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Veterans Park Slated for Cleanup

Veterans Park, which has been closed since last year at this time, is about to get cleaned up.

This week's Observer contains a legal notice to bond the clean up project. The cost of the cleanup will run in excess of \$900,000.

A special meeting was planned for Wednesday evening (after our presstime), to introduce the bonding and details of the cleanup plans.

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Mayor Dan Gallagher vowed last year that the cleanup of Veterans Park would not be done on a pay-as-yougo saying, "Whatever it costs, we are going to pay to get it corrected."

Next week's *Observer* will provide more details on the cleanup plans and costs.



Residents should be aware that the use of fireworks are prohibited in the State of New Jersey.



Children visit the fire department to learn fire safety with Michael Pellegrino in the Safety Town Program. Registration for the program is now closed because the program is full.

House Vandalized, Firearms Stolen

Last Thursday a home on Sherman Ave. was burglarized and during the course of the burglary, five rifles/shotguns and amunition were taken.

A joint follow-up investigation was done by South Plainfield Det. Gary Cassio and Plainfield Police Det. Sergeant Jeff Plum, Det. Jean Calvin, Det. Michael Caspersen, Det. Eddie Hafeken, Det. Troy Alston and Det. Mike Black. As a result of this joint investi-

gation, two suspects were arrested and the weapons were recovered.

Arrested were Emanual Perez, 25 and Damon R. Williams, 24, both Plainfield residents. They were both charged with burglary while armed, theft, possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes and unlawful possession of a weapon. South Plainfield Municipal Court Judge Jay Jorgenson set bail at \$50,000.

Juveniles Arrested in Bike Theft

On Sunday afternoon two residents of Joan St. witnessed three black males steal a girl's Huffy mountain bike from the front of their home.

Two of the suspects were stopped with the bike and detained by an offduty Hillside police sergeant on Park and Gubernat avenues. A third suspect was caught on Clark Ln. by South Plainfield Police.

The three juveniles were from Plainfield, one as young as 13 years old. Police found two pocket knives on a 17 year-old. All of the youths were identified, arrested and transported to police headquarters and released to their parents.

EPA Warns Residents Further Testing Needed Near Superfund Site

Borough Hall was filled with residents who live near the Hamilton Industrial Site, as well as homeowners who live downstream of the Bound Brook to find out just where the EPA stands in testing and cleaning up their property

The EPA had asked the public to attend a meeting on June 23 to discuss the next step in cleanup of the properties in the vicinity of the Cornell-Dublilier (CDE) (now known as the Hamilton Blvd. Site), located at 300 Hamilton Blvd. The public not

only attended, but asked many questions, not just about properties but also about the industrial site and the health hazards from contamination.

In his opening statement, Remedial Project Manager Peter Mannio, reported that soil sampling had already taken place in the flood plane of the Bound Brook, along Fred Allen Drive and Schilici Lane, to check for PCBs and other contaminants. In addition, testing was done on properties from Hamilton Blvd. to Belmont Ave. as far as Roosevelt School to get a broader

idea of the area. The EPA has determined that approximately 60 homes will need additional testing.

As far as cleanup is concerned, the EPA's safe level for PCBs is on part per million. The state of New Jersey's level is .458 per million. If and when a cleanup is done, it will be done to the specification of the EPA. However, Mannio said that most cleanups produce the level close to or better than New Jersey's.

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Auto Break-Ins In Kennedy Area

Seventeen unlocked vehicles located in the area north of J.F. Kennedy Elementary School on Norwood Ave. between Maple and Park avenues were vandalized over night on June 18. Cell phones, loose change, CDs and sunglasses were among the things stolen. Some vehicles had nothing taken at all, but were apparently entered.

South Plainfield Police are urging residents to lock their car doors, close all windows and not keep any valuables within plain sight.

There are no witnesses and no suspects, but it is believed that the incidents are all related due to the close proximity of the crimes.

Special Olympians Bring Home the Gold Again

The Board of Education recognized members of the Special Olympics Track and Field team, as well as their coaches and volunteers who took part in the Middlesex and Union Counties Area 5 competition for winning first place. They also participated in the 2003 New Jersey State Special Olympics at The College of New Jersey.

The team won 34 gold medals, 12 silver, two bronze and 14 place ribbons in the Union County competition and 12 more gold, eight silver, four bronze. In the state competition they won eight gold, four silver, one bronze and 14 place medals. In all they were awarded more than 76 medals.

Everyone who competed was recognized and each received a certificate of appreciation. Also receiving certificated were members of the coaching staff as well as the many volunteers who spent countless hours practicing with the Special Olympians and accompanying them to tournaments.

Head Coach is Addison Williams; assistant coaches are Kathryn Boyle, Kevin Hajduk and Sharon McGrath.



Special athletes are: Juanita Adolphus, Dave Agnew, Karen Bayman, Chris Bonnell, Charlie Clark, Jason DeSantis, Robert Fallat, Richard Leonardis, Anthony McLean, Andrew McLean, Michael McLean, Dave Mi

cablo, Eddie Reid, Jason Seay and Michael Tabachnik.

Unified athletes are Ryan Bunting, Jessica Hill, Rocco Petriello, Louis Pitt, Joey Ragno, Justin Reid, Omar Rodriguez, Calvin Seay, Lizette Seay, Olivia Smith, Crystal Soto and Jonathan Villamarin.

Volunteers are Jessica Adams, Amanda Alemezohu, Jessie Brandes, Constance Flanagan, Nicole Listorti, Stephanie Mazurak, Jenna Pein and Katie Yon.

SCOOTERS: Use 'Em, Lose 'Em!

The South Plainfield Police Department has been experiencing a dramatic rise in the number of complaints regarding the use of motorized scooters or "go peds." Most complaints are regarding teenagers carelessly operating these vehicles on borough streets.

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Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605 AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING Monday, July 14. Thursday, July 17 Monday, August 11 Thursday, August 14 All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meet ings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seg) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641 July 8, July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11(no meeting) Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Dec 23.

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Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641 (July 10 5pm Special Meeting K-Land) July 10, July 24 Aug. 14 (meeting cancelled), Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

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Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: August 12, Sept. 9 Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: July 15, August 19

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-668-0538

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m. July 15, Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716 September 2, October 7, November 11 (Nov. 4 is Election Day) and December 2

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

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Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday-no meeting August) at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall



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YOUR OPINI

To the Editor,

On June 7 we held our third annual Coaches Care Softball Marathon and Auction to benefit the Children's Fund at JFK Medical Center. Although the weather did not cooperate, we did play two games and hoped to continue on June 21. As has been the case for most of the spring, we were rained again and we look to finish up on September 13.

While the weather did put a damper on the days, it did not dampen the spirits of the many people who volunteered their time and services. Pd like to thank the committee who helped put this together: Keith Heckel, Kurt Ullom, Tony Cassano, Bill Cochrane and John Stallone. Their time and ideas proved invaluable and they were available at a minute's notice for meetings. The following people donated gifts for the auction: Tony Cassano, Glenn Mc-Creesh, Bill Schroeder, Ted Tucker, The New Jersey Nets and Devils, Rick Walton, Tom Lanza, Chris Hansen, Chris Hubner, The Recreation Commission, Mike English, Keith Heckel, Sportworld, Sharon Tucker, Danny Wasnick and Mary Jane DeNitzio. A special thanks to our sponsors, Rich Little of RT Electric Company, Jeff Licato, Peter Goitandia and Jeff McCreesh, thanks for all of your support. The unique thing about the above people and businesses is that all of them donated without solicitation, and they all truly embrace the spirit of the charity. Pd like to thank the coaches of the club who relived their glory days by volunteering to play all day, but got a break with the rain.

To all of the teams who paid to play against them, The Medical Center, CBRBL, Pop-Warner coaches, Soccer Coaches, Ponytail Coaches, Club Umpires, thank you all for your help and support. To Bill Mosca, a thanks for asking me how the Middle School teachers could help with the charity and Joe Blondo for continued communication. Hopefully we'll see you in September. From your charity bas-ketball game to your support for this charity, you have shown a caring nature and a sense of community involvement you should be proud of. A special thanks to The Dunphey-Smith Company for their donation of the Ward Burton NASCAR simulator.

To anyone who runs volunteer programs, you are only as good as the people who surround you. I am blessed to have many people who, year after year, don't ask what they can do, but rather just step up and tell me what they can do, taking a tremendous burden off of me. People like Rick Walton. Bob Pasternak and Tom Prvor, each of whom, made food at their homes and came down and cooked all day. I thank each of them for their efforts. spirit and continued support of the

To Mary Jane DeNitzio, who brought bagels and doughnuts and worked the snack stand all day, once ngain thank you. Thanks to Anthony Romano who helped coordinate the snack stand and worked with our ven-

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dors to help donate food and beverages. To Bob Boyle of Roma Foods who donated burgers and sausages for the third year, thank you so much.

To the Executive Board of the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, who allowed the charity to keep all proceeds from the snack stand, a special thanks for making the charity that much better. To Bill DeNitzio and Iim Colapietro, in their third year of umpiring the entire day, a thanks for your continued support on and off the field.

To Ted Tucker who always has his

eyes and ears open for the charity, once again, thanks for your enthusiasm and

Earlier this year, the Observer pub lished an article stating our goal of donating computers to the JFK Medical Center. The article ran on the front page of the paper and for that and all of their support, I'd like to thank Nancy and the staff of the newspaper. Because of that article a person in town, who happens to be a coach at our club, mentioned to me that his company may be of some assistance to help that effort. On Saturday June 7, thanks to Al Liszewski and his company, Coance Inc., we were able to hand Steve Toal of the IFK Medical Center six Dell Computers for the kids of the hospital to enjoy. In addition to that we have raised nearly \$4,000 with five more games left to play in September. With these donations added to the first two years, we have provided the hospital with over \$22,000 to benefit the children who stay there. As I have told many of the people at the club, this was to be the last year of the softball portion of the charity and the hope was to have a golf tournament. But due to the enthusiastic efforts of our club, we will probably continue with this format. In the three years of doing this, we have tried to improve it each year and to that effect I believe we have accomplished that. I am truly overwhelmed by the continued sup-

port and enthusiasm of the entire club and their families. For the past ten years I have played in a golf tournament in Pennsylvania that benefits handicapped children. It has gotten to the point where I know some of the kids by name, and to see how they struggle with the things that we take for granted every day, makes me fully appreciate how fortunate I am to have a healthy family. To the people who helped with this charity, give your kids a hug for me, and be blessed with the knowledge that you are helping kids less fortunate. And to RH, your smile is a continued sign that prayers are answered.

TOM MCCREESH Chairman Coaches Care

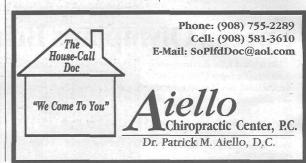
Dear Editor:

In July of 2002, the New Jersey Council of Humanities and New Jersey State Council on the Arts appointed Amiri Baraka to the position of New Jersey State Poet Laureate. Mr. Baraka was to share his poetic talents with the New Jersey community. However, shortly after his appointment, it was learned that he was the author of a poem called "Somebody Blew Up America," in which he implied that Israel had advanced knowledge of the September 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Not surprisingly, such an intolerant and inaccurate state ment has been met with outrage and the State of New Jersey has been besieged with calls to remove Mr. Baraka from his position as Poet Laureate. Amazingly, there is no legally available option to remove him from this position. Coupled with his failure to acknowledge any wrongdoing and his refusal to resign in the face of such public outrage, the New Jersey Assembly drafted legislation that calls for the elimination of the law creating the State Poet Laureate.

The position of State Poet Laureate in New Jersey should have been seen as a remarkable tribute to the cultural achievements of distinguished New Jersey poets. It has instead turned out to be a platform to spread inaccurate information and create dissension among New Jersey's multicultural

Accordingly, we are sponsors of Assembly Bill 3313, which calls for the elimination of the position of the State Poet Laureate

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From the South Plainfield Library

By Christopher Grippo

Summer finally has arrived and it is time to get outside. But that doesn't mean you have to lug a big heavy book with you. We have a large selection of paperbacks which are great to read in the backyard, at the beach, or when you go camping. We have romance novels including books by Nora Roberts, Joan Johnston, Jo Beverly, Linda Lael Miller, Susan Elizabeth Phillips and many more. We have adventure, Tom Clancy and Jack Higgins; mystery, J.A. Jance and Lydia Adamson; horror, Stephen King and Dean Koontz; scifi, C.J. Cherryh and Witley Strieber; authors that include more than one genre, Linda Howard for example; and many, many more. So stop in and take a look.

Also, remember we have a large music CD collection. What better for summer than the Beach Boys (we have several of their CDs), Frankie Avalon, and more. And while driving down the road with your top down, you can listen to Rockin' Down the Highway.

And, to make your library experience even more convenient, we are

The Public Celebrations Committee

is asking for nominations for honorary grand marshal of the 46th Annual

Labor Day Parade to be held Sept. 1.

This year's theme is "To Honor Those

If you know of an individual who

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a letter stating why this person should

be considered for honorary grand mar-shal. Include the candidate's name, ad-

dress, telephone number and accom-

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open all day on Saturday. So we are here from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at your service. However, we are closed on Sunday until September.

Don't forget to remember the Summer Reading Program. Learning doesn't take a vacation during the summer months and one of the painless ways to keep learning is reading. So please bring the children to the library so they can become and continue to be lifelong learners (and readers). Furthermore, we will be having a party for the completion of our Ezra Jack Keats Grant on Wednesday, July 9 from 6-8 p.m. Stop by, have a treat and buy a raffle ticket for the fantastic quilt that we will be auctioning off. The squares were made by local children and reflect the variety of words used by different languages to describe snow. And on Friday, July 11, we will start our Books & Babies program at 10:30 a.m. This is a storytime program for children under 3 years old. Please call the library at (908) 754-7885 for information about registration.

So remember, there's lots to do at your library!

plishments. Send your nomination to:

The Public Celebrations Committee,

John Sorrentino-Chair, 225 Hopkin-

son St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080;

fax to (908) 753-4003; or email

a concession stand at the PAL during

the festivities should contact the Pub-

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Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or

email to southplainfieldnj.com

Any non-profit that wishes to have

imsorrentino@comcast.net.



Mike Zushma, who was recently appointed Emergency Management Coordinator for the eighth time, takes the oath from Borough Clerk Vinnie Buttiglieri while his wife Linda holds the Bible. Mike has been serving as Emergency Management Coordinator since 1982.

Taxpayer Advocate Service Can Assist Taxpayers With IRS

Complexity of the tax law continues to be the number one problem facing individual and small business taxpayers. A taxpayer with a stubborn tax problem that is not resolved through normal IRS channels can get help from the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service.

"The Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent IRS organization, will ensure that your case is handled promptly and fairly, and that your rights as a tax-payer are protected," said Lyle Lauterbach, IRS Taxpayer Advocate in

"For those tough, ongoing prob-lems, you have a powerful resource in the Taxpayer Advocate Service. Your Taxpayer Advocate will be your listening ear at the IRS," said Lauterbach.

A taxpayer unsuccessful in resolving a tax problem through the usual IRS channels can contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service for assistance. If the situation qualifies, a Taxpayer Advocate will be assigned to work directly with the taxpayer until the issue is quickly and fairly resolved. This allows the Taxpayer Advocate to intervene, review the circumstances and facts of the case, and take appropriate steps as allowed by law to relieve the taxpayer's hard-ship. Advocates cannot change the tax law or make a technical tax decision, but they can take a fresh and fair look at difficult problems.

Generally, the Taxpayer Advocate Service can help if, as a result of administering the federal tax laws, a taxpayer is faced with a delay of more than 30 days to resolve an issue; not receiving a response or resolution by the date promised or, a significant hardship situation or adverse action.

Prior to contacting the Taxpayer Advocate Service, a taxpayer should be ready to provide their name, address and social security number telephone number and hours you can be reached, previous attempts to solve the problem and the office you contacted, the type of tax return(s) and the year(s) involved and a description of the problem or hardship.

The Taxpayer Advocate Service identifies those taxpayer issues that increase burden or create problems and recommends systemic improvements or pro gram enhancements within the IRS. The Taxpayer Advocate also makes legislative proposals to Congress where

To contact the Taxpayer Advocate call 1-877-777-4778 or (973) 921-4043, fax (973) 921-4355 or write to Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, P.O. Box 745, Springfield, NJ 07081.

BOROUGHNOTES

- Karen Costantino has been promoted to Deputy Court Administrator effective June 23.
- The Council approved the employment of seasonal workers for the Summer Parks Program and the Community Pool.
- The Council approved block parties for Rose Marie Joe on Aug. 30, for Monmouth St. between Walnut and Sussex St.; Bette Schiavi on Aug. 30 (raindate August 31) on Morton Ave. between Poe Pl. and Dumas Ave. and Doreen Massaro for July 3 on East Crescent Parkway between Woodland and Oxford avenues.
- A Professional Services con tract with CME Associates to provide engineering services for the South Plainfield from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004 was approved.
- A contract was awarded to DeFino Contracting Co. to perform road, curb and sidewalk improvements along Belmont Ave. at a cost not to exceed \$308,381.
- The Temporary Budget for SFY 2004 was approved. Total General Appropriations in the amount of \$6,950,321; Sewer-\$1,477,455; and Pool \$98,721.
- The Emergency operations Plan submitted by the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator Mike Zushma was accepted.
- A raffle license was issued to South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop for a 50/50 on Premise Raffle to be held July 31 through Aug. 2 from 6 to 11 p.m. and on Aug. 3 from 12 noon to 5 p.m.
- A Professional Services contract was awarded to PMK, Inc. to provide engineering and design guidance to the Redevelopment Area known as the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site.
- Denholtz Associates has been designated as a "Conditional Developer" of the Redevelopment Area known as the Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site.

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Labor Day Parade Committee Asking

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Clean Up!

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Your Help is Needed in Finding Historical Sacred Heart Church Film

In 1965, during the dedication of the new church at Sacred Heart, Bill Tuthill filmed two 25 ft. reels of 8mm movie film of the entire program. The two reels were put together and kept in a 250 ft. reel gray film can, marked "Dedication" in red on the cover. Soon afterwards the film was loaned to someone to show to a group, but it was never returned. Tuthill has lost the "sign-out" card and does not know who has the film.

The parish is putting together plans

for the parish's 100th anniversary celebration in 2005, and if the film can be found, they would like to convert into a videotape, so it can be shown more easily.

Tuthill is asking everyone to look over their old movie files from the 1950's/1960's. This film has historical value which cannot be duplicated.

Anyone who has any information about this film should contact Bill Tuthill at (908) 756-9654. Any help you can give would be appreciated.

Struggling with Knee or Hip Pain?

If you suffer from osteoarthritis of the knee or hip requiring pain medication you may be eligible to participate in a medical research study.

Physicians in your area are currently seeking adults 40 years and older to help evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an investigational medication.

Participants will receive study-related medication, physician visits, and lab services.

Harry Collins, M.D. at Anderson & Collins Clinical Research Inc. in S. Plainfield is participating in this study.

For more information Please call toll-free:

1-866-518-7425

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American Legion **Annual Picnic**

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American Legion Post 243, located on Oak Tree Ave., is planning their annual picnic on Saturday, July 5 from 12 to 6 p.m.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under twelve.

Proceeds from the picnic go to the American Legion Scholarship Fund.

AARP Chapter 4144 Plans Trip to Catskills

Iulv 14-18

South Plainfield AARP Chapter 4144 is offering a trip to the Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills from Tuesday, July 14 to the morning of July 18. Food, entertainment, swimming, all hotel activities, taxes, transportation, gratuities are included in the price of \$310 double occupancy and \$370 for single. A deposit of \$60 required on reservation. Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 for information and reservations.

SPHS Class of 1968 35th Reunion

July 19

The SPHS Class of 1968 will hold their 35-year class reunion on July 19 from 7 to 12 p.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave.

Cost is \$50 per person and includes a hot buffet, DJ, four hour open bar (7-11), prizes, alumni booklets and more. Reunion profits, if any, will be donated to the SPHS Project Graduation fund. Dress code is business casual attire, no jeans, gowns, ties, tshirts, sneakers or sweatshirts.

For information contact reunion organizer Bonnie (Gundersen) Risoli at (609) 971-3955 or SPHS1968class reunion@yahoo.com.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

July 23 & 26

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Wednesday, July 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to five years. There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten & half-day pre-school programs. Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing ser-

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TUESDAY

Daily Events 9-11 AM Coffee & Cake 9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool (908) 754-1047

Senior Center

FRIDAY

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 8:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

THURSDAY

Shopping at Closed 3 **UPCOMING TRIPS....** Pathmark 9am Happy 4th of July Practical Crafting 10-11ar July 6 Atlantic City **EVENTS** Video Exercise Class July 28 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse 9:30am-10:30am September 28 & 29 Cape May Trip Exercise & Walking 9 Bingo 10am-2pm 11 Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available Adult Crafts Shopping Day 10 9:30-11:30am Club 8:45-9:45am 9am Pizza Lunch Yoga 10:30-11:30am Ladies's Social Group Line Dancing 10-11:30 Video Exercise Class Men's Forum Learn to Draw 11:30am Movie Time 11:30am 9:30-10:30a Steering Committee Mtg 9:30-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11am AARP Board Mtg.2:30pm AARP Crafts 1pm 1:30pm Senior Citizen Advisory Board Meeting 4:30pm | TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.

WEDNESDAY

vice. For a demo of their video services, visit their website at www.parent watch.com.

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and additional information, visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com

"Sizzle" at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse

July 28

The Senior Center is running a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Monday, July 28 to see "Sizzle," a new musical featuring an assortment of classic favorites, songs you love and songs you'll come to love. Tickets are \$45 per person and include transportation, lunch and show. Stop in or call the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135.

South Plainfield Open **Golf Tournament**

The South Plainfield Golf Association will hold its ninth annual golf tournament for the benefit of the SPHS Golf Team on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at Bunker Hill Golf Course.

Entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in at 7 a.m., during which a continental breakfast will be served. Play begins with a shotgun start at 8 am. Food and beverages will be available. A dinner and awards ceremony

will follow. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin and a hole-

Registration is on a first-come basis with a deadline of July 21. Sign up early to secure a place. Register on-line at www.spga.org or print out and mail in entry forms. Corporate sponsorships

For more information, call Dick DeAndrea (908) 755 1700 or Coach Mike Kavka (908) 753-6578.

Sonshine Bible School August 11-15

Sonshine Bible School will take place Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m. to noon at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., for children ages four through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Bible stories, games, crafts, singing, refreshments, and it's FREE!!

To register, call Bobbie at (908) 754-8069 or e-mail bosseeight@aol.com.

Sons of American Legion Plan Golf Outing

September 24

The Sons of the American Legion, Chaumont Post 243 will hold its first annual golf outing at Bunkerhill Golf Course in Princeton on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The cost is \$85 per person and includes green fees, cart, prizes, breakfast (coffee and bagels), lunch (hotdogs and burgers), drinks (beer,

soda, water), as well as a buffet dinner at Chaumont Post 243. Tee times start at 10 a.m. and a hole-in-one on the 13th hole will get you a trip for two in Hawaii!

If you would like to participate or sponsor a tee for \$50 or a hole for \$100, contact Mark at (908) 755-5914, or Joe at (908) 822-0494.

Proceeds will go to the various charities supported by the Sons of the American Legion. Make checks payable to the Sons of the American Legion, Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Checks must be in by July 21.

Fall Pocono Getaway to Woodlock Pines

Oct-27-31

The South Plainfield Seniors will be running a trip to the Woodlock Pines Resort in the Poconos, Oct. 27-Oct. 31. The cost is \$465 per person based on double occupancy and includes transportation via private motor coach, four nights accommodation, all meals from lunch on Monday through breakfast on Friday, hotel tax and gratuities. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Mickie at (908) 7552487 or the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135. This is a very popular vacation, so sign up today

Class of 1989 Plans 15 year Reunion

November 27

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1989 is planning their 15th reunion to be held in Edison at the Sheraton in Raritan Center on Nov. 27 2004 Price is \$80

Contact SPHSclassof89@yahoo. com with address information.

- Out of Town —

Cabaret Series at Wayne Manor July 8

Perennial productions will be introducing its new Cabaret Series "Tuesday Nights on the Terrace" in the Starlight Room at the Wayne Manor, 1515 Route 23 in Wayne.

The first of the series is entitled "The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber," It will feature five singers with Warren Helms at the piano.

The date is Tuesday, July 8. The Early Bird shows are \$29, the night owl shows are \$32.

Ticket price includes all-you-can-eat buffet, soft drinks and dessert, Cash bar available. Tax included. For reservations, call (800) 414-9721

Middlesex East **WOWs Meeting**

Tune 11

Middlesex East WOWs Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, June 11 at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Admission is \$8. Live music and refreshments from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. All are welcome.

For more information, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

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South Plainfield Police Athletic League Softball Tournament

** David Kile **

South Plainfield resident in need

of a bone marrow transplant

Saturday, July 19 8 am at

South Plainfield High School Ball Fields 200 Lake St. South Plainfield

Deadline to register is July 14

The tournament will consist of 2 divisions & run as follows:

- Open Division

 Mens Slowpitch

 Double Elimination

- \$250 Entry Fee\$500 Prize (1st Place)\$250 Prize (2nd Place)
- Charitable Division
 Co-ed Slowpitch Co-ed Slowpitch
 Single Elimination
 - Limited Homeruns
 - \$200 Entry Fee

Teams can register by contacting Det. Gary Cassio at (908)226-7663, Det. James Parker at (908)226-7661, or the South Plainfield PAL on Maple Ave., (908)226-7714.

All other donations will be greatly appreciated to help defer all costs of the lab fees and medical costs for David Kile.

Rain Date: Sunday, July 20





Eighth Graders Attend Gala Dinner Dance



By Patricia Abbott

The annual Eighth Grade Dinner Dance had all the makings of a pint-sized prom. Glamorous dresses, upswept hairdos and magnificent manicures mingled with tuxedos, complete with top hat and cane. Add punk garb and chains, jeans, shorts, every-

day plaids and a few Sunday dresses, and you have the unique mix that is that first step from middle school years to high school.

The festivities, held in the high school cafeteria, marked the last big fling for junior high students and began promptly at 7 p.m. Green tablecloths and a myriad of green and white balloons transformed a cafeteria into a banquet room. A busy buffet table offered a variety of hot and cold food.

In contrast to the brightly lit banquet area filled with chatter the cafeteria, commandeered by Middle School teacher and DJ John Lymanski, had more subdued lighting as befitting a dance. High heels flew off and the energized kids hit the dance floor. They took time out from dancing to have commemorative Polaroid photos taken. The pictures were made into keychains. After pausing to compare photos and grab a cold drink, the students raced back to the music.



Throughout the evening cameras continued to flash like fireflies on a summer's night as the youth sought to capture those last moments of Middle School.





southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Barrett Named To Dean's List And All-Centennial Conference

Alison Barrett, a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. Barrett, majoring in Business Administration Management, will begin her senior year in September.

The 2003 All-Centennial Conference Softball Team has also selected her to the first team as pitcher and to the second team as a utility player. Barrett is the first F&M Diplomats

two-time honoree in the same year. She was among the Conference's best pitchers recording a 0.98 ERA with a 9-5 record in 20 appearances, nine complete games, two saves and 44 strikeouts in 85.2 innings of work. In shutouts, Barrett led the conference with seven. At the plate she batted .373 with a team high of two triples and 23 RBIs.

Barrett has been named co-captain to the F&M Softball Team for the 2004 season.

Michael Augustine Promoted

Michael Augustine, grandson of Stanley and Nancy Pauls of South Plainfield, and son of Greg and Kathy Augustine of Piscataway, was promoted to Lance Corporal on June 1. After completing Marine Combat Training at Camp Lejeune, NC, he was transferred for job training at Pensacola, Fla., where he graduated from the "Entry Level Electronic Intelligence" school on March 21, with a GPA of 91.48.

Michael joined his present unit on April 4 as an Electronic Intelligence Analyst with VMAQ- 4 TERPES (Marine Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron – Tactical Electronic Reconaissance and Processing Evaluation System) at Marine Corps Air Station at Cherry Point, NC.

He will be attending a TERPES operators school in Virginia Beach, Va. from July 14 to Sept. 19.

ERA Suburb Realty Welcomes Gina Zarra as Full-time Agent

For 14 years, Gina Zarra has been servicing the Middlesex, Union and Somerset counties with a successful cleaning service business.

In addition to keeping her professional cleaning business, she now takes on the job as full time realtor with ERA Suburb Realty Agency

Gina Zarra completed the New Jersey Realtors Course at the North Jersey School of Real Estate in Edison. Gina's mother, Madeline Waldron, a long time agent and friend of the ERA Suburb Realty Agency, has been a great inspiration to Gina these past

As a resident of South Plainfield for more than 30 years, Gina Zarra has been active in her community. Her



Gina Zarra

years Gina served as a committee member for the South Plainfield Boy Scouts. Currently, and over the past 14 years, she has held many positions, including leader, assistant community manager and consultant

name is very well known

Plainfield PTA and Boys and Girls Scouts. For 12

part of the South

for the Girl Scouts. Gina resides here with husband Steve and two children, David and Stefanie.

Company President Don Lamastra said, "We are extremely lucky to have Gina as part of our real estate team! Gina has the professionalism and enthusiasm needed to be a success in real estate, and she will be!"

Gina Zarra can be reached at (908) 226-7384 ext. 155.

Injured Dog "Curly" Needs Your Help

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, recently rescued Curly, a very cute, sweet-natured poodle-mix with a broken hip. Her original owners may not have caused the break, but they never provided medical care. Curly, dragging her useless leg for months, was eventually given away to neighbors who surrendered Curly to People for Animals. As you may know, People for Animals is a 'no-kill' organization and we will do whatever is necessary to protect the lives of dogs like Curly. Curly is slowly recovering.

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Curly's hip surgery was expensive and she is still undergoing therapy to rehabilitate her limb. Please help People for Animals defray the cost of saving Curly by sending a donation to: People for Animals, 433 Hillside Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205. Big and small donations alike add up to mend their little bodies, broken hearts and spirits. We know that when Curly gets better, she will dance with joy to say "thank you."

DO YOU HAVE TROUBLE SLEEPING?

A nationwide research study is currently underway to study a new investigational medication for patients with insomnia.

You may qualify for this study if:

- You are 18-45 years old
- Have trouble falling asleep and staying asleep
- Have trouble functioning during the day as a result of sleeplessness

Qualified participants will receive study drug and study-related physician visits at no charge. Compensation for time and travel up to \$225.

Also recruiting for the following trials: High Cholesterol, Diabetes, Arthritis, Overweight

If you would like more information or think that you may be eligible for this study, please contact Irene at:

Anderson & Collins Clinical Research, Inc. 908 Oak Tree Road, Suite H, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 www.centerwatch.com/pro230.htm

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DARE Graduates Celebrate their Success with a Day at the Pool



By Patricia Abboti

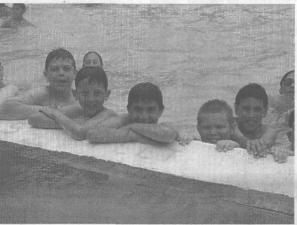
On June 12 more than 350 DARE 2003 graduates converged on the grounds of the South Plainfield Community Pool for the annual DARE picnic, a day of sun and fiun. The sun's appearance was a little iffy, but by noon grey skies had turned clear and bright. The event was organized by DARE officers Allen LaMonda and David Franchak. On hand were Corrections Officer Tabitha Roybal and Sgt. Jose Maldanado, who help teach the DARE program in South Plainfield. Also attending was South Plainfield Councilman Robert Cusick, who works as a correction officer and was instrumental in bringing the officers into the South Plainfield DARE program.

The fifth grade students from Franklin, Roosevelt, Kennedy, Riley and Sacred Heart schools spent the hours swimming, playing volleyball, basketball and more. They enjoyed a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. The Haagen-Daz ice cream cart was kept busy throughout the day.

Numerous area businesses helped make the big day a success. Sponsors included Hall's Trucking, Haagen-Dazs, South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Division and Dunkin Donuts of Maple Ave.

A highlight of the day was the much anticipated tug-o-war contest. The winning school claims ownership of At stake in the the traditional tug-o-war was more than the annual ownership of the DARE trophy and as evidenced above, Officer Allen LaMonda attempts to improve the officers' odds.







the DARE picnic trophy for a year. Kennedy fought hard to hang onto their title, but Franklin easily won the bartle. Proud of their accomplishment the youths issued a "dare" of their own—the Franklin team against the officers. If the officers were to win Franklin teacher John Orfan would take a swim, if Franklin won Franchak would join the kids in the pool. The



odds were greatly in favor of the students, but Officer LaMonda had a few tricks up his sleeve. Councilman Bob Cusick gave the "go" and the slack rope was pulled taut. The long line of students were surprised to find they could not budge the handful of adults. It was almost a minute into the battle before a student realized that Officer LaMonda had wrapped himself and the rope around a tree. Once he was dislodged from the sturdy anchor the battle reached a fast finish as the officers' rope sailed over the Franklin line with a muddy LaMonda still attached.

No DARE picnic is complete without a raffle. Upon arriving at the pool each child was given a raffle ticket. As the winning numbers were called, groans and cheers filled the air. Students won DARE lions, balls, dufflebags and more. Big winners took home a radio controlled car and a Playstation 2. After the raffle teachers began the tedious task of rounding up the students. Buses arrived and the exciting day reached its conclusion. As the soon-to-be sixth graders left the grounds, each was handed a DARE water bottle and sunglasses, keepsakes to remember their last days in fifth grade.



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Rev. John Paul Alvarado, Pastor

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

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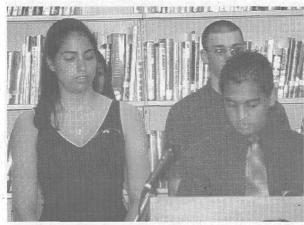
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Illustrate your interpretation of this year's parade theme.

Entries must be received in the office of the South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Boulevard, South Plainfield, no later than Monday, August 25, 2003. Entries will be on display at the Observer booth at the Labor Day Parade. All entrants will receive a prize. Grand prize to be announced. Contest is open to all South Plainfield residents. Posters can be no larger than 22 x 17. Ahy media is allowed. Only one entry per person. Posters will be judged on the theme, "To Honor Those Who Proudly Serve Our Country"," on Monday, September 1, 2003.







Art and Language Students Inducted Into National Honor Society

The Department of World Languages and the Arts held their annual ceremonies to induct the newest members into their honor society.

National Art Honor Society

Artwork by very talented high school students was on display in the library. Students took a few minutes to explain their own work. Art students inducted were Almasa Amini, Kaitlin Bundy, Kristina Latonio, Vincent Carubia, Janara Garcia, Ashley Madalone, Kristen Nietzer, Jennifer Silhanek, Catherine Flanery and Denise Vita.

The French Honor Society

La Societe Honoraire de Français was founded by the American Association of Teachers of French for students of French in American secondary schools. The South Plainfield chapter has been active since 1980. The Society demands a high level of scholarship and achievement in French studies and seeks to promote interest and enthusiasm in the study of Francophone culture and civilization.

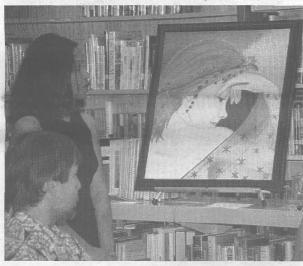
2003 Inductees are Catherine Flannery, Dana Genova, Sarah Green, Janice Hussain and Amanda Rastelli.

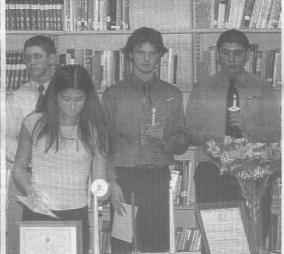
The Spanish Honor Society

La Ŝociedad Honoraria Hispanica was founded by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in 1953 for students of North American high schools. The original chapter at South Plainfield was founded by Doris Cerwin in 1960. This honorary society demands a high level of scholarship in Spanish studies and entitles members to apply for study and travel scholarships.

2003 Inductees are Elaine Alexander, Shakellah Amini, Christopher Baron, Dawn Besser, Shannon Boyles, Kristie Butrico, Jenny Cai, Pasquale Cantarella, Nicholas Curcio, Christinna Del Genio, Frank Dietzold, Christine DiFrancesco, Michael Duquette, Ryan Decker, Brittany DeNitzio, Matina Ganiaris, Kristina Latonio, Jennifer Martinez, Ankit Patel, Ravi Patel, Daniel Piwowar, Ashley Ritchey, Jessica Rodger, Jarret Sheldon and Justin Sheldon.









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Scholastic Honor Society

The Scholastic Honor Society is comprised of seniors The Scholastic Honor Society is comprised of seniors who have attained a 3.25 or higher grade point average by the end of their junior year. The following students have demonstrated academic excellence and are awarded membership in the South Plainfield High School Scholastic Honor Society:

Christina Purka, Alexander Huynh, Denise DiMeglio, Plante Purka, Ilexander Huynh, Denise DiMeglio,

Clarica Russell, Jenny Cai, Christopher Addvensky, Heather Barrett, Joseph Adorna, Meredith Cooper, John Rayho, Kristina Ogonowski, Jody Chepulis, Ryan Vroom, Kristen Nietzer, Sherin Navasca, Jamie Glowacki, Seial Mehta, Danielle Skoba, Christina DeMatos, Chirag Patel, James Curcio, Michael Kasmer, Janine Turrise, Cynthia Prybella, Laura Painton, Rachel Shah, Christopher Baron, Alain Amazan, Kristen Fredericks, Victoria Zappi, Lauren Kaczka, Matthew rredericks, victiona Zappi, Lauren Kaczka, Matthew Wells, Amit Kalia, Janara Carcia, Richard Muglia, Nicholas Green, Daniel Melick, Justin Toth, Nathalie Londono, Abbalonia Falato, Eva Rodriguez, Joseph Reach, Gary Curcio, Shelly Graziano, Kim Huynh, Ellery Pagala, Kimberly Dziomba, Kelly Eustice, Michael Chrysanthopoulos, Rupel Patel, Denise Vita, Joseph Smalley, Christina Lorance, Tiffany Boyle, Nadisha Hosein, Amanda George, Apprameya Iyenga Herry Patel, Avinash Patel, Kristen Gumina.

Principal's Award For Educational

(\$500) presented by Anthony Massaro Ashley Madalone, Hollie Gaster, Meghan Mercurio



- ♦ Principal's Award For Citizenship (\$500) presented by Mr. Anthony Massard Rodney Jones, Ervin Williams
- ♦ Emil Leporino Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) presented by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leporino-Joseph Adorna
- ♦ Suburban Woman's Club (\$1000) presented by Mrs. Filomena Viola and Mrs. Frieda Walker-Shelly Graziano
- ♦ VFW and Ladies Auxiliary #6763

Scholarship
(\$2,000, \$1,000, \$500) presented by Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Poczak and Mr. Iulius Peterson-Christopher Imbrosciano, Christopher Hewitt, Dale Goberdhan



♦ Flanagan's Mark DeLair Memorial Scholarship

(\$1,500) presented by Officer Dave DeLair-C.J. Diana

- ♦ Chris Sweeney Memorial Scholarship (\$500) presented by Mr. Robert Sweeney, Mrs. Linda Rutter and Mrs. Helen Marshall-Dominick Mascolo,

♦ South Plainfield Senior Citizens FLA Scholarship (\$500) presented by Ms. JoAnn Graf and Mrs. Loretta

- ◆ Claire and John Graf Family Foundation
- ♦ South Plainfield Football Eagles (\$500 each) presented by Mr. Frank Malecki and Mrs. Cathy Scarpitto-Kyle Prendergast, Frank Wrublevski, Megan Pulomena, Nathalie Londono
- Connie Mason Memorial Scholarship (\$500) presented by Mrs. Judy Hartpence and Mrs. Ceil Pepe–Jody Chepulis
- ♦ American Association of University Women Scholarship
- (\$1,000) presented by Mrs. Judy Hartpence and Mrs. Ceil Pepe–Elayne Russell
- South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (\$500) presented by Mrs. Jayne Mott– Christopher Imbrosciano, Kristen Nietzer
- ◆ South Plainfield Historical Society Scholarship

nted by Mrs. Dorothy Miele and Ms. Sarah Miele-Janine Turris

- Franklin School PTA/Thomas B. Lenahan Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) presented by Mrs. Jayne Mott-Christina Furka
- ◆ Alice Boffa Memorial Scholarship Mrs. Carol Grennier-Amanda George
- ◆ The Jim Tierney Memorial Scholarship (\$500) presented by Brad Tierney-John Wieckows

- ◆ John F. Kennedy School PTSO Scholarship (\$500) presented by Mrs. Pat DeSantis and Mrs. Sandra Doyon-Chris Baron.
- ♦ John F. Kennedy School Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship (\$500) presented by Mrs. Sandy Doyon and Mr. Gregg Papp-Nicholas Green, Nathalie Londono

- ◆ Christian DeRose Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) presented by Mrs. Toni Moretti– Steven Porcelli
- ◆ Austin Huslage Memorial Scholarship (\$750) presented by Mrs. Therese Montuori– Allison Stoloff
- ♦ South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Co. Joseph Delaney Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) presented by Mr. Joseph Sierzega-Jennifer Silhanek
- South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Scholarship (\$2,000) presented by Mr. Joseph Sierzega-Ryan Vroom
- ♦ South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Softball Association Scholarship

(\$500) presented by Mrs. Sharon Miller-Kelly Eustice, Denise DiMeglio, Christine Strans

♦ South Plainfield High School PTA Scholarship (\$1,000 each) presented by Mrs. Joann Haus and Mr.

- ♦ South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship (\$500 each) presented by Mr. Bill Ashnault-Steve Johnston, Glenn Gross, Gary Curcio, James Curcio
- ♦ South Plainfield High School Field Hockey Association Scholarship (\$150 each) presented by Mrs. Pat DeSantis and Mr.

Norm Loenser-Meaghan Schweers, Nicole Esposito, Michele DeSantis, Christina DeMatos

- ♦ Adele deLeuw Scholarship Fund (\$2,000, \$1,000, \$1,000) presented by Mr. Dick DeAndrea-Alex Huynh, Cathleen Fodor, Michael Kasmer
- ♦ South Plainfield Golf Association Scholarship

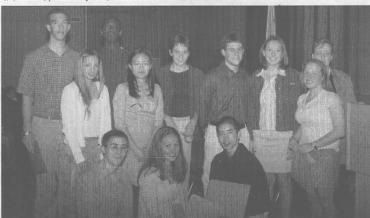
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Patel, Rupel Patel, Tiffany Boyle, Natasha Kurilew, Kristen Fredericks, Denise DiMeglio, Amanda George, Alex Huynh



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- ♦ New Jersey Society of CPA's Scholarship (\$6,500) presented by Mrs. Cathy Horn Meredith Cooper
- ♦ South Plainfield Junior Woman's Club Mary Ann Helfrich Memorial Scholarship (\$500) presented by Mrs. Dawn Jefferys and Ms. Shannon Jefferys-Kristen Fredericks,
- ♦ South Plainfield Education Foundation Scholarships

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 Giakas Family Foundation Scholarship (\$2,000, \$5,000) presented by Eric Radell– Christopher Baron, Thomas Haus

◆ Drew Forgash Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) presented by Mr. Richard Regan-Christopher Hewitt

♦ Jeannette Smalley Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) presented by Mrs. Cindy Povall–Joseph Reach



◆ Robustelli Family Foundation (\$1,000) presented by Mrs. Cindy Povall for Mr. Lou Robustelli–Eric Brandes, Allison Stoloff, Ryan Vroom

♦ Mary Smyllie Memorial Scholarship (\$400) presented by Michelle Cochran Morin-Meaghan Schweers

◆ James and Doris Boyle Memorial Fund (\$2,000) presented by Deborah, Meghan, Michael and Patrick Boyle–Michele DeSantis, Denise DiMeglio, Thomas Haus, Christopher Hewitt

♦ The Club at Ricochet Scholarship (\$1,000) presented by Ms. Sharon Rowland-Lauren Kaczka

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♦ World Languages Department Awards

presented by Ms. Susan Goldey
Outstanding Achievement in Spanish–Gabriela Pineda Outstanding Achievement in French-Janine Tu

♦ English Department Awards

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Chris Addvensky
Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry–Alex Huynh
For Outstanding Achievement in Physics– Chrissy Furka

♦ Art Department Awards
presented by Mrs. Helen Gottlieb
Outstanding Achievement in Art-Ashley Madalone Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame

sented by Mrs. Gloria Naso-Christopher

Vocal Music, presented by Mr. Tracy Murray-Christopher Baron

Instrumental Music, presented by Mr. Bruce Mikolon-Heather Bar

Lin Shang, Stephanie Tackach, Joseph Smalley, Nicole Lin Snang, siepnamie lackach, joseph smauey, Nicole Woo, Bidisha Roy, Jeffrey Williams, Jennifer Silhanek, Amanda George, Meghan Mercurio, Chris Imbro-sciano, Kristina Del.illo, Joseph Reach, Gary Curcio, Sherin Navasca, Sejal Mehta, Victoria Zappi, Janara Garcia, Daniel Melick, Justin Toth, Nathalie Londono, Abbalonia Falato, Eva Rodriguez, Shelly Graziano, Gabriella Pineda, Daniel Occhipinti, Edy Veliz.

♦ South Plainfield High School
Leadership Program
presented by Mrs. Cindy Povall for Mrs. MaryEllen
Martko and Ms. Maria Vandermark-Ashley Allocco,
Ervin Williams, Nicole Woo, Jennifer Silhanek, Crystal
Soto, Jamle Morris, Tim Keller, Keli Lee, Nicole Little,
Katie Lauvence, Kyle Productast Christopher. Katie Lawrence, Kyle Prendergast, Christopher Imbrosciano, Michael Chrysanthopoulos, Allisc Stoloff, Giavonnie Wallace, Leslie Boles oulos, Allison

◆ South Plainfield Education Association (\$1,500) presented by Mrs. Cheryl Fox-Amanda

♦ South Plainfield High School Guidance Department Scholarship

(\$400) presented by Mrs. Eileen Boettger–Jeffrey Smith, Drew Hedler

◆ Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

This award is presented to students who have attained a 3.5 or higher grade point average and achieve in the 85th percentile or higher on SAT's or receive recommendations. Denise DiMeglio, Elayne Russell, Jenny Cai,

Christopher Addvensky, Heather Barrett, Joseph Adorna, Meredith Cooper, John Rayho, Kristina



◆ Academic Team Awards

presented by Mrs. Dolly Cammarere-Alex Huynh Heather Barrett, Elayne Russell, Kristina Ogoi Richard Muglia, Jamie Glowacki

♦ NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Award-Chrissy Furka

♦ Peer Leadership Awards presented by Mrs. Cheryl Fox-Katie Lawrence, Christopher Imbrosciano, Jaclyn Noonan, Kyle Prendergast, Jamie Morris, Allison Stoloff, Stephanie

Tackach, Abbie Falato, Rupel Patel.

♦ Star-Ledger Scholar
Star Ledger Scholars are chosen based strictly on academic merit. The selection committee considers academic files. The selection Collimitee Considers

the difficulty of courses pursued, class rank, GPA,
Summer programs, courses taken at colleges, SAT II
and College Board Advanced Placement scores.

Presented by Mrs. Cindy Povall–Alex Huynh

Henry Banker Memorial Scholarship (\$250) presented by Mrs. Cheryl Fox-Christopher Baron

Middlesex County School Counselor Association

(\$750) presented by Mrs. Cheryl Fox-Christopher Imbrosciano

owski, Christina Furka, Alexander Huynh Christopher Baron, Alain Amazan, Kristen Fredericks, Christopher Baron, Alain Amazan, Kristen Fredericks, Lauren Kaczka, Matthew Wells, Amit Kalia, Richard Muglia, Nicholas Green, Kim Huynh, Janine Turrise, Cynthia Prybella, Jody Chepulis, Ryan Vroom, Kristen Nietzer, Jamie Glowacki, Danielle Skoba, Christina DeMatos, Chirag Patel, James Curcio, Michael Kasmer, Laura Painton, Rachel Shah.







• Instrumental Music, presented by Mr. Mark Tweed-

Presidential Award for Educational

Recognition of outstanding educational growth,

improvement, commitment or intellectual development–Christina Millard, Philip Veinott, Wei

Achievement





South Plainfield Scouting

Riley and Franklin Schools Brownies Move Up in Separate Ceremonies







by Patricia Abbott

The girls in Riley School Brownie Troop 489 and Franklin School Brownie Troop 136 recently took that important step into the world of Junior Girl Scouts. The ceremony called flying up or bridging, symbolizes the girls crossing into the next level of scouting. Each troop interprets the event differently. The girls wore their Brownie uniform sashes or vests covered with patches for the last time.

Riley Troop 489 Leader Michelle Biggs along with Co-leaders Chris Brown and Nancy Wagner wanted to make the day especially memorable. The fourteen little girls crossed a bridge, literally. One at a time the youths crossed the bridge over Spring Lake leaving their Brownie days behind. On the other side leaders pinned on their scout wing patches and Girl Scout pins. After closing the ceremony by reciting the scout promise the girls celebrated with family and friends.

The newest members of the Girl Scout family are: Lyla Azzam, Laura Biggs, Jenna Bovee, Alena Brady, Angela Brown, Gina Cannalonga, Amylin DiDario, Érica Fisher, Kate O'Brien, Emily Sella, Amanda Tjong, Allison Wagner, Danielle Zelasko and Samantha Zelasko.

Franklin School Leaders Terry Cianfrocca and Dorothia Bohn held their Fly Up ceremony in the school's auditorium. The evening began with a flag ceremony. The girls received their Junior badge sashes, their wing patch and Girl Scout pins. Each girl lit a candle before crossing over a bridge simulated by gold balloons in an arc. Family and friends helped end the ceremony by joining the new Junior Girl Scouts in a friendship circle.



Daisy, Brownie Scouts Tackle Camp Skills

In mid June Daisy and Brownie Girl Scouts throughout South Plainfield got a jump start on a favorite scouring activity, camping. About 50 girls participated in a Camp Skills Fair organized by Nancy Regan and her Troop 117, as well as Troops 118 and 232.

The three-session event introduced the youngest of girl scouts-Daisys and Brownies-to basic camp skills. It was held in the Riley School gym due to

rain. There were three tents set up in the gym. With the guidance of the older girls the youths made sit-upons. The two layers of waterproof material padded with newspaper were carefully laced together than tied. Sit-upons can be worn around the wais for an instant dry seat in damp weather. They learned to make knots the fun way tying them with red licorice ropes.

The delicious day continued as each

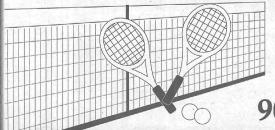




girl made a bag of multi ingredient snack mix as well as edible camp fires. Pretzel thins, shredded cheese and licorice became kindling, tinder and matches for the fire. To create the flames and fuel they used red hot candies and pretzel logs. The fire site was a paper plate, a fork became a rake and a cup of juice was the water bucket. Despite the dismal weather the young girls enjoyed a busy, fun-filled afternoon learning skills that will keep them on the safe side of the camp trail for years to come.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE NO. 1624

E IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF HE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ordinance #1624 entitled: BOND ORDINANCE
PROVIDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO VETERANS
MEMORIAL PARK, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF
SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF
MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$950,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING
THE ISSUANCE OF \$902,500 BONDS OR NOTES
OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE
COST THEREOFD be adopted on first reading and
advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 4, 2003
and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 PM. on
Thursday, July 17, 2003 in the Municipal Building,
South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEY, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (notless than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively

concurring) AS FOLLOWS:
SECTION 1. The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is hereby authorized as a general improvement or purpose to be undertaken by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the Borough'). For the said improvement or purpose stated in Section 3, there is hereby appropriated the sum of \$980,000, which sum includes \$47,500 as the amount of down payment for said improvement or purpose as required by the Local Bond Law). Said down payment is now available therefor by virtue of a provision or provisions in a previously adopted budget or budgets of the Borough for down payment or for capital improvement purposes.

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvement of

SECTION 2. For the financing of said improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof and to meet the part of said \$950,000 appropriation not provided for by application hereunder of said down payment, negotiable bonds of the Borough are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$902,500 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporative finance said improvement or purpose. anticipation of the issuance of said bonds and to temporarily finance said improvement or purpose, negotiable notes of the Borough in a principal amount not exceeding \$902,500 are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

by the Local Bond Law.

SECTION 3. (a) The improvement hereby authorized and purpose for the financing of which said bonds or notes are to be issued is improvements to Block 260, but 15.02, commonly known as Veterans Memorial Park, by and in the Borough, consisting of, but not limited to, excavation, removal and disposal of trees, debris and contamination associated with asbestos containing materials, it ar like substances and PCB impacted material, and the acquisition, intellation and construction/reconstruction, as applicable, offending, trees, shrubbery, parking lots, curbs, sidewealts and roadways, including paving, landscaping and site restoration. All such work shall also include the following, as applicable, engineering and design work, preparation of plans and specifications, permits, bid documents, construction inspection and contract administration and also all equipment, work, materials, labor and appurtenances as necessary therefor or incidental thereto.

(b) The estimated maximum amount of bonds or

(c) The estimated cost of said improvement or purpose is \$950,000, the excess thereof over the said estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, being the amount of \$47,500, which is the down payment for said improvement or purpose.

SECTION 4. In the event the United States of America, the State of New Jersey, and/or the County of Middlesex make a contribution or grant in aid to the Borough for the improvement and purpose authorized hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough hereby and the same shall be received by the Borough prior to the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then the amount of such bonds or notes to be issued shall be reduced by the amount or crecived from the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex. In the event, however, that any amount so contributed or granted by the United States of America, the State of New Jersey and/or the County of Middlesex, shall be received by the Brough after the issuance of the bonds or notes authorized in Section 2 hereof, then such funds shall be applied to the payment of the such funds shall be applied to the payment of the bonds or notes so issued and shall be used for no

This Section 4 shall not apply, however, with respect to any contribution or grant in aid received by the Borough as a result of using funds from this bond ordinance as "matching local funds" to receive such contribution or grant in aid.

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SECTION 5. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the Chief Pinancial Officer of the Borough, provided that no note shall mature later than one (1) year from its date or otherwise authorized by the Local Bond Law. The notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the Chief Financial Officer. The Chief Financial Officer shall determine all matters in connection with the notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the signature of the Chief Financial Officer shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Local Bond Law. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell The Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchaser thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price and accrued interest thereon from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the principal amount, the description, the interest rate, and the maturity schedule of the notes so sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

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SECTION 5. The Capital Budget of the Borough is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. In the event of any such inconsistency, a resolution in the form promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended

Capital Budget and capital programs as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs will be on file in the office of the Clerk and will be available for public inspection.

SECTION 7. The following additional matter hereby determined, declared, recited and star

(a) The improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance is not a current expense and is an improvement which the Borough may lawfully undertake as a general improvement, and no part of the cost the

(b) The average period of usefulness of said improvement or purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, according to the reasonable life thereof computed from the date of the said bonds authorized by this bond ordinance, is 6.07 years.

authorized by this bond ordinance, is 6.07 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly made and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Borough and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, and such statement's hows that the gross debt of the Borough as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds or notes provided for in this bond ordinance by \$902,500 and the said bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$250,000 terms of expense listed in and permitted under ion 20 of the Local Bond Law is included in the nated cost indicated herein for the purpose or overnent hereinbefore described.

SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Bor SECTION 8. The full faith and credit of the Borough are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance. The bonds or notes shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Borough, and the Borough shall be obligated to levy within the Borough for the payment of the bonds or notes and the interest thereon without limitation as to rate or amount.

SECTION 9. The Borough reasonably expects to reimburse any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with relimburse any expenditures toward the custs on time improvement or purpose described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance and paid prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes authorized by this bond ordinance with the proceeds of such bonds or notes authorized herein have been or are reasonably expected to be reserved, allocated on a long-term basis or otherwise set aside by the Borough, or any member of the same "Controlled Group" as the Borough, within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), pursuant to its budget or financial policies with responsibilities to be reimbursed. This Section 9 is intended to be and hereby is a declaration of the Borough's official intentor termburses any expenditures to be reimburses any expenditures to ward the costs of the Improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereoff to be incurred and paid prior to the issuance of bonds or notes authorized herein in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2, and no further action for inaction) will be an abusive arbitrage device in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.146-10 to avoid the arbitrage yield restrictions or arbitrage rebate requirements under section 140 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The proceeds of any bonds or notes authorized herein used to reimburse the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement or purpose described in Section 3 hereof will not be used directly or indirection within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-1(e), (i) to 'restle, within one year, following the reimbursement of any expenditures toward the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough for any expenditures toward the costs of the improvement that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough for any expenditure or payment that was originally paid with the proceeds of any obligation of the Borough for one of its own funds or the funds of a member of the same authorized herein in terimburse the Borough for one of its own funds

SECTION 10. The Borough covenants to maintain the exclusion from gross income under section 103(a) of the Code of the interest on all bonds and notes issued under this ordinance.

SECTION 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law. ADOPTED ON FIRST READING DATED: July 2, 2003

VINCENT BUTTIGLIERI, Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield

July 4, 2003

July 4, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY NOTICE OF HEARING

Please be advised that an application for Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval, together with any variance required in connection with said Application, has been filed with the South Plainfield Planning Board for property located at: Morris Avenue, Borough of South Plainfield, Block 115, Lot 4.

The purpose of this application is to approve Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval for the construction of an expanded parking lot for the senior citizen affordable residential facility on the adjoining premises. This application also includes any variances the Planning Board deems necessary as part of the original approval or any variance relative to this current

Any person interested in this application will have the opportunity to address the Board at the meeting of July 22, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the: Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Plans are available for public inspection on any working day between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at: Planning Board Office, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield,

Applicant: South Plainfield Urban Renewal, L.P.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Alex and Allison Ruchaevsky requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed addition. Proposed addition lacks 30' secondary setback from May Awe, 23,90' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 3300 Park Aw. on Block 235, Lot 12 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 24, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

1T July 4, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ublic Notice is hereby given that the following action as taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board at its eeting held on June 26, 2003. Public Notice is h was taken by the

A. Case #43-88/S—Robert and Patricia Stilo; Block 308; Lot 37; 3005 Anderson Street. The applicant's request for a short extension of the requirement for the application for preliminary and final site plan approval until June 30, 2003 was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #99-02—Harry Popik; Block 409; Lot 1; Somerset Street. The applicant's request for site plan approval and architectural elevations was hereby-GRANTED.

C. Case #23-03—Kwartler Associates; Block 528.01; Lot 45.08; 1 Cragwood Road. The applicant's request for a use variance in order to allow a food service are no larger than 450 square feet to remain within the office building was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

D. Case #26-03—Kidambi Raghunathan; Block 528; Lot 43; 1501 Pisaniello Court. The applicant's request for variances for setback and width in order to erect a deck 12 feet in depth by 21 feet in width was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

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E. Case #27-03—Timothy J. Kaufman; Block 395A;
Lot 1; 515 Sampton Avenue. The applicant's request
for a front yard setback variance of 22.3.55 feet, in order
to construct a 7 foot by 7 foot front yard porch was
hereby GRANTED with conditions.

F. Case #26-03—William & Christine Stankan; Block 345; Lot 22; 220 Kosciusko Avenue. The applicant's request for a 20.52 front yard setback and with lot over coverage of 271 square feet, in order to construct a two story addition measuring 16 feet in width by between 32 and 44.5 feet in depth was hereby GRANTED.

G. Case #29-03—John J. and Dawn King; Block 229; Lot 36; 135 Oak Manor Parkway. The applicant's request to allow an existing attached garage measuring 12 feet by 8 inches in width by 21 feet 4, inches in depth and with a 3.6 foot easterly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

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Oldies Concert Performs In Front of Sell Out Crowd

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

On May 31 the popular 60's band The Vouges returned to the South Plainfield High School stage for the 2003 annual Fire Department Oldies Concert. The show was opened by comedian Mike Morse. The Vogues played to a full and appreciative house playing hit after hit such as Till, Turnnd Look at Me, Special Angel, their rendition of Lee Greenwood's God Bless The USA brought the audience to their

This year's oldies show brought voungsters out as well. People of all ages showed their support of our volunteer fire deptment while having a



great time clapping, swaying and singing along. The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department has been sponsoring the oldies concert for approximately 18 years.

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Sports

SWIMMING

Tiger Sharks Starts Season With One Win, One Loss

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team, representing the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool, opened their season with a big splash, defeating the Frog Hollow swim team on June 25 at the Hollow in South Amboy, with a score of 156 to 117.

In their second meet, the Tiger Sharks lost to the Roycefield team at their home pool in Hillsborough on June 26, with the final score of 140 to 120. Generally, the team dosen't have swim meets back-to-back on consecutive days, however, the Roycefield meet had been postponed from an earlier date due to heavy rain.

Tiger Shark swimmers earning points and ribbons during the Frog Hollow meet included the following: Dylan McDermott, first place in 10-and-under boys Individual Medley, Michael Boyle, first place in 11-1, both swimming 100 meters; and in 13–18, 200 meters, CalvinJohn Smiley, first place and Chris Reed, third place.

The girls freestyle event: Chelsea Cullen took second place and Sarah Konops was third in the 10-and-under, 100 meter race. Nina Byard claimed second place in 13-18 years, 200 meter event.

200 meter event.

The boys freestyle races: Liam McDermott took second place and Joey Valentino took third in the 25 meter, eight-and-under; Caleb Tou placed third in the 11/12, 50 meter; Philip Luzny took first place and Matt Moates was second in the 13/14, 100 meter race. CalvinJohn Smiley clamed first place, with Antoine Clervoix in third for the 15-18, 100 meter race.

Rachel Krause and Kelly McLaugh-

Rachel Krause and Kelly McLaughlin claimed first and second place, respectively, in the eight-and-under, 25 meter, backstroke competition. Other backstroke winners were Maggie Valentino, second place and Katie O'Brien, third; in the 9-10, 50 meter. Abby Petritsch took second and Leah Konops, third in the 13/14, 100 meter and older girls Nina Byard took first place, Jessica Manning second, and Kelly Orlandini third, in the 15-18.

In Breaststroke: eight-and-under girls, 25 meter, Gracie Piekarski took first place, Katie McLaughlin, second and Rachel Krause third. Katie O'Brien took first for the 9/10, 50 meter and Chelsea Cullen took third. In the 11/12,50 meter, Emily Pickarski took third.

Leah Konops and Diane Romano placed second and third respectively, in the 13/14, 100 meter and Kristen Dabrio and Katie Koury took second and third in the 15-18, 100 meter breaststroke.

In the Butterfly: Liam McDermott took second and Joey Valentino third in the eight-and-under, 25 meter; Dylan McDermott took first in the 9/

10,50 meter; Michael Boyle and Brian Babinetz took second and third in the 11/12, 50 meter; Philip Luzny took first and Matt Moates placed second in the 13/14, 100 meter race. Antoine Clervoix took first and Chris Reed second in the 15-18, 100 meter race.

Teammates G. Piekarski, K. Mc-Laughlin, A. White and R. Krause took first place for the eight-and-under girls free relay 100 metter. The team of K. Dabrio, N. Byard, M. Boyle and J. Luzny took first in the 13-18, 200 meter.

Tiger Sharks concluded the Frog Hollow competition winning first place in all three age groups for the Medley relay with the teams of A. and L. McDermott, J. Valentino and S. Cullen in the eight-and-under boys, 100 meter; D. McDermott, Lind, Tou and Boyle in the 9-12, 200 meter and Smiley, Luzny, Reed and Moates in the 13-18, 200 meter race.

The second meet of the season was

The second meet of the season was against Roycefield of Hillsborough. Tiger Shark swimmers who earned points and ribbons were: Maggie Valentino-first place and Kelly McLaughlin-third in the 10-and-under girls Individual Medley, 100 meter. Emily Piekarski took third in the 11/12, 100 meter and Kristen Dabrio and Jessica Manning took second and third respectively in the 13-18, 200 meter race.

Dylan McDermott took first place in the boys freestyle 10-and-under, 100 meter and Michael Boyle took first in the 11/12, 100 meter race.

CalvinJohn Smiley and Philip Luzny took first and second respectively in the

13-18, 200 meter race.

In girls 8 and under 25 meter freestyle,
Rachel Krause took first place and
Gracie Pickarski took second. In the
9/10, 50 meter, Sarah Konops and
Chelsea Cullen took first and second
place. Emily Pickarski placed second
in the 11/12, 50 meter and Leah Konops took first place in the 13/14, 100
meter, while Nina Byard placed second
in the 15-18, 100 meter.

Tiger Sharks took first, second and third in the 9/10 backstroke, 50 meter event with Ryan Lind leading the way and Steven Grzenda and M. Ghan in second and third. Liam McDermott took third place for the eight-and-under, 25 meter and Brian Babinetz took third for the 11/12, 50 meter. CalvinJohn Smiley and Matt Moates took first and third place respectively in the 15-18, 100 meter race.

Tiger Sharks racked up the points in the boys breaststroke events with first place wins in four age groups, including Liam McDermott for the eight-and-under, 25 meter; his brother Dylan in the 9/10, 50 meter; Caleb Tou.in the 11/12, 50 meter and Philip Continued on page 13



Lady Lions Softball B League—Brittany Alvarado, Megan Brady, Amanda Cerini, Megan Cerini, Lauren Conrad, Courtney Irber, Kirsten Number, Cassie Prendergast, Alyssa Rutowski, Jillian Rutowski, Stevie Stark and Tiffany

Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller

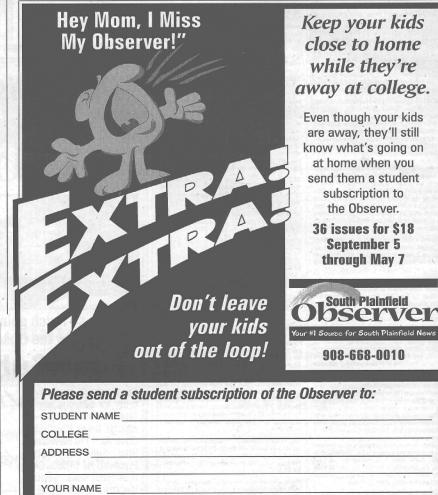
Fall Softball League—The recreation department is considering starting a fall softball league. Games will start in September and only played during the week, not on weekends. If any girls are interested they should contact the PAL at (908) 226-7714. Mike English will then determine if there are enough girls to form the league.

SP Summer Softball Camp–July 14 through July 18–The South Plainfield Recreation Department will be running a summer softball sports camp for girls ages 7-15. It will take place at the SPHS varsity softball field. The cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt. Applications are available at the PAL. For more information, contact Recreation Direc-

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tor Mike English. In case of rain, the camp will be held in the SPHS gym. Sponsorship Program – Last year we revised our sponsorship program. Our sponsors can have an advertising sign placed on the outfield fences of our fields at the Ponytail Park Complex (fromerly the Pitt Street Park Complex). The sign will be 4 feet by 8 feet in size. Sponsors can design their sign with any information or logo they choose. The signs will be up for our Spring, Summer and Fall programs (through end of Oct.). Sponsors will have the choice of a one-year agreement at a cost of \$300 or a two-year agreement at a cost of \$400 (either includes cost of sign with two colors). Additional colors may be added at a cost of \$20 per color. After the initial agreement period is up, the annual re-

newal fee will be \$175. This new program offers our sponsors a cost-effective advertising opportunity which will reach hundreds of families. All of the funds, which are collected from our sponsors and fundraisers, go directly towards improving and upgrading the Pitt Street Park softball facilities, as well as benefiting the girls who play recreation and all-star softball. If you are interested in funding a sign, please contact any member of the S.P. Parents' Ponytail Association or contact me via our website at www.spponytail.com. Ponytail Softball Website—Visit Ponytail Softball anytime online at www.spponytail.com to find the lates news/events, rosters, schedules, etc. Please feel free to contact me by keying on the email link webmasterspponytail.com found on our home page.





By Kevin Lykes

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Along with almost every other sports league in the area, we have been affected by the weather in a big way this season. Almost every significant activity we had scheduled was rained out. Re-scheduled dates were also rained out. Three of our five leagues have been or will be played to completion; Small Fry C and Pony A have not. SFC is a non-competitive 8/9-year-old league and the need to complete the post season tournament was not that great. This league was able to play very close to a full regular season. Pony A (14-17 yr olds) is a difference for the control of the post season. different story. Unfortunately, we don't have the luxury of having a tarp to cover this field, as we do for our small fields, so the weather conditions affected this field more so than the others. Many games were lost to rain and soggy field conditions at the Pony level that were salvaged on the Small Fry fields. Of our original 18 game Pony schedule we had hoped to get in about 14 games per

original To gaine Pony schedule we had noped to get in adolut 14 gaines per team, however one team only got in eight games.

After the conclusion of the high school season we were able to secure some time on both the varsity and Riley School fields. However, again the weather played a major factor; there were 10 consecutive days of unplayable conditions in early June. SPHS summer baseball programs kicked into gear and were also being rained out. They had to reschedule their games as well, which affected feeld would highly the town of the programs and the programs are considered. field availability to us. Our by-laws mandate that the regular season end on a specified date to allow time for the post-season tournament to be completed. This in turn needs to be completed before the start of our invitational tournament in late June. We reached a point at which we had five days to complete a 17-game tournament. These are now unscheduled dates and we already started to run into conflicts with vacations, summer jobs and too many players committed to high school summer leagues. About half of the teams would not have been able to field nine players. The decision was made not to have a farcial post-season tournament largely decided by forfeits. Some people are upset over this and understandably so.

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Other people suggest we delay our invitational tournament a couple of weeks. These are the people who are never seen at meetings and don't have any clue as to where the money comes from to run this league and keep registrations fees down. Rescheduling of this tournament is just not a feasible option as it would now run into August. Football practice and vacations would other conflicts. Cancellation of the tournament would cause registration fees next year to rise significantly. This would not solve the forfeit problems we would encounter. We're not alone, as many area leagues were forced to cut their seasons short due to the record amount of rain. As unfortunate as it is, the decision to cancel the remaining Pony season was both an economic and practical one and the only clear choice to make. Continuing to back things up only works for so long. Shall we suggest to push back fall football and soccer seasons? When will we finish those? It's time to put this behind us and move onto the next phase of the

Varsity Softball Season Review

South Plainfield High School's softball program has always been one of its strongest. Head Coach Don Panzarella has been a part of it for 22 years, and his interest in it continues years, and his interest in it continues to subsist. Of the program, he said, "I think it's top shelf," adding, "I see it staying there, and I'm proud to be a part of it." Panzarella firmly believes South Plainfield to be a great place for sports in general, in part because of great support from the administrators, parents, and fans.

Another reason for the strength and opularity of the softball program is that girls enter it prepared and en-thused. The Ponytail Softball program is a great precursor to the high school level, and many athletes gain experience and learn the workings of the game by participating at that level first. Panzarella noted that younger players who observe the high school program are encouraged by what they see, thus fostering the program.

There are some interesting compari-sons between how the SPHS Varsity Softball team, who went 17-7, performed this year and last year. While they did not do quite as well in White Division play (they were White Division Champions last year and tied for second place this year), overall they performed better at the more intense level of competition. The team had a sort of lopsided flip flop. In the state tournament, the Lady Tigers narrowly lost the in the quarterfinals to Ocean Township by a score of 4-3 this year, but advanced to the semifinals against North Hunterdon, losing 3-1 last year.

However, the Lady Tigers channeled their frustrations into success at the GMC Tournament where they almost took it all. Last year, the team got knocked off in the quarterfinals, but this year they made it all the way to the finals before falling to Old Bridge, winding up in second place.

Five games were only lost by one run, and the other two losses were only two run differences, so the girls kept things tight and defensive. "We were in every game," said Panzarella, who emphasized the small margin for error in the sport. "It keeps you on your toes," he also said in explicating the excitement and thrill of the game.

White Division-wise, Bishop Ahr,

North Brunswick, and Carteret are the teams to beat for South Plainfield, with Colonia and Sayreville also being worthy opponents. In the state tournament, Middleton, North Hunterdon, and Hamilton West are the teams the Lady Tigers concern themselves most with. In the GMC Tournament, which many consider to be harder than the state tournament, JP Stevens, Edison, East Brunswick, and Old Bridge are thrown into the mix. "The competition is just fantastic," said Panzarella.

Senior Denise DiMeglio played first base, while freshman Lacey Santone covered second and junior Vicky Boley covered third. Junior Johanna Hedler played shortstop, sophomore Jessica Senz was the pitcher, and junior Jessa Jones was the catcher, filling in for jun-ior Chiara Tomei for most of the season, who suffered an injury early on.

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In the outfield, se-niors Kelly Eustice, Christine Strani, and Meghan



Tim Morgan, Jr

Schweers covered left field, center field, and right field, respectively. Se-nior Melissa Scotto was the designated

Eustice and Strani were both warded First Team All-Area Honors by the Home News Tribune (as well as the Star Ledger) while Senz, who was the fourth overall pitching leader in the area (as determined by the Home News Tribune), was given Second Team honors and Santone and Boley made Third Team. The Home News Tribune also gave Hedler, Jones, and DiMeglio Honorable Mentions. Senz, Santone, Boley, and Strani were selected for the GMC All-Conference Team. Panzarella was named the GMC Coach of the Year.

At the beginning of the season, practices will run over two hours but get down to just over an hour toward the end. Once the season gets going and games begin, practices are made shorter so interest can be kept and only what is necessary gets done. Each sea son is a process to get all cylinders of a machine to click, the cylinder being individual positions and the machine being the collective effort. As the clicking sound becomes more audible, there is less and less of a need for adjustment and tuning, i.e. long hours of practice.

Panzarella, who is assisted by Laurie Venetucci on the Varsity side, as well as Charlie Garcia for the Junior Varsity squad and Joe Blondo for the freshmen team, said, "I love the game," but admits that it is his athetes who keep him going when he sees

them working hard.
When asked if the team accomplished what they set out to do, he responded, "I think the main goal is to be real competitive. We're pretty proud of what we did." He described the recently completed season as being just as good as others in the past, because just like in the others, the kids worked hard. "I think they did a super job, and I'm really proud of them," he said.

Tiger Sharks

(Continued from page 12) Luzny in the 13/14, 100 meter race. Also earning points was Chris Reed, third place, in the 15-18, 100 meter

In the girls butterfly events Rachel Krause took first place in the eight-and-under, 25 meter and Gracie Pieand-under, 25 meter and Grade Pie-karski took second. Chelsea Cullen nabbed first place in the 9/10, 50 meter, with Maggie Valentino in third. Theresa Gustafson took third place in the 11/12, 50 meter while for the 13/ 14, 100 meter, Leah Konops took second place and Abby Petrisch took third. Nina Byard took third in the 15-18, 100 meter.

For the free relay races, the team of P. Boyle, S. Cullen. L. McDermott and J. Valentino took first place in the eight-and-under boys, 100 meter and the team of Santos, Tou, Boyle and D. McDermott took first in the 9-12, 200 meter race.

Winning points in the girls medley relay was the 8 & under team of K McLaughlin, A. White, G. Piekarski and R. Krause, swimming 100 meters.

With one win and one loss, the Tier Sharks are off to an exciting start for their 2003 season.

—Submitted by Donna Egan



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- tions, one in support of expediting the Belmont Ave. sidewalk project and the other supporting the Helen St. Project.
- · Jeffrey Spezio, Sr. was appointed as Safety and Health Designee for the Middle School and John Lartaue was appointed to SPHS for the School District Safety Plan.
- Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mario Barbiere's title has been changed to Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Operations.
- John Zazzali has resigned as Grant School Music Teacher.
- Tara Miller will voluntarily transfer from Franklin School Special Edu-

- cation Teacher to Franklin School Elementary Teacher.

 • Debora Brener has been ap-
- pointed as High School Spanish
- Teacher effective Sept. 1.

 The BOE has created the position of Middle School Spanish Teacher next semester and appointed Monica Velazquez to the position.
- The BOE created the positions of Grant School Special Education teacher and appointed Lisa Giannotti des Ranleau and Laura Vas to the po-
- · Margaret Bishara has been appointed as Grant School Fifth Grade Elementary Teacher.
 - · Samia Guirguis has been ap-

ointed as Middle/Grant School ESL Teacher.

- Appointed to 2003 Summer Child Safety Evaluation are Janice Baer, Susan Pickoff, Karen Milano, Renee Finan, Patricia Higgins, Diane Esther Marcus, Joseph Rotunda, Carol Wendel, Nancy
- Lech and Cathy Vinski.

 Appointed to The Child Study Team for Preschool Handicapped/Per Case Evaluations are Patricia Higgins, Diane Esther Marcus, Carol Wendel. Karen Milano, Nancy Lech, Susan Pickoff and Cathy Vinski.
- The BOE approved the appointment of James Veirs as Computer Technician and Catherine Parillo as Business/Accounting Office Clerk.

Head Coach Appointments/ Reappointments for 2003/04

Fall Season SPHS-Philip McGuane -football, Robert Diehl-boys' soccer, Bruce Hunt-girls' soccer, Michael Capizola-boys' cross country, William Milone-girls' cross country, Frances Flannery-field hockey, Lori Chabrakgymnastics, Maureen Barnett-girls' tennis, Georgeann Larsen-cheerleading and Tom Rizk-weight training.
Fall Season in the Middle School-

Dale Salisbury-boys' soccer, Robert

Richkus-girls' soccer, Kevin McCannboys' cross country, Colleen Adamsgirls' cross country and Richard Fonti-

Winter Season in SPHS-Jeff Lubreski-boys' basketball, Willard Schulte-girls' basketball, Ralph Fech-bowling, Kevin McCann-wrestling, William Milone-winter track, Georgeann Larsen-cheerleading and Tom Rizkweight training.

Winter Season in the Middle School-Terry Allen-boys' basketball, Maureen Barnett-girls' basketball, Kevin Hajduk-wrestling and Colleen Adams-cheerleading.

Winter Season at Grant School (6th Grade)-Kiley Jackson-girls' basketball.

Entire Year-High/Middle schools-Joe Sosnak-H.S. Faculty Manager, Jeff Middleton-M.S. Faculty Manager, Philip McGuane-summer weight training.

Middle School Awards

The following were commended on the awards they have received:

- · Marilyn Hartshorn received the 2002-2003 New Jersey Outstanding Science Teacher Award.
- Raymond Lee participated in the John Hopkins Talent Search 2003 and received honors for scores of 540 SAT verbal and 660 SAT mathematics.

The following students received honors for Outstanding Achievement

NJMEA Region II Concert Band -Daniel Becker, Trombone; Raymond Lee, Clarinet: Kate Reichert, Bassoon: Alexandra Viscosi, Clarinet; Brittanie Wong, Bass Clarinet.

NJMEA Region II Orchestra-Barney Johnson, Tuba; Wael Kanj,

NJIAJE Region II Jazz Ensemble-Daniel Becker, Trombone: Taylor Mandel, Trumpet.

The following students received honors for Outstanding Achievement in Chorus and were chosen to participate in the 2002-2003 Central Jersey

Intermediate Region Choir-8th Grade: Dorothy Cameron, Susan Mott, Katie Noonan, Tara O'Keefe and Sonal Patel. 7th Grade: Rachel Esteves, Kelsey Hoffman, Jenna Kanaley, Taylor Kurilew, Katie Nuber and Sarah Schulte.

High School Awards

The following were commended on the awards they have received:

Josef Rodriguez received the Governor's Award for Top Male Vocalist from the New Jersey All-State Opera Festival.

Josef Rodriguez and Adam Tamzoke won the First Annual Ensemble Award from the New Jersey All-State Opera Festival.

Adam Tamzoke won a gold medal at the Little Opera Company Vocal Competition.

Josef Rodriguez won a bronze medal at the Little Opera Company Vocal Competition.

The following students were chosen to participate in the Rutgers Honors Band: Chris Baron, Brittany DeNitzio, Janice Hussain, Wajdi Kanj, Pauline Lee, Jamie Morris, Brian Publik and Danny Sierzega.

The following students were cho-

sen to participate in the TCNJ Honors Band: Chris Baron, Janice Hussain, Jamie Morris and Brian Publik.

The following student was chosen to participate in the Region II Jazz Band: Joshua Jackson; Trumpet.

Ravi Patel was selected as a New Jersey Governor's Scholar for the New Jersey Governor's School in the

Josef Rodriguez was selected as a New Jersey Governor's Scholar for the New Jersey Governor's School of the Arts.

Kathleen Morgan received a United States National Award in Journalism from the United States Achievement Academy.

Alex Huynh received the Star Ledger Scholar Award.

Chrissy Furka received the Courier News Scholar Award.

Elayne Russell received the Home

News Scholar Award.

Jeff Williams was Central Jersey Group III Indoor Track 800 meter state champion, Indoor and Outdoor 800 meter county champion, and Central Jersey Group III Sectional long-jump champion.

The South Plainfield Winter Guard took first place in the Chapter 10 Competition in Succasunna, New Jersey. Kara Giorgio and Kathy Petrocelli are Winter Guard co-advi-

The following students are members of the Winter Guard: Gaelle Amazon, Jenny Cai, Claire Dolling, Caity Fodor, Chelsea Falato, Dunia Galarza, Samantha Gentile, Jamie Glowacki, Kendall Green, Kristen Gulano, Wendy Kollarik, Amy Magner, Alyssa Maiorino, Ariana Makoski, Jaci Noonan, Natalie Piccitoli, Stephanie Troia and Nadine Yon.

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Obituaries

Marian Romayne (Edwards) Carlton, 88

Marian Romayne (Edwards) Carlton died on Thursday, June 26 at the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care Facility in Elizabeth after a short

Born in South Sterling, Pa., Marian attended the Green Dreher Township schools in Pennsylvania. She moved to Westfield in 1939 and lived there until she moved to the Center for Hope in March of this year. Marian was a member of the Westfield Women's Club, the Second Westfield

Senior Citizens Housing Association and the First United Methodist Church

She is survived by daughter Linda and son-in-law Walter Walker; son Harold and daughter-in-law Linda Lee (Loveland) Carlton and two grandchildren. Bradley James and Tarryn Lynel Carlton.

Funeral services were held in the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hope Hospice and Palliative Care, 176 Hussa St., Linden, NJ 07036.

Thomas J. Canfield, Sr.

Thomas J. Canfield, Sr. died on Friday, June 27 in Elizabeth.

Born in Danville, Pa., he resided in South Plainfield for most of his life before settling in Fords in 2000.

Canfield was a graduate of South Plainfield High School and had been employed as an electrician.

He is predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Mary Canfield.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah J. (Kinlin) Canfield; a son, Thomas, Jr. of Avenel and a brother, Robert Canfield of Kinnelon.

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policereport

· On June 23 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of her purse from her vehicle in the Burger King parking lot. The victim was sitting in her car with the door open when a man ran up, grabbed the purse and fled.

On June 24 Acapulco Taxi Service

reported that a customer had not paid a fare to Best Western.

• On June 25 Ramtech on Kennedy

Under the present law, the use of gasoline and electric powered scooters on public streets is illegal. The DMV

has issued an opinion that the gasoline

and electric powered scooters are mo-torcycles by definition and as such can-

not meet the federal and state standards

to be registered and operated on public streets. These restrictions also apply

to go carts, dirt bikes, mini bikes, etc. In January of 2002, the NJ Legisla-

ture passed a bill allowing the opera-tion of electric personal assistive mo-bility devices (EPAMD) on public

streets, sidewalks and bicycle paths of

the state. An electric personal mobility assistive device by definition has an elec-

tric (battery) propulsion system with

the average power of 750 watts (1 horsepower), whose maximum speed

is less than 20 mph, while being oper-

Scooters (Continued from page 1)

Rd. reported that their metal mailbox was damaged, possibly by fireworks.

 A Christopher Ave. resident re-ported that her wooden mailbox had been destroyed, possibly by fireworks.

• On June 26 a Hamilton Blvd. resi-

dent reported that her car was keyed the entire length of the passenger side.

• Commerce Bank reported that a

customer had been putting washers in

ated by a person weighing 170 pounds. These devices can be legally operated

if the following standards are met. The operators must be at least 16 years old

and must wear a protective helmet. The

devices may be operated at night, pro-

vided the devices are equipped with headlights and reflectors. The only ap-

proved EPAMD is a SEGWAY Human Transporter, which retails for approxi-

The police department will strictly interpret and enforce the law and any

violators will be stopped and their scooters will be seized. It is unfortu-

nate that retailers misled parents by saying that these devices are legal. The

police departments goal continues to

be the safety of our residents and chil-dren and we believe that this enforce-

ment is a step in that direction.

the coin machine to get money back.

 On June 27 a Park Ave. resident reported the theft of a bike from a driveway on Frase St. The victim's bike had been replaced with another bike.

 An employee of Twin City on Park Ave. reported the theft of a Sony CD player from his unlocked vehicle.

 A Walter St. resident reported the theft of her car radio from her vehicle which was being repaired at the Getty Station on Park Ave.

• An Evergreen Ln. resident reported that a contractor had cashed his check for \$500 and had not come back to do the work.

On June 28 an E. Nassau Ave. resident reported the theft of her son's locked BMX bike from the bike rack at the community pool.

• On June 30 A&A Co. Inc. on So.

Clinton Ave. reported that someone had dumped a large amount of dirt in their back parking lot.

 A Joan St. resident reported that the passenger side door of his vehicle had been dented or scratched by an unknown object.

· A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported that a rock had been thrown at vindow causing numerous cracks.

• On July 1 two of the Board of Education bus windshields were smashed in the SPHS parking lot.

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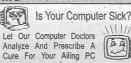
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American Legion Installs New Officers

The American Legion Post #243 recently held their installation of officers ceremonies. Freddie Bladon, Post Past Commander and District Deputy Vice Commander was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

During the ceremonies, Bladon recognized outgoing commander Joe Penyak for his dedication and leadership during the past years and thanked him for all he did during his tenure and then officially handed the gavel to the to the new Commander John Blan-chard (pictured right).

New officers are Commander John Blanchard, Vice Commanders Marc Allen, Lou Dauber, Dave Piscitelli and Jim Yeonak, Finance Officer Joe Mc-Conville, Sergeant-at-Arms Bob Aiken, Chaplain Fred Roser and Adjutant Rick Magri





EPA Warns More Testing Needed at Superfund Site

(Continued from page 1) the testing and some wanted further testing done on their properties. Homes that were already cleaned up will be tested again. When questions arose on wells in the area, it was explained that they had already been extensively tested a few years ago and some were shut down. Residents also asked for air monitoring in and around the Industrial site, but did not get a positive answer. Mannio said that the EPA feels they have stopped the con-tamination from leaving the site by capping portions and the vegetation now growing in the area that stops the dust from carrying the PCBs.

Three clean-up proposals are being considered. The first proposal is to do nothing, estimated cost is also nothing. The second is to take limited actions which would provide minimal engineering and controls to prevent exposure. This would mean capping and implementation of deed notices, restrictions on future use of the prop erties and monitoring for years. The estimated cost is \$770,000. Time frame is three to six months. The third proposal would be to excavate the effected areas and remove the material off-site.

The estimated cost is \$760,000. The estimated construction time is 12 months. After hearing from residents, a decision will be made and the EPA will recommend one of three proposed

Although no decision has been made the EPA seems to favor proposal three and they emphasized that cost will have nothing to do with their decision.



Grant Central Sixth Grade Honor Roll

High Honor Roll—Francesca Bayak, Vikash Budhan, Michael Bumback, Suneet Chandler, Audrey Cupo, Jared Czech, Jeannine Deandrea, Rebecca Deffler, Michael Dezmin, Quynhnhu Doan, Courtney Easterday, Lindsay Fredericks, Maricela Gonzalez, Keri Gould, Jessica Handwerger, Richard Harzula, Caitlin Herriott, Zane Lesky, Christopher Lesniak, Patrick Nolty, Eric Nuber, Timothy Ratti, Rachel Smith, Nicole Soisson, Scott Suleski, Kara Thomas, David Valerio, Isabel Vordzorgbe and Kristen Yorkanis.

Honor Roll-Jonathan Addesa, Daniel Alligier, Jorge Alvarez, Arielle Armand, Katherine Baldassare, John Barry, Samantha Barthel, Lindsay Barton, Cori Black, Jacqueline Bosse, Michael Boyle, Kyle Buck, Giulianny Burgos, Michael Burton, Maxwell Butier, Danielle Butrico, Ashley Capparelli, Ashley Cardinale, Kurt Carlson, Henry Carrillo, Steven Chen, Alex Cihanowyz, Allison Clawans, Sean Coffey Jonathan Conroy, Christina Cornelius, Gina Curcio, Michael Dandola, Ann Thao Dang, Taylor Deskins, Lauren Diana, Steven Diaz, Stephanie Dicindio, Justin Ditmars, Faryn Evans, Tina Foscolo and Wayne Francis.

Sara Frazzano, Kelliann Friday, Christopher Fulton, Ashley Galan, Allen Garcia, Stephen Garry, Cindy Garzon, Jennifer Gustafson, Cindy Hernandez, Terry Ho, Chelsea Hunt, Christopher Izzi, Nicholas Jankoski, Nicholas Jeglinski, Cristopher

Kedmenec, Garrett Kelly, Michelle Kobilis, Catherine Krawiec, Jaclyn Kukuch, Alexa Kunch, Joseph Lacerda, Phong Lai, Stephanie Lanza, Jacque-line Laverne, Sheryl Lipuma, Anthony Louise, Kenneth Luckey, Daniel Maistickle, Kelly McCormack, Alyssa McCreesh, Joseph Mennuti, Lisa Migliore, Stephanie Milicia, Tramane Miller and Alberto Miranda.

Cornelius Mootoo, Timothy

Moskal, Jessica Murtagh, Lyndsey Murtagh, Joanna Nastarowicz, Alex Nieradka, Kirsten Nuber, Nosavoen Ogbevoen, Brittany Okoszko, Timothy Oppelt, Emily Orlandini, Eric Pantaleon, Dharti Patel, Parth Patel, Nicholas Pauls, Rachel Pinto, Sandra Pleeter, Douglas Porzio, Matthew Praul, Brian Pullen, Kyle Quail, Wilfred Queseda, Nicole Rann, Jessica Rosocha, Anthony Salerno, Alexa Sambat, Parvatan Sami, Jeric Santos, Kyle Schroeder, Amber Scott and Rocco Severini.

Saira Sheikh, Richard Sierzega, Sagar Sindha, Theodore Skwiat, Michelle Slover, Christine Snogans, Mark Sprenger, Vincent Stark, Nora Stasio, Andrew Staynings, Spencer Stubbs, Alyssa Sutherland, Susan Tian, Elizabeth Tran, Loan Tran, Victoria Tran, Anthony Usuriello, Christine Usuriello, Alexander Vajda, Nicholas Vallone, Andrea Vedutis, Gina Viola, Stephen Wagner, Richard Walton, Erik White, Kaleigh White, Steven Wieczorek, Jelissa Williams, Robert Yulick and Paul

Unity Bank Tells Success Story at Investor Conference

James A. Hughes, Unity's Chief Financial Officer presented the Unity Bank turnaround story to institutional investors at the Super-Community Bank Conference held at the Omni

Parker House in Boston, Mass. recently. The conference was web-cast, and available on www.unitybank.com. Hughes discussed Unity's history from its 1991 inception to its record earnings achieved for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. He highlighted the new management team and how their efforts were responsible for Unity's robust loan and deposit growth, improved margins and

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