and all who was in attendance, as well as introducing special guest concert pianist Munnirah Rea Bishop.

Alexandra Maye opened the recital with two selections from the Bastien Piano Series, *Spring Parade* and *Birth-day Fun*. Domonique Renee Sims followed with *The Animal Band* and *Arab Dance*, also from the Bastien Piano Series. Next was Jessica Volosin, performing *Golden Trumpets* and *The Animal Band*.

Nicole Soisson played *Largo*, by Dvorak and *Alouetta*, a French folk song. Ben Stoddard performed *Ode To Joy (Symphony #9)*, by Beethoven, and *When the Saints Go Marching In*.

Playing next was Elijah Sherriff, with *Minuet and Trio* and *Midnight Blues*, both from the Bastien Piano Series.

Casey Garcia did *Roses from the South*, by Strauss, and *The Wonderful Things About Tigers*, by Sherman. Nyasha Hayes performed *La Donna E Mobile (Opera-Rigoletto)* by Verdi and *Trepak (Nutcracker Suite)*, by Tchaikovsky.

Ruth Stoddard played *Musette in D Major* by Bach, and the theme from *The Adams Family*.

Matthew Galinsky's two pieces were *Minuet in G Major*, by Bach and a Tchaikovsky/Mozart medley comprised of *Trepak, William Tell Overture, Eure Kleine Nachtmusik (A Little Night Music)*.

Jarred Barnes performed *Somersaults* by Mozart and *I Believe I Can Fly* by R. Kelly. Colin Slattery ended the performance with *Ave Maria* by Schubert, and *Ode To Joy (Symphony #9)* by Beethoven.

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Music in the Parks Series in Spring Lake Park

During the months of July and August, Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department have been presenting a series of free music concerts at five County Parks, including Spring Lake Park.

The following is a schedule of the performers that will be appearing during the month of August at the Gazebo of Spring Lake Park.

Sunday, August 12—Bottom of the Ninth, (Bob Beck - Leader).

Sunday, August 19—The Associates, (Art Smith - Leader)

Sunday, August 26—The Dixie Six, (Jack Homtwill - Leader).

All of the concerts take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

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Registration Opens for Plainfield YWCA After School Program: "Kid Power"

The YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield has opened registration for children for the 2001/2002 After-

School Program. Registration will be held Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the YWCA, located at 232 East Front Street, Plainfield.

Parents may enroll children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 for quality afterschool care provided Monday through Friday, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. The After School program will start Sept. 5, 2001 and takes place at the Plainfield YWCA facility and at the Rose of Sharon Church, West Seventh Street in Plainfield. Transportation is available from Plainfield area public schools to the YWCA daily. A healthy snack is given to the children upon arrival to the program each day.

This year's After School program theme "Kid Power" promises to deliver an innovative schedule of activities designed to shape children physically, mentally and emotionally. "Our goal is to go beyond the traditional, and positively impact the development of children in a way that assists them in realizing their purpose in life," says Diane Anderson, M.S.W., newly-appointed Director of Children Services at the YWCA. "To this end, the YWCA After School program will integrate activities that emphasize character building by thinking and behaving from a perspective that embraces respect, truth, dignity, compassion, and excellence. We also will focus upon

academic enrichment based on problem solving, critical thinking, strategic planning, logic, and observation. Children will have fun while learning to enjoy physical fitness, friendly competition, and team cooperation. Children will engage in creative expression, and will be encouraged to develop a creative voice and vision," she added.

Other plans include the Parent Information Network, which focuses on providing parents of the After School program's children with no cost information that will enrich and strengthen them and their families. Information will pertain to career advancement, home buying, parenting and child development, understanding remaining disabilities, and other useful knowledge. An information distribution center will be available on location at both sites.

The YWCA of Plainfield / North Plainfield has served the greater Plainfield community since 1906. The YWCA has as its mission the empowerment of women and the elimination of racism and sexism. The After School Program is one way that the YWCA contributes to the empowerment of women and their families.

If you would like more information about the Plainfield YWCA, please call (908) 756-3500 during regular business hours.



The Senior Housing Complex located on Morris Ave. is beginning to take shape and should be ready for occupancy by spring of 2002.

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1 Tbsp. lemon juice
2 cups water

In a two-cup measuring bowl, stir the sugar into warm water until dissolved. In a blender, combine desired fruit, sugar mixture and lemon juice. Cover and blend or process until mixture is nearly smooth. Pour into 3 shaver tubs or small margarine containers. Cover and freeze, stirring occasionally, until firm.

Authentic Italian Lemon Ice

2 cups water
2/3 cup sugar

1 cup lemon juice (use the juice of 2 lemons plus enough reconstituted juice to yield 1 cup)

Zest of 2 lemons, cut very fine
Heat water and sugar to boiling. Simmer for 5 minutes. Remove from heat. Stir in lemon juice and lemon zest. Cool to room temperature. Divide mixture evenly among the 3 tubs. Freeze until firm. Shave mixture in shaver and scoop into small cups. Serve with a spoon.

Sno-Cone Syrup

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Donated Cell Phones To Help Senior Citizens

The South Plainfield Police Department is pleased to announce a program in which used donated cell phones will be distributed to senior citizens to contact the police department in emergency situations. The cell phones will be programmed to dial 911 only. Seniors will be encouraged to carry the phones with them at all times.

The Police Department is asking citizens who wish to donate cell phones to this program to contact Officer Allen LaMonda at (908) 226-7716 or drop the phones off at the Police Department Communications Center. In order to use your donation, we must have the cell phone, at least one battery and the battery charger.

Bike Lockers – Another Commuter Alternative offered by KMM

Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc. (KMM), the Transportation Management Association of Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean Counties, makes it easier for those who choose to use bicycles as a form of transportation with the successful Bike Locker program.

The Bike Locker program, created by NJ Transit, allows cyclists who use NJ Transit trains to safely store their bicycles at the train station. Therefore, commuters aid in reducing congestion during the morning and evening commutes to and from the train station.

Bike Lockers are owned by NJ

Transit and are operated by KMM. Currently, bike lockers are available for rent in Metro Park and Edison. The cost of renting a bike locker is \$45, for a six month lease. A refundable \$25 deposit is also required and is returned when the lease expires. The renters are given a key to a private locker for the duration of the lease. Since the program inception, there have not been break-ins or bicycle theft. Basic maintenance is handled by KMM.

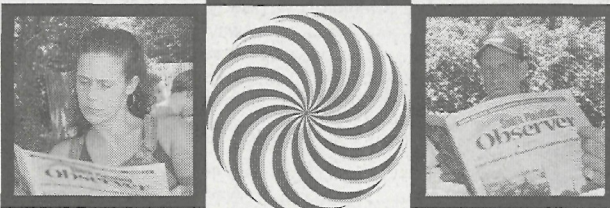
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15	Sat.	Colonia	Away 1:00
21	Fri.	New Brunswick	Home 7:00
28	Fri.	North Brunswick	Away 7:00
OCTOBER			
5	Fri.	J. F. Kennedy	Home 7:00
13	Sat.	Monroe Township	Away 1:00
19	Fri.	Delaware Valley	Home 7:00
26	Fri.	Carteret	Home 7:00
NOVEMBER			
2	Fri.	Bishop Ahr	Away 7:00
9/10	Playoffs		

JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER			
10	Mon.	Rahway	Home 3:45
24	Mon.	New Brunswick	Away 3:45
OCTOBER			
1	Mon.	North Brunswick	Home 3:45
8	Mon.	J. F. Kennedy	Away 3:45
15	Mon.	Monroe Township	Home 3:45
22	Mon.	Delaware Valley	Away 4:00
29	Mon.	Carteret	Away 3:45
NOVEMBER			
5	Mon.	Bishop Ahr	Home 7:00

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL

SEPTEMBER			
7	Fri.	Rahway	Home 3:45
14	Fri.	Colonia	Home 3:45
21	Fri.	New Brunswick	Away 3:45
28	Fri.	North Brunswick	Home 3:45
OCTOBER			
5	Fri.	J. F. Kennedy	Away 3:45
12	Fri.	Monroe Township	Home 3:45
19	Fri.	Delaware Valley	Away 4:00
26	Fri.	Carteret	Away 3:45
NOVEMBER			
5	Mon.	Bishop Ahr	Home 5:00

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER			
4	Tues.	Plainfield (varsity scrimmage)	Home 11am
6	Thurs.	Edison (scrimmage)	Away 3:45
10	Mon.	J. P. Stevens/JV-3:45	Away 6:00
13	Thurs.	Colonia	Home 3:45
15	Sat.	Woodbridge	Away 10:30am
17	Mon.	Bishop Ahr	Away 3:45
21	Fri.	Perth Amboy	Away 3:45
25	Tues.	North Brunswick/ JV-3:45	Away 6:00
29	Sat.	Sayreville	Home 11am
OCTOBER			
1	Mon.	Colonia	Away 3:45
3	Wed.	Woodbridge	Home 3:45
5	Fri.	Bishop Ahr	Home 3:45
8	Mon.	Metuchen/JV-3:45	Away 7:00
11	Thurs.	Perth Amboy	Home 3:45
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15	Mon.	Sayreville	Away 3:45
18	Thurs.	Delaware Valley	Home 3:45
GMC Tournament State Tournament			

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15	Mon.	Sayreville	Home 3:45
18	Thurs.	Delaware Valley	Away 4:00

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VARSITY & JUNIOR GIRLS SOCCER

SEPTEMBER			
4	Tues.	N. Brunswick (scrimmage)	Away 3:45
6	Thurs.	Edison (scrimmage)	Home 3:45
12	Wed.	Spotswood	Away 3:45
14	Fri.	Metuchen/ JV-3:45	Away 7:00
17	Mon.	Bernards	Away 4:00
20	Thurs.	Mother Seton/varsity only	Home 3:45
21	Fri.	Dunellen/varsity only	Away 3:45
24	Mon.	J. F. Kennedy	Away 3:45
26	Wed.	South River	Home 3:45
28	Fri.	Spotswood	Home 3:45
OCTOBER			
1	Mon.	J. P. Stevens	Home 3:45
2	Tues.	Metuchen/JV-3:45	Home 7:00
6	Sat.	Mother Seton/varsity only	Away 11am
10	Wed.	Dunellen/varsity only	Home 3:45
12	Fri.	J. F. Kennedy	Home 3:45
15	Mon.	Passaic Valley	Away 4:00
16	Tues.	South River	Away 3:45
18	Thurs.	Delaware Valley	Away 4:00
GMC Tournament State Tournament			

VARSITY & JUNIOR VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

SEPTEMBER			
7	Fri.	Union	Away 4:00
11	Tues.	Cranford	Home 4:00
12	Wed.	Sayreville	Home 3:45
14	Fri.	Piscataway	Home 3:45
22	Sat.	Monroe Township	Away 10am
25	Tues.	Metuchen	Away 3:45
28	Fri.	East Brunswick	Away 3:45
OCTOBER			
1	Mon.	Old Bridge	Home 3:45
3	Wed.	Monroe Township	Home 3:45
5	Fri.	Sayreville	Away 3:45
9	Tues.	Piscataway	Away 3:45
15	Mon.	Metuchen	Home 3:45
17	Wed.	East Brunswick	Home 3:45
19	Fri.	Old Bridge	Away 3:45
GMC Tournament State Tournament			

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD HOCKEY

SEPTEMBER			
11	Tues.	Hillside Ave. (Cranford)	Away 4:00
12	Wed.	Sayreville	Away 3:45
20	Thurs.	Metuchen	Home 3:45
24	Mon.	Orange Ave. (Cranford)	Away 4:00
26	Wed.	Union	Home 4:00
28	Sept.	Kent Place	Away 4:00
OCTOBER			
5	Fri.	Sayreville	Home 3:45
8	Mon.	Metuchen	Away 3:45
9	Tues.	Basking Ridge	Away 4:00
13	Sat.	Kent Place/Pingry/Westfield	Home
16	Tues.	Basking Ridge	Home 4:00
17	Wed.	Union	Away 4:00
18	Thurs.	Westfield	Away 4:00
29	Mon.	Westfield	Away 4:00

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER			
11	Tues.	New Brunswick	Away 3:45
14	Fri.	South River	Home 3:45
20	Thurs.	Perth Amboy	Home 3:45
25	Tues.	Dunellen	Away 3:45
OCTOBER			
2	Tues.	St. Peter's	Home 3:45
9	Tues.	Highland Park	Away 3:45
11	Thurs.	Highland Park/Edison @ Thompson Park	Away 3:45
16	Tues.	St. Mary's	Home 3:45
20	Sat.	GMC Meet	Away
23	Tues.	Metuchen	Away 3:45
30	Tues.	Middlesex	Home 3:45
State Sectionals			

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

SEPTEMBER			
11	Sept.	Perth Amboy	Home 3:45
14	Fri.	Colonia	Home 3:45
25	Tues.	Spotswood	Home 3:45
OCTOBER			
2	Tues.	Monroe Township	Away 3:45
9	Tues.	Bishop Ahr	Home 3:45
11	Thurs.	Highland Park/Edison @ Thompson Park	Away 3:45
16	Tues.	Carteret	Away 3:45
20	Sat.	GMC Meet	Away
23	Tues.	North Brunswick	Home 3:45
30	Tues.	J. F. Kennedy	Home 3:45
State Sectionals			

GYMNASTICS

SEPTEMBER			
13	Thurs.	East Brunswick	Home 5:30
15	Sat.	Pioneer Classic @Somerville High School	Away 12:30
20	Thurs.	Piscataway	Away 4:30
24	Mon.	Bishop Ahr	Home 5:30
26	Wed.	South Brunswick	Home 5:30
OCTOBER			
4	Thurs.	Old Bridge	Home 5:30
6	Sat.	North Brunswick	Away 10am
11	Thurs.	Sayreville	Away 4:30
18	Thurs.	GMC Meet	
25	Thurs.	Novice Tournament	
30	Tues.	Somerville	Away 6:30
State Sectionals			

GIRLS TENNIS

SEPTEMBER			
7	Fri.	Colonia	Away 3:45
10	Mon.	Monroe Township	Away 3:45
14	Fri.	Perth Amboy	Away 3:45
17	Mon.	Sayreville	Home 3:45
21	Fri.	Bishop Ahr	Home 3:45
24	Mon.	J. F. Kennedy	Away 3:45
25	Tues.	J. P. Stevens	Away 3:45
28	Fri.	North Brunswick	Home 3:45
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3	Wed.	Sayreville	Away 3:45
5	Fri.	GMC Tournament	
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8	Mon.	South Brunswick	Away 3:45
10	Wed.	Colonia	Home 3:45
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22	Mon.	J. F. Kennedy	Home 3:45
24	Wed.	North Brunswick	Away 3:45
25	Thurs.	Bound Brook	Home 4:00
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Sports

Tiger Sharks Divers Compete Well Against Cedar Hill

The Sharks Diving Team held its second home meet of the season, hosting the Cedar Hill Diving Team. It was a close meet, but the Sharks fell 49 to 41 in the final team scores. Our divers placed in top spots in all of the age categories we competed in, but the team lacks male divers in the 13/14 and 15-18 age groups. We are proud of all the divers who participated in the meet:

8 and under Girls: Amanda Caruso (first place), Victoria Burke (second place) and Ali Burke (fourth place)

8 and under Boys: Patrick Boyle (fourth place) and Michael Atcachunas (fifth place).

9/10 Girls: Katie Baldassarre (second place), Elizabeth Fasullo (third place) & Julia Caruso (fifth place).

9/10 Boys: Michael Boyle (second place) & Stephen Wagner (third place).



11/12 Girls: Clare Kelly (first place), Megan Boyle (second place), Julia Zappi, Katelyn Conrad, Tiffany Roth & Rachel Esteves.

11/12 Boys: Gregory Caruso (second place).

13/14 Girls: Nina Byard (first place), Kendall Green (third place) and Carla Zappi (fifth place).

15/18 Girls: Victoria Zappi (first place).

Congratulations to all of our Shark Divers!

Thank you, Mike Panzarella
Submitted by Jennifer Kelly

Fall Baseball At The SPJBC

By Lee Flanagan

Due to the overwhelming response of the Fall Baseball League, a third registration will be held this Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Baseball Complex from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This year marks the first time that the SPJBC will have a fall ball league. Registration costs will be \$50 per player and include a t-shirt and hat. Out of towners are welcome.

A 12 game schedule for each team is anticipated. The age groups will be 9/10, 11/12 and 13/14, based on next years playing age.

Teams will be formulated the week of August 27. Registration deadline is August 25. If you cannot attend this Saturday's registration, you must call Lee Flanagan at (908) 561-6348.

Games will start in September. If you would like to manage, coach or umpire, or would like additional information, call Lee Flanagan at the above number.



Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

Tri-County Championship Games—Congratulations to our 14-U and 10-U All-Star traveling teams for confirming what true champions they are as both teams completed the softball season by capturing first place in the Tri-County League Championship Games. Congratulations also goes out to our 12-U (Bosse) team for placing second in these games. This team should be equally proud of their accomplishment. Watch for a wrap-up of the Tri-County season in an upcoming article.

Ponytail Softball Association Meeting—August 28—The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on Aug. 28. New members are always welcomed.

Ponytail Softball Online—You can now visit Ponytail softball online anytime at our newly created website...SPPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams. Please feel free to contact us by keying on the email link WEBMASTERSPPONYTAIL.com found on our home page.

Wrestling

Wrestling Club Announces Year-Round Facility

The South Plainfield Wrestling Club has announced a year-round wrestling facility, which opened on July 24, located in the PAL Building.

This facility is available to both South Plainfield residents and non-residents, from fifth grade through twelfth grade. Sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. There will only be Sunday sessions during the varsity wrestling season.

Sessions will be held in an 8,000 square foot area containing four mats. All sessions will consist of instruction, drilling and live wrestling, which will be organized by invited coaches Bill Pavlak, Kevin McCann, Steve Giordano and Jim Miller.

All coaches, wrestlers and visitors must be registered and approved by the South Plainfield Wrestling Club. Those who are not will not be permitted to stay in the wrestling room during sessions. There will be appearances made by guest clinicians during the year. All decisions will be finalized by the South Plainfield Wrestling Club.

To join, there is a yearly fee of \$200 for residents and \$300 for non-residents. However, if you register during the months of July and August, you will receive four free sessions. To register for sessions, call Joe DiBiase at (908) 769-4197 or Bill Ashnault at (908) 753-1712.

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By Tony Cassano



SPJBC MONTHLY MEETING HELD—Due to a extremely busy schedule during the months of June and July, our first monthly meeting in over two months was held this past Monday. I wish to thank those members who once again took time out of their summer to attend the last meeting of the 2001 season and the last meeting that I will oversee as Commissioner. Topics discussed varied from season ending results to final tournament results to fall ball. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. Although this article will not be my last I still wish to thank the entire organization, my board members and the South Plainfield community for all your support both this year and last. It's been a real pleasure and honor to serve as Commissioner. As an organization, we have accomplished a lot in the past two years.

For the record, the success of this years SPJBC traveling All Stars may be the best ever. As an organization, several Championships were won, along with many second and third place finishes. Congratulations to all on a tremendous all star season. Final records are as followed: 8 year olds: Manager—Chris Hubner (20-2); 9 Year Olds: Manager—Larry Hughes (13-5); 10 Year Olds: Manager—Dominic Papa (12-7); 11 Year Olds: Manager—Kurt Ullom (9-5); 12 Year Olds (American): Manager—John Stallone (22-6); 12 Year Olds (National): Manager—Art Mandell (not in at press time); 13 Year Olds: Manager—Tom Kiczula (not in at press time); 14/15 Year Olds: Dave Spayder (16-6); 16 Year Olds: Roger Vroom (4-3).

THIRD FALL BALL REGISTRATION TO BE HELD TOMORROW 8/11—A third registration will be held tomorrow (Saturday, Aug. 11, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) at the Clubhouse. Registration costs will be \$50 per player and will include T-shirt and hat. The age groups will be 9/10, 11/12, and 13/14 (*based on next years playing age). Teams are now being formulated and out of towners are welcome. Games will start in September. For any additional details, please contact our Fall Ball Director Lee Flanagan at (908) 594-1480.

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 11—Fall Ball Registration
- September 7—Old Timers Game, Picnic Set-Up
- September 8—Club Picnic
- September 10—General Membership Meeting, 7:30 p.m.



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Obituaries

Stanley J. Goul

Stanley J. Goul died on Thursday, Aug. 2 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center.

Born in Avoca, Pa., he resided in Linden before moving to South Plainfield over 50 years ago.

Mr. Goul was employed by General Motors of Linden as a car inspector for 38 years before retiring in 1987.

He served in the U.S. Army during WWII, and had been classified as "missing" for three months after being wounded in France. Subsequently, he received the Purple Heart.

He was a member of the VFW Memorial Post #6763 and Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. He was also a member of the United Auto Workers Local #595 of Linden and in 1992 he became a member of GM's Retirees Hall of Fame in Linden.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Mary A. Goul; a son, Kenneth Goul of Ortley Beach and a daughter, Barbara Kmiec of Piscataway. Also surviving are a grandson, Jason Kmiec, three nieces and two nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Emphysema Foundation, 15 Stevens St., Newark, NJ 06856.

Anna (Parks) Shea, 88

Anna (Parks) Shea died on Sunday, Aug. 5 in Franklin Care Center in Franklin Park.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mrs. Shea

had resided in Newark, and later Forked River for 23 years, before moving to South Plainfield four years ago. She entered the care center in 1999.

She was employed as a quality control inspector for Westinghouse in Bloomfield before her retirement in 1972.

Mrs. Shea was a member of the AARP Warctown Chapter and a former communicant of St. Pius RC Church in Forked River.

She was predeceased by her husband, Robert Shea, who died in 1991; three sisters and two brothers.

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Alcaro of South Plainfield, and a son, Frank Jelinski of Snowhegan, Maine.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Denise Humphrey, Frank Jelinski, Claire Pish, Lisa McAloney, Ann, Mark and Bob Alcaro, as well as ten great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 200 A Cottage Lane, Somerset, NJ.

Mary A. (Santo) Delago, 85

Mary A. (Santo) Delago died on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at the Somerset Medical Center.

Born in Plainfield, she resided in the Arbor section of Piscataway before moving to Middlesex 28 years ago.

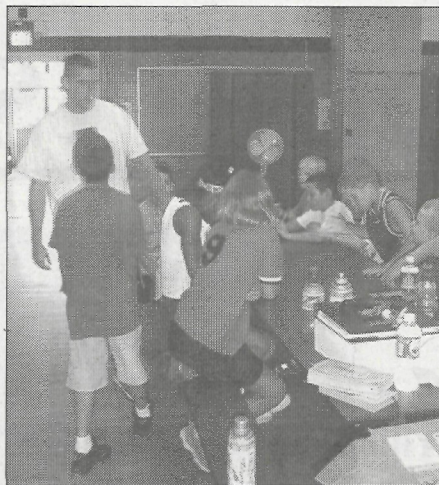
Mrs. Delago was a member of Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church in Middlesex.

She was predeceased by her husband, Angelo, and her two sons, Angelo and Dominick.

Surviving are three daughters, Joanne Burnett of Piscataway; Rose Pennington of Middlesex and Virginia and her husband, Henry Toro of South Plainfield; and one brother, Johnny Santo of Warren.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.



Summer Rec is coming to a close. Friday is the final day for the summer program. Kids at Roosevelt Recreation are staying indoors to keep out of the heat. Kids played games like knock hockey, worked on crafts and watched a movie.

Photos by Jane Dornick



policereport

On July 30, a Florence Place resident reported that his side door had been punched and access was gained. \$40 worth of change was missing.

A Norwood Ave. resident reported that his vehicle had been damaged when several youths pushed a bike in its direction.

Edgewood Properties reported that three finished units on Margaret Drive had been damaged.

On July 31, a Park Ave. resident reported that someone broke into his vehicle which was parked in front of his residence. His wallet was stolen and a mountain bike was taken from the side yard.

A Dey St. resident reported that her purse had been stolen from her unlocked vehicle in her driveway.

On August 1, a Phillipsburg man was arrested for the theft of a pocketbook.

A Texas Ave. resident reported

that someone had made purchases on his credit card while neither he nor his wife's cards were missing.

Golf-Eze, on South Clinton Ave. reported the theft of a golf cart.

On Thursday, C & R Auto Electric on Hamilton Blvd. reported that the front window of the shop had been smashed.

A South Amboy resident was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$32 worth of women's apparel. Her sister was also arrested for shoplifting \$207 worth of women's apparel.

On Friday, Ryder Truck Rental on New Brunswick Ave. reported a stolen rental truck.

On Saturday, a Plainfield woman was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting women's socks worth \$22.

A Plainfield woman was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting un-

derwear, a doll, a watch and socks worth \$66.

A Clinton Ave. resident reported that two ornamental concrete deer were taken from her front yard.

On Sunday, a New Market Ave. resident reported that his daughter's car had been vandalized while parked in the driveway. Sugar had been poured in the gas tank and all over the car.

On Monday, a West Crescent Parkway resident reported being harassed over a parking space at K-Mart. When she returned to her car after shopping, she noticed a scratch running along the front and rear driver side doors.

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Legal Notice August 7, 2001 Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on July 24, 2001. A. Case #641-CIN Southfield LLC-Block 528.01; Lot 45.08; One Craigwood Road-Applicant's request to expand their parking lot was hereby GRANTED with waivers and conditions. Respectfully Submitted, Janice Muccilli Recording Secretary/Planning Board \$18.00 August 10, 2001

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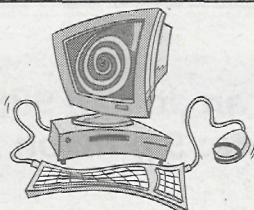
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CD-Rewritable Discs: CD-RW, or CD-rewritable discs are like the good old reliable cassette tapes. Unlike CD-Rs, they can be recorded, played, recorded, played and so on, up to roughly a thousand times, according to most manufacturers. As a result, they're a little more costly than CD-Rs. However, CD-RW discs, unlike CD-Rs, cannot be played on a home stereo. Because CD-R drives

have been around longer than CD-RW drives, you may find that older CD-R machines can't read CD-RW discs.

Photoshop 6-Sharpening a Compressed Image: Digital cameras are the hottest thing in electronic imaging. You can take as many images as you like, download them to your computer immediately and placing them into a printed document literally minutes after snapping the picture. Unfortunately, the technology is still very young. And if you're using one of the mid- or low-priced cameras—even the slightest application of the *Unsharp Mask* filter sometimes results in jagged edges and unsightly artifacts. These blemishes stem from a stingy supply of pixels. The situation is improving. Cameras at the high end of the consumer price range (\$700 and up) can produce three-

megapixel images and often enable you to store uncompressed images in the TIFF format. But as with all good things in life, it will take a while for those options to be available in moderately priced equipment. In the meantime, firm up the detail and smooth out the color transitions in your digital photos by applying a combination of filters—Median, Gaussian Blur and Unsharp Mask—to a layered version of the image.

Video-Editing Software: Windows *Movie Maker* is not the only video-editing software on the market. In fact, chances are pretty good that when you bought your digital camcorder or FireWire adapter, it came with a CD containing another video-editing program. But in a growing crowd of video editors, *Movie Maker* is unique because it produces much smaller video files than most

of the other programs. This feature makes *Movie Maker* ideally suited for creating movies that you plan to publish online, whereas the huge .AVI or .MPEG files produced by other programs are too big to be practical.

Videographers Are Magicians: Video camcorders don't create light, but they do take full advantage of all available light. This is both good and bad. The good part is that you'll find few situations where a quality camcorder won't get a picture—even in near darkness. The bad part is that you may be tempted to depend too much on low-light features. If you have a lot of time to set up a shot, properly light it and ensure quality of sound, use every moment to get the best quality you can.

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