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Mayor Butrico Named Labor Day Honorary Grand Marshal

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee has chosen Mayor Charles Butrico as the honorary grand marshal for the 53rd annual Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, Sept. 6. Not only has he been mayor of the borough since 2006, but has served the community in various areas of civic service in tandem with his political aspirations.

Butrico is a lifelong resident who began volunteering his time coaching t-ball and softball for his three daughters, Dana, Kristie and Michelle, who are now grown. In 2001 he ran for public office and was elected to the borough council and then reelected in 2004. He has remained a member

of the Planning Board, Business Advisory Group and Economic Development Committee since 2002.

A devoted Catholic, Butrico spends a good part of his spare time as a member of the Knights of Columbus doing charity work. He can always be seen cooking and serving meals at the Lenten fish dinners at Sacred Heart, the Don't Cook Friday spaghetti dinners at the KOC hall, and at Trivia Night. Butrico also helps out with the Special Citizen's Drive, the Feast of St. Anthony at Our Lady of Czestochowa Church and the town-wide clean up day each spring.

Butrico was also a producing board member for Summer Drama Workshop from 1998 through 2000 and was elected to the South Plainfield



Mayor Charles Butrico

High School Hall of Fame in 2008.

As mayor he takes great pleasure in performing civil unions and has

donated nearly \$14,000 in wedding money fees to various local charities in the borough.

"In my job as mayor, I have enjoyed working with the people in South Plainfield and helping them wherever possible. Whether it was marrying people, cutting ribbons at grand openings, attending youth functions or fixing problems, I have enjoyed every minute of it," said Butrico.

A graduate of Rutgers University, he is currently employed as an account executive for Computer Sciences Corporation, a Fortune 200 company and one of the world's largest and most respected providers of information technology services.

"I am very honored to have been selected as the grand marshal for

the 2010 Labor Day Parade. I have memories of Labor Day back to my childhood. I can remember attending the parade when I was young, marching in it when I was in high school and being involved in the planning of the parade as councilman and mayor. To be selected as the grand marshal is such a great honor and one I will remember forever. I would like to thank all those individuals who submitted nomination letters and the Public Celebrations Committee for selecting me," said Butrico.

The Labor Day Parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the PAL on Monday, Sept. 6. Continue to read the *Observer* each week for more details on the borough's biggest annual event.

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District Eligible to Receive \$92,000 In State School Construction Grants

The Christie Administration has announced that the South Plainfield School District is eligible to receive \$92,000 in state funds through the Regular Operating Districts facilities grants.

Statewide, 177 school districts are eligible for approximately \$270 million in state funds toward the cost of 740 capital maintenance and construction projects under the Regular Operating District (ROD) program.

"Efficient, up-to-date school facilities are a priority of this administration and part of ensuring New Jersey children receive a quality education.

These grants will fund critical projects across our state, helping to improve the learning environments for our students and providing necessary support to districts by easing their local property tax burden," said Governor Chris Christie.

"This funding for school improvements will help school districts keep their facilities properly maintained and ease the burden on local property taxpayers," added Commissioner of Education Bret Schundler.

The state-funded grants represent at least 40% of eligible costs for projects in the RODs. These grants are contingent on voter or budget ap-

proval of the remaining cost to local school districts.

Available funding allocations for the district's eligible projects include: state share: \$92,000; local share: \$138,000; estimated total project cost: \$230,000.

Grants are approved by the Department of Education (DOE) in fixed annual allocations based on a prioritization process that considers critical needs, such as health, safety, special education, renewal of existing buildings and overcrowding. Types of construction include capital maintenance, renovation, expansion and new facilities.

Kevin Hajduk Appointed Middle School Principal

By Libby Barsky

Kevin Hajduk, assistant principal of South Plainfield Middle School, was appointed to replace Steve Novak as principal by the Board of Education at a special meeting held on July 28. He has been the assistant principal at the school since 2008 and holds an Educational Leadership and Educational Specialist certification from Seton Hall University. Hajduk is only 12 credits away from receiving a Ph.D. in educational leadership.



Kevin Hajduk

helping students attain high scores once again on the most recent NJASK tests. "The department I supervised for the last two years, language arts and reading, were the highest scores ever for the middle school," said Hajduk. "The score in language arts and reading portion was 92% proficient, science 92.5% and 70% in Math. I want to continue those high expectations in the middle school building in all subjects. We want to improve and there can't be any excuses why we can't improve."

Hajduk began his career in 2000 teaching special education at Roosevelt School after graduating from East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. In his junior year in college he, along with Addison Williams, coached students for Special Olympics events held every June in Trenton. He is still associated with the Special Olympics calling it "one of the best organizations in sports." Besides coaching Special Olympics, he also coached high school and middle school wrestling, cross country and track.

While teaching at Roosevelt School for four years, he began taking classes at New Jersey City University towards a master's degree in educational technology. He was one of the first educators to use Smart Board technology in his classroom. During this time, he also applied to be a member of the NASA Sun-Earth Connection Program and was one of 25 teachers throughout the country

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Fundrasier Aids Plainfield Humane Society

Presented by Plainfield Animal Hospital, the Plainfield Area Humane Society (PAHS) held their first annual vendor day charity fundraiser at the PAL on July 24 to assist in running the shelter's daily operations. The well attended event drew numerous pet related vendors and animal charities as well as food and games for the kids. The event raised about \$7,000 so far, but the amount will probably go higher since donations are still coming in daily. In addition, approximately \$1,500 worth of pet food and supply donations were received that day.

David Lester, president of the shelter's board of trustees said, "We don't have enough money in our account to cover our payroll taxes for the month." He feels the downturn in the economy has forced pet owners to downsize and some even have to give up their pets for adoption. Charitable donations have also slowed which is their mainstay. Pet owners lack the funds to fix their animals and their off spring wind up in the shelter. PAHS has a population of nearly 35 dogs and 130 cats and no one is adopting animals which helps generate some of their revenue.

The PAL gym housed themed vendors and organizations including Pawsitively Pooches, Hope for Animals, Paws for Lars, Wings of Hope and Edison Food Pantry;

items for sale by Holiday Magnets, Crafts Creations, Viridian Energy, Arbonne, Big Buddha Pocket Books, Bama's Natural, Karat Gold Buyers, Our Little Cupcakes, Frieda's Favorites, Avon, Mary Kay, Amway, At Home America, Sensy Candles, Celebrating Home, Send Our Cards, Budget Blinds, Discovery Toys, Sil-

ver and wompany, Premier Design, M Design's, Tracey's Boutique, scarves, perfume and cosmetics, psychic Jessica White, face painting, Capital One Bank, Plainfield Animal Hospital, Don Duffy, CPA, Tri County Chamber, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, as

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Representatives from the Plainfield Area Humane Society were on hand at the vendor day fundraiser to answer questions about adoptions.



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council meetings

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

August 16 August 16

*September 7 (Tuesday) September 7

September 20 September 20

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planning board

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

zoning board of adjustment

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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

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

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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

Monday, August 23 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

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In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

My name is Greg Heim, and as many of you know I am a full-time coin dealer and a nine-year resident of South Plainfield.

From September 1 to December 31, 2010, I will be donating a portion of my profits to the South Plainfield Music Boosters. Items I will be buying in addition to all gold, silver, platinum and copper coins are scrap gold/unwanted gold jewelry, sterling silver flatware and trays (no sterling silver jewelry), United States and Foreign paper money, precious metal bullion such as gold, silver, platinum, and palladium, government and non-government issued Proof and Mint Sets, and vintage sports cards and memorabilia.

The top dollar offer that I make to you will not change, because this is a donation on my part. When you make an appointment with me, I go to your location and you will receive a free, verbal appraisal along with the amount of money that I will be donating (please keep in mind that different material has different margins of profit). Last year, I donated almost \$200 to the South Plainfield Girl Scouts doing the same fundraiser.

The rest is simple. Anyone who mentions the South Plainfield Music Boosters qualifies (you must be over 18 years of age)—students, friends, family, etc. Together, we can make this a great success and help some wonderful and dedicated students in the process.

GREGORY S. HEIM

To the Editor:

This past week I thanked many people and companies for all of their support for our COACHES Care outing in June. Unfortunately, I failed to mention some of our valuable partners: Mohn's Flowers, The Boyle Family, Vinnie Hager, Visionary Art, Nancy Mayer and Mary Kay Cosmetics, Rutgers Golf Course, Twin Brooks Golf Course, Paul Dickson and The New York Giants. Most of the afore-

mentioned donated prizes that were used in the auction phase of our outing, and contributed greatly to our success. To each, I apologize for my failure to initially mention your donations and thank you all for your continued support, as we look to further our commitment to the children.

TOM MCCREESH

To the Editor:

This will be my eighth year participating in the MS 100 Bike Tour as a member of Cornerstone Architectural Group's Team Tambo. As many of you know this crippling disease directly affects members of the Cornerstone family. The continued support of our friends, family and business associates has meant so much to us all on a very personal level.

So, once again, I ask you to please help sponsor me and the other members of Team Tambo as we ride over 100 miles through northern New Jersey in the 2010 Great New Jersey Country Bike MS Ride. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS, but they can't do it without our help. Your donations go directly toward programs and services for local residents to help with their daily fight against this disease, and also towards

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national research programs.

It's faster and easier than ever to support this cause that's so important to me. Simply log on to http://main.nationalmssociety.org/site/TR/Bike/NJMBikeEvents?px=1880013&pg=personal&fr_id=13409, or if you prefer, send your contribution to my office: Cornerstone Architectural Group, 202 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Financially this is a difficult year for many people. Please know that every dollar counts and no donation is too small. Any amount, great or small, will help to make a difference in the lives of people with MS. I appreciate your support and look forward to letting you know how I do.

Together we can make a difference!
ROBERT LONGO

Elks Soccer Shoot: "It's a Kick"

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 will hold its annual soccer shoot on Tuesday, Aug. 17 at the South Plainfield Soccer Club fields located on Kenneth Avenue. Rain date is Wednesday, Aug. 18. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m. Birth certificates are required.

The contest is open to boys and girls ages five to 13 in the following age groups: five to seven (U-8), eight and nine (U-10), 10 and 11 (U-12), and 12 and 13 (U-14). A goal will be set up for each age group to help move the contest along more quickly.

Awards will be given to the first, second and third place winners in each boy and girl age bracket.

First place winners will move on to the District Shoot which will be held at the Kenneth Avenue fields in October.

The Elk's Youth Activities Program has a goal of keeping children occupied with positive, character-building role models and activities, providing alternatives to drug use, and simply having fun!

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

What, August already? Summer's not supposed to go by *that* fast, right? It's supposed to stick around for a while, right? Well, while some of it is still around, here's some summertime news from the South Plainfield Library.

First of all, the library's notary public is on vacation. He'll be back on Monday, Aug. 16. Be sure to ask him how the demolition derby and the tractor pull went.

Turning to the regular schedule of children's programs, "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 mornings at 10:30. "Baby Time," for children age two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each of these programs last about an hour and feature stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. No pre-registration is required.

Turning to the not-quite-so-regular schedule of children's programs, the children's chess club, for players ages five and over, will meet on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Players may bring their own chess sets or use one from the library. Wii gaming for all ages will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon (we'll provide the equipment for that one). The last Kidcraft program for the season will be held on Monday evening at 6:30. It's for children ages six and over; space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There's also a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration. And, on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m., we'll host a special program featuring the Lizard Guys. That program will feature live animals and reptiles, is for children

ages five and over and will be held just down the street at the Senior Center. There's no pre-registration required; in lieu of an admission charge, attendees should bring non-perishable food items for the Middlesex County Community Food Drive. (Feel free to bring them even if you're not going to the program.) For more information, please call us and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Here's something the adults should be interested in: the next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is set for Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend and learn more about the library's current and future plans. Topic for discussion will include needed improvements to the library's facilities and services, as well as proposed changes in library policy. There will be a public comment time early in the meeting.

For quite a while, we've been telling our patrons that we hope to be able to notify them via email of reserved or overdue items, but that we're not ready for it yet. Well, now we are. We've recently added that capability and are now using it. (I got a message myself not too long ago; those DVDs were almost due.) If you'd like to participate, just stop by the circulation desk and let us know your email address for our records. Or, if you prefer, we can still notify you via a phone call or the regular mail.

Finally, a computer-related note. Please be advised that our public computers are set up to begin automatically shutting down about ten minutes before we close for the day. That process cannot be overridden. So, if it's late in the day and you need to use a computer, please allow yourself enough time to finish your work before everything gets switched off. In particular, if you need to print out materials (especially ones with lots of pages or complicated graphics), please make sure you can get everything finished before closing time. As always, we really appreciate your assistance.

That's all for now. For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit the website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next Friday. With any luck, we won't have gotten into holiday season just yet.



Repairs to the damaged roof at the Front Street Farmers Market building are underway. A tentative grand re-opening is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 21. Watch the Observer for more details.

South Plainfield Man Pleads Guilty to Sexual Assault

A South Plainfield man pleaded guilty on July 30 to a charge of sexually assaulting a five-year-old girl, according to Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan.

Robert Hartobey, 33, pleaded guilty to a single count of aggravated sexual assault, admitting he sexually assaulted the child in her home in Edison on May 13, 2006.

Under the terms of a plea agreement reached with Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Sherce Pitchford, the defendant is expected to be sentenced to a prison term of eight years and will be required to serve 85% of the term before he can be eligible for parole.

In addition, Hartobey must register as a sex offender under Megan's Law, will be subjected to parole supervision for the remainder of his life and will be prohibited from having any contact with the victim.

Hartobey, who had worked as a cor-

rections officer at New Jersey State Prison in Trenton, also will forfeit his job and will be banned from holding any public job in the future.

Hartobey, whose trial was scheduled to begin this week, will be sentenced by Superior Court Judge Bradley Ferencz on October 25.

Hartobey was charged after Investigator Deborah Riley of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office and now-retired Detective Sgt. Richard Buck of the Edison Police Department determined that the defendant sexually assaulted the girl when she was visiting her mother in Edison.

The girl told her father when she returned home. The child's parents subsequently contacted police.

Farmers' Market Vouchers Available For Seniors

The purpose of the Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) is to provide fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruits, vegetables and herbs for the nutritional health of New Jersey's seniors and to expand the awareness and use of the local farmers' markets. The program also promotes the financial growth of the local farmers.

The New Jersey Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program started in 1997 as a collaborative effort between the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services-WIC Services and the New Jersey Department of Agriculture.

To be eligible to receive Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program benefits, a senior citizen must be at least 60 years-old and have a household income of at or below \$20,036 per individual or \$26,955 per couple.

2010 Farmers' Market Vouchers for eligible South Plainfield seniors are available now. Anyone who has not already applied and is interested in a \$20 voucher can pick up an Eligibility Application at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave., and return it with the proper verification documents on Thursday, Aug. 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to the senior center.

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August 9-13

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

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 or for more information.

Little Treasures Open House

August 21

Little Treasures Learning Center, 2177 Oak Tree Road in Edison, will be holding an open house on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

State of the art setting, provides full time infant through kindergarten programs and summer camp for ages four to eight. Advanced curriculum taught by certified staff and low child to teacher ratios. Little Treasures will provide your child with the best in quality education a learning center has to offer.

For more information and a virtual tour, visit them online at LTLC.net or call (908) 769-3224.

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Flea Market

August 21

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400-416 Delmore Ave. will hold an outdoor flea market on Saturday, Aug. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Table spaces available: \$20 (bring your own table) or \$25 (one round table supplied). Pierogies will be for sale (kitchen area); hot dogs and soda will be sold during the event.

To reserve your space (before August 15), call Metro Kopchak at (908) 755-0065.

American Legion Annual Picnic

August 28

The American Legion Chaumont Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 28 featuring six hours of music with Eric and Karen Seiz from 1 to 4 p.m.; deejay from 4 to 7 p.m.

Triple water slide for the kids, horseshoe tournament and face painting for younger children. Open to the

public. Adults: \$15; \$7 for children six to 13; children 5 and under are free. Tickets can be purchased at the post lounge. 50/50 drawing, door prizes. Bring your own pop up tents.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call (908) 668-9414.

Elks Family Picnic

September 4

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., will hold a family picnic on Saturday, Sept. 4 (raindate September 5) from 1 to 6 p.m. Adults: \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door; children 7-17: \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door; under seven, free.

All the usual picnic foods, including clams at a nominal price. Kiddie carnival featuring many planned activities for the kids and their own buffet. Jumpee, cotton candy, spin art, Smiley the Clown with face painting and much more. Horseshoe tournament.

For tickets or information, call the lodge at (908) 668-9750 or contact Barbara Muller at (732) 690-3871.

Sacred Heart School Golf Outing

September 15

The Sacred Heart School Advisory Council has announced that the school will be hosting a golf outing at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Registration/continental breakfast: 8 a.m.; shotgun start: 9 a.m.; prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive; dinner buffet included. Cost per golfer: \$130; \$520 per foursome.

For more information, call (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

Funds raised support Sacred Heart School.

Out of Town

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.

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 Sun-

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day, 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.

Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

August 11

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library, George Fredrick Plaza, Rt. 35 in Woodbridge. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend.

For more information, call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

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.

For reservations, call (732) 469-7700 or www.ticketweb.com and type "Brook Theatre" in search.

Deutscher Club German Biergarten

August 20

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, is holding an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, Aug. 20 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Volkswagen Night: 35 German theme cars to view. Open to the public; rain or shine. Parking available. Music by Richard Jordan. German and American food and beverages available. No outside food or beverages permitted. No skateboards, skates, bikes or pets allowed.

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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
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

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Yard Sale For A Cure/ Type One Diabetes

August 21

The New Apostolic Church is hosting a yard sale fundraiser to raise money for Juvenile Diabetes research on Saturday, Aug. 21 from noon to 4 p.m. at 929 Putnam Ave. in Plainfield. Please come out and support this great cause.

If you have items you wish to donate to sell at this fundraiser, email hope foracure.juvenilediabetes@gmail.com no later than August 15.

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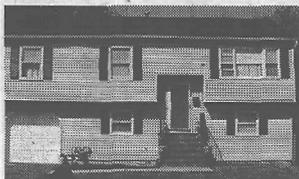
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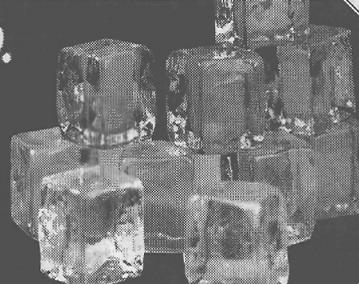
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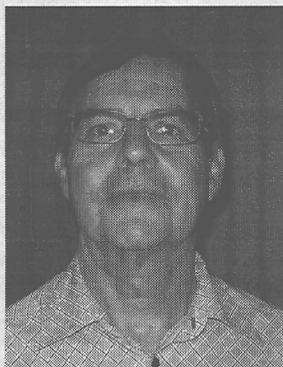
Russ Mattoon, Supervisor of Technology Leaving District

By Libby Barsky

Russ Mattoon, the school district's supervisor of technology, has resigned his position effective September 1 to become the supervisor of careers and technical education for the Essex County Vocational and Technical Schools. His office will be in East Orange, but he will be overseeing four schools; two in Newark and one each in Bloomfield and West Caldwell.

"The state has changed vocational education to careers and technical education. So all the traditional shops will remain, but we will add the possibility of adding an alternative with more of an academic component so students could have the possibility of moving on to further education. The thrust of the program is to provide a more academic background so a student will be able to continue college classes in engineering or construction management," Mattoon said. "The really exciting thing is I will be responsible for a green academy. We will have classes in alternative energy and design a ninth grade exploratory curriculum so all ninth graders will learn of all the 'green' jobs available anywhere. We have to develop the curriculum for the four year path. The program won't go into effect until the 2012/2013 school year."

Mattoon's position as supervisor of technology had been eliminated in May after the school budget was voted down in April and reverted to the Borough Council, which cut \$1.25M from the original budget. With savings from switching health insurance carriers, retirements and state tuition reimbursements, money became available to bring back the position. The Board of Education was expected to restore Mattoon to the position during



Russ Mattoon

ing their July 14 meeting; instead, the BOE approved Mattoon's resignation since he had already accepted another position.

After graduating from Trenton State College, Mattoon began his career in Woodbridge in 1972 where he taught drafting, enlarging his knowledge of the computer assisted drafting CAD. He taught in Woodbridge for four years and moved on to become a professor at Brookdale Community College. For eight years he worked with various companies as a training manager and taught software applications while traveling throughout the coun-

try.

In 1990 he returned to teaching at the Essex County Vocational School in Newark, and in 1992 he became district supervisor of technology teaching students in two classes and supervising students in seventh through 12th grade. After the supervisor department was eliminated in 2000 he returned to teach drafting at the Union County Vocational School in Scotch Plains. Mattoon has been in South Plainfield since January 30, 2001 when he was hired as an interim technology consultant and was promoted to district technology coordinator seven months later.

"Initially I was hired by Guy Ferri as a technology facilitator and to help the teachers in the classroom. Then the position started to grow along with greater responsibilities. Each superintendent [there have been four] added additional responsibilities," he said. Director of Technology is the title he held for five years until July 2007, when he became Supervisor of Technology.

Mattoon is well known for the number of classes he gives to teachers to bring them up to date with new computer software applications and in helping out in many situations. When asked to list his accomplish-

ments during his time in the district, Mattoon refers to his "team."

"I prefer to use the 'we' not 'I.' On this team, I'm the marketing person. I present what is needed, get approval-like the need for upgrading the bandwidths-and we the team put it together," he said.

Mattoon's wife, Rosanne, has been teaching kindergarten in the Woodbridge district for past 15 years. A late-comer to teaching, she began working toward her degree after their children were in school.

They have two children, son Craig, 33 and daughter Lorelle, 30 who will be getting married on December 31.

Mattoon, who is usually found adjusting something and always moving, said he likes to ride his bike outside and work around the house, but isn't one to watch TV.

"My wife will watch, but I'll be fooling around on the computer while we're in the same room. We will watch a movie together on Friday night."

Mattoon is looking forward to his future job, but will be missing the many friends he has made in the district-and they will miss him by the number of emails he has already received since word spread that he was leaving.

SPHS Class of 1961 Seeks Alumni for Reunion

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1961 is soon approaching its 50 year reunion.

Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current locations and addresses in hopes of contacting as many graduates as possible.

If you, or someone you know, was a member of the Class of 1961, please forward this information to Brenda Belardo Ribar, Nancy Kahora Dowd and Geri Trivigno Beyer via email to class1961sphs@gmail.com.

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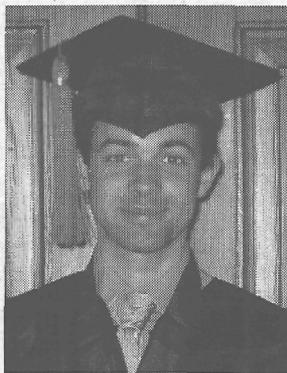
Steven J. Tietjen Graduates from Carnegie Mellon University

Steven J. Tietjen graduated with honors from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa. on May 16. After two years as a voice performance major in the Carnegie Mellon School of Music, Steven was accepted into the selective BXA Interdisciplinary Degree Program. This program allows students to individualize their degree by integrating studies in the fine arts, humanities, sciences and computer science.

Steven graduated with a bachelor of humanities and arts (BHA) in voice performance and a bachelor of humanities and arts (BHA) in voice performance and history.

While at Carnegie Mellon, Steven performed with the Pittsburgh Pops under the baton of Marvin Hamlisch, and was seen in mainstage performances of Kurt Weill's *Street Scene*, as Henry Davis, and Monteverdi's *L'incoronazione di Poppea*, as Primo Soldato. Steven's last performance was as André Thibault in the musical *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* this past April.

Steven is an alumni of one of the



Steven J. Tietjen

oldest student theatre groups, the 103-year-old Scotch'n Soda Theatre.

This fall Steven begins his graduate studies toward a Ph.D. in historical musicology at Mason Gross School of the Arts, Rutgers University. Currently he is a student of mezzo-soprano Heidi Skok of the Metropolitan Opera.

A 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School, Steven is the son of Jean and John Tietjen.

Elizabeth Dressler, Daniel Loomis Engaged

Carmine and Vera Dressler of South Plainfield are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Dressler, to Daniel Loomis, son of John and Janice Loomis of Scotch Plains.

The future bride is a 1998 graduate of South Plainfield High School. She earned both a bachelor's and master's degree from Kean University. She is employed by the Elizabeth Board of Education as a kindergarten teacher.

The future groom is a 2000 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University and is employed as a civil engineer with Hatch Mott MacDonald.

A November 2011 wedding is planned.

Stephanie Kelly Named to Dean's List at Rutgers

Stephanie Kelly was named to the dean's list of Rutgers University School of Environmental and Biological Sciences for the Spring Semester 2010. Stephanie earned a 3.8 GPA. To qualify, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Stephanie is an undergraduate student with dual majors in marine biology and environmental science, and will begin her junior year in September.

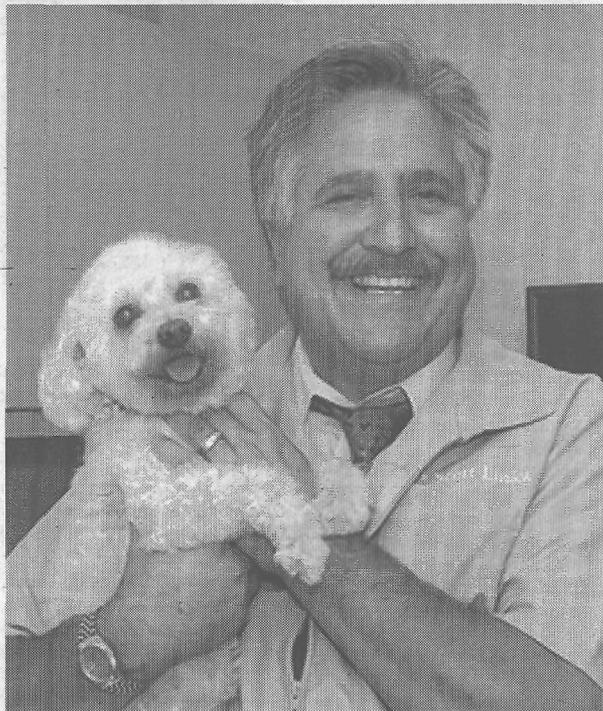
Beverly Jamieson Graduates From Ball State University

Beverly Jamieson graduated with a bachelor of science degree from Ball State University, located in Muncie, Ind.

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Plainfield Animal Hospital and Dr. Scott Linick Mark 25th Anniversary

Dr. Scott Linick celebrated 25 years of ownership of the Plainfield Animal Hospital.

Dr. Linick, a 1982 graduate of the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, has actually practiced at Plainfield Animal Hospital since his graduation.

Dr. Linick is very proud of his hospital and his staff. "I have watched the practice grow from a four doctor practice when I started, to a nine doctor practice currently. We outgrew our old facility and moved to our beautiful state-of-the-art building in July 2005," he said.

Although he still practices general medicine, Dr. Linick has always had an interest in veterinary dentistry and in 1997 he became a Fellow of the Academy of Veterinary Dentistry, one of only 90 fellows worldwide. Currently, Dr. Linick is on the Academy's Board of Directors. As a fellow, Dr. Linick is trained in advanced dental procedures. These include; endodontics (root canals and vital pulpotomies), restorative dentistry (crowns and fillings), orthodontics (braces and other appliances), oral surgery, and oral medicine. He has lectured and taught dentistry locally, nationally and internationally. Of course, he still performs basic dentistry and cleanings. Dr. Linick strongly believes that

a healthy mouth provides pets with healthier and happier lives.

Dr. Linick and his wife Karen, have three children, Christopher, Erica and Ashley. Other family members include two dogs, Frisbee and Cali, and two cats, Josie and Kayla. In his leisure time Dr. Linick enjoys playing golf, traveling, and watching professional and college sports.

SPHS Class of 1984 to Hold 25th Reunion

South Plainfield High School Class of 1984 will be holding its 25th reunion on Saturday, Oct. 9. The reunion will be take place 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, or someone you know, is a member of the Class of 1984, please forward this information to Lisa Petroziello Carone at lpetro@comcast.net or Bill Price at bprice31@hotmail.com.

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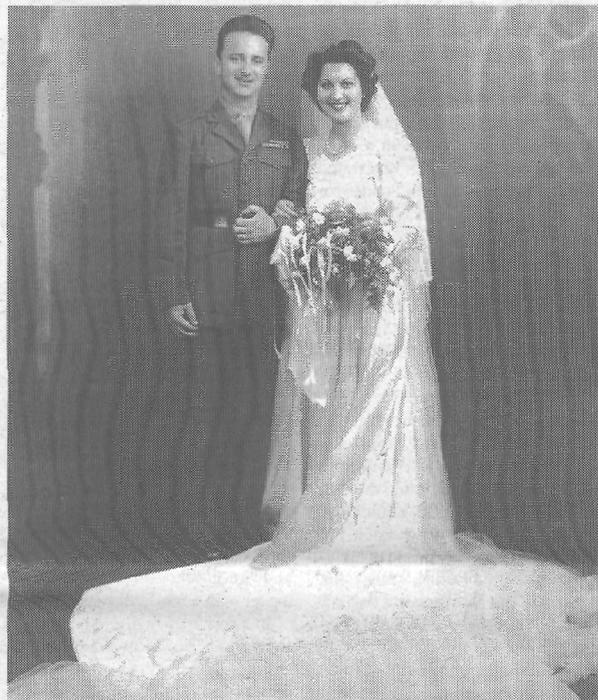
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Milestones

Santoros Celebrate Their 65th Wedding Anniversary



(Above) Rose and Michael Santoro in 2005 and (below) on their wedding day, June 24, 1945.



A party for Rose Estelle (Fittipaldi) and Michael Louis Santoro was held at Adelines Ristorante in South Plainfield in July to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Rose and Mike are lifelong residents of South Plainfield. The party was hosted by their sons, Mike, John and Dan Santoro.

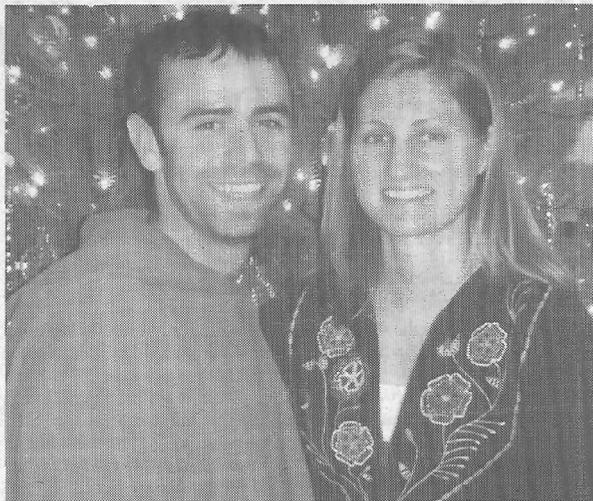
The Santoros were married on June 24, 1945. They first met in the first grade, and both graduated from North Plainfield High School, members of the Class of 1938.

Michael served with the United States Marine Corps from 1938-1946. He was a letter carrier with the South Plainfield Post Office, retiring in 1982. He is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans of America, American Legion, JJ Detachment Marine Corps League, First Marine Division of N.J., Guadalcanal Veterans Association, National Association of Letter Carriers and has been a volunteer at Lyons VA Hospital for more than 26 years.

Rose, a nurse at Muhlenberg Hospital, retired in 1980. She is a member of Sacred Heart Rosary Society, Muhlenberg Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association, National Nurses Association, and was a Cub Scout den mother, a volunteer at Muhlenberg Hospital for more than 20 years, and a volunteer at Caring and Sharing at Sacred Heart Parish.

Rose and Mike raised three children in South Plainfield: Michael Louis and wife Martha now live in Wilbraham, Mass., John P. and wife Pam reside in Morristown, and Dr. Daniel J. Santoro and wife Lisa Baughman reside in Johnstown, Pa.

They have five grandchildren: Mary Catherine Santoro, Anne and Greg Loomis, Michael Santoro, and Paula Santoro (deceased). They were also blessed with a great-grandchild on July 20, Jason Michael Loomis.



Michael Panzarella and Erin Gemmill

Erin Gemmill and Michael Panzarella Engagement Announced

Dr. and Mrs. L. Thomas Gemmill, Jr., of Lancaster, Pa. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Gemmill, to Michael Panzarella, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Panzarella, Jr. of South Plainfield.

Erin graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor's and a master's degree. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a

doctorate in epidemiology. She is employed by Mathematica in Princeton.

Mike graduated from the University of Scranton with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering. He is employed by Bridgewater-Raritan Regional High School.

An August 2010 wedding is planned.

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Sports

TIGER SHARKS SWIM TEAM

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Tiger Sharks Loss Due to Missing Team Members

Many times swimmers belong to different clubs or teams and it can create conflicts in scheduling. Such was the case on July 10 when the South Plainfield Tiger Shark Swim Team had many of its teammates swimming at another event. The South Plainfield team lost to the Cranford Team, who had all their members present.

The individual medley events were won by Jenna Yan (eight and under) second place, Genni Huber (11/12) third place, and Allison Huber and Emily Piekarski (13-18) placed first and second place.

For the longer freestyle events, Daniel Galarza (11/12) was the only boy to take first place. Enzo Butrico and Patrick Osaidacz (13-18) placed second and third.

In the butterfly events the only eight and under to place was Shannon Yan, and in the 9/10 event was Darlene Fung. These swimmers placed third. Samantha Soto (13/14) placed second, while Maggie Valentino and Michelle Gustafson (15-18) placed second and third, respectively.

The only boy to take a first place ribbon in the breaststroke was eight and under Jack O'Shaughnessy and helping the team by taking second place was Harrison Anesh. Brothers

Cristian Butrico (11/12) and Charlie Butrico (13/14) placed third and second respectively. Ian Muhlgeier (15-18) was the only swimmer in that age group to place by taking third.

Freestyle gave the eight and under girls only one swimmer to place. That was Kristy Tam placing third. The 9/10 girls were able to sweep their freestyle with Darlene Fung, Elizabeth Chiu and Stephanie Chiu placing first, second and third. Emma Piedilato (11/12) placed third, while Ali Huber (13/14) placed second. Emily Piekarski and Maggie Valentino, 15-18 girls, took first and second.

Brothers Joseph and Harrison Anesh placed second and third in the backstroke for the eight and under boys. Adam Nathoo placed third for the 9/10 age group. The only blue ribbon winner for backstroke was Daniel Galarza in the 11/12 age group. Charlie Butrico and Patrick Osaidacz captured the second and third place ribbons for the 13/14 age group, while Ian Muhlgeier and Kurt Carlson did the same for the 15-18 year old boys.

The eight and under boys free relay was the only first place win. Swimming that event was Noah Karch, Max Strasburger, Dominic Faustini and Jack O'Shaughnessy.

Heat winners were Dominic Faustini, 25 breaststroke; Aris Chung, 50 breaststroke; Jack O'Shaughnessy, 25 freestyle; and Cristina Butrico, 100 freestyle.

As stated it is difficult when some of the team is not at the event due to other obligations. The Tiger Sharks want to recognize our youngest swimmers who for some, this is the first time they have competed. The eight and under swimmers are: Harrison Anesh, Joseph Anesh, Erin Barnett, Allyson Betyeman, Danielle Bythell, Colin Carey, Kariana Carter, Gwendolyn Cheung, Danielle Decarlo, Dominic Faustini, Jessica Forbes, Alexandra Galarza, AJ Gonzalez, Noah Karch, Kristina Kwan, Tracy Lu, Aidan Mackenzie, Cara Makoski, Jack O'Shaughnessy, Nicole O'Sullivan, Olivia Olano, Brianna Padovano, Amanda Pina, Stevie Severini, Maxwell Strasburger, Kristy Tam and Shannon Yan. Many thanks to their parents who have helped them learn that perseverance and hard work does pay off. Special thanks to their coaches Mary and Jen Orlowski, Shannon Dabrio, Katie Kaczka, and head coach Laurie Post for their guidance, patience, and teaching the rules of good sportsmanship that goes with this sport.

Twin City Pharmacy sits on top of the American Division—and deservedly so—because they've been playing fine golf this season led by the Player-of-the-Year two seasons ago, Jay Coppola, and by Joe "The Killer" Diller who has posted some superb rounds lately.

The Roughriders have been given a great boost by the return of Jerry Foglia to their regular line-up. Two weeks ago, Foglia fired a 35, a score matched by Andy "The Caddie Comedian" Hayward, as the Roughriders, sitting atop their trustee steeds, stampeded over Alfie's Boys, 20-0. So when Twin City teed off against the Roughriders last week, it was very clear that a lot of good golf was going to be played.

Joe "The Killer" Diller put on the best performance of all in a well-played match, posting his best round of the season, a beautiful 1-under par 32 to tie for medalist honors for the night. Jay Coppola pitched in with a 35 as Twin City and the Roughriders battled to a 10-10 tie.

For the Roughriders, Foglia and Hayward again turned in a nifty pair of 35s and super-sub Matt Ward had an impressive 36.

Witty's Liquors put forth a well-balanced attack as they totally extracted Oak Tree Dental's teeth, 20-0. Eric Beagle led the way for Witty's with a 36. Bob Chase came through with a 37, and Sean "The Birdie Guy" Brooks was not at his sharpest but still managed to record a 38.

For Oak Tree Dental, Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaarst was the only golfer who managed to break 40, turning in a 37.

The defending champions, 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, had an edge with their handicaps as they breezed by Unique Sports Accessories, 16-4. Jeff Orth earned the medal for the visitors with a 39 while his teammates who all shot in the 40s had the benefit of getting strokes. Chris Dillon and Ted Stanik turned in a pair of 38s for Unique Sports in a losing effort.

Over in the National Division, the

talented guys on Alfie's Boys put on an impressive display of their firepower as they defeated KC's Korner, the division leaders, 14-6.

Mike King had no erratic drives or feeble putts this week as he went on to post a terrific even-par 33. King had a lot of help from his buddies on Alfie's Boys as John Gaven shot a 34, Irish Danny Griffin had a 35, and Bill Mann finished with a 36.

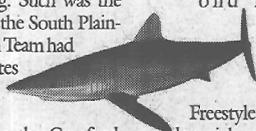
For KC's Korner, Billy Capparelli showed some of his old form as he earned medalist honors with a 39 while the rest of his hungry teammates had their problems.

The West Nine course is desperately waiting for Mother Nature to give her a good soaking. With the torrid weather we've been having, the course is turning brown and getting very firm. The good news for the Big Boomers is they can now watch all their shots keep rolling and rolling, even through the thin rough.

Tom Kaufman and Ray Starnick, the dynamic duo from Gotham City, had a lot of fun watching their prodigious drives go bouncing and skipping down the rock hard fairways as Kaufman fired another gem, a sparkling 1-under 32 to tie Joe "The Killer" Diller for the best round of the night. Starnick had a solid 3-over 36. The Polish National Home needed these two excellent performances as they ckd out a narrow 11-9 victory over McCriskin's Home For Funerals. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar earned the medal for McCriskin's with his 37 and Steve Schock was just a stroke higher with a 38.

In a relatively high scoring match, the Italian American Club got by Sport & Social, 12-8. Jeff Gross and Hank Ferraro both shot 42s to share low-round honors for the Italian American Club while Captain Frank Matthews earned medalist honors for Sport & Social with a 40.

Low scores for the night: Joe Diller, 32; Tom Kaufman, 32; Mike King, 33; John Gaven, 34; Jay Coppola, 35; Danny Griffin, 35; Andy Hayward, 35; Jerry Foglia, 35.



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If you are interested or need more information, call John Wizda at (860) 459-8185.

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will be held on Friday, Aug. 6 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the clubhouse.
You can also sign up by calling the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090, or visiting our website at www.leagueonline.com/spjbc. Just download the form and mail to the address on the form.



Obituaries

William Ernest Hannah, 81

William Ernest Hannah passed away peacefully on Friday, July 9 at Norwood Terrace in Plainfield.



William Ernest

Born in Bemidji, Minn. on December 2, 1928, Bill lived in Hunterdon, Essex and Middlesex counties.

Bill married the former Judith Hodgkins on June 27, 1959 at Watchung Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield.

A graduate of Bloomfield High School and Fairleigh Dickinson University, he went on to a long career in teaching and was awarded the first Governor's Teacher Recognition Award by Thomas Kean in 1986.

Bill retired in 1992 after 34 years of teaching math in the Boonton Township and Springfield public schools. He served as president, treasurer and chief negotiator for the Springfield Teacher's Association.

Bill was a former president of AARP Chapter #4144, a volunteer AARP tax aide, and spent many years volunteering for charities with RSVP of the Salvation Army in New Brunswick.

He was a member of Oak Tree Presbyterian Church in Edison where he served as elder and deacon, and helped provide meals for the FISH Hospitality programs at the First Baptist and Wesley Methodist churches of South Plainfield. He also participated in music ministry services at several local nursing homes and enjoyed singing tenor in the Oak Tree Choir.

Bill was a talented needleworker and embroidered beautiful tablecloths, pictures, dolls, pillows, etc. as gifts for family and friends. He also enjoyed driving hand-controlled cars since 1951, traveling throughout the U.S. and Canada, and boating at Lake Wallenpaupak.

Bill is predeceased by his parents, Ann and Bill Hannah of Bloomfield; and by three brothers, Stanley and Alfred Garland and Lyle Hannah.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Judith (Hodgkins); three daughters, Jill and husband Warren Waskiewicz of New Jersey, Bonnie and husband Mike McAllevy of Illinois and Joyce Doria of New Jersey; eight grandchildren, Michael and Ryan Waskiewicz, Brandon, Cameren, William and Amanda McAllevy and Ab-

rianna and Isabella Doria; two sisters, Olive (Garland) Hachtmann of Pennsylvania and Peg and husband Al Taboada of Maryland and many nieces and nephews.

Dominick P. Trocodeo, 95

Dominick P. Trocodeo passed away on Tuesday, July 27 in the Haven Hospice within JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield to Italian immigrants, Dominick was one of nine children who were raised in the city.

He and his wife settled in South Plainfield in the early 1950s upon his honorable discharge from the United States Army.

Dominick served his county overseas during WWII as a master sergeant, serving in various campaigns throughout Europe, and was awarded a special certificate of merit for his actions.

He was a devoted employee of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, where he worked as the assistant office supervisor for 48 years, retiring in 1982. In addition, Dominick was a life member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 65 years, Florence (Edwards) Trocodeo; a sister, Louise Schumacher; two nieces, Linda Malvone and husband Chris and Patricia Fithian and son Eric Carver; and many additional loving nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Plainfield Area Humane Society, 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

Leona L. Collins, 78

Leona L. Collins passed away on Monday, July 19 in the Heath Village Facility in Hackettstown.

Born in Elizabethtown, N.Y., Mrs. Collins resided in South Plainfield for 45 years. She was a former resident of Plainfield and Bristol, Conn.

She was formerly employed as a receptionist with H&R Block of Plainfield for 10 years prior to retirement. Mrs. Collins was a member of the South Plainfield Women's Club and Sacred Heart Church.

She is the beloved wife of the late Clem Collins; devoted mother of Linda Ott and husband Charles, John Collins and wife Robin and Dan Collins and wife Kate; dear sister of

Robert Leroux and the late Ernestine Wojnarowski, Ellamae Angel and Failene Leroux; loving grandmother of Christopher, Cindy, Corey, Charles, Lucas, Louis, Lance, Loric, John, Emma, Michael and Orla. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to Compassionate Care Hospice, 400 West Blackwell St., Dover, N.J. 07801-2525 would be appreciated.

Anna R. Lee, 98

Anna R. Lee of Cape Coral, Fla. died peacefully on Saturday, July 17 in Fort Myers, Fla.



Anna R. Lee

Anna was born on October 1, 1911 in Old Forge, Pa., the daughter of the late Caesar and Louise LaCanna.

She was a retired seamstress and fabric salesperson. She moved with her family from Bridgewater to Cape Coral, Fla. in 1988. She always had a smile on her face and will be remembered by her bingo buddies and people whose lives she touched.

Anna is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Thomas J. Lee; a daughter, Joanne Lee Sarboukh; and by four brothers.

Surviving are a son, Ralph T. (Helen) Lee, Sr. of Cape Coral, Fla.; a daughter, Louise A. (Heinz) Mahler of Fort Myers, Fla.; five grandchildren, Sharon (Dan) Guariglia of Niagara Falls, N.Y., Kathy (Anthony) Corsini of Flemington, Thomas J. (Sharon) Lee II of Cape Coral, Fla., Ralph T. (Kasey) Lee Jr. of South Daytona, Fla., and Stacey Lee of Cape Coral, Fla. and a step-grandson, Dr. Thomas (Debra) Fischer of Charlotte, Vt. She is also survived by eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass was celebrated in Cape Coral, Fla.

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

Silvio James Donatelli, 88

Silvio James Donatelli died on Tuesday, July 27 at the Brandywine Assisted Living Reflections in Colts Neck.

Silvio was born on February 18, 1922 to Carmella (Falcone) and James Donatelli in New York City. The family moved when Silvio was young to South Plainfield, and he remained here for most of his life.

He married the late Dorothy Saranczak in 1946 and had four children. Silvio or "Slip," as he was known to many, was an avid golfer, maintained his own garden and enjoyed reading.

Chief Silvio Donatelli began his law enforcement career as a patrolman in South Plainfield in 1950. After almost seven years of service to South Plainfield, he was appointed county detective with the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office in 1957. His elevation to lieutenant of county detectives in 1966 was followed three years later by promotion to captain in 1969. Silvio became the chief of detectives for Middlesex County on January 1, 1971 and served in that capacity until retiring on January 1, 1987.

In addition to his late wife, Dorothy Saranczak Donatelli who died in 2004, Silvio is predeceased by a sister, Theresa Smith, who died this year.

Surviving are a daughter, Diane Donatelli Riepl and husband Tim of Monmouth Beach; three sons, James Donatelli of Linn, Kan., Arthur Donatelli and wife Linda of Sonoita, Ariz. and David Donatelli and wife Tricia of Somerset; two sisters, Antonette Fusco of Middlesex and Marie Gregg of Ringoes; a brother, Dr. Anthony Donatelli of Palm Beach Garden, Fla.; seven grandchildren, Christian, Amy, Kari, David, Jennifer, Winston and Sydney; and four great-grandchildren, Tyler, Oscar, Owen and Gunner.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Mary M. (Cirone) Sarao, 76

Mary M. (Cirone) Sarao passed away on Sunday, Aug. 1 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mary married Anthony Sarao on September 12, 1964 and together they settled in South Plainfield.

Mary initially began her working

career as a librarian at the Plainfield Public Library. She later was employed at Queen City Savings Bank working as the assistant manager in Plainfield and was promoted to manager of the Fanwood branch. She retired 11 years ago from the accounting department of the Plainfield Country Club.

A member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens, she was a former member of the South Plainfield Suburban Women's Club and a volunteer with Women Helping Women in Metuchen. Mary enjoyed line dancing, taking Yoga classes and playing the organ.

Surviving are her husband of 45 years, Tony; two sons, Stephen of Summit and Daniel and wife Renee of Middlesex; a sister, Margaret Flynn; and two brothers, Frank and Dominic Cirone. She is also survived by two grandsons, Daniel and Devin.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Women Helping Women, 224 Main St., Metuchen, N.J. 08840 or to the Patriots' Path Council Boy Scouts of America, 222 Columbia Turnpike, Florham Park, N.J. 07932.

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County Offers New Emergency Alert Program

Middlesex County residents are encouraged to sign up for Middlesex County Alert, an emergency notification system sponsored by the county.

Residents who register will receive emergency notification via mobile texts or email or both. The Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management will send emergency messages as needed, but messaging will be restricted to conditions when the public needs important information immediately, such as during hurricane or tornado warnings or large-scale public safety emergencies.

There is no charge to Middlesex County for this service. Anyone, including people who do not live in Middlesex County, can register as a user and sign up for the Middlesex County Alert user group. Email alerts are free to users. Standard text messaging rates apply for text alerts.

"I encourage all our residents and anyone who works or may have loved ones here in the county to register for Middlesex County Alert," said Freeholder Mildred S. Scott, chair of the county's Law and Public Safety Committee. "The system gives us a fast, effective way to communicate critical information to a massive number of people in times of emergency. It's a tool that can save lives."

To register, users must create an account at the Middlesex County Alert Web site: <https://unitedalert.com/?gprhome&gjd=middlesex>.

Once there, users can decide how they wish to receive their notifications, input mobile phone numbers and email addresses and join other alert groups.

All Middlesex County emergency notifications will be sent free of charge via email: Users do not have to subscribe to the premium service offered on the United Alert Web site to receive email alerts from the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management.

Middlesex County Alert is one user group on the United Alert network, founded in 2006 by a New Jersey homeland security and information technology professional. In January 2007, United Alert, LLC made its service available via the NJ Alert system at no cost to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (OHSP) and State Police Office of Emergency Management as its contribution to the safety and security of its home state.

United Alert is now a free service to all Homeland Security departments, police departments, schools, government, and first responders in the United States.

Middlesex County is the first county in the State of New Jersey to link into the United Alert system and offer it to residents.

"Middlesex County has completed a number of projects to ensure reliable, efficient communications between our law enforcement, fire and emergency personnel," said Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano. "Middlesex County Alert is taking our communication efforts one step further, ensuring that our public receives accurate, timely information in emergency situations. It truly is a service that will help us help our residents."

Additional information is available at unitedalert.com.



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well as representatives from PAHS.

The indoor deejay was Cory, who announced door prizes every half hour along with a 50/50 raffle at the end of the day. Happy Hearts Reptile brought a variety of lizards, frogs and turtles and provided shows for kids and adults. Cotton candy, ice cream, Italian ices, Greek-A-Licious and beverages were available.

On the front lawn of the PAL, the Almost Famous Players had a pirate show, Kidz on the Go had their mo-

bile fitness playground, Rainbow Creations had a mallet game and there was a Spiderman moon bounce.

According to Lester, PAHS intends to hold other fundraising events in the future. "If we don't start making our donation goal, I really don't see how we can stay open," he said. It takes nearly \$600 a day to keep the shelter running.

PAHS is located at 75 Rock Ave. in Plainfield. They can be reached at (908) 754-0300.

Sacred Heart School to Hold First Annual Golf Outing

The School Advisory Council of Sacred Heart School in South Plainfield has announced its first golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 15. The beneficiary will be Sacred Heart School.

Registration for the golf outing will begin at 8 a.m. at the golf course, accompanied by a continental breakfast, followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Hot dogs, soda and beer will be available at the turn. Prizes will be awarded following the outing for the longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. with a dinner buffet following. A Hole-In-One package offers four prizes (one per par 3) including: Hapuna Beach for two; Newport Dunes Golf Package for two; PGA Village Golf Package for two; and Pine Needles Golf School for two. The individual golfer fee is \$130 or \$520 for a foursome.

The Golf Outing Committee, chaired by Manuel P. Sanchez, Esq., is also seeking both corporate and individual sponsors for the event. A Platinum Sponsorship is \$1,000 and includes a foursome, your corporate banner and sign on the first tee and recognition at the event. A Gold Sponsorship is \$750 and includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and rec-

ognition at the event. A Silver Sponsorship is \$500 and includes a two-some, a tee sign and recognition at the event. A Personalized Sponsorship is available for \$250 and includes your personalized sign on any hole of your choosing. A non-golfing sponsorship is available as an event sponsor for \$600, which includes your corporate banner and recognition at the event. Breakfast sponsors and beverage cart sponsors are also needed at \$250 each. If your business or organization would like to donate raffle prizes or door prizes, recognition will be made of your donation. For registration forms or to reserve a place, please contact Manuel P. Sanchez, Esq. at (908) 355-3000, ext. 17.

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Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament

The inaugural Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 29 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cost: \$150 per player in advance to reserve your spot.

Registration from 7 to 8 a.m.; shotgun start, scramble format at 8:30 a.m.; reception and lunch at 1:30 p.m.; and awards for longest drive, closest to the pin, first, second and third place at 2 p.m. ceremony.

To reserve your spot, send check (made payable to Gary Kline) to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467 or via PayPal to Gary's email: mrjuvey1365@aol.com.

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

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Kevin Hajduk Appointed Middle School Principal

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to be chosen. Hajduk was involved in the NASA Star Partners for eight years and was given an Outstanding Achievement Award and attended classes held in Anchorage, Alaska, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Arizona and South Carolina.

Aside from coaching, Hajduk was also a Peer Leadership advisor and involved in outreach projects including Tiger 24, senior citizen holiday lunch, Adopt-A-Family and many others.

To achieve so much in so few years Hajduk credits "being focused and having great mentors" and "really keeping your mind on how you can be an asset to the district."

"I always thought about giving back to the town that has offered me a lot of opportunities from sports and academics," he said.

Hajduk is married to Riley Elementary School teacher Angela Raimondo-Hajduk, and they have a two and a half year-old son, Joseph.

Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society Trip

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will be sponsoring a trip to the shrines in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Places to be visited include the art museum at the Miraculous Medal Association, the National Shrine of Saint Rita of Cascia and the National Shrine of St. Katharine Drexel.

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• A Second Place resident reported that the wind chimes on their front lawn were damaged.

• On July 24 Chris A. Hartje, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and driving while intoxicated under the age of 21.

• On July 26 Rebecca Flores, 23, of South Plainfield was arrested for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker, failure to inspect and five outstanding warrants.

• On July 27 a New Market Avenue resident reported that the passenger side door of their vehicle had been dented.

Expect Miracles: Tiger Nation for Nancy Aug. 26

Nancy McMahon, resident of South Plainfield for 16 years, was suddenly stricken with a serious heart malfunction and recently received a heart transplant. Nancy is recovering nicely but needs our support.

Nancy's two children attend South Plainfield High School and participate in multiple sports as well. Nancy and her husband have devoted many years to coaching the children of South Plainfield and both are very involved with the Ponytail Association.

To assist Nancy, Tiger Nation for



Nancy is sponsoring a softball game versus 95.5 WPLJ on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (Field 4).

Food, drinks and prizes will be available from the WPLJ Fan Van. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. Checks can be made payable to South Plainfield PAL, with "Nancy McMahon" in the memo. Please help support Nancy and her family in their time of need.

For more information, call Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-5596.



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UNICO Concludes Drive For Earthquake Victims

UNICO National, the nation's largest Italian-American service organization, raised more than \$100,000 in donations during its recently concluded earthquake relief drive for the victims of last year's earthquake in L'Aquila, Italy. Members of UNICO

recently presented a check for \$14,000 to the NJIA Abruzzo Relief fund.

UNICO National also distributed funds for L'Aquila earthquake relief to Catholic Charities, the National Italian American Foundation and the Joe Leone L'Aquila Earthquake Relief

Fund. The funds were used for various relief purposes including the construction of a permanent building at the University of L'Aquila, a library in L'Aquila, and an Adopt-A-Scholar program.

Three Administrative Positions Remain Unfilled

By Libby Barsky

Three administrative positions in the district are still unfilled after the Board of Education held a special meeting on July 28.

With the selection of Kevin Hajduk as principal of South Plainfield Middle School, the district now needs to fill his former position as middle school assistant principal. The board also needs to fill the administrative posts of high school principal made vacant by the retirement of Dr. Kenneth May and the supervisor of technology position held by Russ Mattoon who resigned as of September 1.

An advertisement for all three administrative positions appeared in the August 1 *Star Ledger*.

According to board member Carol Byrne, the board received 35-37 resumes for the high school principal position and had chosen five finalists. The board expected to name a candidate at its special meeting; however, no one was chosen. Two candidates decided to withdraw—one on the afternoon of the special meeting. There were no recommendation made for the position by the superintendent, so the board decided to advertise for the high school principal position again. When the agenda was handed out to the public, there was a blank space under the heading "high school principal appointment."

During the meeting Byrne noted the need for direction in the high school during the remaining days of summer in order to have the school ready to open.

"We need someone to run the building," she said, suggesting the board appoint an interim principal. No action was taken by the board on her suggestion.

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