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## Borough CFO Earns Municipal Certification

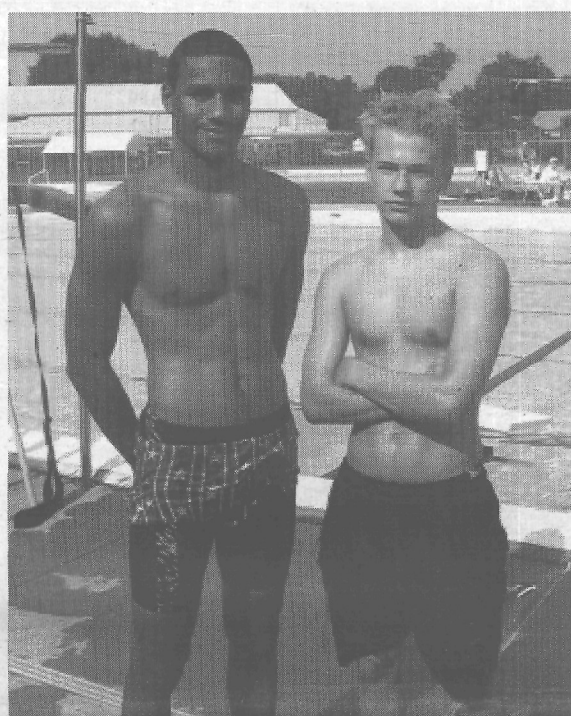
CFO Glenn Cullen recently took the Certified Municipal Finance Exam (CMFO). Cullen has been attending Rutgers University this past year to earn the certification. The results of the test were announced last week by Councilman Ed Kubala.

Cullen scored a 100 percent on the accounting practice section and 90 percent on theory.

The pass rate for each part of the exam is 80 percent. Only 18.6 of the people who sat for the exam passed.

Cullen is one of only eight people in the entire State of New Jersey to have passed the CMFO exam.

Cullen was hired in May of 2002 and has been praised by the mayor and council many times for saving the Borough tax dollars. Just recently, the Borough refinanced the borough debt, saving \$480,000.



Calvin John Smiley and Philip Luzny, the South Plainfield Swim Team "Dynamic Duo." See page 7 for swim team story and photos.

## Motorist Robbed At Gunpoint

### Victim Assaulted as Car Fails

By Jane Dornick

A 20-year-old North Plainfield man was robbed of \$120 at gunpoint after his car stalled on Park Ave. last Tuesday evening.

The victim was traveling south on Park Ave. in Plainfield when he began having car trouble. While he was stopped, a vehicle occupied by two black males stopped behind him. One of the men approached the victim's vehicle and asked if he had any money. The victim was able to get his car started and continued down Park Ave.

His vehicle stalled again near Dunkin' Donuts in South Plainfield where he managed to turn the car into the parking lot. The victim was again approached by the same man who said, "Did you hear me? I asked if you had any money," and pulled out a knife and gun. The suspect pointed the gun at the victim, grabbed his shirt and said,

"Give me your money." The victim tried to hide his money with his hand, however the suspect grabbed the money and ripped it out of his hand.

The victim was able to again get his car started and headed toward Maple Ave. making a right turn. At the light at Maple Ave. and Plainfield Ave. the suspect pulled up behind him and bumped his vehicle. The two cars continued down Plainfield Ave. and pulled into the 7-11 parking lot at a high rate of speed. The victim proceeded left out of the lot onto Plainfield Ave. running a red light at Sampton Ave. and was stopped by police. The suspect made a right out of the lot and fled north on Plainfield Ave.

The suspect is described as a dark skinned black male, six feet tall, short hair, almost bald, wearing a black t-shirt. He was driving a gold or silver Ford Taurus with a temporary license plate.

## Borough to Bond Park Cleanup

Last year when Veterans Park was closed Mayor Dan Gallagher said that it would be cleaned up no matter what the cost. The park was closed after several neighbors complained about a black substance oozing up from the ground. Robert Spiegel, executive director of the Edison Wetlands, began his own investigation, and ultimately the park was closed.

Veterans Park was evaluated by the DEP, EPA, Middlesex County and PMK on just how much contamination is in the park. Last September Jim Johnson of the PMK Group presented findings on the soil testing performed

in various sections of the park in the Spring of 2002. PMK Group was hired as the Borough's environmental consultants. Those test results were sent to the DEP for review.

On Aug. 6 the DEP approved the plan presented by PMK to further study the area. After the DEP's response, PMK conducted further testing as well as drawing up plans for the cleanup. Those cleanup plans also need the approval of the EPA.

Now that the EPA has given their approval, the project needed to be funded. According to the PMK cleanup plan, the cost of ridding Vet-

erans Park of contamination will run \$969,562.

The Borough introduced Ordinance #1624 at a special meeting held last Wednesday evening.

Councilman Jim Vokral said that the council still intends to pursue the parties responsible for the contamination, but that the cleanup should not be held up any longer.

The ordinance will be passed and the bid will be awarded for the clean up at next Thursday's regular council meeting. The Borough applied for a grant to help defray the cost of cleanup and was awarded \$250,000 towards the asbestos cleanup work.



Mr. Kurt invites a member of the audience to sing with him at the kick-off to the library's Summer Reading Program.

## Zoning Board Denies Subdivision Near Edison

On Tuesday night the Planning Board denied Ferraro Construction's request to build a subdivision on DeLancey St. Ferraro was asking to build 19 residential homes in South Plainfield. The proposed subdivision borders Edison. The only access to the property is through Edison streets. The property is bordered by the Dismal Swamp on the South Plainfield side.

Edison Township and area residents objected to the plan, saying they wanted to preserve the land around the Dismal Swamp. Edison recently passed an ordinance to vacate the streets that lead into the proposed development, thus making them deadends.

After listening to the applicant's request to approve the application,

even though there is no way to enter or leave the property, no variances were needed for this project, the board voted to deny the application.

Planning Board member Kathy Thomas said that there were too many loose ends that the applicant had not completed, such as sewer line hook-ups, permits, environmental studies and the location of the retention basin the builder proposed is in the middle of the development and could become a hazard.

It is likely that Ferraro Construction will ask the courts to nullify Edison's closing of the roads leading to the property and will probably ask South Plainfield Planning Board to review their denial.

## Labor Day Shaping Up as Day of Fun

According to members of the Parade Committee the 46th Annual Labor Day Parade is shaping up to be another red letter day in South Plainfield.

The parade, which will be held on Sept. 1, will take the same route as last year, ending up at the PAL Building. Veterans Park was closed last year due

to contamination and the parade route as well as the final destination, was changed.

Many of the participants, as well as the organizers, felt that last year's route was better since the floats did not have to make as many dangerous turns. And last year's inclement weather would have almost certainly put a damper on the parade, but because the parade ended at the PAL, the vendors set up inside the building and avoided the soggy fields.

Labor Day festivities are scheduled all day long. The day begins with the 5K run and 1.5 mile Family Walk. The parade kicks off at 10 a.m. at the Middle School. The day continues with activities and games behind the PAL building. Also People Pleasers will supply a slide, rock climbing wall and a hurricane tunnel for the kids. Contests include pie and watermelon eating contests, balloon toss, egg toss,

awarding of trophies and lots of hand-outs by vendors. Entertainment will be provided by "Back Splash" during the afternoon festivities.

The *Observer* will be there as usual. We are running a poster contest once again. Last year's winners were in the paper and their posters were displayed on the walls of Borough Hall. To enter the contest, check out the rules on page 12 of this issue. Winners will receive gift certificates from area businesses. Make it a summer family project and enter the contest.

Evening entertainment takes place in Spring Lake Park. "Sound Investment" will perform in the gazebo at 6:30 p.m., followed by a patriotic fireworks display put on by Garden State Fireworks.

Come out and enjoy one or more of the planned events. Watch the *Observer* for more information on the parade as the date draws closer.

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### council meetings

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 Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

### planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28,  
Nov. 11 (no meeting) Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Dec. 23.

### zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month  
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

(July 10 5 p.m. 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.

### board of education meetings

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

### taxpayers advisory group

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

### site plan sub-committee

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.

### recreation commission

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.

### environmental commission

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

### business advisory group

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

### traffic safety advisory commission

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

## IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

Friday, June 13 was a long day. Our "pop-pop" suffered a stroke. What followed this event is miraculous. First off, we'd like to thank the person in the white suburban who saw Charlie fall and called 911; you were most instrumental in saving his life; to Melanie, our neighbor and nurse who came to Charlie's aid and took his vital signs until the rescue squad arrived; to Wayne Diana and Ray Jazikoff, the patrolmen who answered this call and for your utmost professionalism and concern; to the rescue squad for doing what you do; save lives. We refer to all of you often just as "Charlie's Angels." We feel extremely blessed and lucky to have "pop" with us still and on a more positive note; he's improving and getting stronger everyday. It just goes to show you what a great community South Plainfield is and the good people that live there. Thank you.

**MOST SINCERELY,  
THE DECKER FAMILY**

Dear Editor,

It's now been several years since black ooze began surfacing at Veteran's Park and a year since the Borough

closed the park. One would think the problem would be solved by now, but last week's paper said the Mayor and Council have only just approved the plans to get the project going.

What have these people been doing for the past year? How about for the past three years? First they ignored the problem and let the kids play in the park for two years. Then when the media spotlighted the problem, they closed the park and tried to act like heroes for doing what they should have done two years earlier.

Now, they drag their feet for more than a year to get the cleanup started. Mr. Mayor and members of the Council, you've got to do better.

**JAKE CATALDO**

To the Editor:

New Jersey seniors won a great victory in the battle for prescription drug coverage with passage in the United States Senate of legislation to expand Medicare to include drug coverage. Senator Frank Lautenberg and I added an amendment to the bill that will protect and expand our state's already strong prescription drug programs, PAAD and Senior Gold.

New Jersey's existing pharmaceuti-

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cal assistance program is the oldest and one of the largest programs in the country. PAAD and Senior Gold provide comprehensive prescription drug coverage to more than 200,000 low and moderate-income seniors and disabled people.

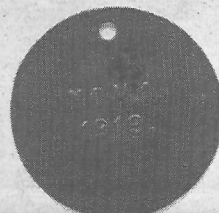
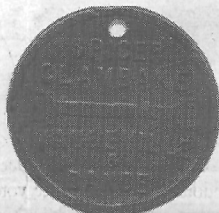
The program was at risk and the alternative unacceptable—forcing all New Jersey seniors to have their drug benefits thrown into the hands of private insurers. But we took steps to ensure that state pharmacy assistance programs like PAAD will be able to administer the Medicare drug benefit.

The Corzine-Lautenberg amendment inserted into the bill provides \$310 million of federal funds to the state's senior prescription drug benefits programs. This money will not only allow the state to continue to provide excellent prescription drug coverage to seniors, but be able to expand the program as well.

As always, the goal is top notch care for Garden State seniors. The language we won't give us hundreds of millions of dollars a year to preserve and strengthen New Jersey's PAAD program so we can turn PAAD and Senior Gold into Senior Platinum.

**JON S. CORZINE  
UNITED STATES SENATOR**

## Loose Change?



One of our readers dug this coin up their backyard recently. The coin is dated 1919 and says Spicer Clambake Yardville and Dance. Our reader would like to know if anyone has more information on this coin. Contact us at the Observer and we will put you in touch with the reader, (908) 668-0010.

## Buono Comments on Budget Passage

Senator Buono, D-Middlesex and member of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, issued this statement upon Senate approval of the budget for the fiscal year which began July 1:

"Throughout this year's budget process, we have been faced with the daunting task of presenting a balanced budget which also protects critical programs and services for

New Jersey residents. This task seemed herculean at times, given our current economic situation. However, we have succeeded in both preserving our priorities and balancing this budget.

"In this budget, we have successfully protected prescription drug funding for seniors, while preserving the program freezing property taxes for seniors. We have also managed

to provide real property tax relief to NJ families by fully funding extraordinary special education aid for all schools.

"Democrats have had to make some cuts in this budget, but we have worked long and hard to ensure that these cuts are as painless as possible. We have stood firm in our ideas and we have stood by the people of New Jersey."

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## Crime Prevention Division Advises Residents on Keeping Safe This Summer

The dog days of summer are upon us. We hope everyone is enjoying the warm weather, especially after the long, hard winter we had and the unusually wet and cold spring we had. The warm weather results in a lot more people of all ages to be out and about. Unfortunately, some of these people may be looking to take advantage of situations that arise and stealing the property of others.

Statistically, with the summer months comes an increase in certain types of crimes and criminal activity. Specifically, thefts of personal property increase. This summer has been no exception. We are experiencing a moderate, but sudden, increase in thefts of bicycles, while other thefts such as items from cars and personal items left unattended (such as purses), have remained fairly constant. We are seeking the public's assistance in not only preventing further increases in crime,

but also reducing it. Most of these thefts are preventable if the owners of the property take a few basic preventive measures.

- Whenever you leave your bicycle unattended, even if it is for a very brief time, secure it to a fixed object with a chain and lock. The person who is looking to steal a bicycle is looking to get on the bicycle and ride it out of the area as quickly as possible. Trying to cut a chain or break a lock will make this quick theft and escape much more difficult for a would-be criminal.

- If your bicycle is stored in a garage or shed, keep the door closed and secured at all times. The potential criminal will not know what you have if he/she cannot see it.

- Keep items that are stored in your vehicles, such as loose change, stereo related items and cell phones, out of sight from somebody who might be walking past your parked car. If they

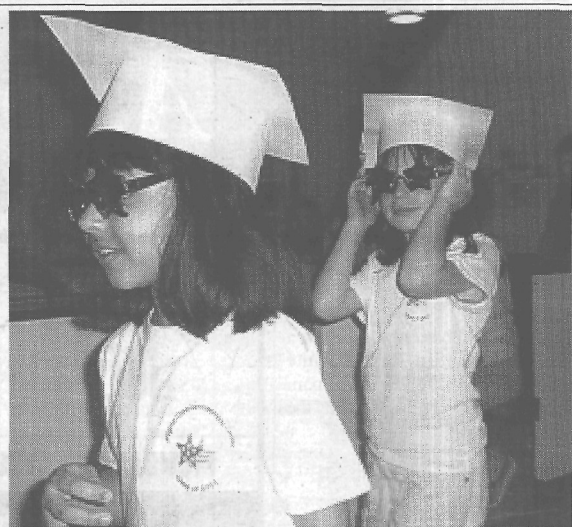
see nothing attractive while standing outside of the car, they may not bother trying to enter it.

- Whenever you park your car, keep the doors locked and if the door has an alarm, activate the alarm. These precautions should be taken even if your car is in your driveway or parked on the street in front of your home. Again, the person who is looking to engage in criminal activity is looking for an easy target, one they can enter without drawing any type of attention.

- Don't leave items unattended, even if it is only for a brief moment. People who are shopping should keep their purses or wallets in their hands, on their shoulders or under their arms at all times. Do not leave your purse or wallet on the counter and turn to pay for your purchase. A criminal can see you are preoccupied with your shopping and when your attention is drawn away, even for a brief moment, they will strike.

Many criminal suspects are opportunists. They look for someone who is careless, or who is not paying attention and they target those who they feel fits this mold. Many of these thefts are preventable if the victim would take these few simple steps to prevent it.

Please enjoy your summer, keep safe and help us fight crime!



Pilgrim Covenant held a kindergarten graduation ceremony on June 13. Graduates sang patriotic songs and recited what they learned in kindergarten.

## Summer Parks Recreation Program In Full Swing



Nancy Mercurio hold Arts and Crafts sessions twice a week. It is just one of the many activities at the Recreation Summer Programs, which is held daily at Franklin, Kennedy, Riley School and Pitt Street Park daily and is open to school age children.

There is still time to register your child for the South Plainfield Recreation Summer Parks Program which is held at Riley, Kennedy and Franklin schools and Pitt Street Park. The program runs until August 8 and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Children must register at the PAL on Maple Ave. with proof of resi-

dency. A parent's driver's license and a child's 2003 report card must be shown at the time of registration.

All sites are open rain or shine and are closed between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for lunch. The program is open to all South Plainfield boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through sixth. They are also planning several trips to locations in the area.

## AFL-CIO Endorses Patrick Diegnan, Jr. for Assembly

Delegates to the New Jersey State AFL-CIO 2003 Legislative COPE (Committee on Political Education) Endorsement Conference voted recently to endorse Patrick Diegnan, Jr., as a candidate for the Assembly District 18. "Additionally, 46 union members running for state, county, and municipal offices were endorsed," announced New Jersey State AFL-CIO President Charles Wowkanek at a press conference held after the Endorsement Conference.

The New Jersey State AFL-CIO COPE and Labor Candidates Program leads the nation in the number of union member election victories. Since 1997, 228 union members have won election to public office at both the local and state government levels, including two State Senators and one Assemblyman.

The Endorsement Conference, held at Caesar's in Atlantic City, was at-

tended by nearly 600 delegates representing the 1,000 union affiliates and one million union members of the New Jersey State AFL-CIO. The New Jersey State AFL-CIO's candidate endorsement process included an extensive review of candidates' positions and incumbents' votes on issues affecting New Jersey's working families. Candidates were considered by the New Jersey State AFL-CIO officers and Executive Board, the 14 Central Labor Councils, and by the delegates to the COPE Endorsement Conference.

New Jersey AFL-CIO President Charles Wowkanek stated, "Today, our Conference delegates formally endorsed candidates who care about working families and unions. Winning a New Jersey State AFL-CIO endorsement also earns our commitment to register union members to vote, educate union members about candidates and issues, and to mobilize union members over the summer and throughout the fall. In this way, we will ensure that our endorsed candidates are elected on November 4, 2003."

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# Events

## Music Boosters Plan Car Wash

July 12

The Music Boosters will sponsor a car wash Saturday, July 12 at the Middle School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The proceeds will be used to buy the Indoor Winter Guard uniforms.

## 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, t-shirts, sneakers or sweatshirts.

For information contact reunion organizer Bonnie (Gundersen) Risoli at (609) 971-3955 or SPHS1968classreunion@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 Saturday, July 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten and half-day pre-school programs. Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet

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## What's happening in JULY

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

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
**NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.**

## Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>UPCOMING TRIPS....</b> <b>EVENTS</b> July 28 Hunterdon Hills Playhouse August 6 Atlantic City September 28 & 29 Cape May Trip				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am 14 Yoga 10:30-11:30am Learn to Draw 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm (Lunch Available) 15 Ladies's Social Group	Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45am 16 Line Dancing 10-11:30 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm	Shopping at Pathmark 9am 10 Practical Crafting 10-11am Video Exercise Class 9:30am-10:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm 11 Pizza Lunch
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viewing service. For a demo of their video services, visit their website at [www.parentwatch.com](http://www.parentwatch.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](http://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

August 6

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 a.m. 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-in-one prize.

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](http://www.spga.org) or print out and mail

in entry forms. Corporate sponsorships are available.

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, (908) 754-8069 or e-mail [bosseeight@aol.com](mailto:bosseeight@aol.com).

## Sons of American Legion 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) 755-2487 or the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135. This is a very popular vacation, so sign up today.

## — Out of Town —

## Middlesex East WOWs Meeting

July 11

Middlesex East WOWs Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, July 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.

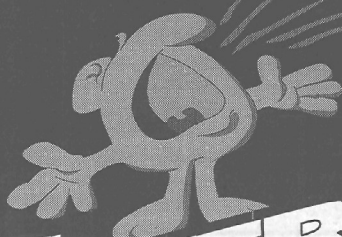
For more information, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

## Woodbridge WOWs Fundraiser Dance

July 20

Woodbridge Area Widows or Widowers (WOWs) Fundraiser dance/social. Sunday, July 20, 7:30-11:30 p.m. All are welcome. Life band and refreshments. Cost is \$8. Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge, NJ. Call 732-297-1775.

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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.

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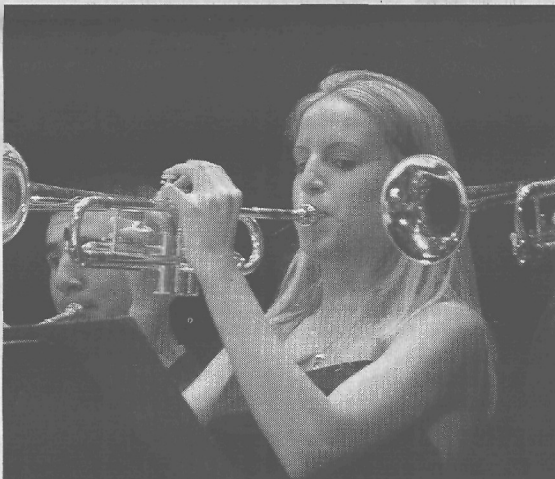
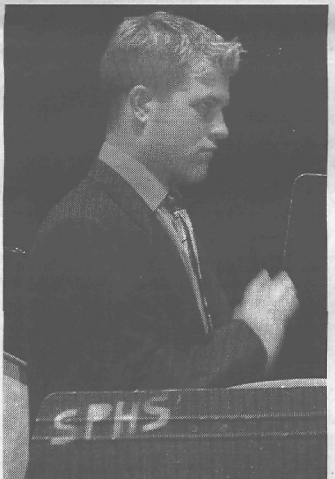
Rain Date: Sunday, July 20





## HS Spring Band Concert Features Soloists

On June 4 the South Plainfield High School bands presented their spring concert. The Concert, Jazz, Lab and Stage bands were conducted by Mark Tweed and the orchestra was conducted by Bruce Mikolon. Selections ran the gamut from "Mack the Knife," "Jungle Boogie" and Duke Ellington's "Sophisticated Ladies" to "Concert in G for Viola and Orchestra" and "Lord of the Dance." Over a dozen soloists were featured.



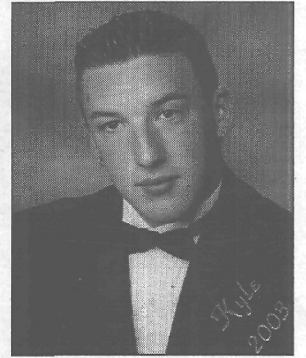
## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Kyle Prendergast U.S. National Award Winner in Football

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Kyle Prendergast has been named a United States National Award winner in football. This is a prestigious honor very few students ever hope to attain. The Academy recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Kyle will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally.

The academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability and recommendation from a teacher or director.

"Recognizing and supporting your youth is more important than ever before in America's history. Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement," said Dr. George Stevens, Exec. Director of the



Kyle Prendergast

United States Achievement Academy.

Kyle is the son of Robin and Gary Prendergast of South Plainfield. He is the grandson of Rose and Bill Prendergast of Cranford and Marilyn and Bill Glenn of Leesburg, Fla. Kyle recently graduated from South Plainfield High School and was nominated for this award by Coach McGuane, football coach at the school. He will be attending Rowan University in September and was recruited for tight end on the football team. Rowan was ranked number three in the nation last year in Division III.

### Stephanie Honorowski Graduates From Therapeutic Massage

Stephanie Honorowski, a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, has been awarded a diploma in Therapeutic Massage at the Piscataway Campus of the Somerset School of Massage Therapy.

Together with more than 60 spring graduates from both Wall Township and Piscataway locations, Honorowski successfully completed a Professional Track program of academic courses, technique instruction and clinical practice, in all facets of contemporary Western massage therapy, exceeding New Jersey State certification requirements.

In addition, core curriculum courses at the school are recommended for thirteen college credits by the American Council on Education college credit recommendation service.

As a graduate, she is eligible for listing in the prestigious American Massage Therapy Association's registry of approved massage therapy schools and practitioners.

Honorowski, a graduate of Bishop George Ahr High School in Edison, and Union County College, has accepted a position as massage therapist at Lookin' Good Salon in Edison.

### McGrane Graduates from United Way Leadership Class of 2003

South Plainfield resident Deborah McGrane graduated from The United Way of Essex and West Hudson's 2003 Project Leadership Class on June 19 in a ceremony at Seton Hall University in West Orange. McGrane is the manager of Payment Processing for PSE&G and is responsible for the process that oversees all the cash flow from the 16 customer service centers, the payment processing center and its personnel.

Project Leadership's five weekend training program offers an opportunity for qualified candidates to enhance their leadership abilities, develop career management tools, team effectiveness, strengthen negotiation skills,

resource development, communication and marketing skills. Dr. Gloria Bonilla-Santiago, Director for the Strategic Urban Community Leadership Center at Rutgers University Camden and a pioneer in the design and delivery of leadership effectiveness, is the lead trainer.

Project Leadership is a collaborative effort between the United Way of Essex and West Hudson, the Center for Creative Leadership, and the Center for Strategic Urban Community Leadership at Rutgers University, Camden, New Jersey.

For further information about the program, please contact LTanya Williamson at (973) 624-8300.



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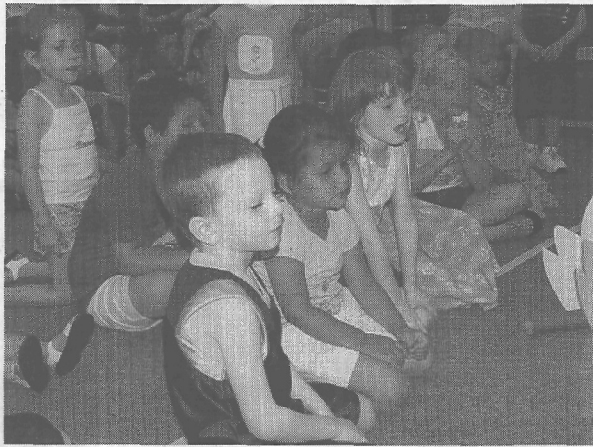
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# CAMP READ-A-LOT



## Mr. Kurt Kicks Off Summer Reading Program

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

Camp Read-A-Lot, the library's summer reading club is off to a fast start. The younger set enjoyed a visit by children's entertainer Kurt Gallagher. Mr. Kurt as he is known to the youths is a familiar face at the library and the fidgeting young-

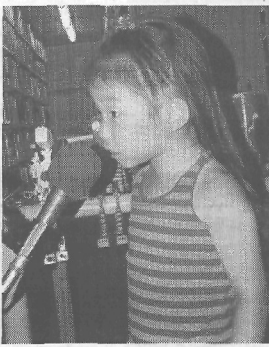


sters were anxious for him to begin. They knew they were in for a fun-filled hour of silly songs and adventure. Mr. Kurt exceeded expecta-

tations as they children clapped, danced and sang along.

The summer reading program at the library spans decades. Many of the parents were once members of the reading club themselves. Each child has a Camp Read-A-Lot booklet to list the books they read weekly. They can claim a participation prize each week by checking their books in at least once a week and having a staff member stamp their booklet. The rules are simple:

- The club is open to all children with a South Plainfield or reciprocal library card.
- Only books, magazines and books on tape checked out from the S.P. Library may be counted.
- Children of all ages may participate, reading themselves or being read to.
- Once a child has read five books they will receive a paper tent and a star. They receive



another star on their tent for each additional five books.

- There is no limit to the number of stars that can be earned each week but only one prize may be collected per week.

- The last day that books may be checked in is Saturday, August 9. The annual event was organized by Children's Librarian Linda Hansen. Its not too late to sign up for the club, contact the library for more information.

## Hitting the Road: Seeing America by Car

Summer is here and many families have opted to hit the road to visit friends, attend family reunions and see the sights of America. Road trips can be rich with adventure and discovery, and offer a rare chance to bring families and friends together—especially if they run smoothly. The key to a smooth trip, of course, is advanced planning.

Consider beginning your road-trip experience by chatting with a travel agent, who can help plan the perfect route and itinerary and assure there's a camping spot, hotel room or bed and breakfast suite reserved and ready for

you at each night's stop. (Note that some national parks and campsites require advanced reservations.) Travel agents can also offer helpful insights about key sites and stops along your route, such as hours of operation and closings, admission prices, possible bargains, or gems you might have otherwise driven by unnoticed.

Your travel agent can help you find the best rental company, car and deal to match your needs—considering not only your requested dates and pick-up/drop-off locations, but also your mileage requirements and comfort and safety options you might desire.

Packing the family car for a long road trip can require a fair amount of preparation and ingenuity. Here are some tips for making everything fit:

Don't over pack. Lay out all of the clothes you think everyone in the family will need, then put half of them back in their drawers and closets. Ask your travel agent if your lodgings have laundry facilities; if they do, you may be able to pack even less. Also, remember that when it comes to travel clothes, comfort is more important than style, especially for kids.

Share your suitcases. It's more efficient to pack one or two larger pieces of luggage than to let everyone have their own small suitcases. Pack one change of clothes for each member of the family in a smaller bag that you can keep readily accessible—if someone spills and needs a new shirt, you won't have to unpack the entire car.

Backpacks for kids. Allow each child to pack his or her own backpack with "essentials," such as art supplies, books, stuffed animals and small toys. Let them pack as much as they can comfortably carry. You may want to discourage them from bringing very special belongings that would be irreplaceable if lost.

Select smart travel toys. Pack a shoe box with small toys the kids can play with in the car. Avoid things that make loud noises or have lots of small parts. Good choices include miniature versions of popular games, magnetic drawing slates, sticker books and action figures.

Pack a secret surprise—a new game, book or snack that can distract your kids from a case of travel fatigue.

Other essentials for family car travel

include a small cooler with a supply of healthy snacks and drinks, a basic first-aid kit, sunscreen and insect repellent, pre-moistened towelettes and a container for trash. And don't forget your road map!

While you may be prepared to drive straight through to your destination, stop every two hours or so. Bring a frisbee, a softball or some other play equipment to help kids stretch their muscles and let off some of the steam that can build up on a long car trip.

—Submitted by Fran Licato, Carlson Wagonlit Travel, Watchung, (908) 756-6600.

## From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Joan Delman, Reference Librarian

The fireworks are over and the parades have gone by, but it's still not too late to make those last minute travel plans! The library owns a large collection of up-to-date travel books for U.S. destinations as well as countries around the world. You might also want to check out the Travel page on our "Useful Websites" internet directory. Our staff has selected some of the best travel websites for you, including lots of general travel information, and websites for specialized travel. If a visit to the Toilet Seat Museum, the Goofy Golf course, the Criminals Hall of Fame Wax Museum, or the Ghost Parking Lot is your idea of fun, take a look at the Roadside America web page. If you're interested in exploring locales from the world of literature, the Literary Traveler site offers informative and interesting articles about writers and creative artists, and the places they lived and traveled. Older adults in search of educational travel opportunities may be interested in the Elderhostel homepage; and wilderness enthusiasts will find information on our National Parks at the National Park Service homepage. The library's Travel page also links you to sites that

will help you stay safe and secure as you travel. Go to our homepage at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us), click on "Useful Websites," and then click on Travel. Bon voyage!

If you're staying close to home, don't forget you can check out the latest bestsellers at the library. You can also choose from a great selection of other new books and golden oldies for summer reading enjoyment, as well as videos, CDs, audiobooks, and more. We are closed on Sundays during the summer, but we remain open all day (9-5) on Saturdays year-round.

For kids, we sponsor a Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Camp Read-a-Lot, and as always, children who participate can receive prizes every week. Books & Babies, a storytime program for children under 3 years old, begins this Friday at 10:30 a.m. The library will also offer a Mendhi (Henna) workshop for all ages on July 17 at 6:30 p.m. (registration required), and of course, our regular kidcraft programs every Monday at 7:15 p.m. Please call Miss Linda at (908) 754-7885 for more information.

There's a wealth of materials and activities at your library - so come often!

## Authors Sought for Statewide Competition

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo), a project of VSA arts of New Jersey (VSA/NJ), is seeking poems, essays and plays by New Jersey residents eighteen years of age or older for its tenth annual Joyce Indik New Jersey Wordsmith Competition. The contest is open to all writers, and submissions by writers with disabilities are especially encouraged. All works submitted will be judged by a panel of judges who are professionally affiliated with theater and/or literature. Selected works will be showcased at the New Jersey Read-

ers' Theater, followed by a reception to honor the authors. The deadline for submissions is October 15.

VSA/NJ, a nonprofit organization which is part of the international VSA arts network, is dedicated to assuring that the arts are available and accessible to people with disabilities. UPTCo, a project of VSA/NJ, is an inclusive program designed to involve individuals with physical disabilities in all aspects of the performing arts.

Major funding for this program is provided in part by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, United Way of Central Jersey, the Middlesex County Cultural & Heritage Commission, New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts, and the central office of VSA arts, affiliate of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, under an award from the U.S. Department of Education.

To request an application or to receive additional information, contact Valerie Grier, VSA arts of New Jersey, 703 Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, NJ 08901, (732) 745-3885, 745-5935 or 745-3913 (TTY), [info@vsanjan.org](mailto:info@vsanjan.org).

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South Plainfield resident Katie Mott spent five weekends performing as a reveler at the NJ Renaissance Kingdom in South Orange. She has been with the fair, which closed their run on July 6, for four years.

## Library to Offer Free Computer/Internet Programs

The South Plainfield Free Public Library, located at 2484 Plainfield Avenue, has planned the following computer and internet programs for July and August.

Understand the Internet in 75 Minutes!

Wednesday, July 23, 7-8:45 p.m.

Participants will learn about using a browser, simple searches and important web sites. Lecture/Demonstration/Hands-on. Mouse/Keyboard experience is required.

More!!! Understand the Internet in 75 Minutes!

Wednesday, July 30, 7-8:45 p.m.

Participants will learn about advanced features of the browser, using PDF files, Real player and advanced searching. Lecture/Demonstration/Hands-on. Mouse/Keyboard experience is required.

Understand Buying a Computer in

75 Minutes!

Wednesday, August 6, 7-8:45 p.m.

Participants will learn about the parts of the computer, how to read computer ads and how to buy a computer online. Lecture/Demonstration.

Understand the Window Operating System in 75 Minutes!

Wednesday, August 13, 7-8:45 p.m.

Participants will understand the parts of the desktop, the start menu and file structure. Lecture/Demonstration/Hands-on. Mouse/Keyboard experience is required.

Participants will learn how to keep their computer humming along. Learn about scandisk, defrag, cleaning up files and virus protection. Mouse/Keyboard experience is required.

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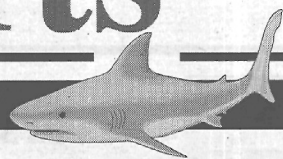
Harry Collins, M.D. at Anderson & Collins Clinical Research Inc. in S. Plainfield is participating in this study.

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# Sports

## SWIMMING



## Tiger Sharks Break Records at Third Meet

Tiger Shark swimmers, as well as two competitors from East Brunswick, broke numerous records when the two teams met July 2 at the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool during the Sharks third meet of the summer season.

While the Tiger Sharks eventually lost to the East Brunswick Sand Pipers with a score of 175-115, three of their teammates broke long-standing records, beginning with Dylan McDermott, who swims in the 10 and under category. Dylan broke three team and pool records, meaning that no one in his age group from any team that has competed at the South Plainfield pool in recent years, has scored that time in that particular race. His record-breaking times were 39.41 seconds in the 50 Meter Freestyle: 45.05 in the 50m Butterfly and 1:40.67 in the 100m Individual Medley.

Philip Luzny broke the his own team record and the pool record in the 13/14 boys age group, swimming the 100m Butterfly in 1:17.90 and CalvinJohn Smiley broke his team record in the 15-18 boys 100m Freestyle Race in 1:08.02.

East Brunswick swimmers broke the pool record with Darren Ankosko swimming 100m Freestyle in 1:05.38 in the 15-18 age group and 2:42.81 in the 13-18 200m Individual Medley (IM) and Kristen Steenvoorden swimming 100m Freestyle in the 11/12 girls in 1:15.49.

Race results for Tiger Shark swimmers were as follows: Caleb Tou in second place and Michael Boyle in third in the 11-12 100 meter Individual Medley and CalvinJohn Smiley in second in the 200 m 13-18 boys IM.

For the girls freestyle, 10 and under, Chelsea Cullen was second in the 100m and Maggie Valentino came in third. Emily Piekarski took third in the 11/12 years, 100m and Nina Byard took second in the 13-18 group, 200m.

Caleb Tou placed second in the boys Freestyle 11/12, 50m race; with Philip Luzny taking first in the 13/14, 100m and CalvinJohn Smiley in second in the 15-18 100m.

In the Backstroke, Rachel Krause took first place and Kate McLaughlin took second in the eight and under, 25m race; Maggie Valentino took second in the 9/10 girls, 50m and Leah



Emily Piekarski, Teresa Gustafson and Chelsea Cullen avoid pre-meet warm-ups by posing for the camera.



D. McDermott, J. Valentino, G. Piekarski, K. McLaughlin and K. O'Brien show their game faces for the Frog Hollow Meet.

Konops placed third in the 13/14, 100m race. Nina Byard claimed first place in the 15-18, 100m event and Jessica Manning took third.

Breaststroke winners were Rachel Krause in first and Kate McLaughlin in second in the eight and under, 25m; Kate O'Brien took first and Sarah Konops, second, in the 9/10, 50m and Chelsea Cullen took third in the 11/12 year, 50m category. Leah Konops placed second in the 13/14 age group, 100m and Kristin Dabrio took second in the 15-18, 100m.

In the boys Butterfly events winners were: Aidan McDermott, third, in the eight and under, 25m; Dylan McDermott in first in the 9/10, 50m; Michael

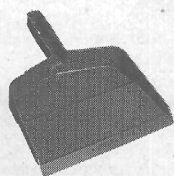
Boyle in second in the 11/12, 50m; Philip Luzny claimed first and Matt Moates third in the 13/14, 100m Adam Timberlake took third in the older boys, 15-18, 100m.

Relay race results for the girls Freestyle Relay had teammates Allison White, Kelly McLaughlin, Taylor Alijan and Rachel Krause winning the eight and under, 100m race and in the boys Medley Relay, teammates Ryan Lind, Michael Boyle, Caleb Tou and Dylan McDermott won the 9-12 age group, 200m event.

The Tiger Sharks look forward to their next competition against the Sand Pipers, later this summer.

Submitted by Donna Egan

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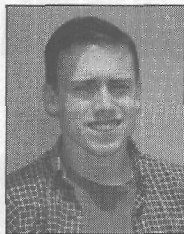
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# Sports



Tim Morgan, Jr

## Varsity Baseball Review

By  
Tim Morgan

I can recall seeing the South Plainfield High School Varsity Baseball team practicing behind Jost Field during the times when I was suffering through track workouts mere yards away. This brings to mind my own baseball days. I played little league for more years than my ability warranted and remember then future members of the Varsity team far outshining me in practices and especially games. I eventually found my calling in the world of running, but there are, unmistakably, people whose calling did turn out to be in baseball and went on to play it in high school.

The SPHS Varsity Baseball team posted a 13-11 record this past season. In the state tournament, the Tigers beat Ridge (who ended up going to the finals) before being defeated by Ocean Township, the team that won the Monmouth County Tournament.

The most noteworthy thing about this past season is how it altered the recordbooks. Senior Mike Butrico, demonstrating "fabulous bat control," said Head Coach Ray Cicewisz, struck out only once every 25.3 times at bat, which turned out to be the fifth best of all-time in South Plainfield's 46-year history of baseball. Chris Hewitt had a .428 batting average, the ninth best in South Plainfield Baseball history, along with 29 bases stolen out of 36 attempts (the fifth best) and 30 hits this year. He also holds the record for being the sixth best ever for career hits. He was this year's MVP. Billy Merkler, who was the Rookie of the Year, was the first player ever to be selected for the White Division All-Star team as a sophomore. Also, the team had 232 hits this year to make it the sixth highest placing one in that category.

"It was a great season for having a lot of young players filling important roles," said Coach Cicewisz. He describes his team as "a group of boys that really enjoyed playing and gave a tremendous effort in practice and games."

Cicewisz, who has been coaching for eight years at South Plainfield and for 17 years total, categorically emphasized the need for athletes to learn and

understand the fundamentals of the sport. "I like seeing the game played properly," he said. "Our practices are geared to developing fundamental skills. He stated that the two main reasons he enjoys coaching baseball are teaching kids the fundamentals and how to respect the game."

Cicewisz voluntarily coaches athletes in the Summer Baseball League to be sure that they all have an opportunity to play the sport and to see that they continue playing it, especially outside of the just the spring season.

The starters for the Tigers this past season were: sophomore Nick Cesare at first base, senior Chris Hewitt at second base, junior Stephen Turrisi at third base, junior Andy Cupido at short stop with sophomore Mike Benak filling in at short stop when Cupido pitched, sophomore Billy Merkler as the catcher, senior Dave Spayder at left field, junior Matt Finn at center field, senior Mike Butrico at right field, and junior Chris Czaplinski as the designated hitter.

Cupido, Hewitt, Merkler, and Spayder were all selected for the White Division All-Star Team. Hewitt was chosen for Third Team All-Area by the Home News Tribune, while Cesare, Cupido, Merkler, and Spayder all received Honorable Mentions.

Bill Mosca, Joe Cirigliano, and Jim Darby are the Assistant Coaches.

JFK and North Plainfield are the two teams who give South Plainfield their most intense level of competition and always manage to supply them with a good game.

Practices last "as long as it takes to accomplish what needs to be accomplished," said Cicewisz. "We don't shortchange our boys any baseball experience at all," he added. The prerogative is to put players in every possible position or conceivable situation they might face in a game. The strategy is for the boys to cover "all the bases" in practice so that they enter their games thoroughly prepared and ready for whatever the other team has in store for them.

"We always set out to do the same thing every season and that's to be competitive in every baseball game we play," said Cicewisz.

South Plainfield has a pretty respectable history in baseball. Some might recall the 10-17 and 11-12 seasons the Tigers had in 2000 and 2001 and ar-

gue otherwise, but the fact is that those were actually among the worst seasons the program has ever had, meaning that most of the others were winning ones. In 1998 and 1999, the Tigers were 19-3 and 17-10. Simply put, it would be unfair and inaccurate to say that the program was ever down at any point in recent years. The starters on the 2000 team were almost all sophomores who went on to produce the 17-10 season the Tigers had last year. Now, the team is young again, and producing better numbers than the last time. History should be indicative of what to expect from these players in the next couple of seasons.

*Corrections for last week's softball article:* Kelly Eustice and Jessica Senz were selected for the GMC All-Conference Team as well as the White Division All-Star Team. Vicki Boley, Lacey Santone, and Christine Strani were also selected for the White Division All-Star Team. Don Panzarella was named the White Division Coach of the Year.

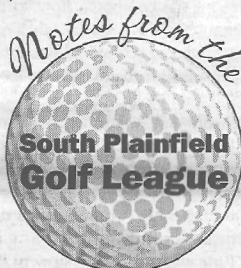


## Three Holes-In-One Recorded

Joe Scarpitto shows the form he used to ace the 179-yard fifth hole at Plainfield West, using a 7-wood. Scarpitto played with Tom Calder, Stan Lipka and Steve Lipka.

Also achieving holes-in-one were Jimmy Bataille on the 241-yard fourth hole at Plainfield West, using a 4-wood while he played with Tim Keller, Frank Wrublevski and Brian Murtagh, and Jay Bertleson on the 179-yard fifth hole at Plainfield West using a 9-wood. Bertleson played with Joe Norton, Steve Ciccotelli, Lou Barter and Joe Bush.

-Submitted by Bob Nilan



(June 25) After dropping the opening match of the season to VFW, 11-9, Aiello Chiropractic has been on a red-hot streak, winning seven in-a-row to gain first place in the National Division of the South Plainfield Golf League.

In their re-match with VFW to start the second half of the season, Aiello came out blazing and shut out the VFW, 20-0. Ed Banach again led the way for Aiello with a nifty two-over par 35, while his partner, Fred Kirchofer, still playing with his tattered, lucky glove, had a solid round of 38.

KC's Korner slipped another game behind Aiello, losing to Hank's Hackers, 12½ to 7½. Kevin Boyce was low-man for Hank's with a 39. Mark Dugan also had a 39 for KC's Korner.

Twin City defeated Patti's Construction, 13-7. Tom Cassio, Sr. was the medalist for Twin City as they remained in third place, one game behind KC's Korner.

In American Division action, Witty's upended league-leading Plainfield Animal Hospital, 15-5. Howard Adler had a sparkling one-over-par round of 34 for Witty's; Captain Mike Cortese was low-man for PAH.

In the closest match of the night, the Elks edged out Pornovets, 11-9, with Mike Dube leading the way for the Elks. Marty Van deVaart had a 39 for Pornovets in a losing effort.

Sport & Social had the great advantage of playing against a team that was short one man and easily won their match against Masters, 17-3. Danny Griffin of Masters handily won low-man honors in his group with a 38.

Last year's champs, Sport & Social, has now won three matches in a row after suffering through a 5 match losing streak. Despite their poor start, Sport & Social is now just two games out of first place.

Leading scores for the night: Howard Adler- 34, Ed Banach- 35, Fred Kirchofer- 38, Danny Griffin- 38, Mark Dugan- 39, Marty Van deVaart- 39, Kevin Boyce- 39.

share the second spot in the standings with KC's Korner.

In the closest match of the night, Hank's Hackers got by VFW 11-9 with Wayne Hanrahan's 38 and Kevin Boyce's 39, sparking the win.

Plainfield Animal Hospital had a surprisingly easy time in downing last year's champs, Sport & Social, 16-4, to maintain its one-game lead in the tight American Division race. Mike Sikanowicz was low-man for PAH while Dennis Bibby shot 39 for Sport & Social.

Kevin Bickunas, showing signs of what infrequent play can do to your game, still managed to gain medalist honors to lead Witty's to a 12½ - 7½ win over the South Plainfield Elks.

Danny Griffin crushed some mammoth drives and some towering iron shots to score a 37 as his masters team earned a 13-7 victory over Pornovets. Captain Jim Pornovets was low-man for his team with a 39.

Top Scores for the Night: Jerry Minlionic- 35, Danny Griffin- 37, Fred Kirchofer- 38, Wayne Hanrahan- 38, Jim Pornovets- 39, Kevin Boyce- 39, Kevin Cuniff- 39, Dennis Bibby- 39, Ed Banach- 39.

Closest to the pin last week- Tony Corone, Jr.

Closest to the pin this week- Bob Nilan.

### LEAGUE STANDINGS:

#### American Division

	W	L	T
PAH.....	6	3	0
Witty's.....	5	3	1
Elks.....	4	4	1
Pornovets.....	3	5	1
Masters.....	3	5	1
Sport & Social.....	3	6	0

#### National Division

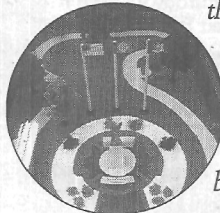
	W	L	T
Aiello.....	8	1	0
Twin City.....	5	3	1
KC's Korner.....	5	3	1
Hank's Hackers.....	4	4	1
VFW.....	2	6	1
Patti's Const.....	2	7	0

(July 1) Aiello Chiropractic increased its first place lead in the National Division of the South Plainfield Golf League with a convincing 16-4 victory over Patti's Construction. Supporting a new glove for the first time in several years, Fred Kirchofer fired a 38 while his partner, Ed Banach, came through with a 39 to lead the way for Aiello, who have no fun off eight wins in a row since losing their opening match of the season to the VFW.

Jerry Minlionic had an impressive 2-over par 35, the low round of the night, to lead Twin City to a 14-6 win over KC's Korner to move his team into a tie for second place behind Aiello. Kevin Cuniff kept it out of the rough for a change and had a solid round of 39 for Twin City as they now

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# Sports

By Kevin Lykes

## juniorbaseballclubnotes

Congratulations to The SPJBC District Champions!

Congratulations are due for three South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club traveling teams; Chris Hubner's 10-year-old team and Jeff Marcoux's nine-year-old squad both won the Cal Ripken District 9 Championships earlier this week. Along with them, John Pollizano's 13-year-old team took second place in the Babe Ruth District 9 Tournament. All three teams will be advancing to their respect state tournaments later this month.

The nine-year-old team will be playing right here at our complex beginning July 26. The 10-year-olds will be traveling to Union City and the 13's to Weehawken. At press-time several other age groups were still involved in their district tournaments, maybe

we can add to the list of champions soon.

Best of luck to all of our All-Star teams wherever your travels take you.

On the home front, the annual South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Invitational Tournament has begun with 8, 9, 11, and 14-15 year old divisions starting play last weekend, this week 10, 12 and 13 year old groups will also begin. Congratulations also to our 12 year old National and American teams who have already taken second and third-place respectively in the Elmora tournament held last week in Elizabeth, good going guys. If your into baseball come out and enjoy the games, at this level it's usually pretty good baseball and the local teams will really appreciate your support.

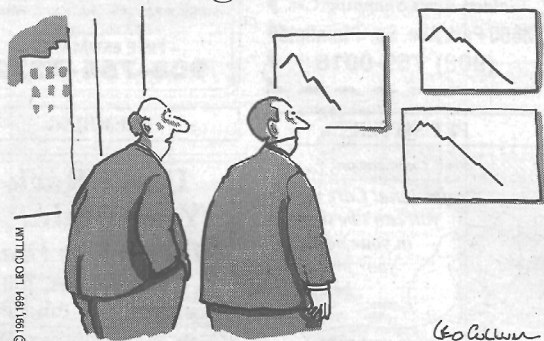


Congratulations to the 12-year-old American All-Star team who took third place in the Elizabeth tournament recently. They held the top record in the tournament of 5-1, losing only one game by one run. The players are (top row left to right): Garrett Kelly, AJ Kunie, Nick Levendusky, Michael Muglia, Josh Rivera and Taylor Curtis. Bottom row left to right are Michael Maiorino, Michael Dezman, Jeff Pryor, Tramane Miller, Steven Wiczorek and Dominic Papa.



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club 10-Year-Old Traveling All Star team (above) recently took first place in the District Level Babe Ruth Tournament. The 10-year-olds will advance this week to State Level play in Union City.

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## 12-Year-Old National All Stars Finish Second



Kneeling (l to r) are: Erik White, Dough Avery, Nick Jeglinski, Kenny Breslau, Kyle Quail and Vinny Fazio; middle row: Brian Pullen, Chris Lesniak, Al Miranda, Kyle Buck, Chris Fulton and Ricky Walton; back row: Ken Lesniak-coach, Rick Walton-manager, John Quail-coach and Danny White-coach.

Congratulations to the SPJBC 12-year-old National All Stars for their second place finish in Elizabeth. After dropping their first two games to North Elizabeth 4-3 and Cranford 2-0, the team turned it around against Roselle Park, in a 2-0 victory.

In the first playoff round, the boys had a tough battle but were victorious 10-8 over the host team Elmora.

The semi-final game was a rematch with Cranford. South Plainfield came away with an impressive 2-0 victory to advance to the championship game. In the finals they faced a tough Iselin team and dropped a 6-0 decision.

A job well done by the whole team and best of luck for the rest of the tournament season.

## Spots Available For Shotman Summer Extravaganza

If you haven't decided on what basketball camp to put your son or daughter in yet, look no further. There are still spots available for the annual SHOTMAN Summer Extravaganza! The 12th Annual SHOTMAN Summer Basketball Camp will be held at South Plainfield High School during the week of July 28 through August 1. Last year, another record number of campers came to the camp as SHOTMAN Basketball Camps had their second consecutive year of over 100 participants.

Campers will be able to work on such things as foul shooting, stationary shooting, off the dribble shooting, ball handling, team defense, and Killer Crossovers in addition to contests, games, and prizes. Campers must bring their own lunch. The cost for the week of camp is \$150. You can fill out an application from our web site, or register online at <http://www.active.com>. For further information, feel free to visit our web site at <http://www.shotman.net>, or contact Mike Lanza at either (908)-754-2692, or via e-mail at [mlanza@shotman.net](mailto:mlanza@shotman.net).

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website located at [www.gardenstatebaseball.com](http://www.gardenstatebaseball.com) and by sending an email, (which is checked daily) to [johnsgsb@aol.com](mailto:johnsgsb@aol.com). You can also contact them at (888) 765-0529.

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# West Crescent Parkway Holds Annual Block Party

By Jane Dornick

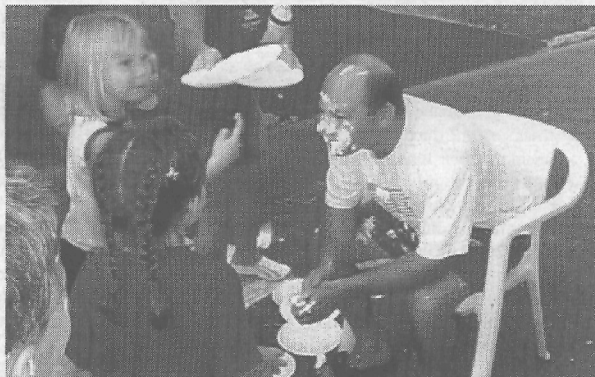
Residents of W. Crescent Parkway, between Oxford and Woodland avenues, held their annual block party on

July 3.

The close-knit neighbors feasted on backyard barbecue favorites. The youngsters thoroughly enjoyed petting a volunteer dad with whipped cream

pics.

After the little ones were tucked in bed, the adults continued to enjoy themselves late into the evening.



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## policereport

• On June 31 a Susan Terr. resident reported that the safety light bulb on top of her light post in front of her home had been smashed.

• On July 1 David Barry, 20, residing at Best Western Motel in South Plainfield, was arrested for being an unlicensed driver.

• Rickey L. Franklin, 38, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting a Hoover vacuum cleaner worth \$259.99 at K-Mart.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of the face plate to his Sony Xplode CD player car stereo from his locked vehicle at The Club at Ricochet. A piece of plastic molding near the passenger door window had been removed. The window was pulled back and a device was used to open the door lock. The vehicle had been ransacked, but nothing else was taken.

• A Somerset resident reported that her front license plate had been lost or stolen. Auto Salvage on Ryan St. had

recently performed body work on the vehicle, but she was unsure whether the plate was missing when she picked up the car.

• A Fairmount Ave. resident reported the theft of his wallet from his unlocked vehicle in front of house.

• On July 2 a stolen 1994 Acura from Woodbridge was found running and unoccupied on Jankowski Ct.

• Burlington Coat Factory reported receiving four counterfeit \$20 bills from a customer.

• Tonsar Inc. of Middlesex reported the theft of \$133 worth of plywood from a construction site on Spicer Ave.

• On July 3 an Edison resident reported the theft of his car stereo from his vehicle that was being repaired at Chin Brothers Auto on Hamilton Blvd.

• A Kosciusko Ave. resident reported that his house had been hit with paintballs.

• On July 4 an A&P employee reported the theft of his radio from his

locked vehicle in the parking lot. There was no forced entry, however a window had been left open about two inches.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported that her vehicle had been scratched on both sides front to rear by an unknown object.

• On July 5 Joseph Roznowski Jr., 48, of South Plainfield was arrested at home for witness tampering and terroristic threats on a Plainfield warrant. Bail was set at \$25,000.

• Arthur William Mandel, 41, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, careless driving and two stop sign violations at a motor vehicle stop.

• On July 6 Philip Nguyen, 29, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, unsafe vehicle and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• On July 7 Rasheed Goodwin, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, driving while on a suspended license and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

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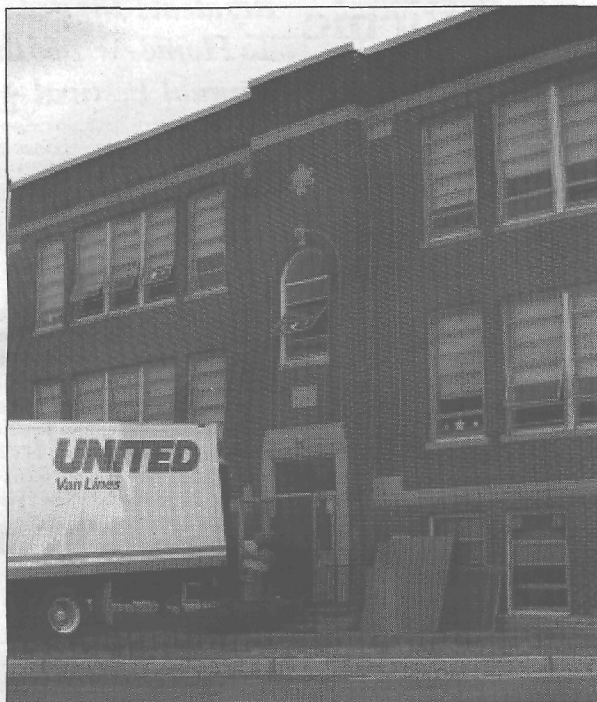
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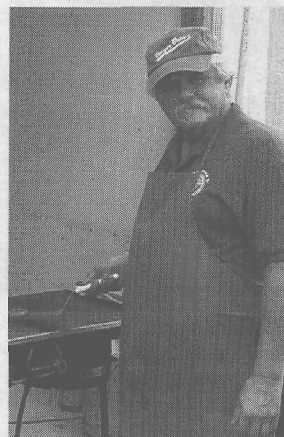
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# 100+ Endure the Heat at American Legion Picnic



The South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post 243 picnic is held annually the Saturday after the July 4 holiday. In recent years the festivities have occurred the following weekend. This year, however, the Post Committee worked hard to organize the 69th annual event for July 5. Approximately 100 people attended the event. The picnic committee braved the heat while greeting guests from their table across from the buffet tent. Guests of all ages arrived throughout the day. They feasted on a wide array of picnic fare and enjoyed music by DJ, Sounds of Today and Yesterday.



## Residents Invited To Home Arts 65th Annual Festival

The Middlesex County Fair Association is inviting county residents to participate in this year's Home Arts Festival commemorating the 65th anniversary of the Middlesex County Fair. The fair will be held Aug. 4 through 10 at the fairgrounds located on Cranbury Rd. n East Brunswick. "We are very excited to be celebrating the fair's 65th year in Middlesex County," said Fair Association President Alan Habiak. "We want as many people as possible to participate in the fair by submitting entries for the Home Arts Festival. There are 14 different categories: including needlework, crafts, photography and foods with adult and junior divisions."

For details and an entry form, visit <http://Middlesex.rcc.Rutgers.edu/fair> and click on 2003 Fair, or visit your local library.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on JULY 15, 2003 at \*\*\* 10:00AM \*\*\* prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

### REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE CONTAINERS

Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c.127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56 25, Employment on Public Works N.J.S.A. 10:2 EOE, ADA.

ATTEST:  
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk  
\$36.75 July 11, 2003

PLANNING BOARD  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Brian J. Capparelli and Mario Porchetta requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit:

Block 428, Lot 7, current address is 1405 Peek Street, with lot coverage of 20,000 sq. ft. be subdivided into two 100' x 100' conforming building lots.

Applicant will further seek any other variances or relief as required by the Board. Subdivision/Site Plan approval required.

Said property being located on Block 428, Lot 7 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 22, 2003 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 7:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Zoning Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, any weekday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 July 11, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by William Katta requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the masonry front steps. Front steps lack the required 30' front setback, 26.9' being proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 800 Tompkins Avenue on Block 19, Lot 3 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 Planning/Zoning Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 July 11, 2003

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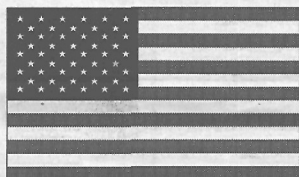
### LEGAL NOTICE

July 9, 2003  
Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on July 8, 2003 meeting.

A. Case #666/S-National Realty & Development Corporation, Block 528; Lots 46, 47.07, 47.09 & 66; Stetson Road. The applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to (8) conditions so noted in the resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary/Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$21.00 July 11, 2003



# ENTER THE OBSERVER'S "To Honor Those Who Proudly Serve Our Country" 2ND ANNUAL LABOR DAY POSTER CONTEST

*Illustrate your interpretation of this year's parade theme.*

Posters can be no larger than 22" x 17". Any media is allowed. 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 and will be announced after the parade. All entrants will receive a prize. Grand prize to be announced. Contest is open to all South Plainfield residents. 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. For more information, call the Observer at (908) 668-0010.