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Ceremonies Held to Promote Five Officers

By Libby Barsky

The promotion of five police officers, with their wives and children beside them, took place in a special ceremony on Monday July 18, in Borough Hall. The five police officers were individually sworn in to their new positions by Council President

Dennis Cerami, who commented that during his 10 years as a councilman has watched these individuals "go up the ranks."

Lieutenant Michael Grennier, who was 19 when he joined the South Plainfield Police Department in 1981, was elevated to Captain. He will supervise 16 people in Staff Services which

includes, the communication center, 9-1-1, records, dispatch training, DARE, fiscal management and firearms.

In 1986 Grennier was recognized for his "outstanding contributions to law enforcement" by the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In 1987, he was honored as "Officer of the Year" by the Department and in

2004 he was appointed by Governor James McGreevy to the State 9-1-1 Commission. He is currently the Vice President of the National Number Association's New Jersey Chapter. He was the lead observer for Middlesex County in the April 2005 National TOPOFF3 Exercise, a terrorism response exercise sponsored by the

Dept. of Homeland Security.

As a patrolman, he served as communications supervisor for the dispatch center, was 9-1-1 coordinator and deputy coordinator of the Office of Emergency Management. He and his wife Carol have two sons, Joseph and Jonathan.

Sergeant Kevin Murtagh, who has spent six-and-one-half of his 17 years assigned to the Detective Bureau, was promoted to Lieutenant and will continue to administer traffic concerns. He has been a certified accident reconstructionist and is currently Vice President of the Middlesex County Traffic Officers Association.

Murtagh is a member of the South Plainfield Police Honor Guard, the New Jersey Police Honor Legion and the New York City Police Honor Legion. He is a member of the New Jersey Police Traffic Officers Association and South Plainfield Traffic Advisory Commission. He is also an instructor at the Somerset County Police Academy, instructing recruits

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Michael Grennier was sworn in as Captain as his wife, Carol and sons, Jonathan and Joseph hold the Bible.



Kevin Murtagh is sworn in as Lieutenant by Council President Dennis Cerami as his wife, Nancy and children, Brian and Lyndsey look on.



Paul Wylam was promoted to Lieutenant as his wife, Gail and children, Dana, Paul, Robert, Stephen, Ashlee and John look on.



Philip Aquilina, promoted to Sergeant, with wife Doris and children Philip and Alexes.



James Foran is promoted to Sergeant as wife, Deborah and daughters Brittany and Browyn and sister Marie Aschetino look on.

Athlete's Day Held For Special Olympics Competitors

A Special Athlete's Day was held on June 18 providing special education students their opportunity to perform in athletic events they had trained for at the June 3-5 Special Olympics New Jersey Summer Games. The Special Athlete's Day was the district's response to a quota request to cut four South Plainfield athletes, who were qualified to participate in the games, from the Special Olympics program.

For six weeks, starting at the end of March, head coach Addison Williams and assistant coach Kevin Hadjuk had been holding bi-weekly practices to get the Special Athletes in shape. Also helping out were South Plainfield High School student volunteers.

"We had our regional competition at Carteret and all of our kids (14) qualified. The following Tuesday we went to practice and Addison told us there was a problem. We were told we had to cut our numbers down and had to let them (the SONJ) know which athletes we would be cutting that



South Plainfield athletes prepare to compete on Athlete's Day.

evening," said Hadjuk.

"The reason given at that time was that every team had to be downsized because of construction at the College of New Jersey in Trenton and

there would be lack of space. They requested we send the names of only 10 athletes," said Hadjuk.

"There was no way we could tell four athletes that they couldn't be

in the Special Olympics. They made a commitment. They worked very hard throughout the day to practice their skills. They do a great job and you can't tell these athletes that they aren't going to be in it. We decided we wouldn't send anyone, but instead have our own events," said Hadjuk.

Hadjuk sent out e-mails inviting other towns, but was told by a northern chapter that he couldn't hold the event because it wasn't covered by insurance and wasn't sanctioned by the Special Olympics. Hadjuk persisted in putting together the Special Athlete's Day. Everyone got behind the group, including Dr. Rosado, who was enthusiastic about the project. They discovered they could invite others in the district like Keystone, since they were not using the Special Olympic name or insurance.

Williams received a letter from New Jersey Special Olympic president Marc Edenzon stating, "I would welcome the opportunity to meet with

you to discuss our process. Last year you scratched 25% of your group (four) from the summer games, which meant other deserving athletes who could have filled those slots were denied the opportunity to participate. As a result, the New Jersey Olympics paid over \$600 for contracted services not used by your athletes."

Hadjuk explained that the four students who didn't attend last year were not "scratched," but had been sick (one was in the hospital) or their family pulled them out. "This district raised \$3,600 in penny wars where each school competed in collecting pennies for Special Olympics. William sold Menlo Park Mall tickets during the holidays and \$1,500 from those sales went to the Special Olympics of New Jersey. Also the South Plainfield Elks donated \$1,000 to the State Olympics," said Hadjuk.

None of that money was available from the Special Olympics New Jersey

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council meetings

Borough Hall Council Chambers

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

| Date | Agenda Meeting | Public Meeting |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| August 9 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| September 6 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| September 20 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |

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, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 16*, Aug. 30*, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25,
Nov. 29*, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

zoning board of adjustment

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

July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22,
Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Aug. 9, Sept. 13,
Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Aug. 16, Sept. 20,

Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 4.

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 7 and Dec. 13.

environmental commission

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

Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

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) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor
conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.
August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 6:30 p.m. at Roosevelt
Administration Building on Jackson Ave. Work session. No public comment
Tuesday, Aug. 1, Tuesday, Sept. 6, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6, March 6 and April 3.

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Boro Receives Grant for Crosswalk Safety

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield was the recipient of a \$2,500 grant from National Safe Kids Campaign for crosswalks and signage due to the Borough's issues with pedestrian accidents.

A task force was developed consisting of members of the South Plainfield Police Traffic Safety Unit and the Level One Trauma Center, an agency for Safe Kids Middlesex County, out of Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. Their report showed that 50% of the time drivers failed to yield to pedestrians causing injuries. "Hot spots" were identified in town that were notorious for being dangerous and potential sources of unintentional injury for pedestrians. Two areas were designated as major problems: Oak Tree Ave. in front of the post office and Cady Ln. in front of



New crosswalks and pedestrian yield signs on Cady Lane.

the community pool. The grant money was used to pay for stripping crosswalks and pedestrian yield signs that were recently installed.

Over 2000 brochures on pedestrian safety were also distributed to the

schools and at the police Bike Rodeo in May. Some of the funds were also used for "bright sticks" which were placed on stop signs in town to make them more visible to drivers at night.

IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

Cady Lane is the road that runs between the PAL building parking lot and the Community Pool. People forget that Cady Lane is a borough road and not part of the parking lot. When you turn onto Cady Lane from Maple Ave., especially in the summer months, you will see small children running across from the parking lot to the pool, not even thinking about the road in between. Hopefully, the new lines on the road will remind parents and children that it is a well-traveled road and the new safety signs will remind motorists to use caution as they drive down Cady Lane.

Extending the line to go around the corner onto Avon Ave. has been very helpful. Anyone who lives in this area has probably experienced someone coming at them from the other direction as they go round the bend onto Avon Ave. Now with the new lines, people tend to stay on their own side of the road.

I would like to thank the Traffic Safety Committee and especially Cathy Feeney and Sgt. Kevin Murtagh for their help in getting lines and safety signs put on Cady Lane. I feel they have worked hard to stop an impending tragedy from happening on this street. I thank God for these special people who donate their time to help keep our community a safer place to live.

KATHY MURANO

Dear Editor:

The horrific acts of terrorism in London are an unwelcome reminder that we continue to live in the shadow of September 11, 2001. While the world has witnessed how extremely difficult it is to thwart the work of suicide bombers, it is our government's duty to ensure that every conceivable precautionary measure be invoked in order to strengthen and protect our country from another attack. One striking example where creating and implementing structured safeguards would have an enormous impact is at our chemical facilities. In order to block access to any stockpiled materials which could aid in possible terrorist attacks, our leaders must craft and enforce uniform security standards at all chemical plants and facilities.

National security issues such as securing chemical plants should be ad-

ressed at the Federal level of government. However, for almost four years now the Bush Administration has failed to work with the Congress to pass legislation that would increase chemical plant security. The President's inaction has unnecessarily put all communities in New Jersey and around our nation at an increased risk. New Jersey must act now to address the President's refusal to safeguard access to chemical plants.

Chemical facilities are considered potential terrorist targets due to the vast amounts of lethal agents they store. This is particularly true in New Jersey, the most densely populated state in the nation. Also, and most important, these facilities are not mandated to assess their vulnerabilities nor does any government entity have the power to set basic security guidelines and procedures.

A recent report on chemical facilities prepared by the Congressional Research Service noted that New Jersey has seven facilities, which if attacked or ruptured, could impact over one million residents. This is only one of the many post-9/11 reports that have been studied this issue.

Last year, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group released an alarming report on the failure of chemical companies to protect the public. The American Chemistry Council (ACC), which represents only seven percent of the most toxic facilities and is the industry's largest oversight committee, implemented the Responsible Care program in 1988 to improve chemical safety throughout the country. The study found that chemical accidents actually increased following 9/11 at ACC facilities. The report concluded that "the voluntary precautions of Respon-

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sible Care are not enough to protect Americans from accidental chemical releases or the possibility of terrorist attacks."

While chemical facilities claim they are working to increase security and safety measures at their plants, they are not held accountable by an external entity. Uniform standards must be imposed and adhered to by all chemical facilities. I believe industry-supported groups and self-regulation are not satisfactory when dealing with a security and safety concerns of this magnitude.

United States Senator Jon Corzine (D-NJ), who sponsored the Chemical Security Act, has been the dominant leader of this effort on Capitol Hill. The Chemical Security Act would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security to establish requirements designed to improve security at chemical facilities. I fully support this legislation and commend Senator Corzine for the leadership he has displayed on this issue over the past several years.

Given the indefensible recalcitrance of the Bush Administration to make the safety of our chemical facilities a national priority, New Jersey

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Business Members Hear Construction Update

The South Plainfield Business Association attended a special meeting last week at Sherban's to receive the latest update on Phase 1 of the construction on Hamilton Blvd.

On hand to speak were Councilman Charles Butrico, Rob Russo from CME, engineer for the borough, Pat Kipp, construction foreman from Lukas Construction, the company doing the work on Hamilton Blvd., Police Chief John Ferraro and Sgt. Kevin Murtagh, from Traffic Safety.

Many of the businesses present own businesses on Ryan St. and the St. Nicholas area. That intersection is one of the first to be tackled and it will affect their day to day business while construction is taking place. When finished, new lights will be installed at

Ryan St. and St. Nicholas and coordinated to allow better access to Hamilton Blvd. Presently, there is no light at either intersection and traffic backs up trying to turn onto Hamilton Blvd. This intersection also has a history of many accidents occurring.

Also going through a major reconstruction is the intersection of New Market at Hamilton Blvd. A building on that corner will soon be demolished to make way for a wider turning radius and extra lanes.

The section of Hamilton Blvd. which runs through the residential area will be getting new storm sewers, curbs and sidewalks, but will not be widened.

Meanwhile the water company is continuing to replace pipes along

Hamilton Blvd. during the overnight hours. Public Service Electric and Gas will be replacing gas lines and telephone poles in the near future.

According to Kipp, we should see shovels in the ground within a few weeks. On Tuesday they began boring holes along the road to prepare the installation of storm sewers, which will run the length of the boulevard.

While construction is taking place the boulevard will stay open, but with only one way traffic; which direction will be decided on the time of day.

Residents should stay alert to the daily changes during construction. Police are working on establishing a hotline to call for updates. When it is up, we will publish it in the *Observer*.

Also, the Borough's website: (www.southplainfieldnj.com) and the *Observer's* webpage: (www.spoobserver.com) will try to keep everyone alerted on what is happening and what to expect in the future.

Everyone who spoke at last week's meeting emphasized that there will be delays and there will also be a lot of frustration by businesses as well as the residents, but the end result should be worth the trouble.

Susan Barsky's Play Opens at Kean University

The world premiere of Susan Barsky's play *Owed to My First Love* took place on Thursday, July 14 at Kean University when the university began its new theatre program Premiere Stages.

Susan's play won a contest held in the spring and hers was the winner. The prize was the full production of the play with equity actors on stage at the Wilkins Theatre.

The play will run on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Sunday July 31. Tickets are \$25 and \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students.

The play is about an actor striving to become a star and his energetic journey to get and stay on stage. It's a hysterical look at what actors go through, but it has a serious undertone in making you realize what this so-called "glamorous" profession is really like. Susan writes prize-winning plays. Her play *Expectations* was performed last winter in Stamford, Connecticut, starring Eartha Kitt and currently is being optioned for an off-Broadway production. She also won first prize for *Seeds of Greed* from the Great Platte River Playwrights Festival in Nebraska.

Susan is the niece of Lester and Libby Barsky of South Plainfield.



Graduates from Sacred Heart School's 2005 Kindergarten Class: Sebastian AbiSleiman, Gina Bengivenga, Nora Bogart, Myrna Brignol, Catherine Cendana, Katherine Cole, Ethan Dodge, Ryan Downer, Tatiana Gault, Jon-Paul Genavaro, Alexander Hawkins, Emily Kearney, Alycia Locke, Courtney Miller, Melissa Mirasol, Askiaa Nash, Alisa Nguyen, James Plunkett IV, Zeli-Anne Policarpo, Rebecca Rhein, Niara Rowe, Johnathon Titus, Nicole Wilkowski and Aliyah Wimberly.

Nominations Sought for Parade Grand Marshal

Labor Day is just around the corner and the South Plainfield Celebration Committee is seeking nominations for the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 48th Annual Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, Sept. 5. The theme of this year's parade is "Civic Groups are the Heart of South Plainfield." If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to South Plainfield, send a letter stating your reason why this person should be considered. Include candidate's name, address, phone number and accomplishments. Deadline for accepting nominations is July 26. Send nomination to: The Public Celebration Committee, John Sorentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The Public Celebration Committee is also seeking nonprofit organi-

zations interested in having a concession stand at the PAL. Send your concession stand applications to the Public Celebration Committee, Kim Gallagher, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.



Bring the whole family to "A Night of Comedy," starring comedian and ventriloquist, Phil Hughes with Simon and Rodney. The event takes place Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. The show is geared to all ages and free!



Brownie Troop 521 from Franklin School celebrated their End of the Year Party on June 20 at Club Libby Lu at Menlo Park Mall. The girls worked hard through the year earning badges and selling cookies. Troop members are Gina Cummings, Kaitlyn Scarcela, Hannah Arntz, Noelle Rutowski, Melissa Abate, Casey Whalen, Briana Spinella, Sydni Surowiek, Savannah Hill and Danielle Bowbliss. Troop leaders are Lorie Cragle and Michele Arntz.

'Senior Freeze' Applications Deadline is Extended


Senator Barbara Buono announced that the deadline for eligible seniors to apply for the "Senior Freeze" property tax reduction program has been extended to Aug. 15 this year and that those individuals who have previously applied should expect their reimbursement checks in the mail soon.

Under the Property Tax Reimbursement program, better known as the "Senior Freeze," the State directly reimburses eligible applicants for the difference between the amount of local property taxes paid in the "base year" (the year they became eligible and first filed for the program) and the amount of property taxes paid for the reimbursement year. This year reimbursement checks will average \$578.

Newly eligible seniors only have

another month in which to apply for the reimbursement this year. In order to have qualified for the Senior Freeze program, applicants must have been age 65 or older or receiving Federal Social Security disability benefits as of December 31, 2003; have been a NJ resident for ten years; have occupied their current home for at least three years; and have earned less than \$40,869 for singles and \$50,113 for couples during all of 2004.

Those individuals with questions or who want to check the status of their reimbursement checks may call the Property Tax Reimbursement Hotline at 1-800-882-6597. They can also find information about the program on the Division of Taxation's website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/propfrez.htm.



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Engine Fire Puts Rescue Truck Out of Commission

On Monday at 1:14 p.m. the South Plainfield Fire Dept. Rescue 1 Emergency Response truck experienced an apparent electrical fire in the engine while attempting to respond to a fire call.

As the truck started up in the fire department garage, several fireman

smelled something burning and pulled the truck from the hangar. Flames were seen coming from under the hood and the fire was extinguished. It is unknown what kind of damage was done to the truck and the cause is under investigation. The fire truck was towed to the DPW.

**Grand Opening.....
Celebration!!**

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Events

Girl Scout Troop 431 Book Exchange

Through August 25

Girl Scout Troop 431 is holding a Book Collection and Exchange as their silver award project. They are looking for required summer reading books for grades 1-12 including Battle Books. Come and bring the books you've read or look for books you'd like to read.

The drive will be held every Monday and Thursday through Aug. 25 from 5-7 p.m. at the Administration Building on Jackson Ave. Donations of all books can be left at the drop off box at the building throughout the summer. The remaining books will be donated to the libraries of our schools and the South Plainfield Public Library.

Cultural Arts Presents Comedy Show

July 22

On Friday, July 22, the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission is sponsoring "A Night of Comedy," starring comedian and ventriloquist, Phil Hughes with Simon and Rodney. The event takes place at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. The show is geared to all ages. Admission and refreshments are Free! For information, call (908) 753-0327.

Italian Night at Senior Center

July 23

A "Night in Italy" which was cancelled last month will now be held on Saturday, July 23. Space is still available, stop by the Senior Center to register by July 15. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a delicious Italian dinner, followed by a travel show on Italy.

Cedarcroft Vacation Bible School

July 25-29

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, located on Kenyon Ave., is conducting a Vacation Bible School on July 25 through 29 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. for children entering Kindergarten through eighth grade. The theme will be "Get Wild About God on the Serengeti Trek." Pre-register by calling (908) 756-8244 or register at: www.cedarcroft.org.

Piano Recital at St. Stephen's Church

July 26

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, located on Park Ave., will host a piano recital on Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary. The recital, played by the Rev. Richard A. Mathisen, will consist of many classic pieces.

Suggested donation is \$7. Refreshments will be served. Call (908) 757-4474 for questions and information.

What's happening in JULY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am 25
Yoga 10:30-11:30am
Drawing Class 11am

Italian Night, Saturday, July 23
6 p.m. Cost \$3

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
August 24, Cost \$55

Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social 10am 26

Exercise 8:30am 27
Line Dancing 10am
AARP Crafts 1pm
Computer Class
10am, 11:30am & 1pm

Weekly Shopping 28
Pathmark 9am
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Senior Center EVENTS

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

July 30

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to eight years.

You are also invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours. For directions and information, visit: rainbowacademy.com.

SDW Presents The Pajama Game

Aug. 4, 5, 6, 7

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will present *The Pajama Game* on Aug. 4, 5, 6 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. in the air conditioned auditorium at the high school. Tickets prices are: adults \$10 and seniors and children \$8.

For info call (908) 561-5255.

First Baptist Goliath's Circus Spectacular

August 8-12

Come and join us at Davey and Goliath's Circus Spectacular VBS! It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Aug. 8-12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children ages five through entering the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 a child or no more than \$10 a family. Registrations accepted through July 30.

For information call (908) 753-2382. First Baptist Church is located on Hamilton Blvd. Come and join us for Davey and Goliath's Circus Spectacular.

Stress Factory Comedy Club

August 21

The Stress Factory Comedy Club will present a fundraiser to benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad on Sunday, Aug. 21. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and show begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Feature performer will be Lenny Marcus. Reserve your tickets now. The Stress Factory is located on Church St. in New Brunswick.

For tickets call (732) 558-9076 or (908) 754-2324.

Hunterdon Hills Trip

August 24

The Senior Citizen Center is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on August 24 to see the new summer musical *Living It Up: A Celebration of 100 Years of Popular Music & Dance*. The cost is \$55 including transportation, a wonderful luncheon and the show. The bus departs the Senior Center at 10 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. You do not have to be a member of the Center to participate.

Sons of the American Legion Super 50/50

September 5

There will be a Super 50/50 drawing sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #243 held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at American Legion on Oak Tree Ave. The cost is \$5 per ticket. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds go to benefit the various charities that SAL #243 support.

Trip to Lancaster Includes Theatre

September 21-22

The Senior Citizens Center is sponsoring an overnight trip to Lancaster, PA on September 21 and 22.

The trip includes transportation via private motor coach, overnight accommodations at the Best Inn, tickets to *The Story of Ruth* at the Millennium Sight and Sound Theatre, dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord, breakfast at the hotel, a tour of the Amish Country, and tax. The cost is \$179 per person double occupancy.

For reservations, please call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

— Out of Town —

Adoption Support Meeting to be Held

July 25

An adoption support meeting entitled "I Found My Birth Mother!" will be led by an adopted adult at the CHATS (Connected Heats Adoption Triad Support) meeting at 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, July 25 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church on Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and refreshments will be served.

Check the CHATS website at www.chatsnj.com or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

Public Talk on Mood Disorders

July 27

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) will present its monthly educational meeting on Wednesday, July 27 featuring a presentation by Frank A. Jones, Jr., M.D., a Clinical Professor of Psychology at University Behavioral Healthcare and director of medical student education in the Department of Psychology at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School.

The meeting will take place 7:30 p.m. in the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

Visit the website of the DBSA Morristown Area at www.dbsanew-jersey.org/morristownarea or call (973) 994-1143 for further information.

Starlight Socials 30's-40's Event

July 31

Starlight Socials, for professionals in their 30's and 40's, will hold a singles get-together at the Balloon Festival at Solberg Airport in

Readington on Sunday, July 31 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets are approx. \$20.

For information on where to meet and RSVPs by July 30, contact AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Chess Club Organizing Meeting

August 3

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 3 at the John E. Kennedy Library in Piscataway beginning at 7 p.m. for the purpose of organizing the Middlesex County Chess Club. To be discussed is how often to meet and where, selection of officers and what goals to set for the club as it promotes the game of chess in the county.

The club will be an affiliate of the U.S. Chess Federation and will hold rated tournaments. Members will be able to get a USCF rating and a reduction in the cost of books, chess sets, etc. when ordering through the club.

Anyone interested in playing chess and wanting to play a part in forming this new club is invited to attend. For further information you may call Jack Sarhage at (732) 317-2951.

Art For Everyone At Metuchen ArtWork

August 6

Gallery members are proud to announce The Miniature Show at Metuchen ArtWorks. Consisting of contributions from all 15 members, every piece available will be 12" x 12" or smaller. As always, the range of styles represented are as many and varied as the members themselves, and are both sized and priced to accommodate any space. Media will include painting, sculpture, photography, pottery, pen and ink, three dimensional, and more.

A departure from regular exhibitions, The Miniature Show at Metuchen Artworks, "Have a Little Art!" will be cash and carry, both during its reception on Saturday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. and during normal operating hours all month long.

The Metuchen ArtWorks Gallery is located on Station Pl. in Metuchen. For information contact the gallery office at (732) 603-9299 or visit the website at www.metuchenartworks.com.

Cruise and Seaside Heights Visit

August 27

Join People for Animals on Saturday, August 27 for a two-hour sight-seeing cruise on the "River Lady" including lunch onboard, followed by a two-hour visit to the Seaside Heights Boardwalk. Motor coach leaves at 10 a.m. from the Jeanette Avenue Municipal Parking Lot in Union. Free parking for the day is available in this lot.

A donation of \$69 per person is requested. Call Progressive Travel directly at (908) 688-8787 for reservations before July 22.

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Milestones

Rotary Club Elects New President

Beverly Howard of Berkley Heights, Manager of Cardiac Diagnostics at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, was inducted as President of the Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield at its annual meeting. Howard succeeds Patricia Mulligan of the American Red Cross in Plainfield, who completed a successful year as Club President and chaired the annual meeting.

Howard was sworn in as president by Rotary District #7510 Past Governor Marsha Carldon. She will lead the club until June 30, 2006.

Contact Michael Townley, club secretary at rotarypnp@comcast.net for additional information about the Rotary Club, its activities, and how to inquire about membership, or visit www.rotarypnp.org.

Toth Receives Degrees from University of the Sciences in Philadelphia



Eric Toth

Eric Frank Toth of South Plainfield graduated from the University of Sciences in Philadelphia with a Master of Physical Therapy degree and a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. He is a member of intercollegiate basketball and volleyball.

Toth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Toth of South Plainfield.

Melissa Anderson Graduates from Kean



Melissa Anderson

Melissa L. Anderson graduated from Kean University on May 12. Missy earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and was named to the Dean's Honor List for the spring semester.

Missy is a graduate of the South Plainfield High School Class of 2000 and is the daughter of proud parents Patricia and Stephen Anderson.



Anna and Dominic Demico.

Demicos Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Dominic Demico and Anna Butrico were married on May 28, 1955 at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield by Reverend Alfred T. Sico.

The couple was honored recently at a party held at L'Affaire Hall in

Mountainside by their children, Dominic Demico, Jr. and his wife Terry, and Rosanne Illardo and husband James. Also present were their grandchildren Diane, Camille, Dominic III and Joseph.

Tietjen Graduates Stevens Institute of Technology

Alison Elizabeth Tietjen graduated with High Honors from Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken on May 26. She earned a Bachelors of Engineering Degree in Biomedical Engineering.

As a freshman, Ms. Tietjen was admitted to the Stevens Scholars Program and she graduated first in her major. During her senior year, Alison was inducted into the NJ Alpha Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the National Engineering Honor Society, as a lifetime member. She is also a member of the Society of Women Engineers. Alison served as the chairperson for Risk Management, Membership Recruitment and Greek Sports for Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority. She volunteered as a Peer Mentor and as a Freshman Orientation Leader. Alison also participated in community service activities by fundraising and providing for needs related to 9/11, domestic violence victims, underprivileged children and the



Alison Tietjen

National Kidney Foundation.

This fall, Alison will enter graduate school at Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering in Durham, NC. She was awarded an Engineering Management Fellowship. Alison is a 2001 graduate of South Plainfield High School and she is the daughter of Jean and John Tietjen, Jr.

Ceremonies Promote Five

(Continued from page 1)

lice Academy, instructing recruits in traffic investigation and enforcement. He and his wife Nancy have two children, Brian and Lyndsey.

Sergeant Paul Wylam, who joined the department in 1980, was sworn in as Lieutenant. He will assume the responsibilities of Station Commander responsible for a platoon of seven men and one sergeant and will assume the duties of Watch Commander. He spent several years in the detective bureau and was on temporary assignment to the Middlesex County Narcotics Task Force, where he operated as an undercover officer.

Wylam received the Middlesex County 200 Club Valor award and Raymond Terpanic Police Valor Award and received the South Plainfield Police Medal of Honor, numerous Letters of Commendation and three Exceptional Duty Medals.

He and his wife Gail have six children, Dana, Paul, Robert, Stephen, Ashlee and John.

Detective James Foran, promoted to Sergeant, became a South Plainfield police officer in 1994 after seven years as a New York City Police Officer where he worked with the Street Crime Unit. He was promoted to Detective Sergeant and will oversee six detectives in day to day investigations including juvenile and narcotics.

Currently assigned to white collar and computer crimes in the Detective Bureau, he is recognized nationally as a computer forensic expert and is a field training officer. He holds three honorable service medals and many Letters of Commendation. He and his wife Deborah have four children, Britany, Bronwyn, James and Brooke.

Patrolman Philip Aquilina, who promoted to Sergeant, began as a police officer 20 years ago. He is currently assigned to the Patrol Division and as Sergeant, he will be assigned to the Patrol Division. He is one of the department's Field Training Officers and has received an Honorable Service Medal and Letters of Commendation. He and his wife Doris have two children, Philip and Alexes.

Before the promotions were officially approved by the Mayor and council, Chaplain Rev. Charles Mingle gave the invocation.

Mayor Daniel Gallagher commended the 56 members of the Police Department and the 17 civilian employees for their efforts for the safety of 23,000 residents, 8,000 homes, numerous industrial and commercial sites and 150 miles of roads and handling over 40,000 telephone calls, all on a \$5 million budget. "You have been busy. You've done well. On behalf of a grateful community we thank you," said Gallagher.

Gallagher also thanked Assemblyman Pat Diegnan for his efforts in securing grants to help cover the additional amount of \$50,000 to complete renovations on Borough Hall, the costs of a \$600,000 computer dispatch system and \$18,000 for new body armor (bullet proof vests) for police when it was found that their vests were made of material no longer protected police and new ones were needed.

Also recognized were two officers who will be retiring from the force, John Alles and George Albertocki and the two newest officers in training who just completed their Police Academy classes Peter Magnani and Chanta Hunter Johnson.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's a look at some news from your friendly neighborhood *air-conditioned* South Plainfield Library:

We'll start off with a quick look at our upcoming Children's programs. (An extensive look could fill up much of today's paper.)

- First, there's the Books-N-Babies program for children up to ages three today and next Friday mornings at 10:30.
- There's Dino Bingo for children age six and over today at 12:30 p.m.
- There are also the Dino Craft programs for children ages six to 10 today and next Friday at 3 p.m.; you must pre-register your child for these programs.

• There are now two (count 'em, two) "Time for 2's and 3's" programs for children age two and three; they're held on Monday afternoon at 1:30 and Wednesday morning at 10:30.

• There's another Kidcraft program on Monday evening at 6:30; kids will be doing a T-shirt craft next week and they provide the shirt. Registration is required.

• There are our regular Storytime programs for children ages three and over on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15.

• Our new Chess Club will be meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. It's for kids ages eight and older, both beginning and advanced players. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

• Our "Game Gang" program returns this summer, now on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00. Kids can play one of our board games, or bring one of their own to share.

• And, finally, there's still time to sign up for our Summer Reading Program for kids of all ages.

For more information about these programs, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss

Danya.

With the school year over and vacation season in full swing, we're sure the last thing students want to worry about is preparing for next school year. As a result, there will probably be the temptation to ignore those "required reading" lists for the summer. However, we'd prefer it if you dealt with them right away. Unfortunately, we don't have an endless supply of every book that every student needs to read. We can obtain additional copies, but that takes time. So, we'd appreciate it if you came in with your book requests as far in advance as possible, to give us more time to fill your order. This will save all concerned a lot of unnecessary hassle, leaving you free to enjoy your vacation without incomplete assignments hanging over your head.

By now, you're probably wondering if we're doing anything here that isn't kid-oriented. Actually, the answer to that is "yes." For example, there's our Adult Summer Reading Program. It works along similar lines to our children's program, but without the dinosaur theme. You can get details and sign up at the circulation desk.

And on Monday evening at 7:30 we'll be hosting a scrapbooking class. Dayel Giammarino of "Creative Memories" will show students how to crop and mount photos in a professional way on a 7x7 scrapbook page. Participants should bring two to four photos with them. There's a materials fee of \$5 and pre-registration is required. Please call us for more information.

We've made some changes in our internal arrangement. Our collection of Young Adult magazines (the ones about skateboarding, video games, Lindsay Lohan, etc.) are now found on a cart next to our other YA books. Meanwhile, we're in the process of putting our CD and CD-ROM collections out on display, rather than in storage behind the main desk. If you're having trouble finding something, don't hesitate to ask.

There's still more we could tell you, but we're out of room for this issue. For more details, please call or check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. We'll try to squeeze in

Kennedy Variety Show Wows the Audience!

The Kennedy Variety Show performed to a sold out audience of enthusiastic students and parents.

The variety show, which is performed by everyone associated with Kennedy School, was just as spectacular as ever. Each and every song performed had the audience on their feet.

The students get to vote on what songs the teachers and staff should

perform and they did not disappoint. Appearing were celebrities such as Elvis, the ever popular Kennedy Sisters, The Village People and of course Kennedy's own Barbara Harley, who sang a few songs from her CD.

Several baskets were raffled off. The baskets were donated by the classes and staff at Kennedy.

The real reason for the variety show, besides having lots of fun and laughs, is to support the Kennedy Memorial Scholarships for Joyce Papp and Betty Bogatzes.

This year's Joyce Papp Scholarship winners were Sara Grillo and Andrew Miller and the Betty Gogatzes Scholarship went to Kendall Green. Each received \$500.

Many hours are spent by the teachers, staff and their families to prepare for this popular show and judging by the reaction of the audience, they can be proud of their performances.

The *Observer*, as well as everyone in attendance, is already looking forward to next year's show. If you haven't seen this show in the past, put it on your must-see list to attend next year.



Tax Bills Mailed

Property tax bills were mailed to residents this week. The grace period for the Aug. 1 payment has been extended until Aug. 31. In large part, there is an increase in this year's tax rate as a result of the Board of Education budget.

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police report

• On July 5, Christopher Lawrence Martin, 26, of Newark was arrested for no insurance, driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• On July 6 Terrance L. Smith, 29, of Plainfield was arrested for failing to turn and three outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• An Arlington Ave. resident reported someone had attempted to pry open their sliding door and the rear window screens had been cut. No entry was gained.

• Mobile Storage Group on Roosevelt Ave. reported that several trailers were spray painted and windows had been broken.

• A Thomas St. resident reported the theft of locked BMX bike from the high school bike rack.

• A Mountinside resident reported that the rear window of his vehicle was shattered while driving down Tompkins Ave.

• On July 7 Midina R. Hopper, 30, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

• Lisa Embry, 43, of Piscataway was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On July 8 Leslie L. Howard, 39, of Piscataway was arrested for having a brake light out and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• An Arlington Ave. resident reported that their mailbox had been kicked off the metal post and was on the ground.

• On July 11 an aide at Roosevelt School reported that someone had written vulgarities in black marker on the playground equipment.

• A Tompkins Ave. resident reported that the rear window screen of his home was cut, the glass broken out and a black leather bag, cordless phone, BB gun, assorted jewelry and cash were taken.

• On July 12 Barbara A. Williams, 47, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and refusal to take a breathalyzer test at a motor vehicle stop.

• Jason T. Fowlks, 30, of Piscataway was arrested for improper display of license plates and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Dabranello Contracting of Bridgewater reported that their trailer, located near Regal Cinema, had the lock torched off and a pipe laser, three Homelite pumps, three power saws, a chain saw and transit were removed.

• On July 14 Joann T. Bianco, 24, of Linden was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Canada Dry on New Durham Rd. reported the theft of batteries from two soda delivery trucks.

• On July 15 a Scalera St. resident reported the rear window of his vehicle had been smashed, the lift gate damaged and the air let out of one of the tires.

• On July 16 Steven M. Thibault,

37, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• An Oakmoor Ave. resident reported that motor oil had been poured on the hood and rear of his vehicle.

• Fritzes Landscape Service on Snyder Rd. reported that the lock had been cut off their trailer and three leaf blowers and trimmers were taken.

• A So. 10th St. resident reported the headlights of their 2003 Nissan had been removed.

• On July 17 Jeremias Martinez, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for unlawful possession of a weapon while parked at 333 Hamilton Blvd.

• On July 18 Richard Daniel Dodd,

24, of Edison was arrested for driving while intoxicated, speeding, careless driving and possession of an open alcoholic container at a motor vehicle stop.

• Sensient Colors Inc. on Wade Ave. reported a window of the building had been smashed and a computer monitor and laptop computer were taken.

• A Rahway Ave. resident reported a rock had been thrown through their bay window.

• A Florence Pl. resident reported the theft of an unlocked mountain bike from outside the high school.

• On July 19 a Dominick Ct. resident reported the theft of four rims and tires from outside their home. The vehicle had been left on cement blocks and a jack.

Adult School Hosts Walking Tours of New York City

Among the many trips that the South Plainfield Adult School offers is a variety of informative walking tours of New York City led by Tony Grifa, a licensed tour guide from I'll Take Manhattan Tours.

The following tours are being offered: Manhattan Sampler on Sunday, August 14; Chinatown and Little Italy and the San Gennaro Festival on Sunday, September 18; Greenwich Village and South Street Seaport on Sunday, September 25 and the Lower East Side on Sunday, October 23. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Adult School at (908) 754-4620 ext. 213.

The Adult School is in the process

of publishing their fall brochure. If you do not already receive their brochure, which is published four times a year, you may request to be added to their mailing list by calling (908) 754-4620 ext. 213.

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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

With just four weeks remaining in the regular schedule, there are still five teams in the American Division that have a chance to win first-place honors.

Pornovets currently holds the top spot, but they only have one-game lead over KC's Korner, who are in fourth place. Twin City and Plainfield Animal Hospital are less than a full game behind, and defending champions Masters, who now sit in fifth place, have a shot at the title if they can string a few victories together.

Pornovets will take on Plainfield Animal Hospital in a key match next week. Jim Pornovets, Jr. seems to have overcome his chipping problems, so he and his brother Robert have again become a strong twosome. But they will need to be in top form when they face Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar and Mike Sikanowicz of PAH.

In another important match, Twin City will meet KC's Korner. Jay Copolla of Twin City has put together some superb rounds this season, including a terrific one-under-par 32, and is now the only player in the league to sport a scratch handicap. Guy Severini has been playing very well since he started pairing up with Copolla, and they now comprise one of the toughest twosomes in the league. KC's Korner has a very balanced lineup, and they have shown in the past that they can be very tough in the clutch.

Irish Danny Griffin of Masters has been booming his drives and playing exceptionally well all season long, but he confesses that he's had some putting difficulties. Now that it's crunch time, he plans to break out one of his father's putters, a monstrous looking thing that dwarfs his old simple blade putter. Right now the problem is trying to fit it in his bag, because it takes up more room than a Big Bertha driver. Masters will be taking on Patti's Construction, a match that on paper looks like it should be an easy win for Masters. "Iron Mike" Behr and Merry

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

Matt Ward of Patti's are a twosome that can't be taken lightly, however. When they are both on their games, they can go head-to-head with any twosome in the league.

In the National Division, first-place Aiello Chiropractic has become even stronger in the past few weeks as long-ball hitting Phil Aiello, Jr. has been finding fairways with his drives instead of making other golfers run for cover. He has already shaved several strokes off his opening of the season 10-handicap, and his fine play, along with the play of Ed Banach and Fred Kirchofer, the best twosome in the league, make Aiello and extremely tough team to beat. Sport & Social will not be able to afford to make very many mistakes if they want to have a chance to gain a victory over Aiello.

Witty's will be teeing off against the Hackers in a match that could decide which team will retain any chance of making a run at Aiello's. Witty's now has a very strong 1-2-3 punch with Howard Adler, Kevin Bickunas, and Jim Parker. But the Hackers can call upon Jeremy Szoc, Todd Sherman, Kevin Boyce, and John Cacciatore to post a lineup that has the lowest cumulative handicap in the league.

The South Plainfield Elks have had some good rounds this season from Jim Gash, Chris Nuzzo, Dale Dube, and Jeff Orth and are just one game out of first place. They will be facing the upset-minded VFW team that recently pulled off a surprising win over Plainfield Animal Hospital.

The league took a break from competitive play last week and conducted a four-man scramble tournament won by the Hackers in a play-off against Aiello, both teams coming in at five-under-par. Witty's captured the third-place prize.

Ed Banach won the closest-to-the-pin competition on the third hole and Jeremy Szoc outgunned all the other big hitter in the league with a fantastic drive on the second hole.

Three-Peat for South Plainfield 11-Year-Olds

The South Plainfield U11 All-Stars once again staked claim to the Cal Ripken District 9 banner by convincingly beating Colonia 18-7 Thursday night in Monroe. It was their third straight District 9 Championship and the most impressive to date. By sweeping all teams they faced, the boys outscored their opponents 57-12 in five games as qualified for the Northern New Jersey Cal Ripken State Tournament in Hazlet.

Numerous big hits, two-out rallies, solid pitching performances and unselfish contributions throughout the tournament were made by Mark Tomei (three HR's), Stephen Petriello (HR), Danny Sticco, Tommy Bowden, Ryan Marcoux, Chris Kukuch, Ryan Hughes (HR), Dylan Dorey, Shane O'Connor, Nick Kukuch, Joe Krawiec and Eric Shumaker (HR).

Good luck to the team as they continue their All-Star season through July and hopefully beyond.



South Plainfield 11 Year-Old All-Stars 2005 kneeling (L to R): C. Kukuch, S. Petriello, J. Krawiec, R. Marcoux, D. Dorey and T. Bowden; standing: M. Tomei, N. Kukuch, D. Sticco, S. O'Connor, E. Shumaker and R. Hughes; coaches: J. Petriello, J. Marcoux, B. Bowden and M. Sticco

Anthony Moretti Wins West Nine Jr. Championship

On a day that saw the lead change several times, SPHS junior-to-be Anthony Moretti emerged as the Junior Club Championship over other golf team members J.R. Licato and Dan McCreesh. Anthony finished the final nine with a 36 while J.R. Licato shot a 37 and Dan McCreesh had a 39. Anthony showed his teammates that he is someone that would like to be the number one player on the high school golf team come next spring.

Top Finishers were: Anthony Moretti - 115, Dan McCreesh - 117, J.R. Licato - 117, Andrew Gray - 127, Keiichi Miyashita - 136, Richie Szeliga - 137 and Riley Hubner - 140.

Submitted by Mike Kavka



District 9 Champs—Kneeling (L to R) Patrick Boyle, Kyle Brady, Anthony Ashnault, Nick Graves; top row: Nick DeMarco, Taylor Born, Jeff Pellegrino, Joel Curran, Joe Pellegrino, Quinn Cochrane, Nick Muglia, AJ Celentano; back row: coaches Jack Brady, Wendell Born, Bill Cochrane and Manager Bill Ashnault.

Crush Win 10-Year-Old District 9 Championship

The 10-Year-Old All Star Team from South Plainfield (aka The Crush), won the District 9 Cal Ripken Tournament last week. They defeated teams from East Brunswick, Iselin, Colonia, Monroe, and finally Edison in the champi-

onship game, to take the title and earn a spot with other district winners in the Cal Ripken State Tournament to be held in Mt. Olive this week. Watch for updates of the State tournament to follow soon.

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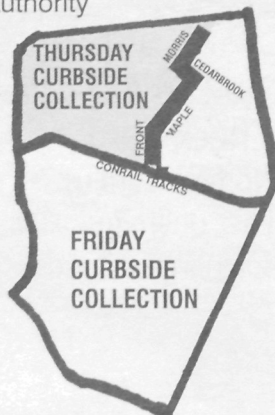
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Sports

Tiger Sharks Winning Streak Keeps on Growing

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks took their fourth win of the season on July 12 at the community pool, then recorded their fifth with a win over Cedar Hill Swim Club at their pool.

The Tigers Sharks defeated Roycefield Swim Club from Hillsborough with a 158-118 win. Breaking three pool records were: Dylan McDermott (11/12) 100 meter freestyle at 1:14.60, Katie Kaczka (15-18) 100 meter freestyle at 1:11.00 and Brian Green (15-18) 100 meter breaststroke at 1:24.53.

The meet started with Gracie Pickarski (10-and-under) and Chelsea Cullen (11/12) placing first in the Individual Medley. Maggie Valentino (11/12) placed second, while Kaitlyn Faustini (10-and-under) and Nina Byard (15-18) placed third.

The boys took all of the first and second place wins in the longer freestyle events. Anthony Gurrieri (10-and-under), Dylan McDermott (11/12) and CalvinJohn Smiley (15-18) placed first. Liam McDermott (10-and-under), Kevin Jan (11/12) and Philip Luzny (15-18) placed second.

The McDermott brothers also captured first place wins in the breaststroke. Liam placed first in the 9/10 group and Dylan placed first in the 11/12 group. Brian Green captured the win and the record for the 15-18 group and teammate Philip Luzny took the third place ribbon. Enzo Butrico (8-and-under) and Michael Petrutsch; the Medley Relay - Megan McDermott, Madison Faustini, Kelly O'Brien and Casce Le. Relays were also won by the 9-12 group: Free Relay - Anthony Gurrieri, Kevin Jan, Liam McDermott and Dylan McDermott and the Medley Relay: Gracie Pickarski, Chelsea Cullen, Taylor Aljian and Katie O'Brien.

The girls dominated the butterfly events, placing first in four age groups. First place ribbons went to Kelly O'Brien (8-and-under), Taylor Aljian (9/10), Chelsea Cullen (11/12) and Katie Kaczka (15-18). Sarah Konops (11/12) placed second, while Megan McDermott (8-and-under), Kaitlyn Kenny (9/10), and Emily Pickarski (13/14) placed third.

The boys had some competition in the backstroke. Anthony Gurrieri (9/10) was the only Tiger Shark to capture first place. Enzo Butrico (8-and-under) and Kevin Jan (11-12) placed second. Nicholas Gurrieri (8-and-under), Joey Valentino (9/10), Alan Kasmer (13/14) and CalvinJohn Smiley (15-18) placed third.

The girls did it again with the freestyle events, with four first place wins. Kelly O'Brien (8-and-under), Gracie Pickarski (9/10), Sarah Konops (11/12) and Katie Kaczka (15-18) took first place ribbons. Second place



Left to right: Megan Mann, Christina Kasmer, Allison Quintanilla, Michelle O'Sullivan and Aimee Le.

ribbons went to Maggie Valentino (11/12) and Katie Hill (15-18). Third place ribbons went to Megan McDermott (8-and-under), Taylor Aljian (9/10) and Emily Pickarski (13/14).

Relays were won by the 8-and-under swimmers: Free Relay - Aidan McDermott, Enzo Butrico, Nicholas Gurrieri and Michael Petrutsch; the Medley Relay - Megan McDermott, Madison Faustini, Kelly O'Brien and Casce Le. Relays were also won by the 9-12 group: Free Relay - Anthony Gurrieri, Kevin Jan, Liam McDermott and Dylan McDermott and the Medley Relay: Gracie Pickarski, Chelsea Cullen, Taylor Aljian and Katie O'Brien.

Many new swimmers are adding to the depth of the team. Featured this week and swimming their personal best times are the older swimmers: Ryan Bythell (9), Bhrianna Farmer (9), Brian Green (18), Sarah Hagman (12), Aimee Le (10), Erin O'Connor (12), Brittany Papa (9), Claude Payne (10), Gabby Payne (9), and Sydney Smith (10). Special gratitude to veteran swimmer JP Barry in the 13/14 age group. JP is what team spirit is all about. He faithfully swims any event Coach Laurie asks him to do.

Cedar Hills Meet

The Tiger Sharks devoured the Cedar Hill Swim Club in Somerset with a 163 to 108 win. While brothers Liam McDermott (10) and Dylan McDermott (11/12) were the only first place wins in the Boys' Individual

Medley, the girls took home seven of the nine place ribbons in the long freestyle events.

Starting the meet with a sweep in the 10-and-under were Gracie Pickarski-first, Kaitlyn Faustini-second and Kaitlyn Kenny-third. Chelsea Cullen placed first and Sarah Konops placed second for the 11/12 age group. Finishing the event were Katie Kaczka, first and Emily Pickarski, third for the 13-18 year olds.

The boys came to life in the fly events. Anthony Gurrieri (9/10), Dylan McDermott (11/12) and Philip Luzny (15-18) all placed first. Enzo Butrico (8-and-under) and Michael Boyle (13/14) placed second. Securing the boys' win were Charlie Butrico (9/10), Alan Kasmer (13/14) and Brian Green (15-18) taking third place ribbons.

The girls once again took four out of the five first place ribbons. Kelley O'Brien (8-and-under), Gracie Pickarski (9-10), Sarah Konops (11/12) and Nina Byard (15-18) took the ribbons for first place. Madison Faustini (8-and-under), Taylor Aljian (9-10), and Katie O'Brien (11/12) placed second and finishing the category was Kristen Dabrio (15-18) securing third place. The free and back stroke cinched the win, even though the Tiger Sharks only took two relay events.

Swimming freestyle in the 8-and-under division, Enzo Butrico took second place. The team of Anthony Gurrieri and Liam McDermott in the 9/10 age group took first and second respectively. Patrick Boyle (11/12)

placed second, while Charlie Butrico placed third in the same age group. The duo of Michael Boyle and Alan Kasmer secured first and second in the 13/14 age group. Veteran swimmers CalvinJohn Smiley and Phil Luzny placed first and second respectively in the 15-18 age group.

In backstroke, Kelly O'Brien placed first for the 8-and-under, while Taylor Aljian placed first and Kaitlyn Faustini placed second for the 9/10 year olds. Chelsea Cullen and Maggie Valentino (11/12) placed first and second respectively. Emily Pickarski placed third for the 13/14 group. Finishing the category was the out of sight duo for the 15-18 year girls Katie Kaczka (first) and Nina Byard (second).

The 9-12 relays were the only wins, but by the time the relays were swum, there was no way Cedar Hill could catch up to the terrific Tiger Sharks. The free relay team: Sarah Konops, Chelsea Cullen, Gracie Pickarski and Taylor Aljian and the medley relay team: Liam McDermott, Dylan McDermott, Joey Valentino and Anthony Gurrieri took home first place ribbons.

While ribbons are given only to those who place first, second, or third, South Plainfield's Tiger Sharks have a lot of depth to their team. Newcomers have been introduced "to the ropes (lane lines)" by many of the veteran swimmers. Some of the veteran swimmers who consistently swim their personal best times, win other heats and swim wherever needed are: Brian Babinetz (13), JP Barry, Shannah Conway (10), Sean Cullen (9), Brian Cullen (7), Christina Kasmer (9), Michelle Sullivan (11), John O'Sullivan (7), Mike Olano (9), Lauren Parello (11), Evelyn Peregrin (11), Abby Petrutsch (15), Annie Pezzolla (9), Allison Quintanilla (10), Maggie Quintanilla (9), Deanna Ranger (12), Chris Reed (18), Lucy Roseo (13), Amy Zinsky (9) and Ellen Zinsky (12).

This makes the fifth win for the Tiger Sharks. The swimmers have some very eager competition from the opposing teams, but the Tiger Sharks have the "eye of the tiger" and the "jaws of the shark."

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

IN YOUR OPINION

(Continued from page 2)

active approach to solving this homeland security issue. To this end, Senator Steve Sweeney and I have introduced legislation to strengthen the security of chemical plants throughout our state, specifically to combat possible terrorist or criminal attacks.

Senate Bill 588 would require chemical facilities covered by the Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act to conduct a full assessment of their infrastructure. In conjunction with local law enforcement and first-responders, the facility would be required to produce prevention, preparedness and response proposals.

The proposed plans would include suggestions for safer design and maintenance of the chemical facility, and ensure the plant is using safe, up-to-date technology. Also, the plan must outline security measures to eliminate or minimize the possibility of a hazardous substance release. Finally, each facility must submit their plans to the Department of Environmental Protection for review and approval.

Formal, stricter standards must be demanded from all chemical facilities throughout New Jersey and the nation. Senate Bill 588 would create a much-needed watchdog over the chemical industry, increase safety throughout our state, and keep a constant check on the vulnerabilities of chemical plants. I urge all New Jerseyans to write to their elected state representatives and Acting Governor Codey requesting them to make the passage of this legislation a priority. Nothing less than the future of our public health, safety and welfare hangs in the balance.

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Athlete's Day For Special Olympics Competitors

(Continued from page 1)

sey for uniforms for the athletes. Donations for the warmup suits came from Sharon and Fran Aronoco and the Elks supplied shorts.

Elementary schools donated some of their equipment for the Special Olympics Day. Franklin School brought in their sound system and tents and Riley School volunteered fun games for all to enjoy.

Ceremonies at Special Athletes Day began Saturday morning at the Frank Jost Field with the Knights of Columbus walking in the athletes. Mayor Daniel Gallagher, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and Councilman Ray Petronko spoke. Police Chief John Ferraro and police officers were present throughout the day and later presented medals to all the athletes.

The special athletes competed against high school volunteers in the various track and field events and when completed their scores were read.

The Booster club and the Elks cooked donated hot dogs and hamburgers. Soda, water, pretzels, and

candy, all donated, was also given away. In the afternoon pizza arrived donated by Ciccio's and Domino's. Then magician Ed O'Neil of Party Pros in Piscataway entertained. The day ended at 4 p.m.

"The kids said they had more fun here than at the Olympics, because it was more centered on them rather than being with 2,000 others. So it was more personal," said Hadjuk.

The Special Athlete's Day also turned out to be an opportunity to recognize Addison Williams, who is retiring from the district and will be moving to Louisiana.

"It was good to celebrate with everyone on a smaller scale and recognize Coach Williams for his 12 years of being a coach for Special Athletes. It was a great tribute to him," said Hadjuk.

"It was a very successful day," said Hadjuk. "Even the volunteers said they learned so much from seeing how the athletes benefited. It showed how much South Plainfield really cares, to hold a special day for special athletes."



Special Olympics Competitors competed in South Plainfield.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 14, 2005.

A. Case # 26-05 - Christine and Dang Triem. Block 147; Lot 9.01; 1528 Dumont Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance to erect an addition and create a mother-daughter use was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case # 30-05 - Chat Phan. Block 140; Lot 9; 189 Hudson Street. The applicant's request for a side-yard setback variance in order to allow an existing shed to remain in the rear yard of his property was hereby GRANTED subject to voluntary conditions.

C. Case # 45-05 - David and Patricia Zensky. Block 166; Lot 130; 558 Harrison Avenue. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance in order to construct a second-level addition to their existing single family home was hereby GRANTED.

D. Case # 46-05 - John Lee. Block 3; Lot 41.02; 3 Rauer Court. The applicant's request for a variance to erect a (6) six-foot high solid vinyl fence in his front yard setback was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

E. Case # 48-05 - Joseph Diller. Block 214; Lot 1; 2900 Park Avenue. The applicant's request for five variances in order to erect a second-story addition in his existing family home, as well as a deck and new addition to the rear of the home was hereby GRANTED with voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle M. Utter
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$40.25 July 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

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 August 2, 2005 at ***10:00 a.m. *** 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

2006 FORD EXPEDITION

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 a.m. to 5 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 (J.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, J.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 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield requires the services of a licensed appraisal company; and

WHEREAS a proposal to conduct said appraisal services for the period July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 has been submitted by Fleming White Appraisals as per the attached; and

WHEREAS this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS funds for said contract will be made available in the FY2006 Assessing Budget, account # 6-01-20-150-000-235.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that:

1. This contract is not to exceed \$30,000.00.
2. This resolution shall be printed once in The Observer, as required by law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$33.25 July 22, 2005

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield in need of retaining an engineering firm to act as Borough Engineer; and

WHEREAS the Borough is currently using CME Associates as the Borough Engineer since July 1, 2001; and

WHEREAS CME Associates has submitted a proposal to continue serving as the Borough Engineer for South Plainfield for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006; and

WHEREAS this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS funds for said contract will be made available in the Fiscal Year 2006 Budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a Professional Services contract with CME Associates to act as the Borough Engineer for the period from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006. The fees are set forth in the proposal.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized said agreement.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$42.00 July 22, 2005



E. Crescent Parkway Holds Annual July Fourth Block Party

By Jane Dornick

Residents and friends enjoyed another beautiful day for their annual block party on E. Crescent Parkway on July 3.

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noon grillin' n' chillin' and in the evening watched the fireworks overhead from the West Nine Golf Course. The children were entertained by making patriotic craft projects and were adorned in red, white and blue hats. There was the

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The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and County Emergency Management officials are urging residents to prepare for hurricane season, which experts predict will be active this year.

"The time to prepare is now," said Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano, chair of the County's Law and Public Safety Committee. "Have supplies, such as a flashlight with extra batteries, a battery-operated radio, non-perishable food and bottled water, essential medicines, and cash and credit cards on hand. Talk to your family about how to respond to an emergency and teach your children how and when to call 911."

The County OEM has brochures published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency detailing things residents can do before hurricanes hit, what to do if watches or warnings have been issued and what to do after the storm. Call (732) 727-9009 for a copy of the brochure or more information. You may also visit the FEMA website at www.fema.gov for information on hurricane and other emergency.



"Forever Summer" Presented at Riley

The Riley School Drama Club recently performed their annual program "Forever Summer," to enthusiastic parents, guests and students. These talented students performed old-fashioned songs, put on a mini-musical and featured the New York City Kids.

The students spent hours rehearsing and getting ready for this year's performance. Their hard work paid off with a spectacular show and everyone involved in the show deserves to be congratulated!

The program was directed by Debbie Boyle and Joanne Gurske.

Obituaries

Lillian W. Pender, 80

Lillian W. Pender died on Wednesday, July 13 in her home.

Born in Dunellen, she resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1955.

Lillian was a devoted mother, truly spiritual, and a caring friend to all who knew her. She will be dearly missed by everyone.

She was employed as a saleslady for Stern's Department Store in Middlesex Mall in South Plainfield for ten years. She was also a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Her husband, John Pender, died in 2001 and her brother, Frank Setnick, died in 1999.

Surviving are her children, Karen M. Pender, Kathy Sciochetti and her husband Rocco, John Pender, Joseph Pender and his wife Dona; her brother, Edward Setnick; and her grandson, Sean Pender.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield PBA Local #100 would be appreciated.

Pablo J. Fernandez, 76

Pablo J. Fernandez died on Saturday, July 16 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Puerto Rico, he resided most of his life in Brooklyn before moving to Piscataway 15 years ago.

He was employed as a sales clerk for Weinstein Holtzman Hardware Store of New York City for 15 years. Previously, Pablo was employed as a driving instructor for Costa's Driving School of

New York for five years. He was also a taxi cab driver in New York City.

He was a member of the Piscataway Senior Citizens, and the AFL-CIO Local #1146 of New York.

His wife Ana died in 1987.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Angela and Dory Wainio of New York; a son and daughter-in-law, Ralph and Sharon Altreche of Piscataway and a granddaughter, Ann Marie Barone. Also surviving are many brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home for Funerals.

Jonathan S. Kimmel, 47

Jonathan S. Kimmel died on Saturday, July 16 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in New York City, he was raised in Monticello, NY, and had resided there prior to settling in Piscataway in 1983.

He graduated from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and later earned his MBA from Pace University.

A computer architect for Morgan Stanley in Jersey City, he had been employed with them for the past 12 years. He was previously employed by Prudential Securities in Edison, Merrill Lynch in Somerset and originally began his employment with Manufactures Hanover Trust in New York City.

He was commonly referred to by his wife as the "pinball wizard" for his love of the game.

Surviving are his wife, Janet Lee Kimmel, two sons, Robert S. and David B. Kimmel, both of Piscataway; and an uncle, Stephen Wahrhaftig of

New York.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home for Funerals.

Anton Check, 88

Anton Check died on Monday, July 18, at Burnt Tavern Care Center in Brick.

Mr. Check was born in Perth Amboy and resided in Fords and Hopelawn before settling in Brick in 1978.

He had attended Rutgers University and then was employed by the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High School in New Brunswick. He was a machine shop teacher for both day and night school for 35 years before his retirement.

A resident of the Greenbriar II Active Adult Community in Brick, he enjoyed time swimming and playing shuffleboard.

He was predeceased by his four sisters, Mary Check, Josephine Brinkerhoff, Catherine Ditski and Sophie McCartney; and his two brothers, Philip and Joseph.

Surviving are his wife Helen, a son and daughter-in-law, Anton D. and Louise Check of South Plainfield; a daughter, Carol Ann Szczesny of Weston, Fla.; a sister, Anne Check of South Plainfield and a brother, John of Clearwater, Fla.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home for Funerals.

Stella (Dolashewich) Cisz, 82

Stella (Dolashewich) Cisz died on Monday, July 18 at her home in South

Plainfield.

Born in Whitman, WV, she grew up in Brooklyn and had resided in South Plainfield since 1946.

During the late 1940's and early 1950's, Stella and her late sister Helen were the first female diamond cutters to work in the diamond district in New York City. Stella then worked in production for the former Cornell Dubilier Co. in South Plainfield. After taking some time off to raise her family, Stella went back to work as an assembler for Westinghouse of Edison. In 1964, she and her late husband Harry opened Harry's Liquors on Park Avenue in South Plainfield. They later moved the business to Hamilton Boulevard in South Plainfield and Stella, along with her family, also operated Sub City from 1982-83 when she retired. The family closed Harry's Liquors in 1999.

In addition to her working career, Stella was a longtime parishioner of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield, where she was a member and past president of the Rosary Altar Society. She was also the church's sacristan for the past few years.

She was a former member of the South Plainfield Republican Club and

a former member of the Polish National Home in South Plainfield.

While her children were growing up, Stella had been active in the Sacred Heart School PTA and the school's lunch program.

Her husband, Harry E. Cisz, died in 2000 and she was predeceased by her sisters, Helen Bialt, Anna Cheslak, and Bernice Cunningham and by her brothers, Paul and August Dolashewich.

Surviving are her children and their spouses: June and Daniel Ventriglia of South Plainfield, Kathy and James Sapinski of Port St. John, Fla. and Stephen and Diane Cisz of South Plainfield; a sister, Mary Nerko of Orange Co., NY; a brother, John of Dunellen and eleven grandchildren: Theresa and Ralph Montuori, Lisa and Sean Tuohy, Denise and Daniel and Vicki Ventriglia, Stephen Jr. and Jason Cisz, and James Jr., Michael and Christopher Sapinski and four great-grandchildren, Jessica, Nicole and Amanda Montuori and Alicia Ventriglia.

Funeral services were held at the McCrisky Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Haven Hospice c/o JFK Medical Center, 80 James St., Edison, NJ 08818.

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