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Special Public Meeting
Monday, July 21, 2008

A Special Public Meeting of the Mayor and Council will be held on July 21 at 7 p.m. in the courtroom of the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue. Purpose of this meeting is to award contracts for improvements to various roads within the borough. For information contact Joann L. Graf, (908) 226-7606.

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Riley School students attempt to dunk Principal Al Czech during the school's Carnival Day. Story and photos, see page 12.

EPA Issues Update on Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Site Cleanup

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which heads up the cleanup of the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics (CDE) Superfund Site issued an update on the status of the cleanup activities.

In May 2008, the EPA completed the demolition of the 18 contaminated

buildings at the former CDE facility. The buildings were contaminated with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and metals, such as arsenic, chromium, mercury, and lead. Approximately 26,400 tons of building debris were transported off-site to approved landfills via truck.

In June 2008 the EPA completed excavating approximately 21,000 tons of capacitor debris and soils from an area in the undeveloped portion of the facility, identified as the capacitor disposal area. The debris in this area was contaminated with PCBs.

The EPA is in the process of completing the remedial design to address the remaining contaminated soils at the industrial park. These soils will be excavated and treated on site by low temperature thermal desorption. The remedial design provides specifications that must be sustained throughout the construction activities. The remedial design for this portion of the cleanup is anticipated to be completed within the next several months.

Prior to commencing the on-site treatment of contaminated soils by low temperature thermal desorption, EPA will hold a public information session locally to discuss the construction activities with the community.

The EPA has started cleanup of residential, commercial and municipal properties adjacent to the facility. PCB-contaminated soil and interior dust have been removed from 19 properties near the former CDE facility.



Stumps, Bumps and Grumps—Some residents expressed concern about the removal of 14 Sycamore trees on Linden Avenue to make way for milling, paving, sewer work and speed humps. Borough Engineer Len Miller says the trees' roots are impacting the stability of the road.

Your Vote Can Help Vietnamese Students

By Libby Barsky

When Philip Veinott extended his February school break at William Paterson College to visit Vietnam, he returned home determined to find a way to provide school supplies for Vietnamese youngsters he had met.

"Many of the kids don't have these supplies because their parents only have money for tuition," explained Veinott.

Veinott registered his idea to supply learning tools to Vietnamese children with www.ideablog.com, a Web site that offers a prize of \$10,000. The catch is that in order to win the

prize the plan you present must get the most votes.

To vote, visit www.ideablog.com. You must be 18 or older to participate. Once registration is completed, a confirmation E-mail will be sent and then you can vote for "Vietnam."

Veinott is asking as many people as possible to register and vote for his Vietnam plan. There is a time limit on the voting that will end on July 30.

"I took a chance," says Veinott of going to Vietnam during his college break in February.

His boss at Costco invited him



Philip Veinott

to stay with his family who lives in Long An, Vietnam. Living with the family meant Veinott shared his room with others, sleeping covered by a net to prevent being bitten by insects, and sharing a bucket of water with 10 others in the morning. The school was nearby and he saw the need the children have for learning materials.

"I found the country to be beautiful and I loved it," said Veinott of his two week stay.

Veinott is planning to return to Vietnam again in February and intends to stay even longer this time.

Resident Warns of Contractor Fraud

By Libby Barsky

"I was scammed and I want others to know, so it doesn't happen to them," said Jackie Jackson.

Jackson is confined to a wheelchair due to multiple sclerosis, sarcoidosis and fibromyalgia. She searched long and hard before purchasing a mother/daughter home in South Plainfield in February of 2007.

As the weather warmed up, Jackson began making plans to have an outside get-together with friends and family and to enjoy the backyard with its in-ground pool. Initially, she planned for the event to occur at the end of June 2007. It never happened. This is Jackson's second summer since purchasing the home and she is still waiting to have a backyard party.

Jackson's nightmare started when she decided to upgrade the fence in her yard.

"The fence was weather beaten and the gate didn't seem too secure. I wanted to replace it with a vinyl fence,"

required from the post office, but it was returned unopened. She then

contacted the Better Business Bureau and the Department Consumer of Affairs and discovered the license number listed for the business wasn't in effect.

Over the winter the existing fence became so battered by the weather that the gate had to be secured every evening. Overnight it would loosen and fall against the garage, making it impossible for Jackson to access her car. She had to push the gate back away from the garage with the force of her wheelchair to get to her car.

Jackson had given the contractor \$13,500 for the new backyard fence and pavers to go around the pool, but because of the danger and liability of leaving a broken fence surrounding the property, she paid Home Depot over \$10,000 to install a new fence. The paver work is still not done.

Although Jackson has spent the past year trying to clear her backyard of the concrete debris, much of it remains in piles around the yard. The



Piles of broken up concrete still litter Jackie Jackson's backyard after contractor, American Trimmer, stopped work to place pavers around her she explained.

Jackson didn't know who to contact to put in a new fence, so she asked a friend who was having extensive work done in her home by a contractor named American Trimmer Company of Howell. Jackson went to see the crew at work.

Contractor Francisco Monterosso came to Jackson's home at the end of April 2007. She told him she wanted to replace the fence. As they were walking in her yard he noticed cracks in the cement around the pool and suggested that he pull the concrete and put in new pavers around the pool. Plans on what he proposed to do were prepared on American Trimmer Company's letterhead. He asked for and received a down payment for the work. There was never a contract.

American Trimmer contractors came to Jackson's home and ripped out the existing concrete around the pool in May 2007, but the work stopped there and no attempt was ever made to install the new pavers or to replace the fence.

In August, Jackson mailed a registered letter with a return receipt

result is a yard littered with concrete, making it impossible for her to use her backyard.

On June 15 Jackson filed a criminal complaint against American Trimmer with the South Plainfield Police.

On June 23 Detectives Dan Noonan and Antonia Grasso arrested Francisco Monterosso. Bail was set at \$50,000, which he posted on June 27.

Not only did Monterosso deceive Jackson, but Jackson's friends, Sandra Conroy and Michael Thompson of Piscataway, have also charged Monterosso in criminal complaints. The complaints have been forwarded to the Middlesex County Prosecutor's office.

Detective Noonan advises consumers to check with the Better Business Bureau and the Department of Consumer Affairs to determine if a business has a proper license or a complaint filed against it.

Local South Plainfield contractor Jim Corcia gives this advice, "Before signing a contract for work, research the company, ask to see completed jobs and if possible, find out who the contractor's supplier is and the contractor's credit status."

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS air on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.
AGENDA and/or Other SPECIAL Meetings air Saturday at 8 p.m.
BOE meetings air Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.



(Check community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

To purchase a copy of a complete Borough Council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*.

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, except as noted.* All meetings begin at 7 p.m.
 Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting

Public Meeting

..... July 14
Special Public Meeting Monday July 21 at 7 p.m.
 August 4 August 11
 September 2 (Tuesday) September 8

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue .

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month
 Senior Center, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7605

July 24, August 14, August 28, September 12, September 26

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
 Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

July 24, August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23,
 November 30*, December 11*.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.: August 13, September 10, October 8,
 November 12, December 10, January 14, February 11, March 11 and April 1.

Regular Public Meeting, Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.: July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15,
 Nov. 19, Dec. 17, January 21, February 18, March 18 and April 8.

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

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, 7 p.m.
 July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16.

environmental commission

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

August 13, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10, January 14.

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 on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

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.

IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

To Our Friends:

Our family would like to thank everyone who offered comfort and assistance to us during our recent unexpected time of sorrow.

Kay Seesselberg was a loving mother and friend. All who knew her cherished the time spent with her, remembered her smile and could count on her to lend a hand and get involved.

Her loss last week will leave a large void in all of us. At the visitation, a friend said to me, "She lived 'til she died." A finer tribute would be hard to find.

My mother was a caring and sharing person, and this continued as she left this life when she donated some of her organs to help others through transplant and research through the Sharing Network. She had listed "organ donor" on her driver's license, and everyone should consider this as a way to live on and help others.

We would like to thank the friends who helped us in many ways—the staff in ICU at J.E.K. Medical Center, Rick McCriskin and his associates at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals and Our Lady of Czestochowa parish.

I personally would like to thank the unknown woman who, when my mom fell and needed help, grabbed her cell phone and dialed the "in case of emergency" number, which I had programmed in as my cell number. I was able to get to the scene in a matter of minutes and spend the last hour or so talking and comforting my mother when she needed it most. I would encourage everyone to take the time to program a number in the specific emergency location on the phone, or under the name ICE in the directory. It seems like a small thing, but it made a significant difference in two lives that day.

**WITH GRATEFUL THANKS,
 BILL SEESSELBERG AND FAMILY**

To the Editor:

What is happening on Linden Avenue between Maple Avenue and East Crescent Parkway? All the trees are being cut down!

I called and asked Councilman Anesh. His response was that they are putting in speed bumps. What has that got to do with trees? Councilman

Anesh then said that they were also putting in sewer lines. If sewer lines have to be put in—great; but you don't have to cut down a whole block of trees. I challenged this reasoning and was told that the trees were not the right kind to be planted there. These trees have been on Linden Avenue for over 40 years.

When asked if they were going to replace the better than 14 or so trees, and that's just on one side, I was told that the borough has a tree planting program. And just what does this mean? Calls were also made to Councilmen Bengivenga and Rusnak. The response was the same.

Fishing for answers—this doesn't make sense. Think of the impact this will have on our environment and our children.

MARIO N. CICCONE

Dear Editor,

In this exciting election year, we have all heard a great deal about "change" which seems to be the mantra of many candidates. Many of us here in New Jersey are ready for change. To me a candidate who supports my hopes for change is Linda Stender who is running for Congress in the 7th District in November.

I am tired of reading in the newspapers about more soldiers being sent to Iraq. America has lost far too many lives, and many returning soldiers have returned with severe physical and psychological injuries that will affect them for the rest of their lives. We have lost the respect of many countries overseas and have lost status as a powerful world power. We have spent unimaginable sums of money that could be better spent aiding disaster victims in the United States, improving education, and giving many deprived American children better healthcare.

I am alarmed by the skyrocketing healthcare costs across the nation and New Jersey. How can we not provide even the most basic health care to all children in the greatest country in the world? Why do we have seniors who cannot pay for all the prescription drugs that they require to maintain their health? Shouldn't all Americans have access to affordable health care?

I am fearful of an economy that is out of control. Eight years ago this

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country was more financially secure; now we are in a financial mess. The stock market is frightening, and food and gas prices are staggering. The housing market is disastrous.

Linda Stender seems to me to be a genuinely-concerned and informed candidate who wishes to be part of a movement for change here in New Jersey and the United States. Linda believes that it is time to bring our soldiers home from Iraq and wants to restore fiscal discipline in Washington. She opposes irresponsible spending and wants to be part of the solution in preventing us from falling further into debt. She supports affordable, quality health care for all Americans, especially children. Linda Stender is the candidate that I will vote for in November.

PAM HARTKOPF

Tickets to "Wicked" Available at Rec Dept.

The Recreation Department has 43 tickets to the Broadway show, "Wicked," on Sunday, Sept. 7. Bus leaves the PAL at 11:30 a.m. for the 3 p.m. show. Tickets are \$130.

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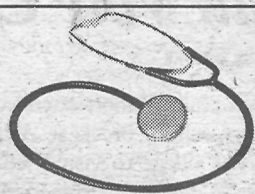
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The Jerseyaires Barbershop Chorus was one of the entertainers at St. Stephen's International Festival.

St. Stephen's Holds First International Festival

Saint Stephen's Orthodox Church on Lane Avenue held its first International Festival last month and it was a great success with approximately 1,000 people attending.

The original idea for the festival was based on similar, very popular events held by St. Stephen's sister churches in Northern New Jersey. The reason for the success of this first time event are familiar: great food, live entertainment, attractive raffle prizes, various vendors and all around fun and games.



Festival guests were treated to a variety of ethnic foods including Middle Eastern, Greek, Italian, Columbian and familiar American cuisine. The Kids Corner featured crafts, storytelling, games, cotton candy, balloon sculptures and pony rides were a big hit.

Attendees were treated to continuous entertainment including a DJ, a live Middle Eastern band and the Jerseyaires Barbershop Chorus. The entire festival was held within St. Stephen's new hall and church grounds.

KC's Korner to Host Golf Fundraiser

KC's Korner will be hosting a charity golf outing at Concordia Golf Club in Monroe on Monday, Aug. 11 to raise money for Haven Hospice.

This organization helps terminally ill patients and their families during their most difficult times. Hospice assists these families with home care, pain and comfort issues. Some of these families cannot afford the little things needed that insurance does not cover. That is where this fundraising event and your donations help.

The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the golf course, with breakfast and registration followed by a 9 a.m. shotgun start, scramble format. A luncheon afterwards will be held at KC's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Ave. Food, drinks, prizes and much more await you following the event.

Golfers who want to support a worthy cause should register early. Cost per golfer is \$125 and includes two hour open bar at KC's Korner, buffet luncheon and door prizes. Regular cash bar, no cover charge for non-golfers.

Donations of merchandise or services that can be raffled off and given as prizes during the fundraiser are being accepted now. Monetary donations, gift cards, and store credit are all accepted and considered tax deductible. Any donation is greatly appreciated. Please make checks payable to Haven Hospice.

For more information or to register, please call Grace Ciampi at (732) 599-7222 or mail donations to Haven Hospice, c/o Grace Ciampi, 145 Howard Ave., Edison, N.J. 08837.



The Roma Food Truck made 72 pizza pies.

Gold Card Students Treated to Picnic

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield High School Gold Card picnic was held outside the school on May 21 from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The students attended the picnic in shifts.

The picnic was sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Association, with the help of Officer Marge Reedy. The association also donates prom bids and yearbooks for prizes at the picnic. Other donations came from Sodexo, which donated a variety of hot and cold food. Ices came from Rita's Italian Ice, a 10-foot sub from Hometown Heros, and Roma Food

donated their mobile pizza truck equipped with a large pizza oven and dough ball press that converted 72 dough balls into 582 slices of pizza.

Thank you to all those businesses who help make this picnic memorable for the students.

To qualify for a Gold Card, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA, be involved in at least two extra curricular activities, and have no discipline or attendance issues.

The picnic was started 15 years ago by former Principal Anthony Massaro as an incentive for the students to raise their grades and maintain their GPA.

Adult School Upcoming Trips

Residents have two opportunities to attend the U.S. Tennis Open at Flushing Meadow in August. The South Plainfield Adult School is sponsoring trips on Monday, Aug. 25 and Wednesday, Aug. 7. Bus leaves from the high school at 9 am. The price of each ticket is \$90 and includes admission and transportation.

This fall the adult school is continuing their very popular series of informative walking tours of various districts of New York City. On Saturday, Oct. 4 the bus will leave the SPHS for a visit to the "Hidden Treasures of New York." Among some of the "treasures" are the Shakespeare Garden, Belvedere Castle and Morris Jummel Mansion, Manhattan's oldest home. The price is \$52. The tour is led by Tony Grifa who is a licensed tour guide of I'll Take Manhattan Tours.

On Saturday, March 28 the adult school has planned a trip to a major exhibition: Cezanne and Beyond at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The show features more than 40 paintings and 20 watercolors by French Painter Paul Cezanne. After the museum there will be a driving tour of Philadelphia. The price is \$74.

For a detailed itinerary, or to sign-up for any of these trips, please call the adult school at (908) 754-4620, ext. 213.

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Around Town

Mr. Kurt Sing Along at Library

July 17

The library will host the children's program, "Sing Along with Mr. Kurt" on Thursday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m.

A longtime favorite of South Plainfield Library audiences, Mr. Kurt will perform his trademark silly songs, as well as many old favorites. The program is suggested for children up to age seven. It's being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required.

For more information, call the library at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda, or visit the library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Elks Lodge First Classic Cruise Night

July 18

Elks Lodge #2298 is holding the first annual Classic Cruise Night on Friday, July 18, 6 to 10 p.m. at 1254 New Market Ave. Cars (1932-1975) and motorcycles are welcome. Food, music, trophies, 50/50. Rain date is July 25.

Call (908) 561-4433 or (908) 668-9750 for more information.

SPHS 1968 40th Class Reunion

July 19

South Plainfield High School Class of 1968 40th reunion will be held at the American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue on Saturday, July 19 from 7 to 12 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person with a cash bar.

For information, call Bonnie Gunderson Risoli at (908) 896-7739.

The Lizard Guys at the Senior Center

The library is sponsoring a special children's program featuring the Lizard Guys on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center, located at 90 Maple Ave.

The Lizard Guys is a NJ-based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and various bugs for children ages four and over and is presented free of charge. No pre-registration required.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. You may also visit the Lizard Guys' Web site at www.thelizardguys.com.

What's happening at the

SENIOR CENTER

JULY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Center will be closed on Saturdays during July and August due to minimal attendance. However, if you have suggestions for programs for Saturdays, let us know and we can possibly schedule something.

July 24 – Hunterdon Hills Summer Musical Luncheon, bus, show - \$65

Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am
Yoga 10:30-11:30am
Art Class 11:30am
Board Meets 4pm

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Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social Group 10am

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Aerobics 8:30 am
Computer 10am, 11:30am, 1pm
Line Dancing 10am
Crocheting 1pm
Tai Chi 2pm
Stroke Program-CANCELLED

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Pathmark Shopping 9am
Crafts Class 10am
Computer Class 10am, 11:30am, 1pm
Exercise Class 1:15pm
Bally's Trip 9am

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Bingo 10am-2pm

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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

SPBA Meeting

July 24

South Plainfield Business Association will hold a monthly meeting on Thursday, July 24 at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner on Front Street. Feel free to offer incentives of your business at the meeting or be a guest speaker. This month's "Spotlight on Business" segment will be Graphix One.

Contact Debra Anne Leporino, SPBA president, at SPBAPres@aol.com if you would like to be a guest, a guest speaker or do a five-minute presentation on your business.

First Baptist Presents Bible Stories

August 4-8

Come and join us at VBS! as we learn "We are his...Stories of the Shepherd!" at the First Baptist Church at 201 Front St. from Monday, Aug. 4 through Friday, Aug. 8 at 6:30-8:30 p.m. Children ages five through the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 per child or no more than \$10 per family. Registrations are now being accepted.

For information or to register call the church office at (908) 753-2382.

KC's Korner Charity Golf Fundraiser

August 11

KC's Korner, 100 Oak Tree Ave., is hosting a charity golf outing at Concordia Golf Club in Monroe to benefit Haven Hospice on Monday, Aug. 11 beginning with breakfast/registration at 7:30 a.m. at the course. Shot-

gun start, scramble format 9 a.m. Cost per golfer is \$125 and includes two hour open bar, buffet lunch at KC's Korner and door prizes. Cash bar/no cover charge for non-golfers.

To donate merchandise or services that can be raffled, monetary donations or to register, call Grace Ciampi at (732) 599-7222, or mail donations to Haven Hospice, c/o Grace Ciampi, 145 Howard Ave., Edison, N.J. 08837.

AARP Chapter #4144 Bus Trip

August 18 to 22

AARP #4144 will run a five day charter bus to the New York Catskill Resort Hotel. Cost includes transportation, room, all meals, use of two pools, gym and spa, daytime games, nighttime dancing, entertainment and more! Adults only, non-members are welcome. Double occupancy \$530 per person (\$106 per day!). Singles \$ 630. Beat the heat and gasoline prices! Call Mary (732) 752-3764 or Chuck (908) 268-0345.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs

July 11

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, July 11 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at The American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

Book Signing

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Author Lynne Bullock of Converse, Texas will be on hand to sign her ju-

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venile fiction book, "As If He Never Slept," on Saturday, July 12 from 3-5 p.m. at Jesus Books & Gifts, 301 Rte. 22 East in Green Brook.

Great Dane Rescue Meet and Greet

July 12

Mid-Atlantic Great Dane Rescue League, one of the largest breed specific rescues in the North East, will hold a meet and greet from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Petco, 1701 Rt. 22 West in Watchung.

duCret School Student Art Exhibit

July 12-31

A multi-media showcase of works by 20 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be on exhibit July 12 through July 31 at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. Opening reception is Saturday, July 12 from 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

Country Western Night Outside

July 12

A Country Western Night Outside will be held on Saturday, July 12 from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane. Dance to the live music of the Thunder Hill Country Western Band. Gates open at 5 p.m.; music from 6 to 10 p.m. German and American food will be available; no outside food or beverages permitted. Picnic tables and free parking. \$5 donation per person, children under 12 free. Rain or shine (covered pavilion).

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

Greek Folk Dance

July 16

On Wednesday, July 16, Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the Folklife Program for New Jersey will present a traditional Greek folk dance with the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Plainsboro Middle School, 55 Grovers Mill Road in Plainsboro.

For more information, call the Commission at (732) 745-4489.

EAS "Art in the Garden" Tour

July 19

The Edison Arts Society (EAS) will hold its "Art in the Garden Tour" on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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Boy Scout Troop 267 Holds Court of Honor

Troop 267 held its spring court of honor last month at the South Plainfield Elks. The troop is especially excited that on July 1 they will celebrate their one year anniversary as a new troop. "This year has been active," said Scoutmaster Jim Donnellson. "The scouts completed eight camping trips and outings. Meetings are held weekly. Boys have attended, and are attending, summer camp and have completed 49 merit badges, 29 rank advancements and completed 251 community service hours. This is a wonderful accomplishment for a first year troop."

The troop would not be possible without the constant support of Bill Rueter of the South Plainfield Elks. The troop would also like to thank all Elks members for their continued support, and most of all, their charter.

The scouts of Troop 267 would like to thank Scoutmaster Jim Donnellson as well as all the leaders and committee members, who include Barbara



Boy Scout Troop 267 at their recent Court of Honor.

and Trent Rhoads, Elizabeth Austin, Erick Holterman, Tony Delpaoli, Karen Bayman and a special thanks to Al Tuttle, Unit Commissioner, for his continued support and assistance.

Boys between the ages of 11 and 18 interested in learning more about the scouting program are invited to join us at the Elks on New Market Avenue any Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

Girl Scouting in South Plainfield: What's New?

Girl Scout Cadette Troop 493 was selected through a lottery system to attend a performance of "My Fair Lady" at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC). The girls experienced a night at the theatre and afterwards a sleepover at the center with girls from surrounding communities.

Girls of all ages and their guests took an afternoon lunch cruise on the Cornucopia cruise ship. Although they saw many interesting sights, the highlight was the Statue of Liberty.

In May girls and moms came together for their annual mother/daughter

ter dance. A combination of sports, games and a barbeque made for a fun evening for all.

Wanted: Girls and adults of all ages who want to have fun! Girl scouting is so much more than cookies and camping. It's about friendship, self-esteem, independence, swimming, healthy habits, art, science, wildlife, service to others, money management, books, computers, car care, dancing, music, and the list doesn't end. It is whatever you want it to be!

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Nicole Miglis Inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at Liberty University

Nicole Christian Miglis, a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School, was recently inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va. Majoring in pre-med, she received an academic scholarship for her first year.

Nicole was named to the dean's list in the first semester and was a member of Liberty's Division I Cross Country Team. In the second semester, she was faced with a serious leg illness that required four surgeries in December and January. Through it all she was able to keep up with her studies.

Alpha Lambda Delta is an interdisciplinary honor society that promotes high academic achievement requiring a 3.5 or higher grade point average and being in the top 20% of the freshman class.

This summer Nicole will work during the day as a lifeguard and attend Middlesex County College at night, a



Nicole Christian Miglis

popular place to reunite with her fellow classmates from SPHS Class of 2007 who are also taking classes.

In August, Nicole will return to Liberty University for her sophomore year and continue running on the winter and spring track team, The Flames.

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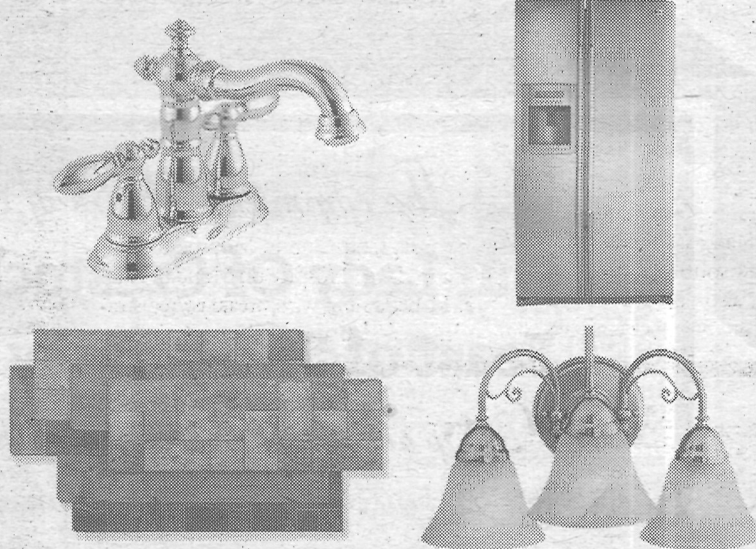
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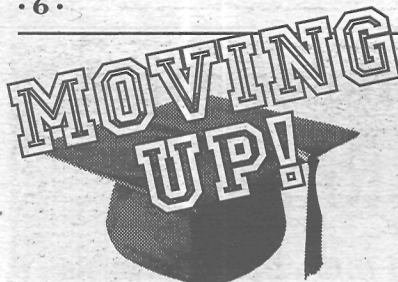
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Middle School Holds 45th Annual Promotion Exercise

The 45th annual Middle School Promotion ceremony was held on June 23 at South Plainfield High School. School Principal Steve Novak and Superintendent Jose Negron decided to hold the ceremony indoors rather than face the risk of the

forecasted thunderstorms. The move indoors was well organized. Those with indoor tickets were seated in the auditorium; those with outdoor tickets were seated in the gym and viewed the ceremony on two large screens. The graduates

were seated on the stage. Student speakers were Casey Butrico, Student Council president; Naveet Goraya, academic honoree; and Albert Vill, academic honoree. Students received their diplomas from Board of Education members.

The 2008 Middle School graduates are:

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Asia N. Acevedo
Alejandra Aguilar
Robert Anthony Aimone
Alexis M. Alba*
Shaun

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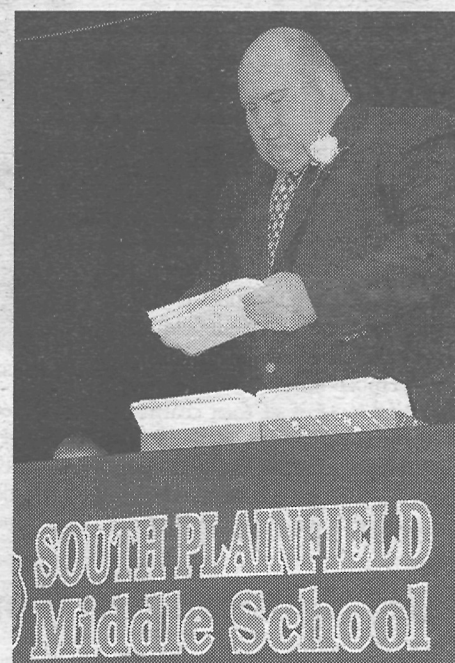
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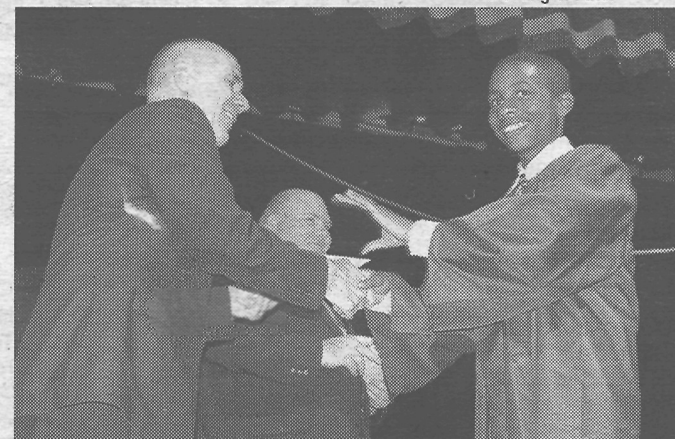
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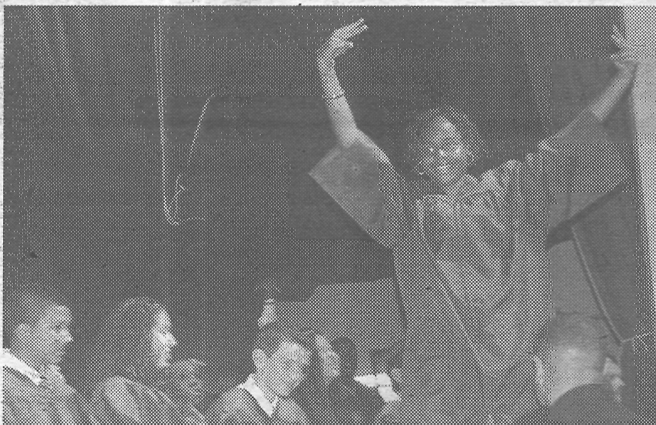
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Grant Egg Drop Simulates Land Rover Space Program

By Libby Barsky

Two Grant School administrators were on the roof of the school to help students with their science projects on June 20.

The mission for the fifth graders in Ellen Peterson's science class was to form teams and design and build a lander within specific dimensions (mass not to exceed 150g), simulating the Land Rover that successfully explored Mars and the moon. The lander contains and protects the "rover" and enables it to probe the surface of the moon or Mars.

The youngsters were charged with designing a lander to protect their "Rover"—a raw egg placed within the lander to be secure enough not to break or shatter when dropped off the roof of Grant School.

The project helps students understand the challenges engineers face when designing land rovers to be used on the surface of Mars or the moon. The project is part of the JASON Mission Center curriculum which connects students with living scientists to learn how science works.

Using balloons, bubble wrap, cardboard, rubber bands, cotton, tape, straws, toilet paper rolls and plastic cups, the students worked in teams making their lander. On the day of the test, each team put the finishing touches on their lander by inserting the raw egg into the space made for it and insulating it with cotton balls, bubble wrap and plastic cups. Then the students lined up, went outside and stood on the lawn in front of Grant School. Each team then placed their lander with its fragile rover into a basket that was pulled up to the roof. Principal Leo Whalen and Assistant Principal Robert Richkus were stationed on the roof. They took each lander out of the basket and then let it fall from their hands.

The land rover structure made by the team of Michael Miandes, Brianna Boyce, Alyssa Esposito and Rohanie Mohan survived the trip from the roof



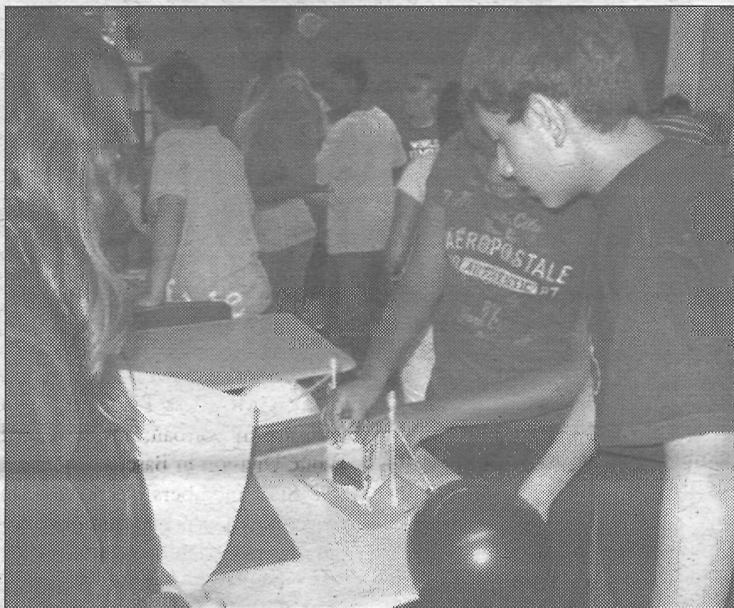
Grant School Assistant Principal Robert Richkus readies to launch a simulated Land Rover from the school's roof.

helped by their use of balloons to slow the fall. The use of a plastic bag to act as a parachute didn't slow the Rover down enough and the egg broke.

Of the four Land Rovers that descended during the last period of the day, three remained intact with their egg. The other classes had similar results, according to Peterson.

Peterson has been taking workshops for six years with the JASON program and will return to Ashburn, Va. for a three day "Train the Trainer" seminar from August 12 through August 14.

A nonprofit subsidiary of the National Geographic Society, JASON connects young students with great explorers and great events to inspire and motivate them to learn science. Its core curriculum units are designed for fifth through eighth grade classrooms but are flexible enough to be adapted for higher or lower grades. Visit www.jason.org for more information.



Students Michael Mandes (R), Brianna Boyce (C) and Alyssa Esposito (hidden) attach balloons to their Land Rover before the roof launch.

police report

- On June 24 a South Plainfield resident reported the theft of a wallet that was left on the food court area at the community pool.
- On June 25 Tamar R. Robinson, 20, of Edison was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- A six- to eight-inch potted marijuana plant was found in the wooded area behind Mohn's Flowers and Fancy Foods by a landscape company.
- On June 26 an East Nassau Avenue resident reported the theft of a license plate from their vehicle.
- On June 27 Gregorio Colon Hospital, 47, of Perth Amboy was arrested for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker and being unlicensed.
- Theresa Lynn Galamb, 36, of Woodbridge was arrested at Sears for shoplifting \$140 worth of clothing.
- On June 29 a Hamilton Boulevard resident reported the theft of their unlocked bike from the Polish National Home on New Market Avenue.
- On July 2 the Ponytail Softball snack stand had been broken into and assorted candy, a case of Gatorade and \$70 in cash was taken.
- Shanta Z. Davis, 26, Lakisha W. Lewis, 18, and Elijah Clark, 20, all of Plainfield were arrested at Party City on Hadley Road for shoplifting \$100 worth of merchandise.
- On July 3 Saran K. Goodwin, 18, and Tariq S. Moody, 19, both of Piscataway, were arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$130 worth of clothing.
- Quadesha A. Morgan, 29, of Plainfield was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$227 worth of clothing.
- Ronald T. Blackshear, 58, of Roselle was arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting \$86.95 worth of merchandise.
- Mirzawasa A. Baig, 33, of New Castle, Del. was arrested for speeding, no insurance, failure to exhibit a valid registration and four outstanding warrants.
- JT Express Service Inc. on New Era Drive reported the theft of two New York license plates from a truck.

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DARE Graduates Enjoy a Day at the Pool

By Jane Dornick

Grant Elementary School fifth grade DARE program graduates spent the day having fun in the sun at the community pool on June 17.

The party is held each year in celebration of the students' participation in the Drug Awareness Resistance Education (DARE) program taught over several months by South Plainfield Police Officers Dave Franchak

and Al LaMonda. Numerous prizes were raffled off at the picnic by the officers, and Mayor Charlie Butrico helped to pick some of the winners. Kevin Abreu was the grand prize winner and received a Nintendo DS.

Officers Franchak and LaMonda are grateful to the individuals and businesses that help make the DARE program possible each year.

Thank you to Chief John Ferraro, Mayor Charlie Butrico and the Bor-

ough Council, Capt. Paul Brembt, Lt. Chuck Siedenburgh, Kevin Hughes for the use of the pool and lifeguards, South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298, Principal Leo Whalen, Assistant Principal Rob Richkus, Hall's Fast Motor Freight owners Bill, Bruce and Dale Jayne, Regal Cinema, Ron Sward, owner of Physical Therapy of South Plainfield, Restaurant Depot, Dunkin Donuts and Ciccio's Pizza.



SCHOOL BOARD Notes

At the June 18 BOE regular meeting the following took place:

- Students and staff were recognized for achievements and received honors.

- Grant School students were selected to perform in the CJMEA Elementary Honors Band at East Brunswick High School.

- Grant School students were recognized as the top three scorers from South Plainfield on a test sponsored by New Jersey Mathematics League. The team was also recognized for being named to the National Math Olympiad Honor Roll and scoring in the top 10% nationally.

- Middle School student Kenny Criley was recognized as a winner in this year's Law Day Creative Expression Contest.

- High school students were recognized for their participation, recognition or receiving the following: the

high school arts, Bloustein Scholars, *Star-Ledger* Scholar, National Merit Winner, the Middlesex County School Counseling Association's "Caring Award" and Middlesex County Principals and Supervisor Award.

Students were also recognized for being nominated to the Governor's School, Middlesex County School Board's Award, the Prudential Spirit Award nominee, music awards; NJ Bar Association/Middlesex County Bar Foundation "Project Law" Essay Contest grand prize winner.

- The board recognized the GMC Division Champions Boys Track Team, All White Division in Boys Track; GMC White Division Coach of the Year, Rich Fonti; All White Division in Girls Track; White Division Champions in Golf; White Division Coach of the Year in Golf, Mike Kavka; GMC Sportsmanship Award in Girls Lacrosse; All GMC Division in Girls

Lacrosse; *Home News Tribune* All Area Team; GMC First Team All White Division in Softball; and GMC All White Division in Baseball.

- Staff members elected for the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program were recognized.

- Presentation of retiree certificates were presented to Roberta Aiello, Thomas Baker, Althea Bowman Williams, Diane Boyle, Ann Brown, Virginia Bruno, Kaye Crown, Paula Dick, Gail Klamm, Madeline Markham, Robert Rosado, Christine Soltesz, Denise Timiniski and June Ward.

- Mentoring Plan 2008-2011 was approved.

- The district's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Committee was approved.

- Approval of the Five Year Curriculum Review Cycle (2008-2013).

- Approval of the high school football team trip to Camp Chen-A-Wanda, Thompson, Pa.

- Approval of the high school band trip to Camp Cayuga, Honesdale, Pa.

- Accept the resignation of high school business education teacher Richard Fonti.

- Upon recommendation of superintendent of schools, Kevin Hajduk was appointed Middle School assistant principal replacing Lisa Parker who was transferred to the high school.

- Approve the position of Franklin School full time kindergarten teacher Karen Maszczak effective 2008/2009; Susan Alexander as Secretary III in the Adult School Office; revision of Secretary II to the transportation supervisor; approve the appointment of Melodie Rochford as Secretary II to the transportation supervisor; appointment of Keith Lehman as full time computer technician; Child Study Team appointments; preschool handicapped summer child study team on a per case evaluation; 2008 summer school appointments; 2008 extended school year appointments; 2008/2009 High/Middle/Grant School summer guidance work; 2008 summer curriculum writing approval; 2008/2009 Fall coaching appointments.

Golf Association Annual Open Golf Tournament August 6

This year's South Plainfield Golf Association's golf open will be held on Wednesday, August 6 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. This is the 14th annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team. The tournament will be a scramble format again this year.

The entry fee of \$100 includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided from 12 to 1 p.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and awards will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line, and a special hole-in-one prize.

Registration and payment is due by July 23. Players are encouraged to sign up early to secure a place in the tournament before all of the available slots are filled. Players can register for the tournament online

at the Association's Web site at www.spga.org, or print out and mail their entry forms.

Corporate sponsorships are available. All proceeds from the event go to support the activities of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team as well as the South Plainfield Golf Association's college scholarship program and the SPGA's contribution to Arnie's Army Battles Prostate Cancer. Each platinum sponsorship includes this year's tournament entry fees for one foursome. Gold, silver, bronze, hospitality and beverage sponsorships are also available. Sponsorship information is also available at the Web site.

For more information about the tournament, sponsorships and entry forms, players can contact Tournament Director Matt Ward (908) 754-4766, Mike Alvarez (732) 259-0591 or Dick DeAndrea (908) 755-1700, or visit the Associations Web site at www.spga.org.

Golf Outing Raises Funds For The Matheny School

The 5th annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing was held on June 27. Seventy-six golfers teed off for Art and his favorite charity, The Matheny School in Peapack, that specializes in treatment for children and adults with medically complex developmental disabilities.

The day began with the longest drive contest at the driving range prior to the shotgun start at 9 a.m. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a barbecue lunch where prizes and awards were handed out.

Doug Walters (72) won the men's

low gross and Carole Lardier (83) the ladies low gross. Tony Bartello (72) won the men's low net and Lisa Caruso (74) the ladies low net.

The men's long drive went to Rob Miller, 295 yards; ladies long drive Linda Silvia, 235 yards and the seniors over 62 drive went to John Schumacher, 290 yards.

Many thanks to all the sponsors, players and volunteers who helped us to present The Matheny School with a check for \$4,100.

—Submitted by James Muglia

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Sports

8U Falls 1-2 to Westfield in Clark Tournament



8U All-Star team with the third place trophy and their individual trophies. Missing from the photo is Coach Mike Sprigle and his son, Owen.

The 8U South Plainfield All-Star baseball team has been playing the past two weeks in the Clark tournament.

In the preliminary round, South Plainfield played Clark, Livingston, Milburn and Cranford. The team went 2 and 2, and was tied with Clark and Livingston, but since South Plainfield only had nine runs scored against them, they made it to the champion-

ship round. In the preliminary game against Cranford, Jean Sapini and Bill Keane combined to throw a no-hitter. Jean and Bill struck out 11 of 13 players they faced. Jean Sapini also had the big hit of the game, as he hit a grand slam into the lake behind the field.

Brandon Wizda went 9 for 13. James Moore and Ryan Stankan had

five hits each during the preliminary round of play.

In the semi-finals South Plainfield had to play the number one seed, Westfield. In a hard fought and very tense game South Plainfield lost 2-1, as Westfield scored the winning run in the bottom of the fifth inning.

In the consolation game for third place, the boys came back with a terrific played game to beat Chatham, 4-2. Chatham had the tying men on base in the sixth inning and tried to bunt, but Ryan Stankan made a great play on the bunt and threw out the runner to first basemen Jack Scrudato to end the game.

Jacob Rivera, Owen Sprigle, Steven Colicchio, Eric Brinks and Joe "The Beast" Heilmann also had a great tournament. The team is headed to the 8U Districts in East Brunswick.

The 8U team includes Eric Brinks, Steven Colicchio, Austin Feltham, Joe Heilmann, Billy Keane, James Moore, Jacob Rivera, Jean Sapini, Jack Scrudato, Owen Sprigle, Ryan Stankan and Brandon Wizda.

The team is managed by Joe Scrudato with Assistant Coaches Mike Sprigle, Bill Stankan and John Wizda.

-Submitted by Joe Scrudato



Hotspurs Close Out Strong

The U13 South Plainfield Soccer Club Hotspurs finished their recent season on a high note. After losing their first two games of the season by scores of 2-1 and 1-0, the Hotspurs went on a tear.

Led on offense by the scoring of Paul "E" Seyffart, Liam McDermott, Terrence Dubasak and Ricky Zekas, the Hotspurs were undefeated for the rest of the season, scoring a total of 26 goals.

Midfielders John "E" Côtone, Johnny Sottiriou, Tommy Riccardi, Mike Polizzano and Matt Ward (also the back-up goalie), not only set up the offense, but also scored goals and helped out on defense. Only giving

up 12 goals in their 10 games, the defense of the Hotspurs played phenomenal this year. Chris Butrico, A.J. Celentano, Danny Sanko, Jessie Deffler and Taylor Born combined to help goalkeeper Cory Harrell limit the other teams' scoring.

In their last two games, the Hotspurs beat the Bridgewater Mutiny 4-1 and then beat the St. John Vianney Cougars 1-0. The Hotspurs finished second out of 11 teams in their flight with a record of 7-2-1, missing the flight championship by only two points. After the strong finish, the team is looking forward to coming out next year, and starting strong out of the gates.

Tiger Sharks Swim Team

Tiger Sharks Lose to Tough Competition

The Tiger Sharks had their first home meet at the Community Pool on June 26. The team competed against the toughest competition in the league, Metuchen Municipal Pool. The Tiger Sharks matched their competition throughout the meet, but Metuchen was able to take four out of six relays which pushed them to the lead and the win.

Starting the meet in the Individual Medley was Matt Lind who took first place for the 10 and under age group. Marcel Green followed with a first place win in the 11-12 age group, while Matt Moates took second place for the 13-18 year olds.

The girls had a real challenge with the longer freestyle events. Emily Piekarski (15-18) did get a first place ribbon and Allison Huber (11-12) was able to capture third place.

In the shorter freestyle events, the boys moved the team ahead by taking four out of five first place ribbons. Swimmers who received blue ribbons were Cristian Butrico (8 and under), Nicholas Gurrieri (9-10), Anthony Gurrieri (13-14) and Matt Moates (15-18).

The 8 and under boys swept the event when Miles Green and Michael Stanczak placed second and third. Marcel Green (2nd place) and Enzo Butrico (3rd place) took home ribbons for the 11-12 age group. Greg Bellizzi

took home the second place win for the 15-18 age group.

The girls faced tough competition once again with the back-

stroke. There were no first place wins for South Plainfield in this category, but Jenna Yan and Vicky Tumati placed second and third for the 8 and unders. Breanna Tang placed third for the 9-10 age group. Taylor Aljian (11-12) and Emily Piekarski (15-18) placed second. Chelsea Cullen (15-18) placed third.

In butterfly events, the boys again took four out of five. Brendan Tang (8 and under), Nicholas Gurrieri (9-10), Enzo Butrico (11-12) and Anthony Gurrieri (13-14) all placed first. Once again the 8 and under boys swept the event with Cristian Butrico and Michael Stanczak placing second and third. The only 15-18 boy to place was Greg Bellizzi with a second place ribbon.

Breaststroke was just as challenging to the girls, but South Plainfield swimmers were able to capture all second place ribbons. Those swimmers were Jenna Yan (8 and under), Brianna Tang (9-10), Allison Huber (11-12), Cristina Butrico (13-14), and Chelsea Cullen (15-18). Madison Faustini (11-12) and Michelle Gustafson (15-18) placed third.

The 8 and under and 9-12 boys
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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

LEAGUE STANDINGS									
American Division					National Division				
	W	L	T		W	L	T		
Buy-Rite	7	2	0	KC's Korner	6	3	0		
Hackers	7	2	0	Twin City	5	3	1		
USA	5	4	0	Roughriders	5	3	1		
Witty's	4	5	0	B-Datt Squad	5	4	0		
PAH	3	6	0	2 Buds, 2 Dubs	2	7	0		
Pornovets	2	7	0	Sport & Social	2	7	0		

You had to be there—it was quite a sight.

Following this writer's advice, Pornovets put out a desperation call to their former captain, Jim Pornovets, Jr., who was transferred to Kentucky last year and told him how miserably they were playing without him. Jim came back last Tuesday riding a white steed into the West Nine parking lot, his silver pistols gleaming in the late afternoon sunlight. He dismounted and announced to his cheering teammates, "Do not despair—Two-gun Jim is here."

And sure enough, Jim came through, shooting a 39, to lead his team to a 13-7 victory over Plainfield Animal Hospital. Frank Oades blasted out of the left front bunker on the eighth hole and made a spectacular eagle on his way to a 38 to contribute to the Pornovets victory. Mike "Rack 'Em" Cortese of PAH showed some of his old form, posting a 3-over 36 (a net 29) in a losing effort.

Irish Danny Griffin insisted that his playing partner, John Gaven, wear a green golf cap and the leprechauns that dwell in the woods at West Nine bestowed their favors on the lucky two—some as Griffin posted a terrific 1-over 34 and Gaven pitched in with a nice round of 37 as Buy-Rite edged out Witty's, 11-9. Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas, who recently found his "Boom Boom" again, was on his game for Witty's and carded a 3-over 36.

The Hackers maintained their tie for first place in the American Division with Buy-Rite by narrowly getting by Unique Sports Accessories, 11-9, in a very tough match. Jeremy Szoc earned the medal for the Hackers with his round of 37 and Bill Mann recorded another good round of 38. Captain Chris Dillon of USA is playing exceptionally well and tied for the low-round of the night with a sparkling even-par round of 33. Teammate

Jay Bertleson had a 36, but their fine play fell just short of gaining a victory.

Dan Conti of KC's Korner bought a new driver on Monday and was eager to test it out on Tuesday. He hit a beauty all right, but it came on the final hole. In addition to his problems with his new club (sound familiar), Conti suffered a quadruple bogey on the seventh hole, incurring two penalties for two unplayable lies. Despite all this, he and his KC teammates were able to pull off a 12-8 triumph over the Roughriders. Rich Steele of KC's Korner had a good round going until the ninth hole where he made a triple-bogey and had to settle for a 40. Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer, who is this season's Super-Sub, turned in a solid round of 37 for the Roughriders, a score that easily could have been a few strokes lower.

With this win, KC's Korner gained sole possession of first place in the National Division.

Dale Dube bogeyed the first two holes and then played even-par golf the rest of the way for an impressive 2-over 35. Teammate Jeff Orth also played well for 2 Buds, 2 Dubs coming in with a 38. Unfortunately, they were up against Jay Coppola who is on a terrific hot streak and Coppola had another gem, an even-par 33, to spark Twin City to a 12-8 win. Coppola got a lot of help from Joe Diller who came through with a fine two-over 35 and from Guy Severini who shot a 38.

Danny McCreesh's excellent round of 35 led the way for B-Datt Squad as they defeated Sport & Social, 12-8. With this victory, B-Datt is right back in the pennant race, just one match out of first place.

Low scores for the night: Jay Coppola, 33; Chris Dillon, 33, Danny Griffin, 34; Joe Diller, 35; Dale Dube, 35; Danny McCreesh, 35; Mike Cortese, 36; Kevin Bickunas, 36; Jay Bertleson, 36.

Tiger Sharks (Continued from previous page)

Medley relay teams were the only relays for South Plainfield to receive blue ribbons. The 8 and under team was Miles Green, Cristian Butrico, Brendan Tang and Michael Stanczak. The 9-12 team was Enzo Butrico, Nicholas Gurrieri, Matt Lind and Marcel Green. Due to the large teams of both South Plainfield and Metuchen, often second or third heats are swum since there are only six lanes available.

The following swimmers placed first in their events and heats: Christian Gonzalez, Brendan Tang, Noah

Kurch, Kate Borsos, Kyle Bythell, Ryan Bythell, Abby Petritsch, Michelle O'Sullivan, Nicole Stanczak, Bilal Rice and Carlee Gonzalez.

Tiger Sharks coaches are Laurie Post, Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio, Mary Otlowski and Jen Otlowski.

Many thanks to parents, timers, table workers, pool managers and lifeguards who help with all that they do to make the night meets go as quickly as possible.

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

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Obituaries

Peter J. Dalto, 82

Peter James Dalto, a longtime resident of South Plainfield and Scotch Plains, died on Wednesday, June 25 at Porter Hospice in Centennial, Colo.

Peter was born on November 15, 1925 in Plainfield, the second son of Peter, Sr. and Flora Dalto.

He was a graduate of North Plainfield High School, Class of 1943, where he was president of the Student Council and played varsity football. Immediately after graduation, Peter enlisted in the Army and was stationed in England, France and Germany during World War II. During that time, he discovered what was to become his lifelong love of opera. He was a member of the Metropolitan Opera Guild, the Westfield Opera Club and a season ticket subscriber to the Metropolitan Opera for almost 40 years.

After the war, Peter returned to South Plainfield and married Celeste Piersante in 1949. The couple had two daughters, Valerie and Susan. Peter managed his family's business, Dalto's Market, until it was sold in 1960. He was employed as an assistant manager with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for 10 years before joining ShopRite as a deli manager in 1970. Peter retired in 1989, but continued to work part-time in several small businesses until he was 78. In 2006, he moved to Colorado to be near his daughter, Valerie, and her family. Peter

was a member of the Italian American Club of North Plainfield and UFCW Local 464A.

Peter was predeceased by Celeste, his wife of 40 years, and by two brothers, Livio C. Dalto and Angelo H. Dalto.

He is survived by two daughters, Susan Dalto of Trenton and Valerie Chilewski of Highlands Ranch, Colo.; a son-in-law, Roger; his beloved grand daughter, Allison; a sister-in-law, Barbara Dalto of Piscataway; 14 nieces and nephews; several cousins and many dear friends.

A memorial service and celebration of Peter's life will be held on Wednesday, July 23 at 10:30 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave. in Dunellen.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Peter's memory may be made to The Argyle Foundation, 4115 West 38th Ave., Denver, Colo. 80212.

High School in 1941.

She was predeceased by her husband, Ted; a sister and a brother.

Surviving is a sister, Helen Saley of Edison; her caretaker, Suzanne Sarris of Florida; two nieces, Susan DiNardo and Karen Pack and a nephew, Gerald Konopka.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests mass cards.

Elizabeth F. "Betty" Neill, 89

Elizabeth F. "Betty" Neill died on Saturday, July 5 at the Hunterdon Care Center in Flemington.

Born in New York City, she grew up in Middlesex and then lived in Plainfield for 25 years before moving to Punta Gorda, Fla., where she resided for more than 30 years. She moved back to this area in 2004.

While in Plainfield, Betty worked in catering with the schools. She also did private catering.

She was a former member of the Plainfield Rescue Squad Women's Auxiliary.

Her husband, William Neill, died in 1990. She was also predeceased by a son-in-law, Thomas Whalen; a brother, Lawrence Morge and two sisters, Eleanor Littell and Grace Neill.

Surviving are four children and their spouses, Sally and Donald Serido of South Plainfield, Margaret Whalen of Kingwood Twp., Lawrence and Jody Neill of Camerillo, Calif. and Thomas and Dolores Neill of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Eleanor Littell of Middlesex and Grace Neill of Denver, Colo., 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

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What are you waiting for? Rarely does this question invite an answer. Usually, it demands. "Get over it!" "Do something!" But what if someone really and honestly asked? What would we say?

In answering, we might first check our calendars. The new month has revealed a whole new set of days, tasks, appointments and deadlines. It may mean trading in a sense of accomplishment for a feeling of being overwhelmed. Or maybe it means something else... dread about the empty, lonely time ahead. Either way, the calendar itself may demand: "What are you waiting for?"

The calendar of the Christian church is new too. With December came the season of Advent. Unlike a new month of fresh demands, Advent is different. Advent is for waiting. It asks, "What are you waiting for?"

For millennia of Advents, Christians have waited for Jesus to come. But when Advent asks the question, it isn't to set a trap or to test us. Instead, it asks with honest curiosity. It asks so we who wait for Jesus might reply, "Sister or Brother, you know you can't make it come faster, right? Probably you can't make it happen at all. You can't just 'get over it.' You can't do something you can't or don't want to do. But as you wait, we will wait with you."

We'd say this because someone else said it to us, freeing us from endlessly beating ourselves up and cracking the

whip on others. Such love freed us simply to wait and watch and listen... and rest.

If someone asked, probably you wouldn't answer, "Jesus." I wouldn't. I'm waiting for everything from a new cell phone to seeing dear friends again to things I can't even put into words. Advent doesn't force us to give up everything else and wait only for Jesus. Instead, Advent reminds us that all waiting is fulfilled only in the coming of Jesus. When Jesus comes, we experience the joy, love, peace, and hope that make everything else worthwhile. And this changes *how* we wait, if not *what* we wait for.

So instead of waiting like we deserve it, Advent frees us to wait for it as a *free gift*. Instead of waiting suspecting someone is withholding it from us, Advent frees us to wait confident that it's *in God's hands*. Instead of waiting alone, Advent frees us to wait *together*.

God knows so little is up to us or within our grasp. God doesn't demand, "Get over it!" or "Do something!" Instead, in Advent, God invites us to wait. We wait for Jesus. For loneliness to end. For rest. For new cell phones.

We wait together, knowing it's all in God's hands, given to us as a totally free gift.

LifeLines is a monthly Observer column, written by area churches. This article comes from Pastor Clark Olson-Smith, St. Stephen Lutheran Church.

Residents Urged to Give Blood

It's summertime again and that means that the nation's blood supply is getting low. With so many people going on vacation, blood drives often have lower turnout and as a result local blood banks have to stretch their supplies.

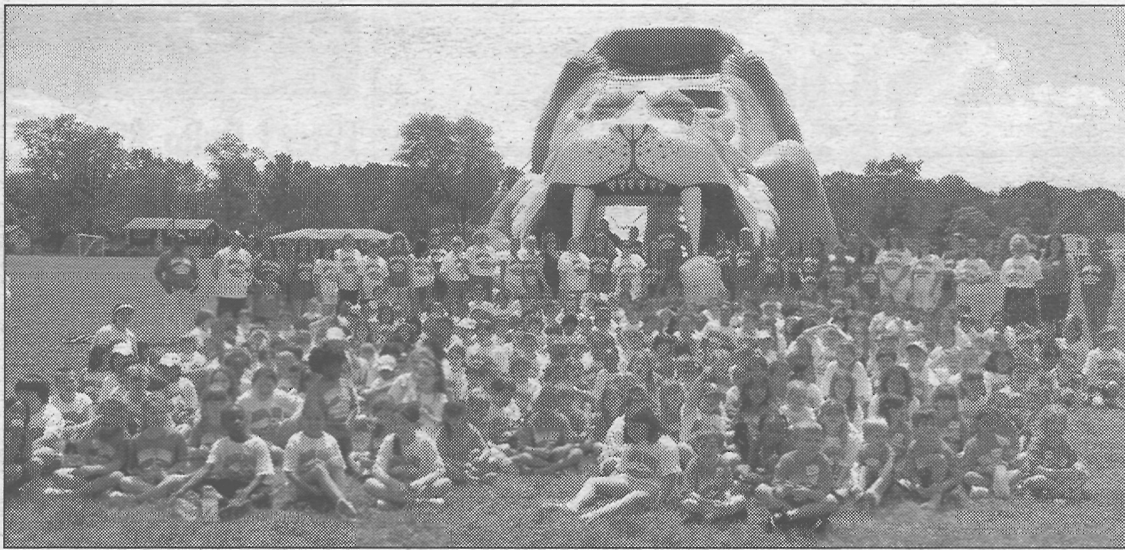
You can help by being a blood donor during the Tri-County Red Cross Blood Drives on Saturday, July 12 at the Plainfield Rescue Squad, 700 W. Seventh St. in Plainfield from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. It takes no more than 60 minutes, and your donation of a pint

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Riley School student body assemble for a photo at the end of Carnival Day in front of an inflatable tiger slide.

Carnival Day Features Dunking Principal

Riley School's annual carnival day is a celebration for all students. The event featured many activities, including face painting, tattoos, a basketball throw game, a balloon pop game, inflatable bounce houses and slides. The children were provided with refreshments and a DJ was provided for additional entertainment.

With the help of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department and a fire truck full of water, the main attraction was a dunk tank, supervised by Councilman Tim McConville. The kindergarteners had the privilege of being the first to "dunk" Principal Czech. Afterward, the rest of the school had the opportunity to try and "dunk" their principal.

Councilman Matt Anesh took over the hot spot for Czech and was immediately dunked by kindergarten teacher Mrs. Publik, followed by his twin boys, Joseph and Harrison, kindergarteners at Riley. Anesh was relieved by Riley dad Al Pace, who was immediately dunked by his wife, Stasey. All had a great time, even the parents and teachers had fun.

Thanks to Riley School PTO, Principal Al Czech, the teachers and all of the parent volunteers, without whom this day for the children could not have been possible. We can't wait for next year!

Submitted by Kimberly Anesh

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Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Publik attempting to dunk Councilman Matt Anesh with the help of Councilman Tim McConville.

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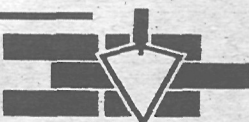
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After the swearing in ceremonies, the American Legion presented three \$2,000 scholarships to graduating seniors. They also recognized members

of Boy Scout Troop 2007 for their participation in the Memorial Day services as well as for changing the flags in the cemeteries, and presented the Good Citizen Award to Sal Severini.

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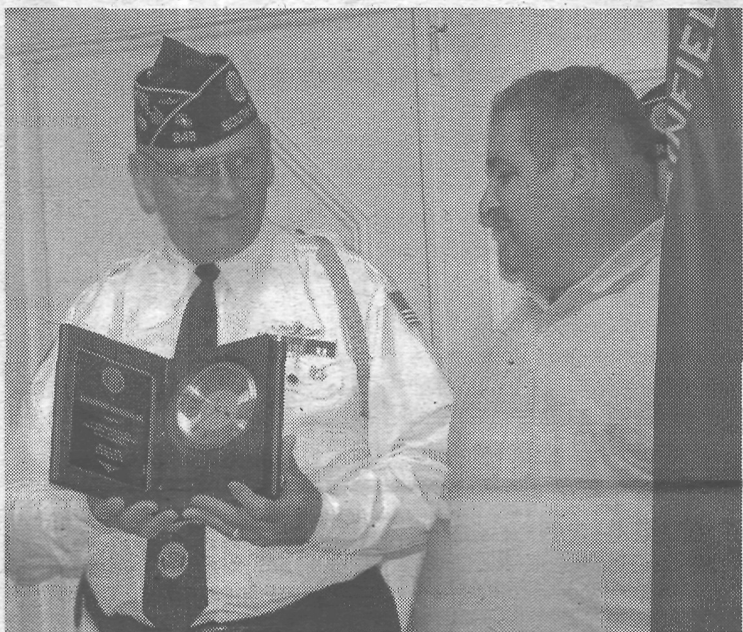
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The American Legion Chaumont Post 243 is located at 243 Oak Tree Ave. New members are always welcome. Call (908) 668-9414 for more information.



Commander Richard Frank presents the Good Citizen Award to Sal Severini.



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Nominations for Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal

The Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to South Plainfield, send the Public Celebrations Committee a letter stating your reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include the candidate's name, address, evening phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments. The deadline for accepting nominations is July 25. Nominations may be sent to the Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Any business or organization interested in having a concession stand or informational table at the PAL grounds at the conclusion of the parade should complete an application available in Borough Hall or online at www.southplainfieldnj.com. Send the completed application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Debra Leporino, 170 Oakmanor Pkwy, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. For information, contact Leporino at (908) 754-6914.

In addition, parade marshals are needed to assist in the facilitation of the parade. All marshals must be 18 years or older. If interested in assisting or for further information, contact Joe Scrudato at (908) 406-5920 or jascrudato@hotmail.com.

Also needed are volunteers who would like to participate in the parade as a cartoon character. If interested or for information, contact Matt Anesh at matthew_anesh@verizon.net.