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Spare Hand Lands Dancer in Court



Police Chief John Ferraro addresses reporters after Linda Kay failed to appear for her arraignment Wednesday morning.

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield Police officers, responding to a 911 call of an attempted suicide at 28 Diana Dr. on Monday, made the grizzly discovery of body parts inside the home.

Around 2 p.m., a police dispatcher received a call stating that the homeowner, Sean McDonough, was threatening to harm himself with a hammer. When Officer Brad Bullard arrived, another homeowner, Linda E. Kay, took her time answering the door and stated that McDonough



Linda Kay was charged with improper disposition of human remains.

was not home. When police asked to check the residence, Kay was uncooperative and Bullard forced his way past her into the home. During a search by Bullard and Sgt. James Parker, McDonough could not be located in the home. However, they discovered a human hand preserved in formaldehyde in plain view on a table in the basement. According to the officers, Kay stated that the hand was hers and that she had gotten it from a friend who was in medical school. Police also located six human skulls in an upstairs bedroom.

The Middlesex County Medical Examiners Office confirmed that the hand belonged to a white male and appears to have been bluntly cut with bone fragments present in the jar. Kay was arrested and charged with improper disposition of human remains. Capt. Paul Brembt stated, "We are aggressively working with the Medical Examiners Office to find out who these remains belong to and we will continue to actively investigate the situation." Brembt also said that the medical examiner is having a hard time distinguishing the fingerprints because of bloating from the formaldehyde. A saline solution is being used to try to raise the prints

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Disco the Night Away for New Jost Field Gatehouse

Members working on the replacement of the ticket booth at Jost Field that burned down a year ago gathered last Wednesday for a ground breaking ceremony. They hope to raise enough to money to complete the new building in time for football season.

To help meet that goal, a 70's disco fundraiser is being held on Saturday night from 7 p.m. to midnight at Studio 901 on Montrose Ave. The \$25 tickets include hors d'oeuvres and snacks with a cash bar. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Volunteers pictured at right, from left to right,

are: front row, Rotarian and project manager Joe DeAndrea, SPHS Athletic Booster Club Co-President Teri Pileggi, Booster Club Trustees Mickey Wrublevski and Connie Besser. In the back row from the left is Lions Club Director and project manager Larry Massaro, SPHS Athletic Director Mike Buggey, Rotary Club President John Nikashian, Athletic Booster Club Co-President Kurt Ullom, Booster Club Trustees Chet Czaplinski and Debbie Boyle, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado and Business Administrator Donna Tolley.



Volunteers working on the replacement of destroyed Jost Field ticket booth gather for the groundbreaking for the new booth. A fundraiser to benefit the construction, "Remembering The 70's Disco Party," will take place this Saturday, July 29. See page 4 for details.

Piscataway Teen Injured in Crash

Richard Galdamez, 18, of Piscataway, lost control of the 2004 Suzuki motorcycle he was operating on Metuchen Rd. on Monday.

Galdamez was traveling northbound when he was thrown from the motorcycle near Harmich Rd., striking his head and shoulder. He was wearing a helmet, but it was not secured on his head. When thrown from the bike, the helmet impacted the ground and then was pulled from his head. Galdamez, who sustained serious facial wounds, a fractured pelvis and numerous abrasions, was transported by the South Plainfield Volunteer Rescue Squad to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital for treatment.

The motorcycle was owned by Francisco Guevara, 21, of South Plainfield, Guevara and a 17-year-old Edison

resident were present on Metuchen Rd. when the crash occurred. These individuals were attempting to teach Galdamez how to ride a motorcycle. Galdamez possessed a valid NJ driver's license, however, he was not licensed to operate a motorcycle.

Galdamez was charged with the following motor vehicle offenses: unlicensed driver, reckless driving, improper or no display of a license plate and no insurance. Guevara was charged with the following: allowing an unlicensed driver to operate a motor vehicle, improper or no display of a license plate and no insurance.

The crash is being investigated by South Plainfield Police Officer Gary Cassio. Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Lt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679.

PAL Tournament to Benefit Sick Child

Two-year-old Alyssa Ricciardi, a South Plainfield resident diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer, will be this year's recipient of the proceeds from the South Plainfield Police Athletic League Annual Softball Tournament, which takes place this Saturday, July 29 starting at 8 a.m. at SPHS ball fields located on Lake St. Rain date is Sunday, July 30.

The tournament will consist of two divisions: Open Division—men's slowpitch, double elimination, \$250 entry fee and Charitable Division—co-ed slowpitch, single elimination, limited homeruns, \$250 entry fee.

For more information contact Gary Cassio at (908) 966-2947 or Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-7714, or inquire at the PAL on Maple Ave.



41 young "cadets" graduate from the Jr. Police Academy after a week long program that simulated a police officer's training. For story and photos, see page 8.

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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
August 8	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
September 5	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

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Aug. 15*, Aug. 29*, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10
Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

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 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.-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
Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
(No meetings July and Aug.) Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12
No scheduled meetings, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13 and Jan. 10.

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 at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at
Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

Senate Approves Voter Approval for Stem Cell Research

The full Senate gave the green light to bill S-1091, authorizing the state to seek voter approval to fund \$230 million in grants to support long-term stem cell research. The legislation, sponsored by Senator Barbara Buono, D-Middlesex, passed the Senate by a vote of 26-9.

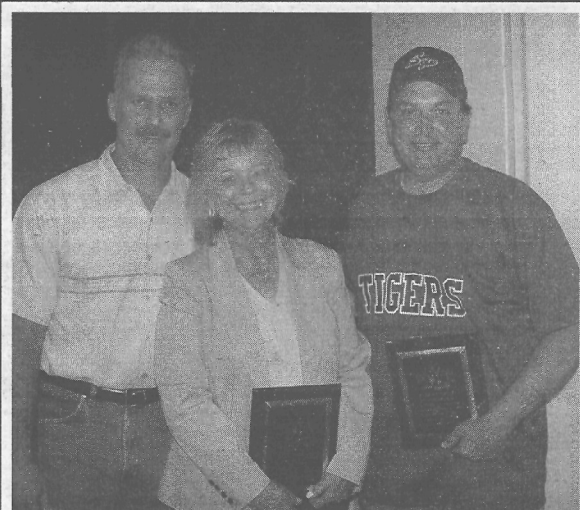
"This is an investment in the future of New Jersey," said Sen. Buono, D-Middlesex. "The return we'll see will not just be in terms of dollars and jobs, but in lives saved and families healed. There is no better time than now to throw our support behind the promise of stem cell research."

Under the legislation, voters in the November election would be asked to approve a \$230 million bond referendum to fund stem cell research grants. The grants would be distributed over seven years. Eligible applicants would include for-profit and non-profit agencies with the requirement that for-profit groups collaborate and partner with non-profit organizations.

"There has been strong public support in New Jersey for stem cell research and the cures that we expect it can provide. I hope that support continues through November when the voters go to the polls," added Senator Buono.

To ensure grants are awarded based on science, not politics, the NJ Commission on Science and Technology would establish a research review panel and an ethics advisory panel to thoroughly review all applications and award grants. The ethics advisory panel will be responsible for ensuring state-funded research complies with state ethics guidelines, including the prohibition of human cloning. The referendum would also call for the state to receive a portion of the royalties realized from any break-through research.

Earlier this month, the Senate approved another bill sponsored by Sen. Buono that would allocate \$250 million to fund the infrastructure needed to support cutting-edge research, including a world-class stem cell institute in New Brunswick and two other collaborative facilities in Camden and Newark. The bill approved today would provide eligible applicants with the long-term funding needed to support stem cell research projects that could potentially yield significant medical breakthroughs.



The Board of Education present plaques to former board members Dan Smith, Sue Peck and Pat Kelley to thank them for the years they served on the board.

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

As everyone is aware, this Saturday the PBA will be holding a fundraiser for Alyssa Ricciardi. I will donate \$50 to the Ricciardi Family for every new vacation package booked between July 31 and Aug. 15. Just mention your booking should apply to the Ricciardi family donation when calling.

Also, I am offering an additional \$50 discount off our competitive package prices for those individuals who have participated or volunteered in Saturdays fundraiser event in anyway. Call or stop by my booth.

First Class Travel is located at 129 South Plainfield Ave. For further information, call (908) 753-3777.

**MICHELE KUNIE,
FIRST CLASS TRAVEL**

To the Editor,

Several weeks ago, I challenged the Republican candidates for mayor and council to complete financial disclosure statements and put them on the South Plainfield Republican Party web page. Any sitting councilmember and the mayor are already required by law to complete a financial disclosure statement each year.

It is a very simple and straightforward form that lists the elected official and spouse's source of income and any financial holdings that they own including stocks and real estate. It makes sense that candidates for office fill these forms out before they are elected to assure the voters that they have no conflicts of interest. In fact, our hometown Assemblyman Patrick

Submit Letters to the Editor:

Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters. Any letter received without identification will be discarded.

Letters may be submitted to the Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd. Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax 908-668-8819 or by email: spobserver@comcast.net. **Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m.** Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Please limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject.

Diegnan has sponsored a bill in the New Jersey Legislature which will require exactly what we are doing in South Plainfield. We are not asking the Republican candidates to do something that we are not willing to do. Ray Petronko, Joe Scrudato and I have already posted our financial disclosure statements on our web page SPDCms.org.

As you know, the South Plainfield Democratic Party is committed to open, honest and transparent campaigns. That is why we list all contributors to our campaign on a monthly basis on our web page. We also spearheaded the strongest pay to play ordinance in the State of New Jersey.

I am once again asking the Republican candidates to join with us in disclosing their financial information. I am not implying that the Republicans have something to hide. It will give everyone a sense of reassurance if they voluntarily cooperate.

**VERY TRULY YOURS,
CHARLIE BUTRICO**

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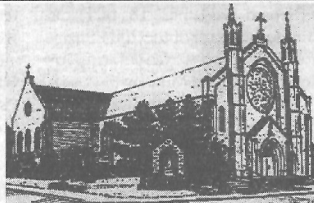


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The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop celebrates their 35th season with their 2006 production of Rogers and Hammerstein's hit musical, *Carousel*. The show runs Aug. 3, 4, 5 and 6. The fifty plus cast members have been rehearsing five nights a week learning lines, dances and songs. The busy students also attended workshops, sold ads and ran several fundraisers. See next week's *Observer* for more photos and cast list.

"Big" Issue Of Observer September 1

It only happens three times a year. The next "big issue" of the *Observer* will be published on Friday, Sept. 1.

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Don't be left out! Deadline to reserve your ad space is Aug. 21. Camera-ready copy is due by Aug. 23. If you would like us to design an ad for you, please contact us by Aug. 14.

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Panzarella Renews Adopt-a-Spot

Paul Panzarella, president of Panzarella Contracting Inc., has renewed his adoption of Monument Park. His company participated in developing this new Borough park across from Spring Lake in 2004 and also installed the landscaping. Then he signed up with the Clean Business Association's Adopt-A-Spot program so he could take care of the grounds.

For the past two years, four to five employees have visited the park

weekly to maintain the turf, trim shrubs and rake leaves or remove litter, as needed. As a result, this neat, trim public space has provided an appropriate setting for the monuments gathered there to honor those who have rendered service to the community.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

Adelines Italian American Restaurant Opens Monday

There is a new Italian restaurant in town destined to please even the most discriminating palate.

Adelines Italian American Restaurant, opening on Monday, July 31, promises to surprise when preparing your favorite pasta, chicken, veal, pork, seafood and steak dishes.

The menu includes chicken francise, veal saltimbucca, gorgonzola steak, Italian braccioni, pork chops marsala giambotta, shrimp finocchio, salmon, sea scallops as well as many pasta dishes including linguini with clam sauce, rigatoni Mona Lisa, cavatelli escarole and sausage and fettuccine alfredo.

Lunch specials, served from 11 a.m.

to 3 p.m., include grilled flank steak, shrimp caruso and penne with veal sausage.

Daily entree specials, accompanied by potato and vegetable, or pasta du-jour, include veal artisan, sambucca shrimp, steak portafino and wasabi tuna.

Soups and salads, as well as six distinctly different appetizers, are also available.

Adelines is located at 2243 Hamilton Blvd. and will be open six days a week, Monday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. A Sunday family-style dinner will begin in the fall. Call (908) 755-8520 for more information.

First Annual Run for the Children Seeks Vendors

The First Annual Run for the Children (Battling Cancer), sponsored by the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. will be held on Sunday, Oct. 1 at the PAL Building.

The motorcycle run and picnic will be held in cooperation with the Old Timers Motorcycle Club, Century 21 Moretti Realty, Halls Motor Freight, and Integrated Wealth Management, and are currently seeking vendors.

Vendors do not need to be affiliated with or be related to motorcycle products. Any vendor is welcome to come and advertise their business. They are also looking for sponsors and donations which will help the children that are battling cancer. All proceeds will be donated to these needy youth.

There are many ways to contribute financially. Signs or plaques will be made for sponsors and will be displayed at the event.

The event will begin with a sign-in at 9:30 a.m. The run will leave the PAL building at 11 a.m. and ride through scenic Hunterdon County and returning to the PAL building located on Maple Ave. at 1 p.m. to enjoy food, refreshments, two live

bands, a bike show and contest, door prizes and more. The cost per rider is \$20 each and \$10 per passenger. The event is also open to non-riders at a cost of \$10 each. Everyone who rides motorcycles is encouraged to attend. Help us save our most precious asset, our youth.

If interested in riding or being a vendor for the event, contact Rich D'Urso at (908) 753-7629, Rudy Adams (908) 405-0836 or Guy Moretti at (908) 755-5300 or email openyourheart@morettiirealty.com.

Mail donations to Open Your Heart Foundation, c/o Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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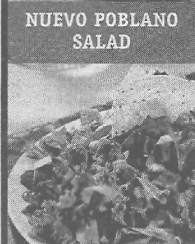


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IRA Seminar at Library

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 required.

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

American Legion Annual Picnic

July 29

The American Legion Chaumont Post #243, located at 243 Oak Tree Ave., will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, July 29 from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. There will be hot dogs, burgers, sausage and peppers, clams, corn on the cob, salad platters, melon, desserts and more. Live DJ, dunk tank and horseshoes. Open to the public. Come on down and enjoy yourself; bring your family and friends.

Advance tickets will be sold in the Post lounge. Adults \$15, children \$7.

For more information call (908) 668-9414.

Disco Party Fundraiser For New Ticket Booth

July 29

A Remembering The 70's Disco Party, which will raise money to replace the booth which burned to the ground at Jost Field, will take place on Saturday, July 29 from 7 to midnight at Studio 901 on Montrose Ave.

South Plainfield SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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TUESDAY

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

Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social Group 10am
Lunch Available

Exercise 8:45am
Computer Classes 10am, 11:30am & 1pm
Line Dancing 10am
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Tajmahal Trip 9am

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Practical Crafts 10am
Computer Class 11am & 1pm
Exercise Class 1:15pm

Bingo 10am-2pm
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August 23

The NJ Motor Vehicle Commission will visit the Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to issue drivers licenses.

Bingo 10am-2pm
Lunch Available

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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 Wrublevski for tickets at (908) 754-4620, ext 306.

Elks Italian Dinner

July 29

The South Plainfield Elks, located on New Market Ave. will host an Italian dinner on Saturday, July 29 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The dinner menu includes Italian appetizers, veal, chicken and eggplant parmesan, pasta, salad, Italian desserts, coffee and tea. Cash bar. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased by contacting Pete at (908) 656-4011 before July 25.

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.

Car Show Benefits Alyssa Ricciardi

August 7

A Classic and Custom Car Show will be held on Monday, Aug. 7 from 6-9 p.m. to benefit Alyssa Marie

Ricciardi (a local child battling cancer) at Sherban's Diner on Front St. Sponsors are the Fusco and McIntosh families. Come and see some great rides and support a worthy cause.

For more information call Ron at (908) 482-0008.

PBA Local 100 Basketball Tournament

August 12

The South Plainfield PBA Local 100 will host a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Aug. 12 at Spring Lake Park. \$150 entrance fee per team. Sign-in at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. start. Cash prizes, food, drinks, giveaways, 3-point contest.

For reservations and information contact Pdm. Lloyd McNelly at (908) 872-5479 or Pdm. Kevin Lomonte at (908) 226-7684.

Catskills Trip

August 14-18

You don't have to be an AARP member or senior to enjoy this trip to Kinsler's Country Club in the Catskills.

Depart Monday, Aug. 14 and return Friday, Aug. 18. Cost is \$460 per person, double occupancy, \$540 single. Adults only. Includes transportation, room, three full meals daily and gratuities. Swimming pool and scheduled daily activities, live entertainment, music and dancing each night. Recreational and sport facilities are offered at no extra cost.

Call Mary at (732) 752-3764 for registration. Deposit required.

Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School

August 14-18

Sacred Heart Church will hold Va-

cation Bible School from Aug. 14-18, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the Church and school buildings. Drop-off and pick-up children at the Church. Fee is \$10.

For more information call the Parish Center at (908) 756-0633.

— Out of Town —

Summer Art Exhibit

July 15-August 4

A multi-media showcase of works by 21 young award-winning artists selected from the duCret School of Art will be the summer exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield, July 15 through Aug. 4.

For more information call (908) 756-1707.

Starlight Socials For Singles 30s & 40s

July 28

Starlight Socials For Single Professionals 30s & 40s will host a singles happy hour on Friday, July 28, 5:30 to 7 p.m., with late night band music afterwards at the Bamboo Grille, 185 Madisonville Rd. in Basking Ridge. Open air patio, drink specials, great priced appetizers. No cost except what you order.

RSVP is required to (732) 764-9073 or StarlightSocials@aol.com.

Singles 18-35 Hike

July 29 and August 5

A Singles 18-35 hike will be held on Saturday, July 29 and August 5 at Harriman State Park, Rt. 87, Exit 15A to 7 Lakes Drive in Sloatsberg, N.Y.

beginning at 11 a.m.

Fast paced, three hours long, good hiking shoes required. Bring plenty of water. Must be in good health. Meet hike leader in first parking area. Rain cancels. Optional relaxing social at local eatery afterwards.

RSVP required to (732) 764-9073 or MistyAngel22@aol.com.

Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

August 10

Good Morning Middlesex morning networking program will be held on Thursday, Aug. 10, at Berkeley College, 430 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Registration is 7:45 a.m.; program begins at 8 a.m. \$15 members, \$20 member walk-ins, \$25 non-members.

To register, call the Chamber at (732) 821-1700, ext. 203 or online at www.mcrcc.org.

Sierran Singles Dance

August 12

Young Sierrans 18-35 will hold a singles meet-n-greet and dance at The Colorado Cafe, 154 Bonnie Bum Rd. in Watchung on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 9 p.m.

Cost will be approximately \$12. Meet in waiting area foyer. RSVP is required to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

"Meet the Artists" in Ocean City

August 15

The Ocean City Arts Center, 1735 Simpson Ave., along with the Richard Stockton College Friends of Hellenic Studies, will host a "Meet the Artists" reception on Tuesday, Aug. 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. Storyteller Eleni Constantelos will entertain at 7:30 p.m. The exhibit and reception are free. Greek food and refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact the Arts Center at (609) 399-7628, visit www.oceancityartscenter.org, or Richard Stockton College at (609) 652-4528.

Middlesex Chamber of Commerce

August 21

On Monday, Aug. 21 The College of New Jersey Small Business Development and The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce will present "Maximize Your Trade Show Booth" from 9 a.m. to noon.

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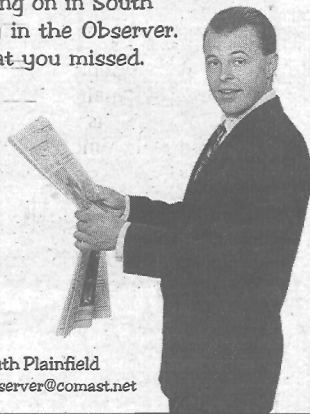
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Middle School Announces Honor Roll

8TH GRADE High Honor Roll

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Honor Roll

Jenna M. Alexander, Freddy Almanzar, Brittany M. Alvarado, Shyam D. Amin, Jhemarr J. Anderson, Angela M. Ang, Brian T. Babinecz, Elizabeth A. Balon, Jimmy R. Bijlani, Scot G. Bishop, Aleksandra W. Blazewicz, Matthew Brazza, Lisseth A. Calderon, Cassie L. Caparelli, Ray A. Coletta, Natalie Colucci, and Marilyn J. Cruz.

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Brandon K. Downes, Lauren K. Keane, Patrick D. Landy, Ryan T. Lind, Sarah A. McCarthy, Tara L. O'Day, Ruchi D. Patel, Kelly R. Pauls, Cindy (Veronica) V. Ruiz, Katelyn J. Scarinci, Danielle M. Schaaf and Michele A. Schuetz.

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Grand Knight Joe Scrudato (at back on right) with the Hartmann Family, who were named Family of the Year Award.

Hartmanns Named Family of the Year By Knights

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a Communion breakfast last month at their hall. During the breakfast, Grand Knight Joseph Scrudato presented the Hartmann Family (William, Tracy, Meghan, 14 and Willy, 12) with the council's Family of the Year Award for their tireless work with council, youth, family and church activities.

Bill is a 4th Degree Knight and serves as the council's treasurer. Both Bill and his wife, Tracy, are Eucharistic Ministers at Sacred Heart Church. Tracy is also the director of the CCD

program at Sacred Heart Church, as well as the director of the Altar Servers for all masses at church.

Bill and Tracy and their children always participate in all council events; it seems whenever there is a family event happening at our council the Hartmanns are there supporting it. Daughter Meghan and son Willy also support the community in various community events. This is the true meaning of the Knights of Columbus.

When you see the Hartmanns in town, congratulate them on this very worthy accomplishment.

FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

Middlesex County residents please contact Senator Barbara Buono on her proposed bill SCR-37, as well as Assemblymen Peter J. Barnes Jr. and Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. on their proposed bill A-2814. These bills seek reevaluation of the Abbott Districts' funding that affects thousands of our tax dollars. You can do so by logging on spnet.k12.nj.us. You can also contact Senate President Richard Codey at 449 Mount Pleasant Ave., West Orange, NJ 07052, (973) 731-6770 and Assemblyman Speaker Joseph Roberts, Brooklawn Shopping Plaza, Rt. 130 & Browning Rd, Brooklawn, NJ 08030, (856) 742-7600. Let them know that you support a special legislative session during the 2006 summer session to act on property tax reform on school funding. Property tax reform is needed now and you need to let these officials that you put into office know that you need their support on these issues.

Congratulations to the Basketball Shooting Academy on your grand opening, located at 110-C Talmadge Rd. in Edison. Best wishes on your success.

Residents of South Plainfield, please continue to support your local vendors. They support our many local and schoolwide functions and they are there when we request their support.

July is coming to an end and the South Plainfield School system required reading by all grade levels are

due in September. Do not forget to read, read, read.

Thank you to Nick and Pam Heilmann for donating the Cal Ripken South Plainfield State 2006 All-Star t-shirts to the eleven-year-old team members. It is truly appreciated by the entire team. Thank you to Ralph Errico for being so involved with the area town's Cal Ripken Tournaments. Keep up the great work, it is truly appreciated.

Please support the upcoming fundraiser on July 29 which will benefit the new ticket booth at the Jost Football Field, sponsored by the Rotary and Lions Clubs. Please see the "Events Around Town" in the South Plainfield Observer for further information.

Thank you to South Plainfield Boys' High School Varsity Baseball Coach Ray Ciecisz and his staff for a very successful summer baseball camp. The boys who participate in this camp enjoy a week of learning the game, skills and sportsmanship. Great job and thank you to Mrs. Ciecisz for all your help along with the young ladies that helped out.

South Plainfield High School "Meet the Coaches" night will take place at South Plainfield High School on Sept. 12 at 6 p.m. with a buffet dinner for all who attend and sponsored by the South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club. This is the evening for all freshmen through senior parents to come and meet the coaches.



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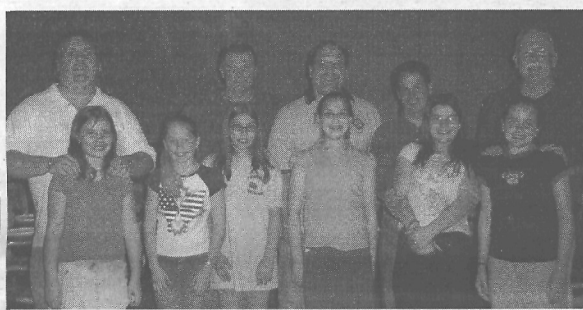
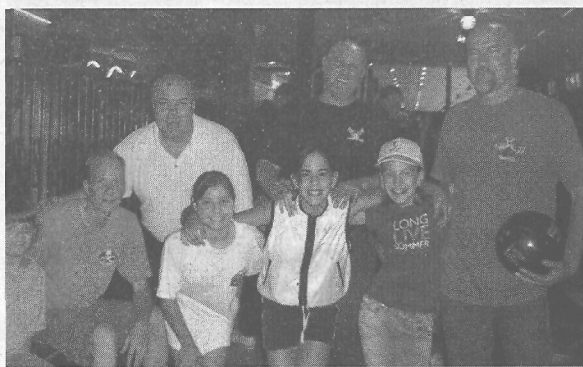
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South PlainfieldScouting



June began with a bang at the Girl Scouts Dad & Me Cosmic Bowling event. Despite strong storms that forced a last minute location change, 95 girls and dads spent a couple of hours bowling, dancing and laughing. Thanks to all who attended for being flexible and for being considerate to our last minute hosts at the Carolier Bowl Zone in New Brunswick. Thanks also to the folks at Brunswick Edison Bowl for helping us work out a difficult, yet unavoidable situation.

The Girl Scout float has won awards in many of the Labor Day parades in the recent past. Join us to make the 2006 Girl Scout Labor Day float the best ever! We seek leaders, parents, relatives and girls to plan, prepare and to take part in this year's parade. The theme is "Family-South Plainfield's Greatest Asset."

We will need people for the planning meeting (mid-July), materials-gathering (July-Aug.), float prep (weekend before Labor Day) and for participation and supervision at the parade. You do not need to be available for all dates. Since this is a family-themed event, we encourage family members to participate with their girls. If you would like to be involved, please contact your girl's troop leader.

Our troops will be wrapping up this program year and looking ahead to next year. New girls are always welcome. Adults, consider joining us as adult volunteers. Watch for our information and registration table at the Labor Day festival.

South Plainfield is one of 24 communities proudly served by Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc. Founded in 1957, GSWRC provides the optimal Girl Scout experience to nearly 11,000 girls and adults. For more information please call (908) 232-3236 or log on to www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.



Girl Scouts Spend the Afternoon At Bowcraft

In what was the final day of school for most, members from the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council's 24-community jurisdiction visited Bowcraft for fun in the sun on June 22. Capably organized by the Springfield Girl Scout Community for the second year in a row, the event was open to girls throughout the council. The girls came to ride the rides and play the games while re-

joining in the fact that school is over and summer was here.

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- On July 11 a May Ave. resident reported the theft of a Mongoose BMX bike from their open garage.
- On July 12 a Merchants Ave. resident reported that their picket fence had been pulled apart and scattered on their lawn.
- Burlington Coat Factory reported that a male had taken the security tags off two Rocawear men's shirts and walked out of the store wearing them.
- A Joan St. resident reported the hinges had been broken on their gate.
- A No. Madison Dr. resident reported the theft of a Panasonic radio/DVD player from their vehicle and the engine hood.
- A Metuchen resident reported that the driver side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a purse stolen from their vehicle that was parked at The Club at Ricochet.
- On July 14 a Sampton Ave. resident reported the theft of a 2005 Honda quad from their yard.
- An Edison resident reported the theft of a Dell laptop computer from the trunk of their unlocked vehicle in the parking lot of the A&P.
- On July 15 Farrakhan A. Knight, 31, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting \$111 worth of assorted merchandise at Eckerd Drugs.
- Grand Buffet reported that a bay window near the main entrance and a smaller window had been damaged.
- LA Perfection Nail Salon on Stelton Rd. reported that their front window had been broken.
- On July 16 Quick Food on Park Ave. reported the theft of \$205 worth of lottery tickets.
- Snow White Cleaners on Stelton Rd. reported glass on the front door of the business had been broken and a computer worth \$6,500 and \$500 in cash was taken.

- A Tooz Pl. resident reported the theft of a 1998 Ford Econoline from the parking lot at Home Depot. The keys had been left in the center console.
- On July 18 Bruce Renee Darby, 42, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, shoplifting two bottles of shampoo from CVS and three outstanding warrants.
- On July 19 a South Plainfield Ave. resident reported the theft of an IRS check from their mailbox.
- An employee of Wendy's reported the theft of \$1,100 cash from her purse.
- A North Plainfield resident reported the theft of a cell phone that was left on the counter at Quick Check on Durham Ave.
- On July 20 Sullivan's Auto Repair on Clinton Ave. reported the theft of a dirt bike that was chained and locked to a pole.
- Party City reported the theft of an inflatable tiki bar worth \$150.
- On July 21 Vincent P. Allen, 40, of Plainfield was arrested for obstruction of justice and resisting arrest.
- Elizabeth Hall, 51, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a

suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- Eric J. Peterson, 23, of Hillside was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- A Pershing Pl. resident reported the theft of a Nikon digital camera from their home while repairs were installing Direct TV.

- On July 22 Maryam Hakami-Gilani, 29, of Somerset was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting cosmetics worth \$85.

- Joya R. Robinson, 28, of Edison was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

- A Trinity St. resident reported that their vehicle's driver side door had been damaged in an attempt to pry it open.

- On July 23 Ryan C. Mincey, 19, of Edison was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting Magic basketball sneakers worth \$39.

- On July 24 R&M Manufacturing on Hamilton Blvd. reported that three vehicles had been damaged. Windows had been smashed and one car was spray painted with graffiti.

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Jr. Police Academy Graduates 41 Cadets

By Jane Dornick

On July 14, the Jr. Police Academy graduated 41 cadets at the PAL who were lucky enough to spend a week experiencing an accelerated version of what a real police academy is like. Directing the program for the third year were South Plainfield DARE Police Officers Allen LaMonda and Dave Franchak along with the help of many other specially trained officers. Youngsters ages 10 through 14 spent a jam packed day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. learning the many aspects of what being a police officer is about.

Using his marine training, Officer Franchak felt it was an asset for students to learn physical fitness and the meaning of respect, honor and pride. Students participated in use of force and unarmed tactics as well as handling the different kind of weapons that are used by police. A class was given on gun safety and a fun morning was spent at the police shooting range in the recycling area where students used paint ball guns to hit paper targets. Investigator Laura Callahan from the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office gave a lesson on gangs and drug awareness. Lt. Michael Lane spoke about laws and Det. Gene Bataille set up a fake crime scene outdoors. Lt. Kevin Murtagh gave a

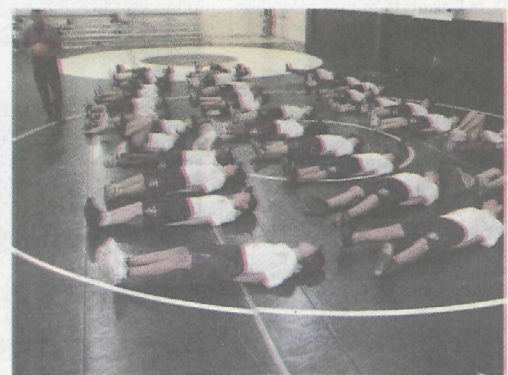
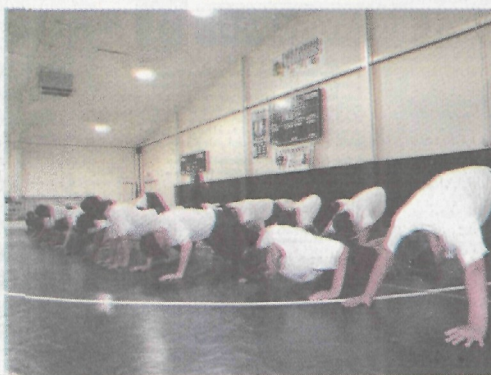
presentation on the effects of drunk driving and South Bound Brook Police Officer Rick Fittin showed off his narcotics K-9 dog, Niko, and how he aids police in drug investigations. Members of the South Plainfield Fire Dept. demonstrated extrication techniques by

the PAL parking lot. The highlight of the week was the landing of the New Jersey State Police Homeland Security helicopter on the PAL grounds. Trooper II Eric Schmitt and Sgt. Paul Approvato spoke about how their Bell helicopter operates and what their duties

of the class.

The 2006 Jr. Police Academy graduates are: James Agee, Jared Agee, Courtney Allocco, Nicholas Brinks, Tyler Calderone, Jesse Defler, John DiDolci III, Alex Dornick, Jacqueline Dvorak, Sal Esposito, Nicholas Fasulo, Kevin Flanagan, Justin Glover, Shawn Gorman, Jonathan Grennier, Zara Harris, Peter Hemming, Sabrina Hemming, Raymond Jazikoff, Austin Jenkin, Jenalee Jenkin, Alex Lundy, Griffin Lynch, Frankie Malecki, Christopher Mathis, Shane McCoid, Stephen Monroe, Andrew Pawelczak, Diamond Pender, Anthony Pisano, Danielle Pisano, Kayla Prins, Chakane Shegog, Inan Sikel, Joey Skwiat, Corey Stasenko, Eddie Sullivan, Ryan Temple, Matthew Ward and Richard Zekas.

Many thanks go to the following people and organizations for their participation in this program: Chief John Ferraro, Capt. Paul Brembt, Lt. Charles Siedenburgh, Lt. Michael Lane, Lt. Kevin Murtagh, Sgt. Dan Noonan, Det. Gene Bataille, Officers Vincent Campagna, Karl Schuetz and Kevin Lomonte, Kevin Hughes, South Plainfield Fire Dept., NJ State Police, Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, South Bound Brook Police Dept., South Plainfield Elks, Restaurant Depot, Bill Hartmann, Bill Hartmann Jr. and Debbie Esposito.



Eagle Scout Justin Pauls Joins Elite Group

Justin M. Pauls received the Eagle Scout Award at ceremonies held at Wesley Methodist Church on July 15. Justin becomes the thirtieth Eagle Scout for Troop 39 in its 40 year history.

Justin joined scouting on Nov. 22, 2000 and became a tenderfoot on May 21, 2001. He earned the Sec-

ond Class Rank on May 21, 2001, First Class Rank on Sept. 24, 2002, Star on May 5, 2003 and Life on March 24, 2004. On May 15, 2006, Justin became an Eagle Scout.

His achievements include the Polar Bear Swim and Harrison Ford's Young Eagle Association. He has earned 28 merit badges and was named Scout of the Year three years in a row.

Justin, who will be a senior at South Plainfield High School this fall, plays the saxophone in the

of the storm drains that had been marked. He also wrote an article, published by the *Observer*, to advise residents what they can do to help the environment. Lastly, he wrote a plan for the borough so that other civic groups can continue to label the drains in town.

Both of Justin's parents are also active in scouting and the high school band. His dad, Jeffrey, is Scoutmaster of Troop 39, and a volunteer with the SPSHS Pitt Crew. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and an Extraordinary Minister at Sacred Heart Church. His mom, Nancy, is also active with both the troop and the high school band, serving as secretary for both groups.

Justin received many letters of commendation and congratulations, including from President George Bush, New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Dan Gallagher, as well as many other dignitaries. On hand to present certificates were Art Sabino, Sr., representing the South Plainfield Elks and Jack Matheson from the VFW.



Eagle Scout Justin Pauls is joined by his parents, Nancy and Jeffrey Pauls. Justin's dad, Jeffrey, is scoutmaster of Troop 39.

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Art Sabino presents Justin Pauls with a flag and plaque from the Elks.

During his years in scouting, Justin received the Arrow of Light Award and held the positions of patrol leader and senior patrol leader.

SPHS Band, the trombone in the Jazz Band, the trumpet in Lab Band and also sings with the Jades.

His Eagle Scout project involved helping the environment. Justin worked with Alice Tempel, environmental specialist for South Plainfield, to get a much needed project up and running. He established a plan to mark the storm drains in town to read, "No Dumping—Leads to Waterways." This project was mandated by the State of NJ and needed to be implemented in South Plainfield.

On April 17, Justin organized members of his troop, along with parent volunteers, to help label 100 storm drains in town. In addition, they went door to door in that area and distributed 400 pamphlets to advise residents of the dangers of dumping. When the project was complete, he gave Tempel maps



Justin Pauls receives the Eagle Scout pin from his father and scoutmaster, Jeffrey Pauls.



Boy Scout Troop 39 members attended the Eagle Scout ceremonies with Scout Master Jeffrey Pauls (left) and (Mr. G) Richard Goyette, (right), who had served as scout master of Troop 309 for 29 years.

Electronic Federal Tax Payment System Cited In New Email Scam

The Internal Revenue Service is warning taxpayers to be on the lookout for a new email scam that uses the Treasury Department's Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS) as a hook to lure individuals into disclosing their personal information.

The system, which is used by more than six million taxpayers, allows businesses and individuals to pay all their federal taxes online or by phone.

The new email scam, fraught with grammatical errors and typos, looks like a page from IRS.gov and claims to be from the "IRS Antifraud Commission" (sic), a fictitious group. The email claims someone has enrolled the taxpayer's credit card in EFTPS and has tried to pay taxes with it. The email also says there have been fraud attempts involving the taxpayer's bank account. The email claims money was lost and "remaining funds" (sic) are blocked. Recipients are asked to click on a link that will help them recover their funds, but the subsequent site asks for personal information that the thieves could use to steal the taxpayer's identity.

"The IRS does not send out unsolicited emails asking for personal information," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. "Don't be taken in by these criminals."

Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, pass-

words or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

This latest email scam is the first one known to reference EFTPS.

The IRS has seen a recent increase in these scams. Since November, 104 different scams have been identified, with 22 of those coming in June, the most since 40 were identified in March during the height of the filing season.

Other scams claiming to come from the IRS tell recipients that they are due a federal tax refund, and direct them to a web site that appears to be a genuine IRS site. The bogus sites contain forms or interactive web pages similar to IRS forms or web pages, but which have been modified to request detailed personal and financial information from the e-mail recipients.

The IRS also has established an electronic mailbox for taxpayers to send information about suspicious emails they receive which claim to come from the IRS. Taxpayers should send the information to: phishing@irs.gov.

For information on identity theft prevention and victim assistance in relation to tax administration, visit the IRS Identity Theft web page which can be found on IRS.gov. Enter the term "identity theft" in the search box in the upper right hand corner.

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Sports



The South Plainfield 10 year-old All Star Summer Fun Champions are: front row, Matt Ward, Justin Marks, Ray Jazikoff and Cody O'Connor; middle row, Robert Eggert, Tim O'Leary, Joel Curran, Aidan McDermott, Anthony Ashnault, AJ Celentano, Mike Polizzano and Sean Cullen and back row, coaches Ray Jazikoff, Glenn Cullen, Joe O'Connor and Bill Ashnault.

10 Year-Old All-Stars Win Edison Summer Fun Tournament in Dramatic Fashion

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball 10 Year-Old Traveling All-Star Team won its third tournament of the year by beating Monroe Purple 8-7 in a dramatic finish to an excellent game.

South Plainfield trailed 7-5 with two outs in the bottom of the sixth. Ray Jazikoff, Cody O'Connor and

Justin Marks each singled to keep the game alive. Joel Curran doubled with the bases loaded to score all three runs for the championship.

Throughout the tournament the 10-year-olds out pitched and out hit the competition. Over the seven game tournament they outscored the competition 99-19. Justin Marks, AJ

Celentano, Mike Polizzano and Cody O'Connor combined for 46 runs scored, and Joel Curran, Sean Cullen, AJ Celentano and Mike Polizzano combined for 41 RBIs. The whole team played like champions. The team's batting average for the tournament was .515 with only 17 strike outs in over 250 trips to the plate.

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

With just four weeks left to go in the regular season, it's getting to be crunch time and defending champions, KC's Korner, clearly stands ready for the pressure.

Going head-to-head against a strong Eddie's Grinders team, KC's Korner rose to the occasion with a superb effort led by Mark "The Spark" Dugan's terrific even-par 33 and soundly whipped the Grinders, 19-1. Rich Steele fired a 37 and Dan Conti and Tony Cotone came through with 39s for KC's Korner. Ed Banach won the medal for the Grinders with a 35 and Jay Bertleson had a 39.

Witty's moved into a tie for second place in the American Division by downing 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, 14-6. Howard Adler had a solid round of 37, and Kevin Buckunas pitched in with a 38 for Witty's, while Jim Gash continued his fine play for 2 Buds, 2 Dubs and posted an impressive 2-over 35.

Pornovets had to give some strokes in their match against Plainfield Animal Hospital and it cost them as they got crushed, 17-3. Sub Mike Kavka was low man for Pornovets with a 37; Andy Oravec's 40 was good enough to gain medallist honors for PAH.

The Hackers gained an easy 16-4 victory over the VFW to regain first place in the National Division. Bill Mann put it all together with some

excellent drives, beautiful approach shots, and a good touch on the greens in carding a 36 to lead the way for the Hackers. Teammates Todd Sherman and Kevin Boyce both posted 37s as the Hackers showed they are going to play very tough to hold on to their slim first-place lead.

In the most competitive match of the night, Twin City and Patti's Construction both played very well and had to settle for a 10-10 tie. Joe Dillar had a 36, Guy Severini scored a 37 and Jay Coppola left a couple of strokes out there and still had a 38 for Twin City. Patti's Construction had fine efforts from Mike Behr and Jovial Matt Ward, who shot 38s.

The Big Three of Buy-Rite Liquors knew they had to shoot some low numbers against Sport & Social because of their handicap differences, and the dynamic trio of Danny Griffin, Mike King and Al Szumski came through brilliantly, as Irish Danny Griffin had a nifty 1-over 34 and King and Szumski both had splendid rounds of 35. Dennis Bibby was once again the medallist for Sport & Social with a nice round of 38.

Low Scores for the Night: Mark Dugan, 33; Danny Griffin, 34; Ed Banach, 35; Jim Gash, 35; Mike King, 35; Al Szumski, 35; Joe Dillar, 36; and Bill Mann, 36.

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2 Eddie's Grinders ..	6	5	0	Twin City	6	3	0
3 Witty's	6	5	0	Buy-Rite Liquors	6	4	1
4 Pornovets	5	6	0	Sport & Social	6	5	0
5 2 Buds, 2 Dubs .	5	6	0	Patti's Const.	4	6	1
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Sports



Nine-Year-Old Junior Baseball All Stars with their trophies from the Woodbridge Summer Tournament.

Junior Baseball Nine-Year-Olds Win Woodbridge Summer Tournament

The South Plainfield Americans nine-year-old Traveling All-Star Baseball Team took first place in the Woodbridge Invitational Tournament. The Americans won six consecutive games against teams from Fords, Edison and Monroe, NY, cul-

minating in a 9-1 championship game victory over a courageous Woodbridge team.

Throughout the tournament the team tallied a total of 74 runs, with contributions from Kyle Dickerson, Brian Gillen, Joey Hart and LJ

Scarpitto. Stellar defensive play was provided by Vincent Pellegrino, John Chillemi, Mike Olano, Ryan Walsh and Tommy Dunn. The superb pitching, which held opponents to a combined 13 runs, was led by Mark Stasio, Chris Graves and Kyle Moroney.



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club 13-year-old All Star team recently won the District #9 tournament. They also won two games in the State Tournament last week.

JR Licato wins the Junior Club Championship at the West Nine

Playing with teammates at South Plainfield High, JR Licato came from two shots back to defeat defending champ Anthony Moretti and Dan McCreesh, his teammates, by six shots.

After shooting a two over 35 on

the first nine, he came back with an even par 33 and one under par 32 to win the Junior Club Championship. He posted six birdies on the day to coast to his first Junior Club Championship.

Submitted by Michael Kavaka

JR Licato	35	33	33	100
Anthony Moretti	33	37	35	105
Dan McCreesh	36	35	34	105
David Telson	39	33	44	116
Steve Wiczorek	45	42	42	129
Richie Szeliga	47	43	43	133
Joshua Rivera	43	45	42	130
Robert Hoffman	47	43	43	133
Dominick Papa	43	44	48	135
Mark Benak	48	46	48	142
Albert Vill	54	51	53	158

Youth Soccer League Sign-Ups

The South Plainfield Recreation's 2006 Youth Soccer Program begins Saturday, Sept. 16. Registration began June 6 and continues to Aug. 14.

South Plainfield children between the ages of six and 13 are invited to participate and must be six years old by Oct. 1, 2006. The fee is \$35 per child. After Aug. 14 fee is \$50. The fee is not refundable.

Register at the PAL. First time players must show a birth certificate.

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SPEA Congratulates Retirees



Grant School Principal Leo Walen with retirees Barbara Florio and Ann Marie Nelson

The South Plainfield Education Association is pleased to congratulate the following teachers and educational support personnel on their retirement from the school district this year. They include Grace Decillis, Middle School; Dorothy Ewing, Roosevelt Administration Building; Janet Flanagan-Wurtz, High School; Annmarie Nelson, Grant; Madeline Oliphant, Franklin; Lynne Reebe, Grant; Linda Sausville, Middle School; Mary Jean Smith, Middle School; Marie Stemmler, Franklin; Ellen Sturm, Roosevelt; Addison Williams, Roosevelt; and Katherine Wolpert, Middle School.

GRACE DECILLIS

retired early this year as a secretary in the South Plainfield School District. Her first position was secretary to the plant manager at the Administration Building. After the district privatized the custodial service and the post of plant manager was eliminated, she became the secretary to the assistant principal at the Middle School in 1995 and continued there until her retirement. She is now spending her time reading, crocheting, relaxing and enjoying her nine grandchildren.

JANET FLANAGAN-WURTZ

was an educator for 38 years. Apart from teaching Family and Consumer Services at South Plainfield High School for 18 years, she has had a very varied career. She previously taught at the junior high level in other districts and college levels, and served as a supervisor of vocational education in Indiana and New Jersey. She was also an educational representative for the JC Penny Company, conducting teacher workshops and television/radio interviews in a nine state region. In addition to all of these educational positions, she also had her own business for 10 years, working as a marketing and communications consultant. Flanagan-Wurtz was a Home

Economics Education major at Montclair State College and received a Master's degree in Home Economics from Indiana State University. She is a member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, New Jersey Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, SPEA, NJEA and NEA. In 1993 she was selected as a SPHS Governor's Teacher Recognition Program recipient. Also at SPHS, Flanagan-Wurtz had been the advisor to Family, Career and Community Leaders of America for 17 years. Before leaving New Jersey she was active as a lector, Eucharistic Minister and member of the Educator Advisory Committee at her church. She retired in October to South Carolina, where she is looking forward to "opening my sewing machine and quilting, traveling and bugging my husband and grown children."

BARBARA FLORIO

teaches sixth grade Social Studies at Grant. She has been a teacher for 25 years, and has worked in South Plainfield for 19. Her experience includes grade 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 at Roosevelt and the Middle School, as well as at Grant. She graduated from Newark State College in Union (now Kean University) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. Florio was a 2001-2002 recipient of the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award and was also a former team leader at the Middle School and Grant. She currently serves on the South Plainfield Education Foundation. Her educational memberships include NEA, NJEA, MCEA, SPEA, and PTO. At home Florio keeps busy doing embroidery, crochet and needlepoint. She also enjoys reading, playing the piano and collecting castles.

ELEANOR GAFFNEY

is completing 40 years as an educator, 37 of them here in South Plainfield.

She currently teaches fourth grade at Riley, where she is also the Safety Patrol Advisor. Her past grade level assignments there have included third, fifth and sixth grades. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Kean University and her MA in Elementary Science Education from Fairleigh Dickinson. Gaffney received several professional honors during her teaching career. She was named NJEA and Trenton Thunder Teacher of the Year in 1995, received the CTN Golden Apple Teacher Award in 1997, was named as a Governor's Teacher Recognition Program recipient in 2005 and is included in "Who's Who in American Education." She is a member of NEA, NJEA, MCEA and SPEA. Her interests include traveling, reading, going to the theater and enjoying numerous activities with her family and friends.

LENORE KIELBLOCK

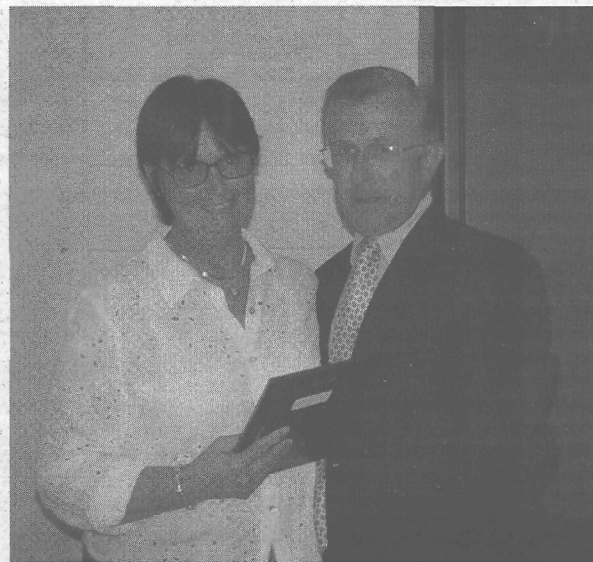
began her career in education 30 years ago and arrived in South Plainfield two years later. She graduated from Trenton State College with a degree in Mathematics. She taught at the Middle School and is currently a member of the Mathematics Department at SPHS, where she is Team Leader. She has also been class advisor and Math Team advisor there. Kielblock is a member of the Association of Mathematics Teachers of NJ, NEA and NJEA, and is listed in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers." Her outside interests include traveling, running and reading.

ANNMARIE NELSON

has been an educator for 34 years, 25 of them in South Plainfield. She has taught grades 4, 5, 7 and 8 at Roosevelt and the Middle School, but is currently teaching sixth grade Science at Grant Elementary. She is a graduate of Jersey City State College (now New Jersey City University), with a BA in Elementary Education. In 1999 Nelson was a Governor's Teacher Recognition Program Award recipient. She is a member of NEA, NJEA, MCEA, SPEA and PTO, as well as the professional organizations of NJ Science Teachers Association and NJ Council of Elementary Science. She served as a Safety Patrol advisor while at Roosevelt. Nelson enjoys playing the piano, reading and traveling.

MADLINE OLIPHANT

was inspired by Helen Keller to become a speech teacher. She has spent a total of 39 years in education; 37 of which were in the South Plainfield Public Schools. Two years prior to joining our school district she worked in Scotch Plains-Fanwood as a speech correctionist, high school speech arts



Middle School Principal Steve Novak congratulates Linda Sausville on her retirement.

teacher and high school drama coach, as well as the Title I Summer Program. In South Plainfield, Oliphant has worked as a speech correctionist at all the schools, although she has been a member of the Franklin faculty for the past 18 years. She also taught at summer school and has been a member of the Title VI Summer Program Child Study Team. During the summer of 2000 she was employed by the Dunellen School District as a speech correctionist for their summer school program. Her South Plainfield extra-curricular activities include volunteering to chaperone numerous events, participating in the kindergarten parents tea and serving as a member of the Franklin Sunshine Committee. Oliphant received her degree from Montclair State University, where she majored in Speech Sciences and minored in Speech Arts and Dramatics. She also did an advanced speech therapy practicum at St. Barnabas Medical Center. In addition to a teaching certification, she is licensed as a Speech Language Pathologist by the State of New Jersey. In 2002 Oliphant was the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program honoree from Franklin School. In her personal life Oliphant has a great love of the outdoors and lives with her husband and daughter on a small farm in Readington Township where she breeds show dogs and horses. She is an active member of Hunterdon Hills Collie Club and a member of the Quarter Century Collie Group of the Collie Club of America. She has also been a member of many professional associations, including a charter member and past officer of the Middlesex County Speech and Hearing Association. For the past several years Oliphant has also been actively involved in the issue of organ donations and in fostering awareness of this urgent need. Other

areas of interest include gardening, antiquing and theater arts.

LYNNE REEBE

retired during the school year. Her final position was as Special Education Resource Room and In-Class Support fifth grade teacher at Grant School. Prior to that she taught special needs sixth, seventh and eighth graders at the Middle School for approximately 20 years, where she also worked in the Information Center and was the Homework Club advisor. Reebe began her teaching career 26 years ago as a third grade teacher in Dunellen and came to South Plainfield the following year. She received her Bachelor's degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison and earned a Teacher of the Handicapped Certificate from Kean College and later a Master's degree in Learning Disabilities, also from Kean. Reebe was a member of NJEA. Since retiring, she and her husband have moved to Barnegat. Reebe also hopes to begin another career in her new location.

LINDA SAUSVILLE

recently retired after 36 years of teaching in South Plainfield. Although she taught eighth grade Language Arts for a few years, she spent the majority of her career, including her final year, in seventh grade Language Arts. She is listed in "Who's Who of America's Teachers, 4th Edition." Sausville earned her undergraduate degree in English Education, Secondary 7-12 from Montclair State. She is a member of National Council of Teachers of English, the Rotary Club and International Airlines Travel Agent Network. She pursues her love of traveling by working part time at Park

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Obituaries

Teresa Malec, 96

Teresa Malec died on Thursday, July 20 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born to Anthony and Marion Cirigliano in New York City on Dec. 28, 1909. The family moved to South Plainfield when she was three years old and had lived here ever since.

She was an excellent seamstress and crocheter. Teresa worked for many years for the Middlesex Dress Co., the Bruno Dress Co. and the Queen Dress Co. and was a long time member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

Her most important career was that of being a homemaker for her husband and family. She was especially devoted to her three grandchildren and two great grandchildren and had never missed any of her grandsons' baseball games from the time they were eight years old until they graduated high school.

Teresa loved all sports and was an avid Yankees fan. She was an original member of the Italian American Club in South Plainfield.

A devout Catholic, she was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield. Because of her special devotion to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Teresa had been responsible for the collection of offerings so that a special Mass at Sacred Heart was held on her feast day for the past 60 years.

She was predeceased by two sisters, Fay Sindet and Rose Kapsak, and four brothers, Frank, John, Joe and Thomas Cirigliano.

Teresa leaves behind her husband of 70 years, Walter A. Malec; two daughters, Patricia Kudrick and husband Jack, Jane Doherty; a son, Anthony Malec, all of South Plainfield; three sisters, Elizabeth Cirigliano of South Plainfield, Mildred Bruno and Mary Bellina, both of Edison; three grandchildren, John Kudrick, DC and Jimmy and Teri Ann Doherty; two great grandchildren, Taylor and Jack Kudrick and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Jacob J. "Jack" Minarck, 78

Jacob J. Minarck died on Wednesday, July 19 at home.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Jack had resided in South Plainfield for the past 49 years.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, he served during the Korean Conflict.

Jack worked as a sheet metal worker for over 30 years with A. F. Neumanns in Plainfield, retiring 16 years ago.

An avid sports fan, Mr. Minarck enjoyed fishing, reading and playing cards. More importantly, Jack loved going on family vacations and spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Joy (Hunt); two daughters, Carrie George and husband Charlie and Stacey DeCillis and her late husband Nicky, both of South Plainfield; a sis-

ter, Dorothy Nace of Pittstown; a brother, Andrew of South Plainfield and seven grandchildren, Amanda, Charlie, Michael, Nicholas, Dana and Leann.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Sarah Ann (Pozarycki) Fekete, 27

Sarah Ann (Pozarycki) Fekete passed away on Monday, July 17 at home.

Born in Plainfield, she grew up in South Plainfield until she married and moved to Newark, Del. Sarah was a graduate of South Plainfield High School and a former member of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad.

Sarah is preceded by her mother, Patricia, who passed away in 1999.

Surviving are her husband, William Fekete of Newark, Del.; her father, Walter Pozarycki of Edison; two sisters, Melanie McCarthy and husband Andrew of Howell and Kristin Pozarycki of North Plainfield and her parents-in-law, William Sr. and Johanna Fekete of Newark, Del.

Funeral services were held at South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Dominick A. Aiello, Sr., 83

Dominick A. Aiello Sr. died on Monday, July 17 at home.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Mr. Aiello had lived in South Plainfield for the past 54 years.

A proud veteran of WWII, Dominick served with the army and was discharged in 1954. An avid coin collector, he was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church and the VFW Post #6763.

He is predeceased by his wife, Josephine M., who died in 1968 and a brother, Michael.

Surviving are a daughter, Donna Mega and husband Gary of Metuchen; a son, Dominick A. Jr. of South Plainfield and a brother, Salvatore and wife Rosalie of Westfield.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Dominick's name to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main St. Fords, NJ 08863 or to the Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, Edison, NJ 08818.

Eugenia (Kargalsky) Marinich, 70

Eugenia (Kargalsky) Marinich died on Monday, July 17 at her home.

Born in Rykynice, Slovakia, as a child she had lived in Austria, coming to the United States at the age of 15. She resided in New York City, becoming a citizen of the U.S. in 1962 and settling in South Plainfield in 1969.

Eugenia had attended the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York and was an Arthur Murray Dance Instructor, appearing frequently on the Arthur Murray TV Show.

After raising her children, she worked as an administrative assistant for the South Plainfield Board of Education, retiring in 1997.

Since 1978, she had been an active member of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church in South Plainfield. She was also a member of the Terra Nova Garden Club and volunteered her time to cancer patients who needed transportation for doctor's visits and treatments.

She is survived by her husband, Oleg; a stepson, George; three sons, Victor, Andre and Mark and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church.

Carl E. Mattson, 74

Carl E. "Uncle Freddie" Mattson died on Sunday, July 16 in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mr. Mattson had resided in South Plainfield for 32 years.

A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Mattson served during the Korean Conflict and was honorably discharged in 1952.

For 25 years, he worked as a toll collector for the New Jersey Turnpike, retiring in 1992.

An avid gardener, he enjoyed wood-working and taking trips to Atlantic City.

He is predeceased by a sister, Charlotte Rechsteiner and a brother, Leon.

Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Margaret "Peggy" (Berkheimer); a devoted godchild, Patti-Jo Larsen; eight nieces and nephews; 13 great nieces and nephews; and three sisters-in-law, Noreen, Kathleen and Patsy.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.



A Franklin School student celebrates the end of the school year at an all day party held for the entire student body. The parking lot was turned into a mini fair with a DJ, games and inflatable rides. Each grade came out separately for their own share of the fun.

St. Stephen Announces Creative Arts Competition Winners

St. Stephen the Protomartyr Antiochian Orthodox Church, located on Lane Ave. has announced the winners from their parish in a regional Creative Arts Competition. This year's theme was the Bible verse, Joel 2:28. The children of the parish interpreted the Bible verse through art, photography and writing.

Art Winners were: second place, sixth grader Michael Sabastiano and eighth grader Eric Waser and first place, ninth grader Lyad Ghanim.

Photography Winners were: third place, second grader Sophia El-Choueri; first place, fourth grader Rowena Kanj; third place, fifth grader Christian Tewfik; first place, sixth

grader, Farris Ghanim; second place, sixth grader Michael Sabastiano; third place, sixth grader Meenas Lotfalla; third place, eighth grader Eric Waser; and third place, high school student Brittany Waser.

Creative Writing Winners were: first place, second grader Alex Mandalakis and third place, eighth grader Eric Waser.

All winners received their medals from His Grace Bishop Thomas, at the Eastern Region Conference in July.

The parish of St. Stephen's invites you to come and worship the Divine Liturgy, which is celebrated each Sunday at 10 a.m.

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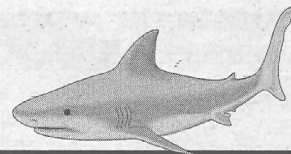
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Sports



Tiger Sharks Score High At Roycefield Invitational Sprint Meet

On July 9 The Roycefield Swim Club in Hillsborough hosted their annual Invitational Sprint Meet. Three South Plainfield swimmers were the high point scorers for their age groups and received high point trophies for their efforts. Twelve-year-old Dylan McDermott took the high point score for his age group with a perfect score of 40. Dylan has consecutively won this title for each age group since he was six years old. Seven-year-old Nicholas Gurrieri won for his age group with a score of 39 and Caitlyn Cassidy also had a perfect score of 40 in the 16-18 age group. Taylor Aljian placed second for the high scorers in the 10-year-old category, missing first place by one point. In the coaches' Individual Medley, Assistant Coach Sarah Blessing placed third for the female coaches and twelfth overall for both male and female coaches.

The Invitational Sprint Meet consists of 25-yard races in butterfly, back,

breast and freestyle. Medals are awarded to those placing first, second or third and ribbons for fourth through tenth place. Individual swimmers accrue points for the place they win; first place receives 10 points and tenth place receives one point. South Plainfield made a fine showing at this invitational as they have over the last 10 years.

Seven-year-olds—Cristian Butrico was eighth in freestyle and sixth in breaststroke. Nicholas Gurrieri was first in freestyle, first in backstroke, first in butterfly and second in breaststroke.

Nine-year-olds—Kelley O'Brien was sixth in freestyle, first in backstroke, fourth in butterfly and sixth in breaststroke. Enzo Butrico was seventh in freestyle, fifth in backstroke, fourth in butterfly and fifth in breaststroke. Madison Faustini was ninth in breaststroke.

Ten-year-olds—Kaitlyn Faustini was ninth in freestyle, seventh in back-

stroke and fifth in breaststroke. Joey Valentino was sixth in freestyle, eighth in backstroke, fifth in butterfly and seventh in breaststroke. Charlie Butrico was eighth in freestyle, third in backstroke, sixth in butterfly and fourth in breaststroke. Taylor Aljian was fourth in freestyle, third in backstroke, third in butterfly and second in breaststroke and Amy Zinsky was seventh in butterfly and eighth in breaststroke.

Eleven-year-olds—Anthony Gurrieri was second in freestyle, third in backstroke, seventh in butterfly and fourth in breaststroke.

Twelve-year-olds—Kelly McLaughlin was ninth in freestyle and tenth in butterfly. Maggie Valentino was eighth in backstroke and tenth in breaststroke. Kate O'Brien was tenth in backstroke and first in breaststroke. Dylan McDermott was first in freestyle, first in backstroke, first in butterfly and first in breaststroke.

Thirteen-year-olds—Chelsea Cullen was eighth in freestyle, ninth in backstroke and seventh butterfly. Sarah Konops was ninth in butterfly and seventh in breaststroke.

Fourteen-year-olds—Emily Piekarski was ninth in freestyle, seventh in backstroke, seventh in butterfly and ninth in breaststroke.

Fifteen-year-olds—Alan Kasmer was tenth in backstroke and seventh in breaststroke. Michael Boyle was tenth in freestyle.

16 to 18 year-olds—Caitlin Cassidy was first in freestyle, first in backstroke, first in butterfly and first in breaststroke.

The Tiger Sharks would like to thank their coaches and parents for all they do to make the swimming season a successful and enjoyable one. Thanks to all those parents who make sure the swimmers are up and ready for those early morning practices and meets, as well as the parents who make

sure the bags are packed with nutritious food, goggles, sweats, towels, etc. To the coaches for all their hard work and support. The Tiger Sharks would not be the team they are without all the help they receive. Thank you to all!

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Eagles Football and Cheerleading Pre-Season Field Cleanup

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheerleading program is holding a pre-season field cleanup and field house re-organization this Saturday, July 29 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Field House on Kenneth Ave.

Parents and guardians of registered players—this is your chance to get your work detail completed before the beginning of the season!

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Artwork from 109 professional and non-professional Middlesex County artists over age 60, who participated in the county's Department on Aging Senior Art Contest, are on display at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Maple Ave.

The works are part of a county contest, which included artwork in nine different medias. Professional and non-professional artists were judged separately.

All the works will be on display at

the South Plainfield Senior Center through Aug. 21. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and 9 a.m. to noon Saturdays.

The show is free and open to the public.

First place winners from each category go on to compete in the New Jersey State Senior Citizens Arts Contest exhibited in September.

Mary Ann Iannitto, a South Plainfield resident, placed second in the non-professional division.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Zoma Terrell requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 1) proposed deck that lacks 30' front setback; 13' proposed; and 2) deck exceeds lot coverage by 70 s.f. or 1.3%; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 231 Cedarbrook Avenue on Block 190, Lot 9 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, August 10, 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 28, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Harry Popik for public improvements at 301 Somerset Avenue in South Plainfield, Block 409, Lot 2.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by Harry Popik for public improvements at 301 Somerset Avenue in South Plainfield known as Lot 2, Block 409 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held on Monday, August 8, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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All About Pets....

By Dr. Anthony Loomis DVM,
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It's great to enjoy summer with your pet. But it's also the time when they have the greatest risk of injury and heat-related health problems. By following a few summer pet safety tips, you can keep your animal healthy and enjoy the months of sun and fun.

Never leave your pet unattended in your car, not even if you crack the windows or park in the shade. Even on a cool day, the car temperature can rise above 150° in minutes. It's extremely dangerous and the number one cause of heatstroke. If you need to run some errands, leave your pets at home.

Always provide your pets with plenty of fresh, cool water. Dogs, and even cats, drink more on hot days and water warms up quickly. Make sure you check the water bowl several times throughout the day to make sure it's full. If you take your pet out or go on a long walk make sure you bring water along.

Don't leave your pets outside for long periods of time unsupervised on hot or humid days. Elderly, very young, and ill animals have a hard time regulating their body temperature, so make sure they stay cool and out of the sun on steamy summer days. Overweight dogs are also more prone to overheating, because their extra layers of fat act as insulation, which traps heat in their bodies and restricts their breathing capabilities. Heatstroke is a



Dr. Anthony Loomis

medical emergency. Signs to look out for are panting, high fever, dry skin, rapid heartbeat, vomiting and collapse. If you suspect your pet has heatstroke you must act quickly and calmly. Call your veterinarian immediately. Lower the animal's body temperature by applying

towels soaked in cool water to the hairless areas of the body. Even with emergency treatment, heatstroke can be fatal. The best cure is prevention.

When you are planning your summer vacation, don't forget to plan for your pet's care. If they are going to be boarded, make sure your pets are up to date on their vaccines. It takes approximately two weeks for a vaccine to be effective. Bordetella-kennel cough-is a necessary vaccine for dogs when they are going to interact with other dogs, such as in boarding, grooming, training or other social settings. Make sure you pack your pet's food and any medication he or she is on. Provide detailed instructions and your veterinarians contact information to your pet sitter.

Follow these instructions to ensure a safe and fun summer for you and your pets.

By Kenneth Morgan

We've just got time for one more July column from the library:

Don't forget about the special program "Maximize your IRA" on Saturday morning at 11. Kevin R. Garron of New York Life will address several issues related to retirement planning. There's no charge for the program; no pre-registration is required.

We'll stay with our summer schedule for our children's story programs. By "summer schedule," we mean the following: Storytime programs will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's" will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 and on Wednesday morning at 10:30. "Books-N-Babies" will be held on Thursday and Friday morning at 10:30. And "Reading with Ms. Mija," will be held on Thursday evening at 6:30. Sign up is not necessary for these programs. On Monday evening at 6:30, we'll have a summer Kidcraft program, where children can make a "frog bucket." There's a \$1 materials fee for this program; pre-registration is required. For more information, call and ask for Miss Linda.

Meanwhile, our older patrons of all ages can also get involved in Summer Reading programs. The Young Adult Club will have an earring craft program on Thursday at 6:30. This program is free; no pre-registration is needed. And there's still time to sign up for the Adult Summer Reading Club. For more details, ask for Jaimie (for the YA activities) or Chris (for the Adult activities).

Our Notary Public will be away on vacation starting Friday, Aug. 4. Well-rested and rarin' to go (we hope!), he'll be back on duty on Monday, Aug. 14.

Here's another program for young people: there will be a three-day Babysitting Workshop on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 7-9. Each session runs from 10 a.m. to noon. Presented free, the workshop is for young people age 11-18; it will teach participants basic principles of child safety and discipline. Space is limited, participants must pre-register at the library. There will be a break during each session, so bring a snack. The program is presented by the Middlesex County Public Health Department.

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hot and humid (correction: HOT AND HUMID!!) and the library's A/C system working OK, we have a request: please don't abuse our semi-automatic, handicapped-accessible doors. When you keep opening them unnecessarily, you let all of our cool air out of the building, causing our A/C system to work harder, which causes us to use more power, which results in higher electrical bills, which results in less money for materials, which results in dissatisfied customers, which causes our circulation to drop, which causes the town to downsize our operation, which causes personnel layoffs, which hurts the national economy, which hurts the world economy. So, we ask that you save the world from monetary disaster by not using the automatic doors unless you need to, and then only for the minimum time needed. Yes, sometimes, you can indeed make a difference in the world!

With that stern warning and uplifting encouragement, we'll close things out this week. For more details, call (908) 754-7885 or visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

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Spare Hand Lands Dancer In Court

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and DNA was taken in an attempt to provide the identity of the hand.

Kay, 31, graduated from Scotch Plains Fanwood High School and attended Rutgers University for a period of time. She works as an exotic dancer at a nude juice bar, Hott 22, on Rt. 22 in Union. The owner of the club, Daniel Russo, said that Kay performed in Goth outfits and had many piercings and tattoos. One tattoo was an upside down "3" on the back of her neck.

Police say they have visited the residence nine times in the past year for complaints from neighbors ranging from fireworks to loud music, as well as from other occupants who also frequent the home. They had also noticed occult-like objects in and around the home.

Police Chief John Ferraro and Capt. Brembt were swamped Monday and Tuesday by cameras from local and major television networks and phone calls from media publications. Brembt says he even received a call from *The New York Times*.

McDonough has not been located, however, there is a previous warrant out for his arrest. Polina Nickulina, 26, who also lives at the home and works with Kay, was home at the time and arrested on an outstanding warrant for failure to appear in court on a weapons charge. Kay still refuses to tell police where or how she obtained the body parts. She was released on \$100,000 bail and, if convicted, faces up to five years on the third degree charge. Kay was due to appear for arraignment in the South Plainfield Municipal Court on Wednesday, but she failed to appear. Judge John Leonard issued a warrant for her arrest and revoked her bail. Chief John Ferraro told news reporters, "We will be actively looking for her."