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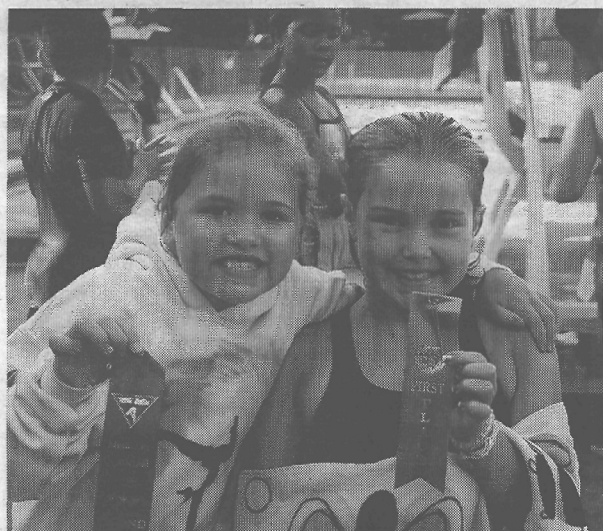
60 CENTS

JULY 23, 2010



The cast of Summer Drama Workshop's 2010 production of *Seussical* is finishing up rehearsals in preparation for next Thursday's opening night. The play will run Thursday through Saturday, July 29-30 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 1 at 2 p.m. Discounted tickets can be purchased at the *Observer* office and the library until Wednesday. Next week's *Observer* will provide full coverage of *Seussical*.

Dive Team Shows Its Teeth at Metuchen



In the 9/10 age group, Jemma Scalera (left), second place winner, and Brianna Spadavecchia, first place winner.

The South Plainfield Tiger Shark Dive Team traveled to Metuchen Municipal Pool on July 1 for the second meet of the season. For some of the newest sharks, it was their very first time diving in competition. Having faced Cedar Hill previously at the home meet, many team members found their confidence and dives soaring to new heights on Metuchen's notorious extra "springy" springboards.

In the eight and under girls division third place went to Sara Fleming after a nice front dive and a final score of 36.55. Danielle Bythell scored a 28.90 and Cassie O'Shaughnessy, a 17.20. These girls are not afraid of flipping

their fins into the pool!

In the boys eight and under age group second place went to Jack O'Shaughnessy who did a forward somersault and finished up with a total score of 33.00.

In the girls 9/10 age group, Brianna Spadavecchia brought home a first place award following nice scores for a forward somersault straight and a total of 89.80 points. Jemma Scalera received second place for her score of 78.95 and doing a beautiful forward dive pike. Kristi Maher is not scared of showing off her back somersault and received third place with a total score of 58.15. Chelsea Alers, new to the team, quickly learned four dives and competed them for a total score of 57.90.

In the boys 9/10 age group, Justin Bell secured first place again after do-

ing a nice forward dive half twist and total score of 63.75. Ed Wilinski, still working hard on his dives, finished with a score of 21.70.

In the girls 11/12 age group, Nicole Sottiriou received some of the highest scores of the entire meet with a backwards $1\frac{1}{2}$ somersault half twist and a back dive for first place and a final score of 103.40. Mary McNeil secured second place with her 88.15 and a beautiful backwards somersault. Gracie Hageman's best scores came for her forward dive half twist and she gets third place for a total score of 76.30. Gina Cummings and Emily Kuchinski showed off their graceful back dives for a final score of 68.85 and a 68.60. Matilda Jean Mercer made huge improvements since her first meet and finished up with a 60.40. Hardworking Ashli Bell also improved her scores and finished with a 51.40 getting nice scores for her back dive. Sarah Oehler's nice forward dive earned her nice scores and a final score of 49.50.

In the boys 11/12 age group, Nicholas Scalera showed off his inward dive tuck to the judges and took second place with a 62.95 score. Ben Schaeffer was close behind with third place and a 58.50 score after a nicely performed forward dive. Nick Spadavecchia finishes up his meet with a score of 43.05 after doing a nice backwards dive. Bryan Silva was still working hard perfecting his dives but received nice scores for his forward and back dives, and ended up with a 35.65. Danny O'Shaughnessy dove his way to a 27.15 score after a nice scoring forward dive.

In the girls 13/14 age group, Nicole Bythell placed first with a score of 112.50 after doing a judge pleaser inward dive, and a

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SPECIAL MEETING

The Borough Council has called a special meeting next Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m. for the purpose of holding an open hearing on the 2010 budget and its final adoption and any other matters that may pertain to the borough.

Passerby Discovers Decomposing Body in Van on Metuchen Road

A decomposing body was found in a white 1992 Ford Econline van on Metuchen Road on the border of South Plainfield and Edison on July 15 and is being investigated as a fatal one car crash that police believe happened six days prior, on July 10.

A witness told police that they had noticed a vehicle in the woods off to the side of Metuchen Road on July 10, but thought nothing of it while driving past. According to Sgt. Dominick Masi, commander of the Edison Township Serious Crash Investigation Team, the witness noticed the same vehicle in the same position while driving on Metuchen Road on July 15. After pulling over and

walking towards the van, the witness smelled a strong, foul odor, and as they got closer, saw a body slumped over the steering wheel.

The witness immediately notified the South Plainfield Police Department, who contacted Edison Police after determining that the accident scene was actually in Edison Township.

The body was severely decomposed, and has not been identified nor has a cause of death been determined as of presstime.

The Edison Police Department is asking that if anyone has any information regarding the accident, they can contact Sgt. Dominick Masi, at (732) 248-7468.

Last Chance for Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal Nominations

South Plainfield Borough's Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal for the 53rd annual Labor Day Parade. The theme of this year's parade is "Vision Family Industry."

If you know of an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send a detailed letter stating reasons

why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include the candidate's name, address, phone number, your phone number and a detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments.

Send nominations today to: Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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

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

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

July 26 (Special Meeting) July 26 (Public Meeting on Budget/Final Adoption)

*August 16 August 16

September 7 (Tuesday) September 7

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

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

Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11*, Dec. 9.*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the whole meetings: Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 13,

Nov. 10, Dec. 8. 2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting: Aug. 18, Sept. 22, Oct. 20,

Nov. 17, Dec. 15. 2011: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 6.

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

Monday, July 27 meeting will be at Grant School at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 3 meeting will meet on the circle side of the high school at 6 p.m.

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.

Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.

Questions? 908-226-7621

Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Aug. 2, 7 p.m. Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605



The *Observer* recently reported that the New Market Avenue Extension was almost ready to open; however, three Verizon poles located in the middle of the roadway are holding up completion. Verizon's attempt to reposition the poles was halted when they encountered unexpected underground wires. Verizon is in the process of finding new locations for the poles. After they are relocated the roadway will be open.

In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

Dear Editor,

I want to publicly thank the contributors for my recent trip to the Netherlands to represent USA Baseball. Such an experience would not have been possible without your support. From playing international baseball to the many amazing sights and sounds, including being in the world cup finals, the trip was undoubtedly an unforgettable experience. Teaming with players of all college levels from all over the U.S., our USA team was able to capture the tournament championship. It was truly an honor to represent my country and an experience I will surely never forget.

Without the following people this would not have been possible: Carmela D'Anna; Denise B. Librizzi; Melvyn N. Feinbloom; Century 21 Moretti Realty; Lanza & Lanza LLP, Attorneys at Law; Twin City Pharmacy; Creative Kids Academy, Inc.; Bagel Pantry, Inc.; Ciccio's Pizzeria; Stilo Excavation, Inc.; HBC Electric Inc.; South Plainfield American Legion; Plainfield UNICO; Charlie George Landscaping, Inc.; Mr. & Mrs. Greg Hoffman and family; Paul and Kristin Herendeen; South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club; SPJBC-Women's Auxiliary; Christopher F. Borgese; Francis Dubas, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Dorey and family; Irene Krajewski; James Boyle Memorial

Fund; Merrill Lynch & Co. Foundation, Inc.; South Plainfield Elks 2298; Phil Aiello and Renato Biribin.

Again, thanks for all your support!

CHRIS STALLONE

To the Editor:

Recently questions have arisen regarding the history of the shared services program. I thought this would be a good opportunity to set the record straight.

Bob Jones began discussing shared services between the borough and the Board of Education in 2004. In 2006 former Board of Education President Jeff Seider and Councilman Robert Bengivena, Jr. formally kicked things off when they began working on a program that placed a South Plainfield police officer in the schools as a resource officer.

In 2007 the council and the BOE jointly requested a study of shared services be performed by Rutgers College. The district and the borough shared the cost, which totaled \$4,000. The persons involved with the study were Borough CFO Glenn Cullen, Councilman Bengivena, BOE Business Administrator Richard Guarini and BOE President Jeff Seider.

When the study was complete, Seider formed the BOE's first Shared Service Committee, consisting of my-

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self and Bob Jones. The Shared Service Committee for the borough consisted of Councilmen Bengivena and Ray Rusnak. The joint committee began meeting monthly at borough hall.

Many programs began to emerge from the committee, with suggestions being brought back to each respective board. For example, in 2008 the borough received grants for handicapped ramps outside each school area, and speed humps were placed in strategic areas near several schools. The two entities also began working on joint purchasing programs and the use of each other's personnel for projects, thus eliminating the need to hire outside contractors and saving taxpayer dollars. A good example was the painting of the fire lanes near the schools.

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In the front (L to R) are William Tuthill, Mayor Charles Butrico, Shirley Boguski and Charles Koestner, all from South Plainfield. Standing behind Butrico and representing Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission are Susan Kittredge, assistant director, and Zusette Dato, commissioner.

South Plainfield Receives Third Historic Marker

Representatives from the Borough of South Plainfield, the South Plainfield Historical Society and the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield received a paper replica of a historic marker from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission (MCHC). The replica was presented at the Middlesex County Freeholders meeting held on July 15 in New Brunswick. The permanent metal plaque, a gift from the MCHC and

Freeholders, will be installed in front of the historic church on Hamilton Boulevard later this summer.

This is the third historic marker awarded to South Plainfield. A fourth has also been approved that marks a Revolutionary War skirmish in the vicinity of Park and Oak Tree avenues.

The Historical Society has submitted several more applications for consideration by the MCHC.

Youths Sought for Conservation Corps

Applications are now being accepted for the Middlesex County Youth Conservation Corps, whose mission is "to protect and preserve natural areas from misuse, polluters and the forces of nature" at the more than 7,000 acres of open space owned and maintained by Middlesex County.

Conservation Corps crew members earn \$8.50 per hour and will work Saturdays from September 18 through November 13. The hours required are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Work will primarily take place at county open spaces in Old Bridge, Monroe and South Brunswick. Students age 16 and over are encouraged to apply.

Activities include trail building, litter clean-up, invasive species removal and wildlife habitat improvements. Applicants should be enthusiastic, self-motivated and willing to work and learn as a part of a team. Also, applicants must have the capacity to walk several miles and stand for extended periods of time, a willingness to get dirty and work outdoors in various weather conditions and the ability to

use various hand tools.

"Our Youth Conservation Corps members continue to be an integral part of our efforts to maintain beautiful, open lands for our residents to enjoy," said Freeholder Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina, chair of the county's Parks and Recreation Committee.

"We are very proud of our Youth Conservation Corps," said Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano. "Their hard work and dedication help keep Middlesex County clean and beautiful."

Space is limited. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and application for employment to: Valerie Lysenko, Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 661, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903. Applications can be downloaded at www.co.middlesex.nj.us/personnel/index.asp. All applications must be received in the office by August 16.

For more information or to obtain a complete job description and application, call (732) 745-3064.

Old Timers Run for the Children Oct. 3

The Old Timers Motorcycle Club and Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer have announced that the fifth annual Run for the Children and car show will be held on Sunday, Oct. 3 (rain date October 10).

Sign-ups for the run begin at 9:30 a.m. at Kenneth Avenue Pop Warner Field. At 11:15 a.m. sharp riders will begin the run that will take them through scenic Somerset County and return them to the field at approximately 1 p.m. where there will be free food, drinks, prizes, vendors and a live band. Cost is \$20 per rider, \$10 per passenger. Walk-ins are also welcome at \$10 per person.

A \$50 minimum donation is required of vendors interested in selling or displaying products. Vendors must supply their own tables, tents, etc. Sign-ups begin at 9:30 a.m. for vendors who are also riders; all other vendors should arrive by 11:30 a.m. Please reserve your spot at least two to three weeks in advance.

All proceeds go to Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc.

For information or to sign up as a vendor, email or call Rich D'Urso at ofthebear@aol.com, (732) 406-2826; Greg Rhein at olddtimers-mc.greg@yahoo.com, (908) 405-7753, or Guy Moretti at morettirealty.com, (908) 755-5300.

For information on the car show, call Ron Fusco at (908) 482-0008.

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Mayor Charles Butrico presents a proclamation from the Borough Council recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act to Jackie Jackson at Monday's council meeting. Jackson, who is an advocate for the disabled, has been invited to attend White House ceremonies next week recognizing the landmark legislation passed 20 years ago. While in Washington, she will also be lobbying Congress on behalf of the disabled.

Vendor Day Fundraiser Saturday

The Plainfield Animal Hospital is proud to present the Plainfield Area Humane Society's first Vendor Day Charity Fundraiser hosted by Event Solutions, LLC. The Plainfield Area Humane Society, a non-profit organization, is calling on all pet lovers to help support its first vendor day charity fundraiser on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the PAL Building, located at 1250 Maple Ave.

Family fun activities include Happy Heart Pets Reptile Show, an interactive pirate show, a fire juggler, Cory the Dalmatian, face painters and Spide-man moon bounce.

The event will feature animal rescues from the Plainfield Area Humane



Society, Hope For Animals, Paws for Lars and Wings of Hope.

Featured vendors include:

Edison Food Pantry, Our Little Cupcakes, Frieda's Favorites, AVON, Mary Kay, Amway, At Home America, Sentsy Candles, Celebrating Home, Send Out Cards, Budget Blinds, Discovery Toys, Silver and Company Premier Design, M Design's, Tracey's Boutique, Jessica White, a psychic, Capital One Bank, Tri County Chamber, Robert Wood Johnson, Viridian Energy, Pawsitively Pooches, Arbonne International, Big Buddah Pocket Books and more.

For more information, contact Jill Pavel at (732) 423-7727 or email spfunders@gmail.com

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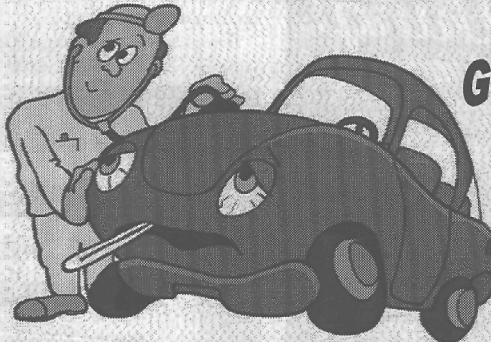
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Events

Plainfield Humane Society Fundraiser

July 24

The Plainfield Animal Hospital and Event Solutions are holding the first Charity Day Fundraiser to benefit Plainfield Area Humane Society on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue.

Pet and animal related vendors and groups, kid friendly, food, clothing, jewelry, crafters and more. Rain or shine; indoors and out. Meet the animals, face painting, balloon animals, carnival attractions, food, entertainment, door prizes, raffles and more.

Donation: \$2 (adults & 11 and up); children under 10: bring a can of animal food for free admission.

For more information, call Jill Pavel at (732) 423-7727 or email spfundraisers@gmail.com.

Little Treasures to Hold Open House

July 24

Little Treasures Learning Center, 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison, will hold an open house on Saturday, July 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Full time infant through kindergarten programs and summer camp for ages four through eight in a state-of-the-art setting. With advanced curriculum taught by certified staff and low child to teacher ratios, Little Treasures is there to provide your child with the best in quality education a learning center has to offer.

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Vacation Bible School At Wesley

July 26-30

Wesley's Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, July 26-30, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The theme is The Gospel Light's SonWorld Adventure Park. \$10 per child; \$20 per family. Tanya Santiago is the director. Exciting games, stories, music, lots of fun and food, and of course, Jesus. Open to ages four to 12.

To register, call (908) 757-2838 or email wumcsp@verizon.net.

SP Eagles Football And Cheer Practice

August 2

The first day of practice for South Plainfield Eagles football players and cheerleaders will be Monday, Aug. 2 at 6 p.m. at the field house located on Kenneth Avenue. All medical forms and year-end report cards are due by August 1.

Contact Bob Ginda at (908) 294-1422 for information regarding football or Abra Hodge at (732) 803-5780 for information regarding cheer.

First Baptist Vacation Bible School

August 9-13

Come and join us for Vacation Bible School! It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., Monday-Friday, Aug. 9-13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children entering kindergarten through fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration required; \$5 a child.

To register or for more information, call (908) 753-2382.

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Middle School PTO Vendor/Yard Sale

August 14

The Middle School PTO will hold a vendor/yard sale on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the front lawn of the school to support activities for the upcoming school year. Spots are \$20 each; you must bring your own table. Rain date is Saturday, Aug. 21. Jumbo Box Sox will also be on sale. Vendors are needed.

Call Debbie at (908) 803-1573 or Jane at (908) 754-3420 to reserve space for more information.

St. Stephen's Vacation Bible School

August 16-20

The "Baobab Blast" Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., Monday through Friday, Aug. 16-20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All ages welcome; pre-registration is required.

Register until July 26 by emailing Michele at Billch@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537.

SPHS Class of 1984 25th Reunion

October 9

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will hold a 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9 at Leon's Catering Hall in Berkeley Heights. The cost of \$60 per person includes dinner and open bar. Dress is casual.

Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current locations and addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible. If you are, or someone you know is, a member of the class of 1984, forward this information to Lisa Petroziello Carone at lpetro@comcast.net or Bill Price at bprice31@hotmail.com.

— Out of Town —

A Strike Against Cancer

Through August 27

Prodigal Foundation, Inc., in conjunction with the Woodbridge Bowling Center, is sponsoring "A Strike Against Cancer" each Friday through August 27 between 6 and 8 p.m. Any child or parent from Middlesex County affected by cancer may participate and is entitled to three free games of bowling. Registration required.

To register, call the Prodigal Foundation at (732) 636-9200, email re-

quests to eprodical@comcast.net, call the Woodbridge Bowling Center at (732) 634-4520 or register online at www.woodbridgebowling.com.

duCret School of Art Student Showcase

Through August 14

A multi-media showcase of works by 21 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be the summer exhibit at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield. Exhibit runs through August 14.

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

Vacation Bible School At Grace Alliance

July 26-30

Grace Alliance Church presents Vacation Bible School 2010 (VBS) at Timothy Christian School, 2008 Ethel Rd., Piscataway Mon.-Fri., July 26-30. Dinner for the entire family: 5:45 p.m. sharp. VBS from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register at www.gracealliance.org or call (732) 424-0404.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

July 28

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance (DBSA) will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, July 28 at 7:45 p.m. The featured speaker will be Robert C. Bransfield, MD, an international expert on Lyme Disease.

The meeting will be held at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. The public is cordially invited.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at (800) 367-6274.

Deutscher Club to Host Oktoberfest

August 7-8

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane presents Oktoberfest on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 6-10 p.m. with music by The Adlers and on Sunday, Aug. 8 from noon to 6 p.m. with music by Schwarzenegger Connection. Open to the public; rain or shine; free parking. Admission: \$5 per person, per day; children under 12 free. German and American food and beverages. No outside food or beverages permitted. No bikes, skates, skateboards or pets permitted.

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

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Coming Up.....

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MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Line Dancing 10:30 am
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm
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Open Mic Nite at Brook Arts Center

August 13

The newly renovated Brook Arts Center, located at 10 Hamilton St. in Bound Brook presents Open Mic Comedy Nite on Friday, Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. The show will have professional comedians plus open mic comedians and music/comedy acts. All aspiring comedians, (or pros looking to break in something new), may reserve a spot by calling (732) 469-7700 or emailing Danny Curtis at curtisprod@msn.com. Tickets are \$15.

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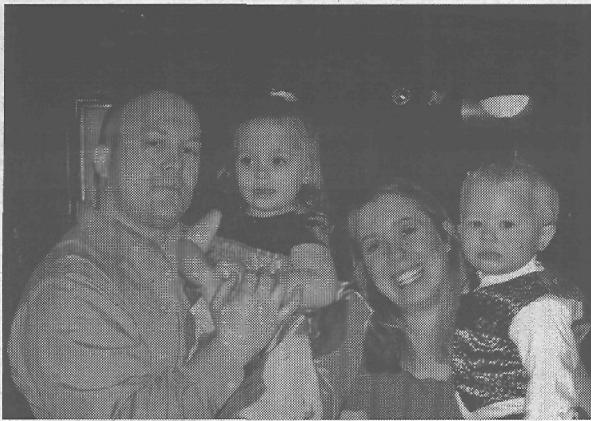
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Cory Kline, daughter Elizabeth, wife, Nicole and son Jaxon.

Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament Announced

It has been nearly a year since Cory Kline was diagnosed with leukemia on September 20, 2009. He entered the hospital in kidney, liver and respiratory failure, and the doctors thought he had pneumonia. After a blood test it was discovered that he had acute leukemia. He was stabilized and taken to a cancer hospital in Philadelphia where he passed away two days later, on September 22, 2009 at the age of 34. Cory, the oldest son of Linda and Gary Kline, a retired South Plainfield Police Officer, left behind his wife Nicole of seven years, and two small children, daughter, Elizabeth, 3, and son, Jaxon, 2.

Cory graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1993 and had many longtime friends in town. His father Gary, a dedicated police officer who served South Plainfield for 25 years, is asking the community to join Cory's family and friends to honor his memory in the inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament which will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. All proceeds from the tournament will go to Cory's wife and their children.

"I wanted to do something in his memory and try to help my daughter-in-law and the children so I am having this golf outing in his memory and trying to raise some money for them," Gary said in an email to the *Observer*.

Since his retirement, Gary has moved to North Carolina and is counting on

Cory's fraternity brothers and the community to get the word out about the golf tournament.

"If you are unable to organize/sponsor a foursome, we will work with you to place you in a group you will enjoy. We will aim to create teams that are fairly balanced and equally competitive. Most importantly, we want to encourage everyone to have fun, celebrate the life of a friend, and contribute to a good cause," according to the flyer that organizers have distributed.

Registration will be held from 7 to 8 a.m. on September 29 with a shotgun start, scramble format at 8:30 a.m. Reception and lunch will take place at approximately 1:30 p.m., followed by an awards ceremony at 2 p.m. for longest drive, closest to the pin and first, second and third place.

The cost of \$150 per player must be received prior to confirming your place in the tournament. Checks can be made payable to Gary Kline and mailed to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467. If you wish to use PayPal, please send to Gary's PayPal account at mrjuvey1365@aol.com.

If you can't attend the event, but would like to make a contribution, or for more information, you may contact Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946, email mrjuvey1365@aol.com or David Haynie at (917) 359-7834, email davidhaynie@hotmail.com.

For directions to the golf course, call (732) 445-2637 or visit the website: golfcourse.rutgers.edu.

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Milestones

Kristen Partesi Named to Castleton Dean's List

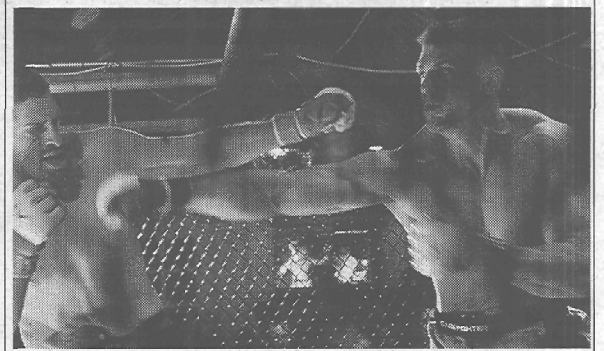
Kristen Partesi of South Plainfield was named to the Castleton State College Dean's List for the Spring 2010 semester. To qualify for this academic honor, a student must maintain full-time status and a semester grade point average of 3.5.

Castleton is small enough to be a community where every student matters, yet offers more than 30 academic programs, 20 intercollegiate sports and over 40 clubs and organizations. The college stresses community service, and provides exceptional programs for first-year students.

Sgt. Demarest Completes Second Tour of Duty

Marine Sergeant G. Everett Demarest IV, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Everett Demarest III of South Plainfield, completed his second tour of duty in Iraq this past February. He has recently been released from active duty and now returns to reserve status. He has been reassigned to the U.S. Marine Corps Headquarters and Service Company, 6th Motor Transport Battalion in Red Bank. While in Iraq he was stationed at Ramadi and assigned to Combat Logistics Battalion-46.

Sergeant Demarest is a 2002 graduate of South Plainfield High School.



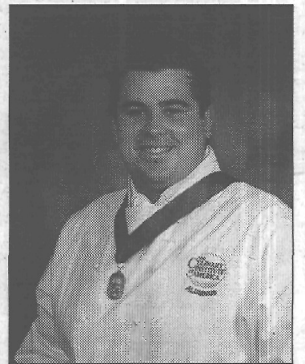
Gary Smith wins 1st MMA Fight

The July Bash Mixed Martial Arts, sponsored by Evolution AMMA, was held on July 10. South Plainfield resident Gary Smith (right) scored on a first round TKO with combination punches and swift knee kicks. Opponent Alex Rivera from Yonkers, NY was cut above the right eye and ring side doctors stopped the fight. Gary, nicknamed Beastmode, fights out of Zealous Nation Gym in Middlesex. He will have his next MMA fight sometime in the fall.

Rocco Petriello Graduates from Culinary Institute

Rocco Petriello graduated with an associate's degree from The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. on July 8. He will continue his studies in August in the bachelor's program for a bachelor of professional studies (B.P.S.) degree.

Rocco, a 2008 graduate of South Plainfield High School, is the son of Rosemary Petriello of South Plainfield and Jim Petriello of South Brunswick.



Rocco Petriello

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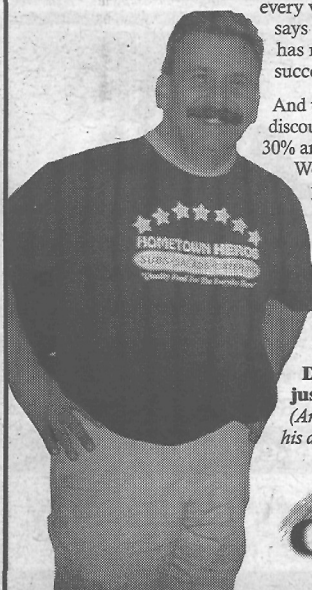
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Okay, we've got a lot of ground to cover this week, so let's get right to it. Here's the latest news from the South Plainfield Library.

We'll start off with a slightly-altered version of the summer slate of regular children's programs. For those of you who aren't entirely sure what that awkward sentence is supposed to mean, here's the rundown: "Storytime," for children ages three and over, will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10:30. And "Baby Time," for children ages two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each of these programs last about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity. No pre-registration is required.

Turning to the non-regular children's programs, here's the list:

- Wii gaming for all ages will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. No pre-registration is required.

- There will be a summer kidcraft program on Monday evening at 6:30 for children ages six and over. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There is a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration.

- On Wednesday evening at 6:30, there will be a children's sing-along program with Mr. Scott (no, not *that* Mr. Scott). It'll be held down the road at the senior center. It's for children ages four and over; no pre-registration is required. In lieu of an admission charge, attendees should bring non-perishable food items for the Middlesex County Community Food Drive.

- The children's chess club, led by Jeffrey Cupo, will meet on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The club is for players of all skill levels from ages five and over. Participants may bring their own chess sets, or use one of ours. You don't need to pre-register for the club.

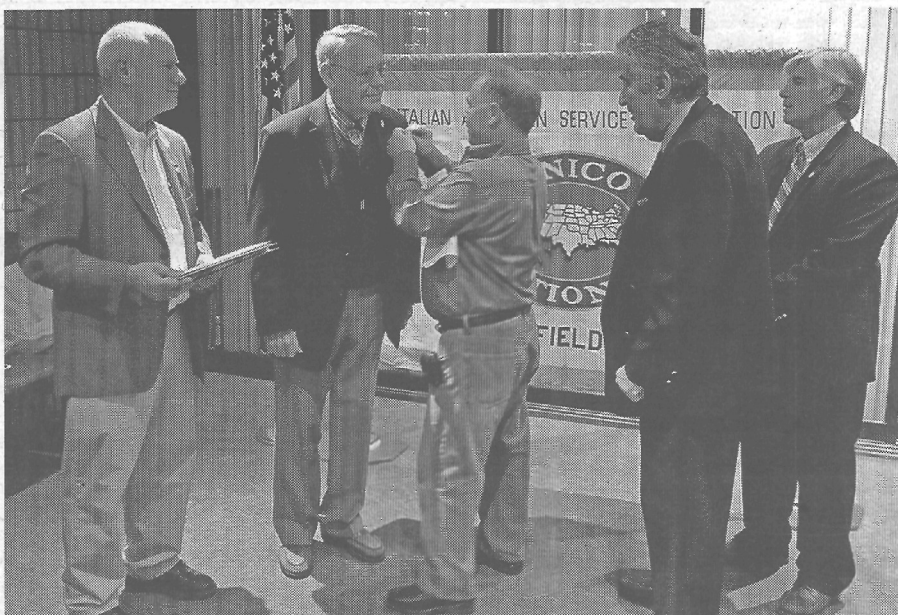
- And, you can still sign up for the summer reading club. Details are available at the clearly-marked summer reading table back by the adult fiction shelves.

We've also got some programs for young adults set up. There will be a t-shirt painting program with Brenda McRea on Wednesday at 1 p.m. It's for young people ages 10 and over. Participants should bring a clean, white t-shirt; we'll provide the other materials. Then, on Thursday evening at 6:30, we'll present a movie for young adults from grades five to 12. Please contact the library for title and rating information. You don't need to register for these programs. Then, on Saturday, July 31 at 1 p.m. Manisha Menon will lead a program on the art of Mendhi. This program is being presented free, but you must pre-register.

Now, you may think that we've decided to pretty much ignore adults for the rest of the season. Not so, actually. There's also the knitting and crocheting group that meet on Thursday at 7 p.m. It's an informal group, where participants work on their own projects at their own pace. You don't need to sign up for this group.

We've got just enough room for three other notes. First, we're still working on the bandwidth problem with our computers, so we're continuing to limit the number of computers available to the public. We apologize for the inconvenience. Second, our earlier problems with the air conditioning have been repaired and the temperature in the building is much improved. (YES!) Third, please keep an eye open for several new fees and patron requirements that were added at the last Board of Trustees meeting. We'll be posting them throughout the building and writing them up in the *Observer* in the very near future.

That's about all for now. If you have any questions, please call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next week.



UNICO WELCOMES NEW MEMBER (L-R): Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO President Anthony Bengivenga; new member Doug Viafora of South Plainfield; Sgt.-at-Arms Mike Colucci (pinning Viafora with the UNICO pin); Past National President Renato Biribin; and Deputy District X Governor Robert Bengivenga, Sr.

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Viridian Energy, an environmentally focused retail electricity provider, recently launched its services to utility territories in New Jersey. Viridian was licensed by the Board of Public Utilities in April and has begun serving Atlantic City Electric, Public Service Electric & Gas (PSE&G) and will begin serving Jersey City Power & Light (JCPL) customers within a few weeks.

Deregulated electricity markets in New Jersey allow consumers to shop for electricity providers based on price or renewable content. Viridian combines both values by offering two greener energy plans: Viridian's Every Day Green plan comes from 20% locally generated renewable energy sources and offers significant monthly savings. The Green-e certified Pure Green plan is a locally sourced 100% wind product designed for the environmentally conscience customer interested in promoting sustainable energy solutions while maintaining affordable electricity rates. Both products are available

to savvy residential and commercial consumers in Viridian's New Jersey territory. Viridian's most popular rate plan, Everyday Green, offers a lower rate to the average New Jersey summer residential rate plan offered by the local utility.

Viridian was founded with the mission to offer customers greener energy options at affordable prices. Headquartered in Stamford, Conn., Viridian was formed in March 2009 and currently services residential and commercial customers in Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, with plans to launch in New York this year. Viridian also offers a unique business opportunity that compensates its independent sales associates based on enrollment referrals and customer electricity usage.

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policereport

- On June 20 Rajeshbha R. Patel was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and refusal to take a breath test.

- On July 4 Aliuskak K. Borrero was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

- On July 5 Johnny Avendano was arrested for disorderly conduct.

- Dorothy A. Oliver was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breath test, no insurance, failure to exhibit a valid registration and crossing no passing lines.

- On July 6 Thomas W. Castleton was arrested at CVS on Oak Tree

Road for shoplifting four Febreze candles.

- Linette Chetrancolo was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

- On July 10 Arun Govind Marar was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

- On July 11 Curtis Ronald Bridgman, Timothy Earl Honeycutt, Can-

dace N. Miller and Distin D. Rich were arrested for simple assault.

- Tracie Crowley was arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and reckless driving.

- Derek B. Brown was arrested for failure to wear a seat belt and three outstanding warrants.

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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 12, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 July 23, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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ORDINANCE No. 1898

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE # 1889 ENTITLED: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD IN ORDER TO EFFECTUATE THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, July 19, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The *Observer* on Friday, July 23, 2010.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$28.03 July 23, 2010

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 187, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, July 19, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The *Observer* on Friday, July 23, 2010.

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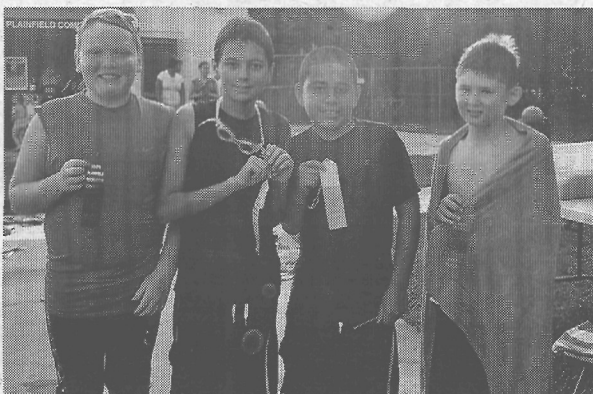
Dive Team Takes a Bite Out of Cedar Hill

The Tiger Shark Dive Team hosted the first meet of the season against Cedar Hill on June 28. With only two weeks of practice for both new and old Sharks, they wasted no time learning new dives and perfecting old ones while enjoying the unusually warm water temperatures!

In the girls division, eight and under age group (three dives), Nicole O'Sullivan took first place with a score of 42.80 and Danielle Bythell was awarded second place.

In the 9/10 age group (4 dives), Brianna Spadavecchia executed a forward somersault with a full twist and was awarded first place with a score of 93.4. Jemma Scalera took second place with a forward somersault half twist for a score of 70.10. Kristi Maher took home third place with a beautiful backwards dive and score of 65.55

In the 11/12 age group (4 dives), newcomer Mary McNeil wasted no time flipping her fins and was awarded first place with a score of 79.85. Geni Huber received nice scores for her back dive and took second place with a total of 68.0. Gracie Hageman took third place for a total score of 66.15 and also showed the judges her beautiful back dive. Newcomers Emily Kuchinski, Sarah Oehler and Matilda Jean Mercer dove their way into awards with a 62.0 for fourth place, 54.5 for sixth place, and 48.5 for eighth place. Gina Cummings showed off her inward dive for seventh place and to-



Ben Schaeffer (second place), Nick Spadavecchia (third place), Bryan Silva (fourth place) and Nick Scalera (first place). Photo courtesy of Diane Schaeffer

tal score of 53.3. Ashli Bell did a beautiful backwards dive and received ninth place with a total score of 42.35. Nice job ladies!

In the 13/14 age group (5 dives), Nicole Bythell was awarded first place and received a total score of 107.65.

In the boys division, 9/10 age group (4 dives), Justin Bell marched off the boards and dove into first place with a total score of 76.25 while new diver Edward Wilinski received second for his hard work and a total score of 37.56

In the 11/12 age group (4 dives), Nick Scalera showed off his inward dive with somersault for first place and a total of 58.8 while Ben Schaeffer wowed the crowd with a front dive half twist and took second place with a score of 54.3. Nick Spadavecchia was awarded third place with a nice forward dive and a score of 51.7. Bryan Silva earned fourth place with his hard work and a 24.65 score.

In the 13/14 age group (5 dives), newcomer Chris McNeil quickly learned and performed an inward dive and received a total score of 82.8 and

first place, while Nathan Persaud also showcased his inward dive for second place and a final score of 79.2

In the 15-18 age group (5 dives), Angela Spadavecchia showed off her back dive and received second place for a score of 90.45. Caroline Vill showed the judges a beautiful inward dive and took home third place with an 89.85 score. Jessica Bohn received high scores for a front flip and a total score of 89.10 for fourth place. Sarah Hageman performed a flawless back dive for a total score of 38.2 and sixth place.

The Tiger Shark Dive Team is open to any community pool member who has a love for the water and a willingness to learn. If you see us practicing at the boards please come on over and give it a try! We are always accepting new members up until our championship the end of July and the only requirement is pool membership, canning or \$30 buy-out (\$50 for two or more divers) and help during meets at the score table.

The next meet is at the Metuchen Community Pool.

TIGER SHARKS SWIM TEAM

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Tiger Sharks Win By a Relay

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team outswam the Somerset Valley YMCA Swim Team on July 3 with a score of 145-131.

While the girls did not take any first place wins in the IM, sisters Geni and Ali Huber took second place for the age groups 11/12 and 13-18, respectively. Jenna Yan was the only 10 and under swimmer to place with a third place ribbon, and Emily Piekarski (13-18) also placed third.

The boys, with brothers Andrew and Daniel Galarza, placed first in the 10 and under and 11/12 age groups, respectively, for the longer freestyle. Brothers Mark and Paul Stanik placed second for their age groups and Anthony Gurrieri was the only boy in the 13-18 age group to place with a second place ribbon.

Megan McDermott (11/12), Samantha Soto (13/14) and Maggie Valentino (15-18) placed first in the butterfly events. Shannon Yan (8 and under), Darlene Fung (9/10), and Brianna Tang (11/12) placed second, while Kristy Tam (8 and under), Jenna Yan (9/10), Kelly O'Brien (13/14), and Ellen Zinsky (15-18) placed third in the butterfly events.

Brendan Tang (9/10) was the only boy to place first in the breaststroke; Charlie Butrico (13/14) was the only boy to place second. Andrew Galarza (9/10) and Paul Stanik (11/12) placed

third.

Freestyle events were won by: Shannon Yan (8 and under), second; and Kristy Tam, third; Darlene Fung (9/10) second and Elizabeth Chiu, third; Megan McDermott (11/12) first; Ali Huber (13/14) first and Samantha Soto, third; Gracie Piekarski (15-18) second and sister Emily Piekarski, third.

There were no eight and under boys to place in backstroke, but 9/10 finishers were: Mark Stanik (first) and Brendon Tang (third); Nicolas Gurrieri (11/12) and Daniel Galarza, third; Charlie Butrico (13/14) second and Patrick Osendacz, third; and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18) second.

The relay teams clinched the meet for the Tiger Sharks. Taking first place ribbons were: 9-12 Free Relay-Mark Stanik, Daniel Galarza, Paul Stanik and Andrew Galarza; 13-18 Free Relay-Ian Muhlgieier, Anthony Gurrieri, Enzo Butrico and Marcel Green; 9-12 Medley Relay-Brianna Tang, Jenna Yan, Megan McDermott and Darlene Fung; 13-18 Medley Relay-Ali Huber, Samantha Soto, Theresa Gustafson and Maggie Valentino.

Thanks to all the team's efforts with many swimmers swimming their personal best times, the Tiger Sharks brought a very close meet, which could have ended in a tie, to a definite win.

Dive Team Shows Their Teeth

(Continued from page 1)

nice forward 1½ somersault tuck.

In the boys 13/14 age group, Nathan Persad scored first with a nice back dive for a total score of 97.35. Newcomer Patrick McCoid placed second with a final score of 71.15; Chris McNeil scored 115.40; and Chris Diaz scored a total of 70.95 after a nice forward somersault.

In the girls 15-18 age group, Angela Spadavecchia executed a nice inward dive tuck for a final score of 76.80 and Sarah Hageman received a nice score for her forward dive and a final 33.10 score.

In the boys 15-18 age group, scores were high and the older Sharks showed the younger ones some great higher degree of difficulty dives. Tiger Sharks proudly went one, two and three as Sean Alers took first with a 153.50 and memorable backwards two somersaults and reverse inward dive. Patrick

Boyle impressed the judges with a forward 1½ somersault tuck for a final score of 120.50 and Carlos Silva secured third place with a 117.30 score and forward 1½ somersault half twist tuck which probably made most of the judges dizzy! Nice job!

The Tiger Shark team is growing everyday. We want to welcome the new divers and parents into our shark infested family. Thank you to coaches Nicole and Jessica, who spend countless hours each day getting us to hurdle, jump, twist and flip into the pool everyday. If you have missed canning already, please remember to make your buyout payment before championships at the end of July. Home meets are approaching soon; parents we could really use your help at the tables, no experience required. Look for sign-ups at the dive team bulletin board.

-Submitted by Sharon Scalera

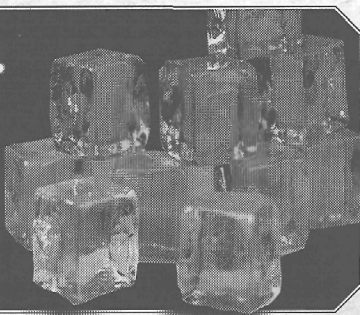
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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Twin City Pharmacy put on an impressive display of their balance and power as the league-leaders won handily over Witty's Liquors, 15-5. Joe Diller led the way with his best round of the season, a superb even-par 33. Guy Severini contributed a 36, and Donny Stanzione shot a 37 to help Twin City maintain the top spot in the American Division.

For Witty's Liquors, Sean "The Birdie Guy" Brooks continued his string of excellent rounds with a marvelous 1-over 34 while Nick Tonzevich and Bob Chase turned in a pair of 39s in a losing effort.

Captain Chris Dillon and Jay Bertleson are both playing very well for Unique Sports Accessories. Chris had a fine round of 35 and Jay was just one stroke higher with a 36, but their efforts could only gain a 10-10 tie with Oak Tree Dental.

Efrin Solis earned the medal for Oak Tree Dental with a 37 while Frank Oades and Robert Pornovets pitched in with a pair of 39s.

With this tie, Oak Tree Dental slipped into second place but still only a half-game behind Twin City Pharmacy.

Last season's champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, got a terrific performance from Mike Dube who put together his best

round of the season, an impressive 3-over 36, to spark his team to a 15-5 triumph over the Roughriders who had just too many strokes to give away. Captain Dale "The Needler" Dube crushed some impressive drives on his way to a 38 and seems to have regained the fine form he had before his recent knee surgery. Jeff Orth played with his customary insouciance and inconsistency, carding an ugly snowman on the sixth hole but then carding a beautiful birdie on the eighth. "Even with Jeff's having a roller-coaster round," Captain Dale Dube observed, "he's always a fun guy to play with."

Andy Hayward turned in another fine round for the Roughriders with a 35. Jerry Foglia made his belated debut this season and only had one bad hole when he hooked his tee shot out-of-bounds on the fifth hole but still managed to post a 39. With the return of Foglia to the regular line-up, look for the Roughriders to be stiffer competition for the remainder of the season.

Over in the National Division, first-place KC's Korner maintained their 3-game lead by whipping Sport & Social, 15-5. Tony Cotone, Jr. carded another solid round with a 37, and Rich Steele pitched in with a 39.

For Sport & Social, Dennis Bibby earned the medal with his 4-over 37. John Daly may have made a bold

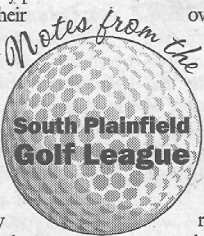
fashion statement in the opening round of the British Open with his lavender paisley pants, peach shirt and turquoise cap, but he was no match for Irish Danny Griffin who sported a multi-colored rasta style head piece complete with dozens of dreadlocks. Griffin came up with the idea of a really bizarre rally cap to light a fire under his team—and it worked. Alfie's Boys had the best team effort so far in the entire league as they buried McCriskin's Home for Funerals, 17-3. John Gaven, Mark Gokey and Mike Gokey all had excellent rounds of 35 and Griffin had the highest round for his team with a 3-over 36. "I'm not that concerned that I had the high round," said Griffin. "My key role is to be the Inspirational Force, and I'll wear whatever it takes to give my team a boost."

Heads up, Roughriders—you will be teeing off next week against Griffin in all his sartorial splendor.

Inspired by Griffin's success, Captain Frank Matthews of Sport & Social may come up with his own rally cap design for his team's match against Witty's Liquors.

In the early bird match of the night, Tom Kaufman of "The Dynamic Duo from Gotham City" fame had all the elements of his fine game working as he compiled a sparkling even-par 33 to tie Joe Diller for the medalist honors for the league. Ray Stanick the other member of the "Dynamic Duo" twosome registered a 4-over 37 as the Polish National Home narrowly defeated the Italian American Club, 11½-8½. Jeff Gross had the best score for the Italian-American Club with a 42.

Low scores for the night: Joe Diller, 33; Tom Kaufman, 33; Sean Brooks, 34; Mark Gokey, 35; Mike Gokey, 35; John Gaven, 35; Andy Hayward, 35; Chris Dillon, 35; Jay Bertleson, 36; Mike Dube, 36; Danny Griffin, 36; Guy Severini, 36.



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Oak Tree Dental	6	2	1	Alfie's Boys	5	4	0
Witty's Liquors	5	4	0	Polish National Home	5	4	0
Unique Sports	4	4	1	Sport & Social	4	5	0
Roughriders	3	6	0	Italian American Club	2	7	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	2	7	0	McCriskin's	2	7	0

Express Yourself: Middlesex County College To Hold Tri-State Writers' Workshop

A writers' workshop open to the public will be held at Middlesex County College on Friday, Aug 6. The program mixes sessions on writing skills with practical tips on selling what you have written. There is also a spoken word contest; the winner will receive \$100.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to spend the day with published writers and learn their secrets," said Professor Melissa Edwards, who is coordinating the program. "We'll have ses-

sions on short stories, memoirs, poetry, translation, playwriting and children's literature, plus discussions on how to sell what you have written. It promises to be an excellent program—and very valuable for writers and aspiring writers. This is the second writers' workshop; the first was very well received."

Public school teachers may earn five Professional Development Credits at the workshop.

The program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attendees may take part in a "spoken word" contest, in

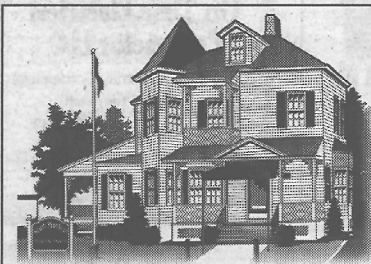
which they rap poetry they have written. The winner will receive \$100.

Lunch is provided. Participants may select one workshop per session.

"Express Yourself" is being offered as a fundraiser to support the publication of the Middlesex County College literary journal. The registration fee is \$75 (same day registration is \$80); of that, \$60 is considered a contribution for tax purposes.

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American Heart Association Wants To Know How You Are "Going Red"

The American Heart Association wants to hear how New Jersey women are "going red" and taking charge of their heart health. Perhaps it's by eating better or starting an exercise program. Maybe it's setting up regular check-ups with your doctor or planning family outings that involve exercise. Have you quit smoking? Maybe you've survived heart disease and have a renewed commitment to heart health. Or maybe you've started talking to your daughter on how important it is to take care of her heart.

Too many New Jersey women will die this year because they are unaware that heart disease is their No. 1 killer. One in three women suffers in silence and almost one woman dies every minute of this largely preventable disease. In fact, approximately 455,000 women will lose their life this year from cardiovascular disease—including an astounding 14,000 New Jersey women's daughters, sisters and friends.

But the American Heart Association wants to bring a voice to this silent killer. Sponsored nationally by

Macy's and Merck, the American Heart Association's Go Red For Women movement is dedicated to empowering women to learn about cardiovascular disease risk factors and take manageable steps to reduce those risks. This year's Go Red for Women theme, "Our Hearts. Our Choice. Speak Up to Save Lives" emphasizes the power that women have in taking charge of their health. By making healthy choices and starting the conversation about heart disease, New Jersey women can help beat their No. 1 and No. 3 leading causes of death: heart disease and stroke.

Send in letters, pictures, drawings or whatever else you can think of that will share your story of heart-health by emailing courtney.nelson@heart.org or mailing to the American Heart Association, Attn: Courtney Nelson, 1 Union Street, Suite 301, Robbinsville, NJ 08691. Include your name, address, and phone number with entry in order to receive a complimentary 2010 Go Red for Women cookbook, *Recipes for the Heart*.

Obituaries

John Joseph Martin, 69

John Joseph Martin passed away on Sunday, June 27 at Berkeley Heights Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born and raised in Plainfield, he was a Plainfield High School graduate and had resided in Flemington for most of his adult life.

John was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving overseas as a medic, prior to his discharge.

He had been employed as a veterinary assistant and later worked as a salesman for Flemington Subaru and Isuzu where he was the recipient of a number of sales awards and achievements during his career.

Predeceased by his parents, John and Kathleen, he is survived by three sisters, Kathleen Martin of Exton, Pa., Maureen Gottlick of Fanwood and Dolores Martin of South Plainfield; a niece, Jennifer Auricchio and a nephew, Marc Gottlick and family.

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

Memorial donations to the Plainfield Area Humane Society, 75 Rock Ave. Plainfield, N.J. 07060 would be appreciated.

Emma (Jordan) Cox, 88

Emma (Jordan) Cox died on Saturday, July 17 at Greenbrook Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Greenbrook.

Born in Newark, Emma moved to South Plainfield in 1957.

She is predeceased by her husband, Fillmore, in 1987; a daughter, Carole Barker in 2006; and by a brother, Charles.

She is survived by a son, Richard Cox of Piscataway; a daughter, Gail Anderson of San Jose, Calif.; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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ProCare Physical Therapy Welcomes Nutritionist Alyssa Cellini



Alyssa Cellini

ProCare Physical Therapy, which has served the South Plainfield/Piscataway community for over 13 years is pleased to announce the launch of their ProFit Wellness Services in their South Plainfield/Piscataway and Bridgewater locations. ProCare now offers nutritional counseling, exercise classes and strength and conditioning training. ProCare owners Joe and Cathy Scarpitto felt a need to bring wellness to their patients and to the community after their physical therapy goals have been met.

Nutritionist Alyssa Cellini examines the nutritional needs of each client and correlates them to their specific goals. Using her knowledge of biology, food

and nutrition, she develops an eating plan to enable them to meet their goals. In addition, clients are educated so that they can make appropriate food choices for themselves in the future in order to foster a healthy eating lifestyle for life. With the use of Body Composition Analysis, progress is monitored and eating plans are adjusted as needed.

Cellini is experienced in medical nutrition therapy, human nutrition, research and development and private consulting.

"The solution is not simply speeding up your metabolism, it is finding the root cause of each individual's compromised system. When we balance the original dysfunction, every aspect of your body seems to improve," she said.

She strives to reduce risk factors for disease through First Line Therapy; diet and exercise and to reduce dependence on medications for life. Many of ProCare's clients have experienced positive results through Cellini's nutritional counseling. For more information, call ProCare at (732) 926-9250.

A free nutrition and weight loss seminar will be given in our South Plainfield/Piscataway office on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Seats are limited so please call (732) 926-9250 today to reserve your seat.

AT&T and Petra Solar Team to Offer Smart Grid Solar System Technology

AT&T continues to further its efforts in smart grid for utility companies with a new agreement with Petra Solar, a clean tech pioneer that combines solar generation and smart grid technology in a single system. AT&T will offer Petra Solar's innovative technology, which allows utility companies to simultaneously address Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements and invest in a smart grid technology.

Petra Solar designs and manufactures the first smart grid interactive solar electric system specifically designed for installation on utility distribution poles, Utility Grade SunWave™ UP Series. The systems, which operate as individual power generation stations, combine solar power, smart grid and power management technologies to enable utilities to improve power quality and grid management. Petra Solar's systems operate on streetlight and utility poles, connecting directly to the grid's secondary voltage lines at the pole.

Last July the N.J. Board of Public Utilities approved a contract between Petra Solar and New Jersey's largest utility, PSE&G, to generate 40MW of power through SunWave solar systems installed on up to 200,000 poles in New Jersey. The intelligent photovoltaic solar units are currently being installed throughout the state's six largest cities and 300 suburban communities and will be running on the AT&T wireless network.

"This program, which is part of our Solar 4 All™ initiative, brings the benefits of solar energy to every community we serve, while also creating much needed green jobs in manufacturing and installation. PSE&G's programs to promote energy efficiency, develop renewables and accelerate infrastructure investments are putting hundreds of New Jersey residents to work at this critical time," said Ralph LaRossa, PSE&G president and COO.

"By harnessing the scale of the AT&T network to deliver more sustainable solutions, we enable wireless connections across people and businesses helping to increase efficiency," said Michael Antieri, president, Advanced Enterprise Mobility Solutions, AT&T Business Solutions. "This new relationship with Petra Solar marks another step into integrating our wireless network capabilities with the ben-

efits of smart grid technology and the leading-edge renewable energy solutions available today."

The joint solution offered by AT&T and Petra Solar is immediately available throughout North America.

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In My Opinion

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By having the Department of Public Works do the work rather than an outside contractor, the committee saved the board several thousand dollars and created revenue for the borough.

In 2009 Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas joined the committee, and it continued to discuss ways the school district and borough could work together. For instance, last year the two entities worked on plans to reverse the Labor Day parade so that it would end at the middle school. As part of this, the borough cleaned the French drains and trimmed the trees at the middle school, another shared service that would have been performed by a paid outside contractor absent this program.

In May 2009 BOE members Steven Bohn and Sharon Miller joined the team. For the second year in a row the Labor Day parade will finish at the middle school. In addition, the shared service team is discussing ways to take shared services to the next level by looking at ways to help the library find a home, with the possibility of using the BOE Administration Building with the enthusiastic support of BOE President Giannakis and Vice President Pio Pennisi.

The examples listed in this letter are just that, examples. Shared services became an important part of our community's effort to build efficiencies and save taxpayer dollars long before it was mandated by the State of New Jersey. Through the efforts of everyone involved, the entire town has benefitted and will continue to benefit as we move forward.

SINCERELY,
DEBBIE BOYLE, CHAIRWOMAN OF
SHARED SERVICES BOE

To the Editor:

"When teachers and parents work together, the children are the winners," so says New Jersey Education Association (NJEA) in one of their many TV ads. You know, the NJEA, the one for the kids.

The NJEA ad does not pass "the truth in advertising act." A reality of NJ public school cartel was described by Jane Dornick in fascinating details by her letter to the *South Plainfield Observer* of July 9.

For three years Mrs. Dornick was an unpaid yearbook advisor because those "for the kids" 25 teachers in Grant School did not want to have anything to do with an unpaid job. Mrs. Dornick successfully completed those three yearbooks to great reviews from students and school personnel.

The situation changed when she applied for a paid job of yearbook advisor. Suddenly her eminent qualifications as an extremely good writer (see her articles in the *South Plainfield Observer*) were not good enough for the paid job. Because there was about \$6,000 to be made, the job was given to teachers who were now willing to work "for the good of the kids." What qualifications these teachers possessed to be yearbook advisor I cannot find.

Ironically, in the same issue of the *Observer* of July 9, there is a story about "retiring principal dedicated to student's achievements."

A quote from the article: "(when I was a teacher) I was looking for a baseball job (coaching position), but there was only an opening for soccer," said the retiring principal. "I did not know if a soccer ball was round or square," but the late Tony Cotoia said to me: "don't worry about it. I'm very confident you'll do a fine job." So showing his true professionalism, the retiring principal took a paid position of

soccer coach. Can you, the reader, imagine a medical doctor, who is about to operate on your kidney, admitting that he does not know what the kidney looks like and where it is located?

I have two more problems with the principal's inadvertent confession: Shouldn't he be at least embarrassed and not publicly admit that he took a job that he was utterly unqualified to do? He took it only because he was paid for it. Obviously, it was done for the kids; and according to any English dictionary, the word ball means a spherical or approximately spherical body or shape, sphere. (For those with a bachelor or master degree in education an explanation: a sphere means round).

South Plainfield, for the 2010 Fall Season, (from August 16 to December 5, for a total of 3.5 months), the high school boys' head soccer coach was paid \$8,257; assistant #1 was paid \$6,040; and assistant #2 was paid \$6,269. Girl's head soccer coach \$6,288; assistant \$5,818; sport faculty manager(???) \$7,300; equipment manager \$6,527; and so on and so on.

For this amount of money I can personally give ballet lessons, or if I have any conscience left, I would hire a professional ballet instructor and still get myself a nice cut. But if you are a New Jersey public school tenured teacher, your guiding light is your pocket, not a conscience.

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Free Resources for Women with Postpartum Depression

Among the babies born in the United States every year, 35 percent are born from the beginning of June through the end of September. For every eight in 10 births, new mothers will experience at least a brief episode of the "baby blues," feelings of sadness, anxiety, loneliness, or moods.

After a couple of weeks these symptoms typically disappear; however, when symptoms persist or deepen in intensity, they may be a sign of postpartum depression or another perinatal mood disorder.

Perinatal mood disorders (PMD) include: anxiety disorder, obsessive compulsive disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, bipolar disorders and postpartum depression. The depression may be mild, moderate or severe.

In New Jersey, women have numerous resources available to help them overcome the effects of PMD. These disorders can be serious, but they are highly treatable. Help is available, and it is important that a mother gets the support and treatment needed to recover so that she can enjoy her baby. The first step is to ask for help.

Resources include an informational website, www.njspeakup.gov, which provides a comprehensive list of support groups, general advice, fact sheets and written and video testimonials about personal experiences with PMD from women, their partners and other family members. In addition, the 24/7 toll-free telephone helpline, 1-800-328-3838, helps with general questions and referrals to treatment services, support groups and counseling.

Middlesex County women can contact the Central New Jersey Maternal/Child Health Consortium at (732) 937-5437 or the Gateway Northwest Maternal and Child Health Network at (973) 268-2280 for help.

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