

Kevin Conroy and his dad, Tom, enjoy storytime with the Bear Rock Bear last Wednesday at the Bear Rock Cafe in Hadley Center. Storytime takes place every Wednesday evening at 5 p.m. Kids eat free.

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### council meetings

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Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
July 11	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
August 8	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 (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

### planning board

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July 18\*, Aug. 15\*, Aug. 29\*, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10  
Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

### zoning board of adjustment

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July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28,  
Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30\* and Dec. 14.

### board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.-July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11,  
Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20,  
Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, Feb. 21, March and April 4.

### taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at  
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### To the Editor

We would like to thank the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, and especially Adam Tennenbaum, for their generosity to the Alyssa Marie Ricciardi Fund.

As many of you know, Alyssa is a local two-year-old battling cancer. We will be hosting a fundraiser for Alyssa on Monday, Aug. 7 at Sherban's Diner and have been asking for donations on her behalf.

While participating in the SPVFD Car Cruise Fundraiser on July 2 at NAPA Auto Parts, the department offered to have a second "50-50" specifically for Alyssa and donating the money which should have gone into the SPVFD funds.

Again, many thanks for your generous and unselfish contribution to Alyssa and her family and for your dedication to South Plainfield and its residents.

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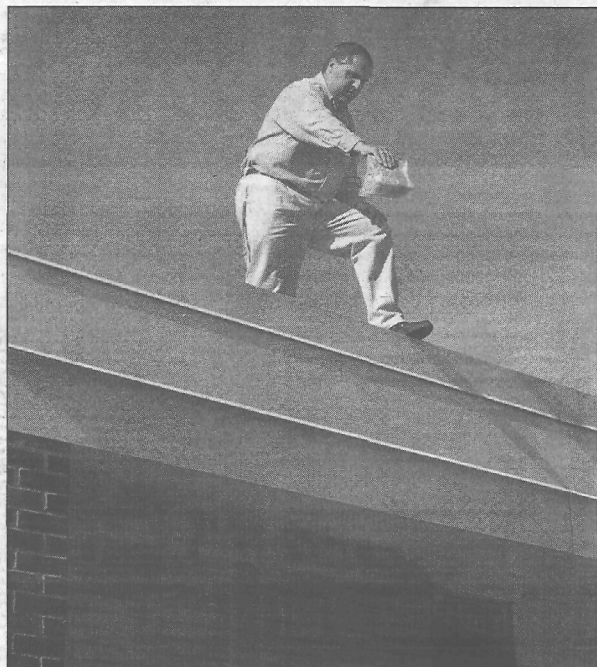
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Principal Leo Whalen drops a science students egg projects from the roof of Grant School.

## Grant Science is 'Egg'citing

By Jane Dornick

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No! It is Grant Elementary School principals Leo Whalen and Rob Richkus dropping Ellen Peterson and Elizabeth Mazzacco's fifth grade science classes egg projects from the roof of the school.

Students had been studying about Newton's second law of motion which states that the force required to accelerate an object is proportional to the object's mass. This was equated to the landing of rover spacecrafts on Mars in 2004. They studied the design and construction challenges scientists faced in order to make the mission successful. The students then set out on their own to create a similar rover type object using a raw egg as a way to see if their vehicle was adequate for a safe landing from reasonable height. The materials students could use for their "rovers" were balloons, bubble wrap, zip-lock bags, cardboard, newspaper, plastic bags, rubber bands, packing peanuts, cotton, tape, straws, toilet paper rolls, popsicle

sticks, yarn or string. After weeks of designing and experimenting with their projects, the day came to see if the students hard work had paid off and a whopping 80 percent of the eggs survived the one story drop.

Peterson attended a Jason Project workshop at Montclair State College for training in order to help her own students think, plan and achieve a safe egg landing. The Jason Project is a non-profit educational organization founded by Dr. Robert Ballard who discovered the RMS Titanic. When Peterson designed her own rover at the workshop, the egg survived a three story drop from the college Science building. She also plans to go to Washington, D.C. this summer for a workshop on monster storms to include in her future curriculum.

### CORRECTION

In the June 30 issue of the Observer, the letter to the editor regarding the mock trial was submitted by Patty Porzio and Shane Kagan, not Sean Kagan. We apologize for the error.

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## Girl Scouts Honored at Gold and Silver Awards Ceremonies

The South Plainfield Girl Scouts recently held ceremonies to honor and present six Silver Awards and 11 Bronze Awards. The ceremonies took place in the Sacred Heart gym.

The 2006 Silver Award recipients were: Amanda Alemezohu, Rebecca Bosse, Kaitlin Egan, Stephanie Kelly, Alyssa Roibal and Heather Thompson.

The 2006 Bronze Award recipients

were: Laura Biggs, Gina Cannalunga, Amylin DiDario, Erica Fisher, Brianna Kizman, Michelle O'Sullivan, Emily Sella, Amanda Tjong, Allison Wagner and Danielle and Samantha Zelansko.

On hand were Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Ray Petronko and Charles Butrico, Fatima Latif and Maria Perry from the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, as well as

troop leaders, scouts, brownies and daisies from troops in South Plainfield.

Amanda Alemezohu, Rebecca Bosse, Kaitlin Egan and Alyssa Roibal of Troop #431 earned their Silver Award by holding a summer reading book exchange and recording 22 children's books on tape. These recordings, along with the books were donated to the Ronald McDonald House in New Brunswick and the South Plainfield Public Library Children's Room. The books donated at the exchange were sorted and offered to the schools and the library.

Stephanie Kelly of Troop #431 earned her Silver Award by helping the animals of the Plainfield Area Humane Society. The proceeds of her bake sale of homemade dog biscuits and handmade pet toys held at the annual Pet Blessing at Sacred Heart Church were donated to that organization. She also made cage comforters for the animals in the shelter.

Heather Thompson of Troop #232 put together a program to bring kids who have not been to camp to girl scout camp to see what it is like. She worked with Oak Spring Day Camp and the kids had a great time.

Junior Troop #489 picked House Rabbit Rescue for their Bronze Award Project. They all love animals and decided it would be fun and interesting to learn what is included in rescuing a house rabbit and how rabbits can be adopted.

They made boxes and flyers and sent them to all the schools to collect items for House Rabbit Rescue. They also designed posters explaining how to adopt and how to care for a rabbit.

The girls presented their information to Daisy Troop #8 at Riley School and brought an adopted rabbit to show the girls, along with posters which explained how to adopt and care for the rabbit.

The troop is available to speak to

other troops about adopting a house rabbit and how to care for the rabbits. They also will be making a booklet about caring for rabbits.

The girls would like to thank Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rosado for the room used all summer to collect books and record the tapes; Nancy Grenier of the *Observer* for getting the word out; the students and families who donated books during the exchange; Debra Appuzzo of Borders Books and Music for the donation of new books; Kathy Dennis of Ronald McDonald House and Sunni Randolph and Linda Hansen of the South Plainfield Public Library for their encouragement. Also, Sue of the Plainfield Area Humane Society, Karen

Piersanti and Fr. John Paul Alvarado, the troops and families of the Girl Scouting Community and Diane Wormann and Linda Bellew for their generous donations.



Silver Award recipients: Amanda Alemezohu, Rebecca Bosse, Kaitlin Egan, Alyssa Roibal, Stephanie Kelly, and (not pictured) Heather Thompson.



Bronze Award recipients: (standing) Brianna Kizman, Gina Cannalunga, Allison Wagner, Laura Biggs, Samantha Zelansko and Emily Sella; (kneeling) Erica Fisher, Amanda Tjong and Michelle O'Sullivan; (not pictured) Amylin DiDario and Danielle Zelasko.

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

School is out. We would like to remind parents that the South Plainfield Public Library is not a babysitting service for unattended children and teens. Young people who want to come to the library to participate in the Summer Reading programs and use the resources (summer reading books) of the library are welcome. There are, however, young people who come to the library without their library cards or parental permission to use the Internet. All children and young adults should have their library cards when they come to the library alone or with parents. No one under 18 years of age should be on the Internet unless a parent has signed a permission form allowing their child to use the Internet when they are not with them. The library has an Internet policy which will be enforced all year long. The library also has a behavior policy. When unattended children in the library are disruptive or in the library every day, all day long, we may request a conference with their parents, or if necessary, call the police. For copies of the library's Behavior Policy or Internet Policy, please ask at the Reference desk.

There are three Summer Reading programs going on at the library—children's, teen and adult. Stop by and register. The prizes for each group are displayed in the library's display cases.

The library's book sale went quite well but we still have some books left. They are selling at the bargain price of

\$1 per bag. Stop by and browse what is left. When the books are gone, the library will be using the space for other purposes. Watch for further details.

The library is selling Summer Reading t-shirts (paws, claws, scales and tails) for \$5 each. These shirts are available in all sizes. The library still has some tote bags available. The large ones are \$10 and the small ones are \$7.50. These sturdy canvas bags can carry heavy loads and be washed in the washing machine.

The Friends of the South Plainfield Public Library are still selling candy bars in the library for \$1 each. They are really good and just what you need on a summer day.

For those people looking for something new to read, this is a list of the best new installments in long-running series: *Crusader's Cross* by James Lee Burke (14th in the Dave Robicheaux series); *Death of a Dreamer* by M.C. Beaton (22nd in the Hamish MacBeth series); *The Hard Way* by Lee Child (10th in the Jack Reacher series); *The Lighthouse* by P.D. James (13th in the Adam Dalgliesh series); *Locked Rooms* by Laurie R. King (eighth in the Mary Russell-Sherlock Holmes series).

Some new summer suspense books are: *The Husband* by Dean Koontz; *The Poe Shadow* by Matthew Pearl and the *Final Truth* by Mariah Stewart.

The library is open on Saturdays during July and Aug. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) for summer programs or stop by the library and pick up a calendar of events.

## First Baptist Caregivers' Support Group

First Baptist Church will hold a caregiver's support group on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. in the rectory/parsonage.

The support group is open to anyone who is caring for a loved one and needs a little support and understanding from others going through the same situation.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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LEGAL NOTICE

June 28, 2006—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on June 22, 2006.

- Case #19-04—Ameriland, Inc. Block 331; Lots 1, 2, 3 & 3.01; 312 New Market Avenue. The applicant's request for bulk variances, preliminary and final sub division approval and preliminary site plan approval w/ additional voluntary conditions was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #67-05/V—Albert Pecker, Block 416; Lot 2; 1908 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for lot width & lot area variances w/ additional voluntary conditions was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #22-06—Anthony J. Inverno, Block 222; Lot 5.07; 3148 Woodland Avenue. The applicant's request for a temporary use permit to allow (4) tent structures to remain on the property was hereby DENIED; the applicant's request for a variance in order to permit (3) accessory structures was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.
- Case #24-06—William Kaiser (as amended). The applicant's request for a 14 ft. by 20 ft. (1) story addition to the rear of the home w/ a 7.02 northerly side yard setback was hereby GRANTED.
- Case #30-06—Neil Rothweiler, Block 174; Lot 57; 189 Garden Drive. The applicant's request for a lot coverage variance in order to erect a 12 ft. by 24 ft. addition to the easterly side of the existing dwelling w/ 65 sq. ft. or 1% over coverage was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
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# Around Town

## "Billy and Rose Falcon" in Concert

July 8

On Saturday July 8 at 7 p.m. the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will host their second annual live acoustic concert with pop recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon. Limited tickets available by advance sales only. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charity fund.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 under 18. Price includes the concert and the "after show" party. Refreshments are included. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert starts at 7 p.m. For tickets call Brian Cargill (908) 755-9717.

## Midnight Custom and Classic Car Cruise

July 8

First Midnight Custom and Classic Car and Truck Cruise to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Long Branch and New Brunswick will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Sherban's Diner on Front St.

DJ Ben Auletta, Jr. will provide music. Trophies and prizes will be provided to the participants. All car owners and their families will get a 15% food discount that evening.

For more information, call Ron Fusco at (908) 482-0008 or email Ben Auletta at [djben1@verizon.net](mailto:djben1@verizon.net). For more information on Sherban's visit [www.sherbandsdinerbanquet.com](http://www.sherbandsdinerbanquet.com).

## Trip to Atlantic City Claridge Casino

July 20

The South Plainfield Senior Center is planning a trip to the Claridge Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, July 20. Bus departs the center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. Make your reservations at the senior center. Open to all.

## Youth Scrapbooking Program at Library

July 22

There will be a children's scrap-

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### FRIDAY

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August 10

Ratepayers Advocate will discuss "How to Lower your Utility Bills"

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Knitting/Crocheting 10  
9:30-11:30am  
Bingo 10am-2pm  
Yoga 10:30-11:30am  
Art Class 11:30am

Bingo 10am-2pm 11  
Ladies Social  
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booking program at the library on Saturday, July 22 at 9 a.m.

Daryl Giammarino of "Creative Memories" will lead children in making a photo sharing card. Participants should bring 6-10 photos. The program is for children ages eight and over; space is limited, pre-registration is required. A materials fee of \$8 is payable upon registration.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## Recreation Trip to Disney's "Tarzan"

July 23

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see the new Disney musical "Tarzan" on Sunday, July 23. Bus leaves the PAL at 11 a.m. and arrives back at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$85/person. Only 43 tickets available. Purchase tickets at the PAL.

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## Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Trip

July 27

The South Plainfield Senior Center is planning a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Broadway Sally" on Thursday, July 27. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 10 a.m. The cost is \$55 per person and includes transportation, a full luncheon and the show. Space limited to 50 people; reservations required so please stop by the Senior Center.

## Disco Party Fundraiser

July 29

A Remembering The 70's Disco Party, which will raise money to replace the booth which burned to the ground at the South Plainfield High School Jost Field, will take place on Saturday, July 29 from 7 to midnight at Studio 901 on Montrose Ave. The booth is used at all South Plainfield High School events, such as athletic programs and the music festival. Please support this fundraising event.

Tickets cost \$25 per person and include hors d'oeuvres and snacks. A cash bar will be available. The event is sponsored by the local Rotary and Lions Clubs. Call Mickey Wrubleski for tickets at (908) 754-4620, ext 306.

## IRA Seminar at Library

July 29

The library will host the seminar "Maximize Your IRA" on Saturday, July 29 at 11 a.m.

The program will be presented by Kevin R. Garron of New York Life, who will address various subjects related to retirement planning, including available programs, contribution limits and Roth vs. Traditional IRAs. The program is being presented free of charge. No pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## Annual PBA Softball Tournament

July 29

This year Alyssa Ricciardi, a two-year old South Plainfield resident diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer, will be the recipient of the profits from the South Plainfield Police Athletic League Annual Softball Tournament.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, July 29 beginning at 8 a.m. at the South Plainfield High School

ball fields, located on Lake St. Rain date is Sunday, July 30.

The softball tournament will consist of two division: Open Division, a men's slowpitch, double elimination. Entry fee is \$250 and Charitable Division, a co-ed slowpitch, single elimination, limited homeruns. Entry fee is \$250.

Deadline for registration is July 21. Teams can register by contacting Gary Cassio at (908) 966-2947, or Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-7714, or at the South Plainfield PAL on Maple Ave.

## 12th Annual South Plainfield Open

August 2

The South Plainfield Golf Association is sponsoring their annual golf outing on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club in Cream Ridge. Entry fee is \$100 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, shot-gun start scramble format at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Registration and payment due by July 17 to guarantee your spot. For more information call Dick DeAndrea at (908) 755-1700.

## — Out of Town —

## Miss Saigon at Bucks County Playhouse

July 7-9

Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. presents "Miss Saigon" on Friday, July 7 at 8 p.m., Saturday, July 8 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 9 at 2 p.m. To purchase tickets call (215) 862-2041.

## 101 Dalmations at Bucks Playhouse

July 14-15

Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pa. presents "101 Dalmations" on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. To purchase tickets call (215) 862-2041.

## Middlesex East WOW Business Meeting

July 10

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Careret Community Center in Careret. For information, call Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

## Middlesex East WOW All Welcome Dance

July 14

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, July 14, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Careret. Live music and refreshments.

For more information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

## Starlight Socials for Singles 20/30's

July 15

Starlight Socials for Singles 20/30's is holding a hike for hiking singles on Saturday, July 15 at 11 a.m. at Harriman State Park, in Sloatsberg, N.Y. Wear proper footwear and bring water.

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## Elks Conduct Flag Day Ceremonies at Riley

By Patricia Abbott

On June 14, the South Plainfield Elks held their annual Flag Day Ceremony at Riley School. According to Elks history, "Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days and the Elks originally designated June 14 as Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry Truman officially made June 14th a day of national observance." The ceremony was opened by Exalted Grand Ruler Arthur Sabino, Sr. PER. The following flags were honored in the ceremony:

- Pine Tree Flag—In 1775 the Pine Tree Flag was adopted for all colonial vessels.

- Snake Flag—This flag was used by the Southern Colonies from 1776-1777.

- Continental Congress Flag—representing 13 colonies with red and white stripes, blue field with the red cross of St. George and white cross of St. Andrew.

- Continental Colors or Grand Union Flag—Flag updated to thirteen stripes of alternating red and white with thirteen white stars representing the union on a blue field representing a new constellation on June 14, 1777.

- Betsy Ross Flag—Thirteen stripes representing the original 13 colonies and fifteen stars. This is the flag from which Francis Scott Key was inspired to write our National Anthem, *The Star Spangled Banner*.

- On April 14, 1818 Congress adopted a resolution that on July 4, 1818, the number of stripes should be thirteen and the blue field should carry one star for each of the twenty states in the union and that a new star should be added for each state thereafter admitted.

- Forty-eight Star Flag—Since 1918, there has been no change in the flag design except that twenty eight new stars were added before July 4, 1912 and this flag of 48 new stars flew over this nation for 47 years until just before the Vietnam War.

- Fifty-Star Flag—On July 4, 1959, a star was added for Alaska and one year later, another star for Hawaii.

- POW-MIA Flag—Recognizing the plight and demise of a special group of our Armed Services—those who were prisoners of war or remain missing in action.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the Elks awarded their annual Gery Fantazir and Rose Napoliello Scholarships.



Scouts from Troop #329 participated in the Flag Day ceremonies at Riley.



In honor of Flag Day, Webelos Eagle Patrol at Franklin School held a flag retirement ceremony. The ceremony included an explanation of the Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge was broken down in terms the children could understand. They also read the history of the flag. The flag was then cut into pieces, red separated from the white, the star field separated from the red and white stripes. Each part of the ceremony was symbolic and momentous. Each section of the flag was retired with a salute and a moment of silence. The ceremony concluded with the boy's giving their rendition of "I am proud to be an American."



Elks award their annual Gery Fantazir and Rose Napoliello Scholarships to Joseph DeNitzio, from SPHS and Chelsea Mancini from Watchung Hills High School.

Joseph DeNitzio, from SPHS and Chelsea Mancini from Watchung Hills High School each received a \$1000 scholarship. Joseph is the son of William and Mary Jane DeNitzio and Chelsea is the daughter of David "Henry" and Mary Lynn Mancini. The Scholarship commit-

tee was co-chaired by John and Barbara Muller.

Joining the Elks in honoring the great flags of our country were Boy Scouts Troop #329, Cub Scouts Troop #224, and Girl Scouts Troop #431. Refreshments were served by the Riley PTO.



Cubs from Troop #224 get ready to salute the flag.

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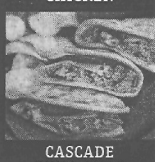
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South Plainfield Middle School

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Monday, June 19, 2006

### Student Addresses

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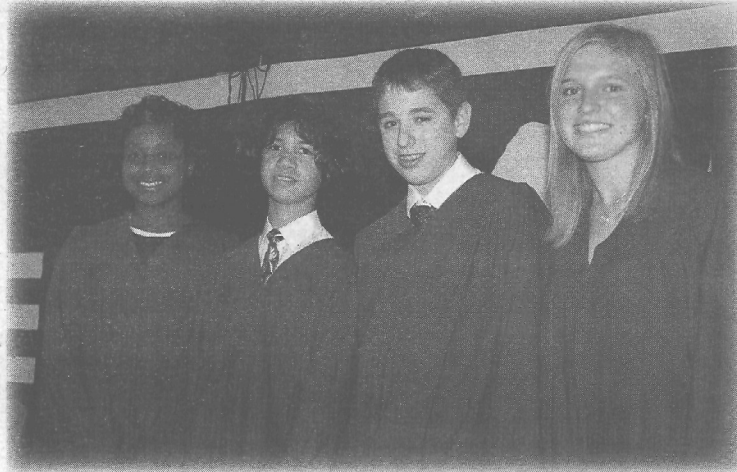


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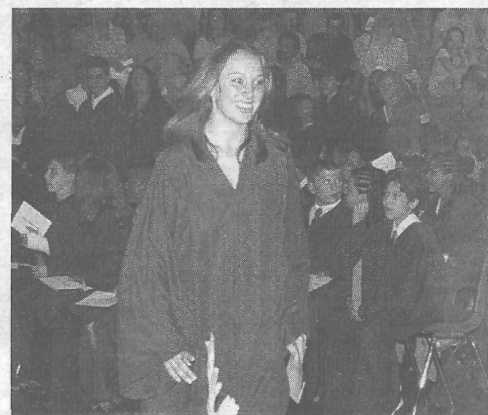


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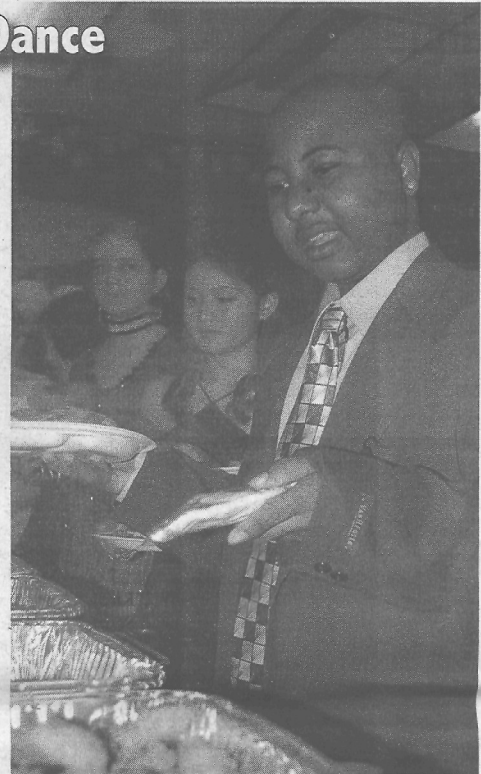






## Eighth Graders Celebrate Graduation with Dinner Dance

On June 16 the 2006 Middle School eighth grade class relocated to the high school to celebrate their upcoming graduation with a dinner dance held in the cafeteria. They enjoyed a hot and cold buffet. After dinner they moved to the other side of the cafeteria to dance the night away with music by DJ and teacher, John Lymanski. Students received either a Polaroid photo key chain or magnet memento of the event.



### FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

► The SPHS Senior Letter Winners' Dinner was held on June 14 at the North Plainfield Italian/American Club, sponsored by the Athletic Booster Club.

The dinner began with greetings by Master of Ceremonies Steve Novak and Athletic Booster Club President Kevin Lykes. Guest speakers included Rutgers Newark Head Baseball Coach Mark Rizzi and former SPHS athletes Stephanie Miller (2005) and Galen Johnson (2004). Michael English presented the Athletic Booster Club scholarships to Kevin Criley and Courtney Eustice.

Thank you to SPHS Athletic Director Michael Bugey for his

continued support of the Athletic Booster Club and for his devotion to all of the athletic programs.

► The SPHS girls Baseball All-Stars game took place on June 12 at the Pitt Street field. Bill Cochran, Sr. was master of ceremonies. SPHS seniors participating in the game were Lacey Santone, Carlie Kazimir and Melissa Szeliga.

► The Grant Elementary 2007 Stokes used clothing fundraiser raised more than \$400. Over 200 bags of clothing and other items were collected. Thank you Jack, Eileen, Kyle and Kristen Brady and Bob Boyle for helping to transfer the bags of items to the American Used Clothing Company truck and Tom, Steven,

John and Jacqueline Timmerman for coming forward to lend a helping hand. Thank you to all those who participated in the used clothing collection and to Roma Food for the use of the trailer.

► The Grant Elementary fifth grade D.A.R.E. graduates' picnic took place on June 12 at the Community Pool. Thank you to Grant PTO and the police department's D.A.R.E. program for sponsoring the picnic and to Chief of Police John Ferraro, Lt. Charles Siedenburgh, D.A.R.E. Officers LaMonda and Franchak, D.J. Lt. Murtagh and Eileen Brady, Diane Zekas, Donna Teller and Kelly Butrico for all your help. The children had a super day

and should be proud about the manner in which they represented Grant Elementary. Thank you to all those teachers in attendance.

Thank you to Hometown Heros for the snack donations, Rita's for the Italian Ice, South Plainfield Physical Therapy Center and Target for your donations and to the D.A.R.E. program for the donations of drinks, ice cream, bikes and prizes.

► Thank you to Jane Dornick for all your amazing photography.

► Children sports participants in athletic sport programs are just that, children. Adults that volunteer their time coaching and spectators at the games need to show encouragement and praise. When spectators, coaches

and umpires become verbally abusive towards each other, the people that are affected most are the children participating in the sporting event. It is very disabling to the players themselves listening to the abusive chants, causes their self-esteem to plummet and detracts from their learning experiences. Remember, children learn what they live. Adults behaving badly instills constant negativity into these young children. Do not forget the fact that it is "all about the children."

► Best wishes to all South Plainfield eighth grade graduates and the senior high school graduates. Follow your dreams and endeavors and never let anything stand in your way.

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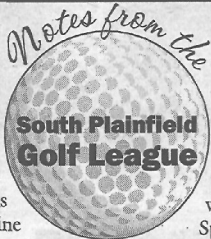
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# Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan



Mark "The Spark" Dugan and Rich "The Man Made of" Steele shot a pair of 39's as KC's Korner increased their first-place lead in the American Division by downing 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 12-8. Chris Nuzzo posted another fine score, a three-over 36 for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes and teammate Jim Gash came through with a 38 in a valiant effort.

In a very well-played match, Eddie's Grinders eked out a slim victory over Pornovets, 11-9. Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer and Ted Stannick shared medalist honors for the Grinders with scores of 35 while "Ever Steady" Eddie Banach had another solid round of 36. Jim Pornovets earned the medal for his team with a 37. Mike Kavka had a 38 and Charlie Pohira had a 39.

Howard Adler had a nifty round of 36, and Pete Gustafson was the right sub at the right time as he fired a 37 as Witty's gained a 12-8 victory over Plainfield Animal Hospital to create a 4-way tie for second place. Steve Schock had his best round of the season, an impressive 2-over 35, and Mike Sikanowicz again played well and shot a 37 for PAH, but their efforts were just not enough.

In the National Division, Twin City was upended by Sport & Social in a tough match, 11-9, but still managed to hold onto their slim lead in first

place. Joe Dillar had a 38, and Tom McCreesh shot a 39 for Twin City. Dennis Bibby captured medalist honors for Sport & Social once again with his round of 41 as Sport & Social moved into a tie for second place with the Hackers, who dropped their match with Patti's Construction, 12-8.

Iron Mike Behr and Fred Behr both had 40's to lead the way for Patti's Construction, while Bill Mann's 37 was the low score for the Hackers. Irish Danny Griffin got a bit upset with himself when he yanked his tee shot to the left on the reachable 274-yard eighth hole, so when he got to the ninth hole he really focused on keeping it straight. He then crushed a monster "John Daly" drive that went over the green on the 308-yard finishing hole to complete his round of 36 with an impressive birdie as Buy Rite Liquors handily defeated the VFW, 16-4. Mike Behr won the weekly closest-to-the-pin competition with his terrific tee shot on the third hole, and Jim Gash earned the KC's Korner luncheon-for-two award with his superb tee shot on the seventh hole.

**Low Scores for the Night:** Fred Kirchofer, 35; Ted Stannick, 35; Steve Schock, 35; Howard Adler, 36; Danny Griffin, 36; Ed Banach, 35 and Chris Nuzzo, 36.

## LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN DIVISION				NATIONAL DIVISION			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
1 KC's Korner	6	2	1	Twin City	5	3	1
2 Pornovets	5	4	0	Hackers	5	4	0
3 2 Buds, 2 Dubes	5	4	0	Sport & Social	5	4	0
4 Eddie's Grinders	5	4	0	Buy-Rite Liquors	4	4	1
5 Witty's	5	4	0	Patti's Const.	4	5	0
6 PAH	3	5	1	VFW	0	9	0

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Lenora Squier/Margaret Balconis requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a mother/daughter not a permitted use; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 501 Maple Avenue on Block 198, Lot 10 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 27, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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

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July 7, 2006

## SP Tiger Sharks Lose to Top Ranked Metuchen Municipal Pool

In competition held on June 28 at the South Plainfield Community Pool, the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks were defeated by the top ranked swim team from the Metuchen Municipal Pool Complex.

Losing by only 22 points, the meet was exciting going into the relays with either team having the chance to win. While the Tiger Sharks lost this meet, 12-year-old Dylan McDermott set a pool and team record in the 11/12 50 meter freestyle with a time of 34.62 seconds.

The meet started with the boys individual medley. The Buttrico brothers, Charlie and Enzo, took second and third place respectively in the 10-and-under group. Anthony Gurrieri placed first and Liam McDermott placed second in the 11/12 group. Matt Moates finished third in the 13-18 group.

The girls swam the longer freestyle events that evening, with Taylor Aljian (10-and-under) and Emily Piekarski (13-18) placing first for their age groups. Maggie Valentino (second) and Gracie Piekarski (third) secured wins in the 11/12 group.

As mentioned previously, Dylan McDermott placed first in the 50M freestyle and Nick Gurrieri also placed first in the 25M freestyle for the eight-and-under group. William McLaughlin placed second for the eight-and-under. Aidan McDermott (9/10) placed second, while Liam McDermott (11/12), Ian Muhlgier (13/14), and Philip Luzny (15-18) all placed third in their age groups.

The only sweep in the girls backstroke was in the 13/14 age group, with Emily Piekarski, Chelsea Cullen and Michelle Gustafson placing first, second and third. Taylor Aljian secured first place in the 9/10 age group and Megan McDermott placed second in the eight-and-under age group. Maggie Valentino (11/12) and Abby Petritch (15-18) placed third. There were no first place wins in the breaststroke category for the girls, but Kelly McLaughlin (11/12), Sarah Konops (13/14) and Kristen Dabrio (15-18), placed second. Megan McDermott (eight-and-under), Kaitlyn Faustini (9/10), Teresa Gustafson (13/14) and Joanna Luzny (15-18), all received

third place ribbons.

The boys were able to capture four out of the five first place wins in butterfly. Nick Gurrieri (eight-and-under), brother Anthony Gurrieri (11/12), Dylan McDermott (13/14) and Philip Luzny (15-18) placed first. William McLaughlin (eight-and-under) and Enzo Buttrico (9/10) took second, while Aidan McDermott, (9/10), Jerry Ching (11/12) and Matt Moates (15-18) took third place ribbons.

The only girls' relay to place first was the 13-18-year-old Freestyle Relay. Members of that relay team were Sarah Konops, Chelsea Cullen, Emily Piekarski and Teresa Gustafson.

The eight-and-under boys medley relay team—William McLaughlin, Nicholas Gurrieri, Dylan O'Connor and Tim Nuber and the 9-12 medley relay team—Dylan McDermott, Charlie Buttrico, Aidan McDermott and Anthony Gurrieri were able to capture first place wins for their respective age groups.

The Tiger Sharks were undefeated in the 2005 season and therefore were moved to a more competitive group of the A League of the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference for the 2006 season. While their first meet was a win against Hillsborough, the members knew there was going to

be some tough competition when they met teams such as Metuchen. All the swimmers posted excellent times, with many swimming their personal best times. Laurie Post is head coach and assistants are Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio and Mary Odlowski.

## Tiger Sharks Dive Team are Competing

The Tiger Sharks Dive Team recently had an in-house meet on Monday, June 26 to get the new divers prepared for their first season.

Although the weather was threatening they were able to compete using the new diving boards. All of the parents helped with scoring, judging, ribbon-writing, announcing and cheering and the kids all had fun watching their fellow divers compete. Coach Nicole and Coach Mike were very proud of their divers.

All the divers would like to say welcome back Coach Mike! To anyone who would like to dive this season you still can! There is no experience needed and no fee to join; you only need to belong to the community pool. Come and join our dive family!

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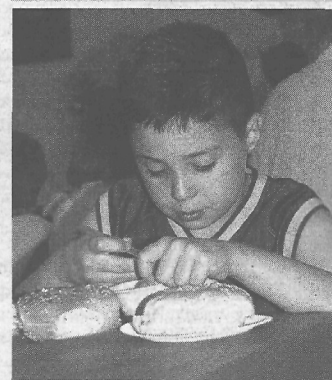
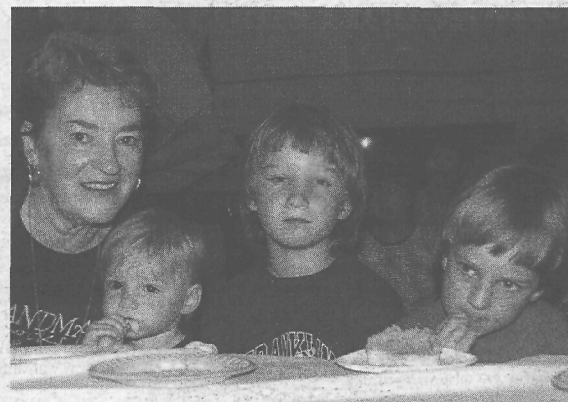
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The Grandparent's Breakfast is a first-time event for Franklin School. Grandparent's and students all enjoyed the special day. They hope to see it become an annual event. Franklin School always enjoys holding family oriented activities, making sure that everyone is included.

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• An employee of CVS on Plainfield Ave. reported that a male fled the store with a pair of white cotton ankle socks and a t-shirt.

• Mohn's Flowers on Plainfield Ave. reported the theft of their canvas sign that was attached to the Lacosta Plaza sign near the street.

• Thomas P. Cecere, 24, of Landing was arrested for resisting arrest and two outstanding warrants.

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The South Plainfield Glitterbugs held their third annual solstice hike at the Highland Avenue Woods. Dr. Emile DeVito educated the children using a globe and flashlight regarding the course of the sun and moon. He explained how a solstice is only one of the two times during the year when the sun is at its greatest distance from the celestial equator. The other time is on Dec. 21, the first day of winter. The solstice, which celebrates summer, is the longest day of the year.

After the class discussion, the children were led through the woods as

the sun set. Calls of screech owls and many other nocturnal birds and animals filled the air. The children explored plants and insects and things that fly and crawl in the night.

The Glitterbugs and the Clean Community Advisory Board would like to thank Dr. DeVito for his continued support of our solstice hike and program. It is always amazing to hear a group of children cooing like a screech owl or hooting out, "Who cooks for you" like the barred owl, while they hope that an owl will fly out of the tree.

## SP History Center is Open

The South Plainfield Historical Society History Center is open to the public every Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. The room, located in the Roosevelt Administration Building at 125 Jackson Ave., is chock-full of archival material including newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, vintage clothing, refer-

ence material, non-lending library books and photographs that illustrate the Borough's history. Arrangements can be made for a speaker to address school and scouting groups or clubs of up to 25 individuals. Contact SPHistoricalSoc@cs.com or phone Dorothy Miele at (908) 754-3073.

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## Obituaries

### Michael W. McCarthy, 45

Michael W. McCarthy died early Monday morning, July 3 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Jersey City, Mike was raised and resided in South Plainfield for 41 years.

He worked for Bio-Reference Labs in Elmwood Park and was also the owner and operator of McCarthy's Pool Service in South Plainfield.

An avid card player, Mike enjoyed Atlantic City as well as attending the horse track. A longtime bowler, he once bowled a 300 and became a member of the "300 Club."

He will be missed by all of his family and friends whom he loved.

Surviving are his parents, Marge (Reid) and Bill McCarthy of South Plainfield; a sister, Kelly Villares and husband John of South Plainfield; a brother, Shawn McCarthy and wife Tara of Florida; his paternal grandmother, Mary Mulhall of South Plainfield; four nieces and nephews, Connor and Juileanna McCarthy and Lauren and Zachary Villares; and his dear girlfriend, Laura Pechar of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Grace (Fabiano) LaFleur, 77

Grace (Fabiano) LaFleur died on Sunday, June 25 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in South Plainfield, she had resided in the borough until the mid 1950's when she moved to Piscataway. Grace had been a waitress for the

former Lynn's Cozy Kitchen in downtown South Plainfield, formerly known as the Favorite Spot, for many years before her retirement. She was previously employed by the former Cornell Dubilier Company of South Plainfield as a key punch operator.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Charles LaFleur; two sons, Charles Jr. and Dennis LaFleur; five sisters, Sara Fabiano, Frances Koncsol, Viola Young, Carmella Vanderputten and Rosalie Flemming; two brothers, John and Joseph Fabiano and two grandchildren, Katherine and James LaFleur.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### Albert W. Kalokitus, 82

Albert W. Kalokitus died on Tuesday, June 27 at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in Coal Township, Pa., he grew up in Shamokin, and later resided in Jersey City before moving to South Plainfield in 1949.

Employed as the head sanitarian for Wonder Bread in East Brunswick, he retired in 1986. He was previously employed by the former Tip Top Bread Company in Newark.

Albert was a long time, faithful communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield, a member of the South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and AARP. He enjoyed woodworking as well as football and baseball, specifically the N.Y. Yankees. Albert loved to travel, traveling extensively to Russia, Hawaii, Lithuania, Vancouver and St. Lucia.

He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Rose S. (Nunes) and five sisters, Adele Covelski, Anna Gromochack, Mary Tesh, Veronica DiGiacomo and

Isabel Remetta.

Surviving are a daughter, Patricia Hutton of South Plainfield; a sister, Helen Zereconski of Rome, Italy; a brother, Walter of Pa. and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, c/o 65 James St., Edison, NJ 08820.

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