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Ashnault Places Second at Pan Am Cadet Championships

South Plainfield High School junior Anthony Ashnault recently represented the United States at the Pan American Cadet Championships in Campeche, Mexico. FILA Cadets are athletes who are 15-17 years old and include many of the nation's top high school wrestlers.

Anthony was chosen as one of 10 wrestlers to represent the United States on the freestyle team and compete at the 58kg (127.7 lbs) weight class. He was the only New Jersey athlete on Team U.S.A.'s roster.

At the Pan Am Championships, Anthony pinned his first opponent from Mexico and tech falled his second opponent from Puerto Rico. In his final match against Wilfredo

Rodriguez of Venezuela, Anthony dropped a close match to take home the silver medal.

In preparation for this level of international competition, Anthony spent most of his summer competing at various national tournaments as a member of New Jersey's National Team. In June he participated in the USAW Cadet Duals in Daytona Beach, Fla. and in July at the USAW Cadet Nationals in Fargo, N.D. In Fargo, Anthony earned All-American status, placing third in the Freestyle Division and fourth in the Greco-Roman Division.

Great job Anthony, South Plainfield is proud of you!



Joseph Belardo



Trista Moretti



Michael Santoro

Three Parade Grand Marshals To Represent Our Local Heroes

By Jane Dornick

Veterans Joseph Belardo, Trista Moretti and Michael Santoro have been chosen as Grand Marshals of the 54th annual Labor Day Parade themed "Honoring Our Heroes" on Monday, Sept. 5.

Belardo has resided in the borough for nearly 60 years and has marched in the Labor Day Parade for the past

25 years with a service organization. He served in Vietnam from July 1967 through August 1968 and received a Bronze Star with Valor, four Purple Hearts, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Valorous Unit Award, Army Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy (Marine) Presidential Unit Citation, Navy (Marine) Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Combat Action Ribbon, The Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and The Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Medal. Upon returning to the states, he received the State of New Jersey's Distinguished Service Medal and the state's Vietnam Service Recognition Medal. Belardo was also inducted into the Order of the Four Chaplains and the South Plainfield High School Hall of Fame.

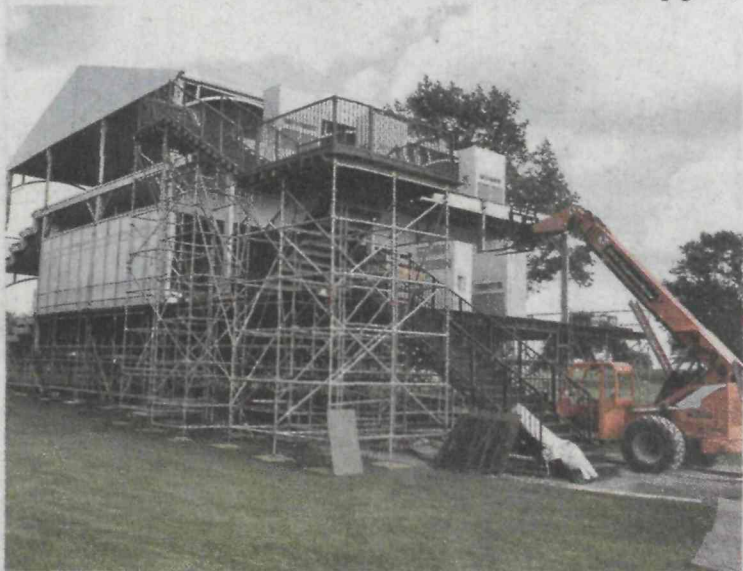
While at home, Belardo joined various organizations including the Dusters, Quads and Searchlights Association, Purple Hearts, Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans. He is a past trustee of the N.J. Vietnam Memorial and Education Foundation where he also served on the committee to build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel. He was commander

of the VVA and assisted with Mission of Honor which helps bring the remains of soldiers killed in Vietnam home to the U.S. for a proper burial. Belardo assisted in forming Operation Goldstar that sends Vietnam Era mothers of fallen soldiers to Vietnam to visit the place they were killed to obtain closure. The cost is paid for by the Dusters, Quads and Searchlights Organization of which he is a member and past president.

Belardo was an original member of the Victims of Agent Orange and was instrumental in helping to have Agent Orange identified as a harmful substance thereby helping affected soldiers receive compensation for being exposed.

For the past 25 years, Belardo has volunteered his time presenting educational Vietnam slide shows to high school and college students in New Jersey. He was also a keynote speaker at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Woman's Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. and many other New Jersey events. He participates annually in the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, and helps wounded WWII veterans in Menlo Park with

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Specator stands are under construction at the Plainfield Country Club for the Barclays PGA Golf Tournament. See page 7 for story.



County's Free Outdoor Concert Series Continues Sunday

Last Summer Free Concert Sunday

The Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation will present the last of its annual free summer concert series, "Music-in-the-Park" this Sunday, Aug. 14 in the Spring Lake Park Gazebo on Maple Avenue from 6:30 to 8 p.m. featuring The Billion Dollar Sound-Big Swing Band, Andy Madajewski-leader and Nancy Nelson-vocalist.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Jackie Neill at (732) 745-3936 or visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us.

8U South Plainfield Dynamite All Stars Win Madison Park Summer Slam Tournament



South Plainfield Dynamite All Stars Team with Summer Slam Trophies.

The 8U South Plainfield Dynamite All Star Baseball Team competed in the Madison Park Summer Slam Tournament. During the preliminary round of the tournament, Dynamite played South Amboy, Midtown Edison and Madison Park. The Dynamite dominated its competition by allowing only three runs in three games.

They beat South Amboy 13-0, Midtown 11-1 and Madison Park 12-2 to become the number one seed heading into the semi-final game against Sayre Wood South.

The semifinals were close throughout the whole game. The score was tied 1-1 heading into the top of the fifth inning when Sayre Wood South erupted for five runs going ahead 6-1 into the bottom of the fifth. As always, the never-say-die Dynamite exploded for five runs in the bottom

of the fifth inning tying the game at 6-6. In that inning, Nick Loniewski led off with a double, Kenny Clevenger and Jaden Crudup walked and Anthony White singled in a couple of runs. Brandon Shine then knocked in a couple more runs. Jake Jones was hit by a pitch and Darren Ochoa singled in the tying run. With key plays made by Troy O'Connor, Clevenger and Crudup, the Dynamite defense did not allow any runs in the top of the sixth inning. In the bottom of the sixth, Johnny Padovano led off with a single and then stole second. Alfred Pace hit a monster shot, one hop to the fence which scored the winning run for the Dynamite and sent them into the finals. Shine, Mitchell Dudak and Ochoa pitched a great game, striking out many and walking few.

In the championship game, the Jackson team was a tough competitor; their fans usually outnumber everyone, but not on this day. The South Plainfield fan base came to support their team in full force. The fans started at the Dynamite's dugout and lined up all the way down the third base line wrapping around into the outfield.

Jackson led off the top of the first with two runs. Then, the Dynamite came up and put a five spot on the board making it 5-2 after one inning. Shine and Jake Jones led off with hits, Ochoa was hit by a pitch and Padovano got a hit to knock in

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Want to stay informed about the business of your Council and BOE?

FYI

Borough Council & BOE

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council

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
August 15	August 15
September 6 (Tuesday)	September 6 (Tuesday)

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
Aug. 23, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 1, * Dec. 13*

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. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*, Dec. 8*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.
Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) Aug. 17, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4.
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21 and April 11.

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

cultural arts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.
No meeting in August – Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.
Aug. 16 (new date), Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716
No meetings in August – Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

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 plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

environmental commission

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

business advisory group

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

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

To be announced. 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

On behalf of the South Plainfield Senior Center staff, we would like to thank the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for allowing us to utilize their room for Bingo, exercise classes, Tai Chi and yoga during the month of July.

Our seniors rely on these activities for their well being and entertainment. Thanks so much, rescue squad!

**SINCERELY,
PATRICIA "TREE" OLANO
RECREATION LEADER**

To the Editor:

As a group we try to keep abreast and monitor activities in our community. In a letter to the Observer back in September 2009, we outlined the School District Capital Outlay Program. We continue to review these proposed projects.

At that time the school district planned a capital outlay of \$5,515,000. Of this total, \$3,475,000 was to come from the Capital Reserve Account. This money was available because the 2008 school district audit showed the district withheld from you, the taxpayer, \$4,406,756 in excess of the school budget needs that year. This was your money. We were also told that the state would reimburse 40% of eligible costs for the projects.

The projects were completed in 2009 and 2010. The costs were approximately \$3,347,658. The projects came in below estimates because the bids were lower and very competitive. Unfortunately, requests for the states' 40% and related documentation to receive these funds apparently was not processed until June 2011. This share in dollars was to be 40% of \$3,347,658, or \$1,337,047.

Recently the state awarded \$465,000 with, hopefully, \$874,047 to come. If this becomes a reality the impact to our Capital Reserve Account of \$3,475,000 would be \$2,135,953, leaving a capital reserve balance of \$1,339,047. This is really your tax dollars that we feel should be returned to you in the form of tax relief.

**RICHARD PETRONE, SECRETARY
SOUTH PLAINFIELD
SENIOR FORUM**

Friends of South Plainfield Sports:

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club is dedicated to the school's athletes. We are all aware that educational priorities and rising costs are making it more difficult to finance athletic programs. We want to make sure that our children have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular athletic activities.

Our first major fundraiser of the year is the sports ad program.

The program will include all the photographs of all athletes participating in fall sports. It also includes all fall sports team schedules and other important community sports notices. It will be on sale at all fall sporting events. We want to give you an opportunity to place an ad in this year's program to show your support toward our South Plainfield High School athletes and the sporting program.

For a \$30 donation you can have a 1/4 page ad. With a \$60 donation you can set up a 1/2 page ad and for a \$100 donation you can have your own full page ad.

Please mail your ad and donation to: Barbara Whitefleet, 324 Triangle Place, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. You may also email your ad to bwtr@anscounty@hotmail.com. Please make checks payable to the South Plainfield Athletic Booster Club. All ads and donations must be received by Friday, Aug. 26 to be included in this year's program. We want to include all those who have supported our efforts in the past, so please send in your ad and donation to guarantee your placement in the Fall Program Book.

With your help and support we can continue to help all the South Plainfield student-athletes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**RESPECTFULLY,
BARBARA WHITEFLEET
PRESIDENT, SPHS ABC**

To Our Many and Dear Friends:

Last year so many people, and not all golfers by any means, made the Sacred Heart first golf outing a huge success. Everyone who participated last year expressed to us what a great time they had. All of us in the Sacred Heart Parish community thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

To those of you who are joining us for the first time at our second annual golf outing, we welcome you warmly

Submit Your Letters to the Editor

Send your letters to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax to 908-668-8819, or via email: spobserver@comcast.net. Deadline is Monday, 5 p.m. Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and to limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject. Submission is not a guarantee of publication. We do not accept anonymous letters. Letters are strictly opinion.

and wish you eagles on every hole! It will be your generosity that makes this outing as successful as last year.

Since 1905, Sacred Heart Parish has been an integral part of the South Plainfield community, and in that time, we have been instrumental in helping the poor and hungry, the terminally ill, the homeless, those suffering from addictions, the shut-ins and the lonely. We have provided spiritual and physical care for thousands of people, educating children, celebrating the major milestones in people's lives, and joining so many in marriage.

The golf outing offers many ways to be a sponsor and at several different levels. You needn't be a golfer to participate. Please take a little time to look through the brochure and select a sponsorship you feel comfortable with. Your generosity will be recognized by signs placed on the 18 holes and recognized at the luncheon following. We realize that times are hard for many people right now, but we hope you'll contribute what you can to help make the 2011 golf outing a success.

We are a non-profit, charitable 501(C)3 organization and your contribution is tax-deductible as allowed by law.

With our warmest regards, and best wishes for a terrific day to you all.

**MANUEL SANCHEZ, ESQ
CHAIRMAN, 2011 GOLF OUTING
REV. JOHN ALVARADO
PASTOR, SACRED HEART PARISH**

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Holy Savior Academy Announces Board of Trustees

The newly founded Holy Savior Academy recently announced its Board of Trustees.

"I am extremely pleased with the selection of the people on the board," said Colleen M. Gallagher, board president. "They are all professional people, experts in their own fields, who will bring foresight and creativity to the school plus a deep belief in and dedication to parochial school education."

Holy Savior Academy was founded as a regional parochial school to serve the Middlesex Deanery and surrounding area. A deanery is a geographic area within a diocese. Housed in the building which was formerly Sacred Heart School, the new school will open its doors to students on Thursday, Sept. 1. Students from South Plainfield, Piscataway, Middlesex, Bound Brook, North Plainfield, Dunellen, Edison, Plainfield and several other towns will attend. Holy Savior Academy will provide students with a curriculum that emphasizes the most up-to-date teaching technologies.

The Board of Trustees was appointed by the Most Rev. Paul G. Bootkoski, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of



Colleen M. Gallagher

Metuchen, for a three-year term. Holy Savior Academy is unusual in the Diocese of Metuchen in that it is the only school with a lay board of trustees.

The board members and the committees they will serve on are: Colleen M. Gallagher (Bridgewater), board president and chair of the Marketing Committee; Terry E. Culpepper

(Piscataway), chair of the Strategic Planning Committee; Denise Muglia (South Plainfield), chair of the Finance Committee; Rev. George Farrell (North Plainfield), chair of the Resources Committee; Michael J. Hober (Basking Ridge), chair of Buildings and Grounds Committee; Donna Shammo (Branchburg), chair of the Academic and Student Environment Committee; Marilyn Conte (Middlesex), Marketing Committee; Diane D'Ambrosio (Somerset), Strategic Planning Committee; Brendan Flynn (Metuchen), Marketing Committee; John Hoffman, Esq. (Woodbridge), Finance Committee; Dr. Donna V. Landon-Jimenez, Psy.D. (North Plainfield) Academic and Student Environment Committee; Patrick Moran (Piscataway), Finance Committee; Ellen E. Ayoub (Metuchen), superintendent of schools, ex officio; and Melinda Hanlon (South Plainfield), principal, ex officio.

Hanlon said, "The board members represent several different professions and interests, from lawyers and accountants to professional educators, from experienced marketing people

and consultants, to major management positions in the corporate and civic worlds. We feel very fortunate to have these people advising us."

The principal and teaching staff of Holy Savior Academy will meet new students and parents at an open house on Thursday, Aug. 25 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the school.

"Parents will see newly painted classrooms, demonstrations of the new technologies we'll be using during the school year, but most of all, parents, students and teachers will meet each other before school actually begins. It's been a very exciting summer and it's going to be an even more exciting year," Hanlon said.

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Bourbeau's Adopt Tompkins and Maltby

Mary Ann Bourbeau has renewed her Adopt-A-Spot agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for the next two years. She and her family have been maintaining the stream crossing at Tompkins and Maltby avenues since 2009. They will be doing quarterly cleanups of the roadside, storm drains, stream corridor and surrounding open space.

The stream runs through neighborhood backyards and wooded, vacant land from the Plainfield border past Baker Avenue and Tooz Place. It is piped underground, joins with another stream and surfaces in Walnut Street Park. These streams were neglected

for years. Recently, area residents have joined forces to clean them up and restore native vegetation and flow. In June, the Environmental Commission provided 100 tree saplings that were planted along the stream between Tompkins and Baker. The Bourbeaus' work upstream assists in the restoration effort by removing litter before it can wash into the stream corridor.

Bourbeau and her daughter starred in the Clean Communities presentation "Litter, Where Does it Come From, Where Does it Go?" produced by Dave Street. The Glitterbug Club project used local talent to create a PowerPoint anti-littering message.

There are other stream crossings that need to be adopted, such as on Belmont Avenue and South Clinton Avenue. For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, or to make arrangements to schedule a presentation for your group, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail atempel@southplainfieldnj.com.

K-Foods Store Robbed

South Plainfield Police responded to a burglar alarm activation at K-Foods, 2112 Park Ave., at 3:27 a.m. on July 23. They found that the lower portion of the glass on the front door had been broken in and a suspect entered. Cash in the amount of approximately \$3,000 was taken from a bag along with hun-

dreds of packs of cigarettes.

A truck driver who was in the area at the time of the robbery reported seeing a Hispanic male, approximately 5'4", 140 lbs. dressed in winter clothing standing at the corner of Walter Street and Park Avenue around the time of the incident.

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events Around Town

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

August 16

The August meeting of the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees has been rescheduled to Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend and learn more about the library's current and future plans, including the proposed library relocation project. There will be a public comment and question time midway through the meeting before new business is addressed. No pre-registration is required.

For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

SPHS Class of 1976 To Hold Reunion

August 20

South Plainfield High School Class of 1976 will hold their 35th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 20 with a rain date of Sunday, Aug. 21.

For more information, email sphsclassof1976@hotmail.com or visit classmates.com or facebook.com.

Coffeehouse at Edison Valley Playhouse

August 20

Edison Valley Playhouse will present its second coffeehouse with a back-to-school theme on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. showcasing local talent, including acoustic performances, stand-up comedy, poetry and more. Tickets: Adults: \$12; students/seniors: \$10. Refreshments.

If you would like to perform, email EVPCoffeehouse@gmail.com.

Senator Buono Will Visit Senior Center

August 24

Senator Barbara Buono will visit the Senior Center to discuss eye health and vision care on Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. Senator Buono will also hold a "mobile office," where seniors are invited to bring their concerns to the attention of the Senator and her staff.

This visit is designed to provide seniors with information from the Department of Human Services, Commission of the Blind and Visually Impaired, as well as offer a free vision screening to any seniors.

SPHS Freshmen Orientation

August 25

The South Plainfield High School Freshmen Orientation will be held on Thursday, Aug. 25 at 9 a.m. in the high school auditorium. Students are asked to dress school appropriate. The program will end around 11 a.m.

A ninth grade parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Adult School Bus Trip To U.S. Tennis Open

August 29

The South Plainfield Adult School is sponsoring a trip to the US Tennis Open in Flushing Meadow, N.Y. on Monday, Aug. 29. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. To purchase tickets, call (908) 754-4620, ext. 213.

Send Your Community Events to:

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SPHS Athletic Booster Club Meeting

September 13

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will hold a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 6:15 p.m. before the "Meet the Coaches Night" in the high school cafeteria.

All parents/guardians of SPHS student-athletes are encouraged to attend this meeting and find out what we do to support them and the athletic programs.

"Meet The Coaches Night" at SPHS

September 13

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club will sponsor "Meet The Coaches Night" on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. All parents/guardians are encouraged to attend. Coffee and desserts will be provided.

Also, visit our table to join the Athletic Booster Club. Membership is only \$5 and helps support our student-athletes.

Sacred Heart Parish Golf Outing

September 14

Save the date! Sacred Heart Parish will hold its second annual golf outing at Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor on Wednesday, Sept. 14 with a 9 a.m. shotgun start.

For more information, email ploance@churchofthesacredheart.net.

Senior Center Picnic

September 29

The South Plainfield Senior Center picnic will be held on Thursday, Sept. 29 at the senior center from 12 to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Plenty of food: hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, fries, onion rings and corn on the cob. Entertainment by Ian Gallagher. Purchase tickets at the senior center.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

August 12

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

SENATOR BARBARA BUONO VISIT
August 24 - 10 a.m.

ANNUAL SENIOR PICNIC
September 29, 1-3 p.m. - \$15

MONDAYS

Crocheting 9:30 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
Shopping 9 am
Line Dancing 10 am
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

Daily Activities: Morning coffee, pool, cards, board games, art, yoga and crafts.
Lunch Served Monday-Friday.

Call (908) 754-1047 for more info or visit www.southplainfieldnj.com

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.

open dance on Friday, Aug. 12 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Refreshments will be served; everyone welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 969-2228 or (908) 757-0515.

German-American Cultural Festival

August 14

The German-American World Historical Society is sponsoring a one-day bus excursion to the historic and cultural German Alps Festival at Hunter Mountain, N.Y. on Sunday, Aug. 14. Bus leaves 8 a.m. from the Senator Lounge, Schuetzen Park in North Bergen. Open to the general public. Adults: \$43; children age four to 12: \$34. Cost includes round-trip transportation, admission to the festival and refreshments on the bus.

For reservations and an application, call Johanne at (201) 553-2689. Please leave a message.

Singles Dance Party

August 20

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, GSP Exit 131A. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$17.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801.

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Bingo Returns After Renovations; New Leader Welcomed

By Libby Barsky

Last Friday, members of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Center were seated at tables in the newly renovated auditorium playing their favorite game, Bingo. They no longer needed to travel next door to the rescue squad building and were happy to be back 'home' for their weekly Bingo game.

The auditorium was off limits while improvements were being made to remedy the problem of temperature control in the large gathering space. Financed by a Middlesex County Housing and Community Development grant, the walls of the auditorium were insulated and renovations were made to the kitchen area.

Although the Bingo games continued in spaces outside of the center, the renovations did not stop other programs and activities in the building. The 25 women who spend Monday mornings and Wednesday afternoons crocheting various projects, which are donated when finished, were able to continue their work in a smaller room at the center. Members who use the two pool tables held their regularly scheduled games and computer classes continued on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The seniors also continued with



Seniors play bingo in newly renovated senior center.

water aquatics at the community pool on Tuesdays and Fridays.

While the renovations were ongoing, Patricia Olano was hired on July 12 as part time recreation leader. She replaces Kevin Hughes, who resigned from the position. Hughes continues in the role of recreation director for the borough, based at the PAL building.

One of Olano's first actions was to acquaint herself with the women who crochet at the center. She asked them where they got their yarn, and when they replied that they bring their own, Olano contacted her "sources"

and was able to get 100 skeins of wool yarn donated to the group.

Olano has also asked the seniors about the activities they might want to add to the schedule. Among the things that Olano wants to bring to the center is a book club and a Zumba exercise class, adding it to the exercise classes now offered.

This month the center offered two trips to Atlantic City casinos, one to the Taj Mahal and one to Bally's. From Sunday, Sept. 25 through Sunday, Oct. 2, a five day, four night trip to Wildwood is planned.

Olano added that she would like to plan more activities at the center in the future and said, "I want to see more dinner dances with the seniors and would like to have more trips."

Public Works Tree Preservation Program

The Public Works Department is in the process of implementing a tree preservation program. As a proactive approach to maintaining our trees, they will be trimming and elevating trees throughout the borough on an as needed basis.

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Oktoberfest/45th Beauty Pageant

August 21

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For an application, call Kathleen Solorzano at (201) 927-5898 or (201) 867-3585, ext. 249.

Open House at Temple Sholom

August 21

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains will hold an open house on Sunday, Aug. 21 from 4-6 p.m. at the home of one of its congregants Fun and informative; find out about the congregation and the benefits of membership. Children welcome. Meet current members, clergy and leaders; learn more about educational programs for all ages.

For more information or to register, call (908) 889-4900 or email sholom@sholomnj.org.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

August 31

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature at its monthly educational meeting David Chowes, M.A., professor of psychology, on Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 7:45 p.m. using the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. The public is invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Zekas requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 21' above-ground swimming pool to encroach into the secondary front yard setback on E. Crescent Pkwy, 30' required, 10' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2410 Linden Ave, Block 77, Lot 14 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 23, 2011 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 August 12, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

July 29, 2011-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 28, 2011.

- A. Case #40-09-T-Mobile Northeast, LLC. Block 3; Lot 34; OBC-1 Zone. 728 Clinton Avenue. The applicant's request that this application be withdrawn and dismissed without prejudice was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #15-11-William & Anita Martinez. Block 203; Lot 4; R-75 Zone. 1112 Maple Avenue. The applicant's request that an existing porch be allowed to remain in the secondary front yard setback on Joan Street was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- C. Case #17-11-Charlie Garcia. Block 208; Lot 10; R-75 Zone. 128 Waverly Place. The applicant's request for a lot coverage variance in order to erect a deck was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

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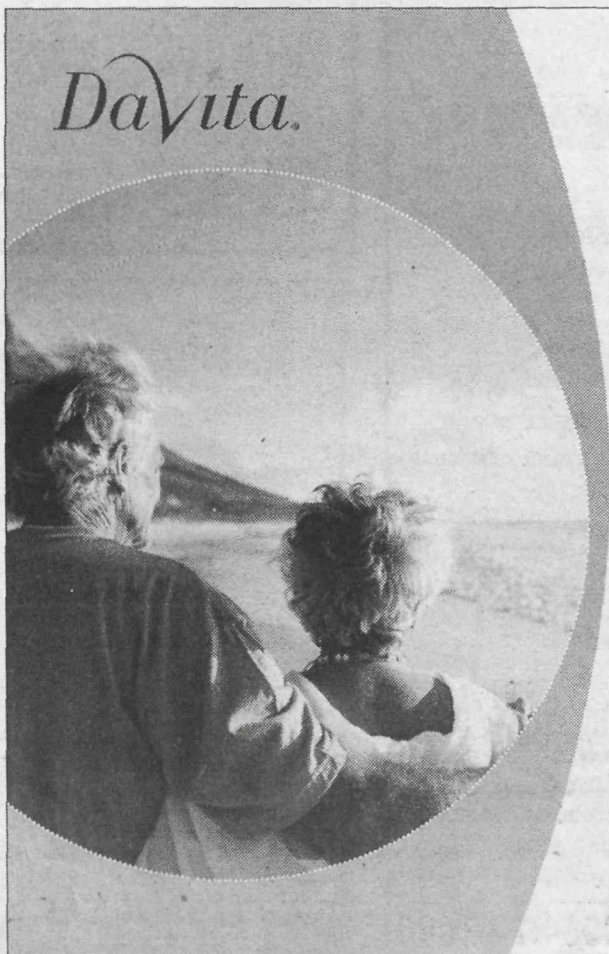
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Milestones

Joe Miller Attends Summer Jazz Program at Rutgers

Joe Miller was accepted into the summer jazz program at Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University. Joe plays the alto sax and is a member of the South Plainfield High School jazz band, performance band and marching band.

The Rutgers Summer Jazz Institute is a week long program in which Joe was able to learn more, practice his craft and listen to experienced jazz musicians. It ended with a program featuring all the students in concert.

Joe will be a senior at SPSHS in September. His proud parents are Chuck and Maryellen Miller.

Lindsay Barton Named to Dean's List at Syracuse

Lindsay Barton of South Plainfield, a sophomore majoring in magazine journalism, was named to the Spring 2011 dean's list at Syracuse University's Newhouse School of Public Communications. To qualify for the dean's list, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Lindsay, the daughter of Frank and Jacquelyn Barton, is a 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Send Your Milestones to:
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Nicole Cursi and Robert Danley

Nicole Cursi and Robert Danley Are Engaged

Debra and Leonard Cursi of South Plainfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Nicole Ann Cursi, to David Phillip Danley, son of Diane and Robert Danley of Ewing.

Nicole graduated from South Plainfield High School and Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School. She is a successful cosmetologist at La Jolie Salon & Spa in Princeton and is currently working towards a small business certificate at Middlesex County College.

David graduated from Ewing High School and Gordon Phillip's Cosmetology School. He is a successful barber at The Barber Shop in Robbinsville and is currently working towards an associate's degree in liberal arts at Mercer County College.

A September 4, 2011 wedding is planned.



Lindsay Hunsicker

Lindsay Hunsicker Graduates from Rutgers University

Lindsay Hunsicker of South Plainfield graduated on May 15 from Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Lindsay graduated with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in journalism and media studies.

Lindsay is a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School. She is the daughter of proud parents, Earl and Meg Hunsicker.

Danielle Potts Graduates from Kaplan University

Danielle Potts of South Plainfield has been awarded a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Kaplan University, a leader in higher education innovation. Danielle's accomplishment was celebrated during a graduation ceremony at the Arie Crown Theater in Chicago.

The Kaplan University's Summer 2011 class included more than 7,200 online graduates who earned associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees. Kaplan University is part of Kaplan Higher Education, which serves more than 92,000 students online and through more than 70 campus-based schools across the United States.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

Have you ever thought about how many ways your library helps you—and just how much money it helps you save? Here's a quick, fun way to find out. On the library's homepage, www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us/, click on the "How much do you save?" icon. This takes you to the Library Savings Calculator. Fill in how many books you borrow each month, how many DVDs you watch. Are you borrowing video games or audiobooks? Add those in, too. Don't forget to include online databases and classes! When you see the total savings you'll be amazed. Send us your results so we can be amazed, too. If you haven't yet taken advantage of all the services listed, try something new this week and watch your savings grow.

In addition to saving, the library is the place to come for fabulous programs. On Saturday, Aug. 13 the fun starts with Wii gaming from 10 a.m. until noon. All ages are invited to have fun playing on our big screen. This Saturday is also the last day to check in for the Summer Reading Program.

At 1 p.m., Yuna Hsieh is offering an introduction to Korean. Learn basic greetings and phrases; and about the writing system, too. The class is available to everyone 12 and older; please sign up in advance.

Monday starts off with morning movies at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to watch a family friendly movie—no need to register.

In the afternoon, kids ages five-12 will enjoy a special program about money—how it works and what you can do with it. The program is called "Save, Share, Spend" and is presented by the Central Jersey Federal Credit Union. It won't cost any money, but you must pre-register.

The busy day ends with Kidcraft time at 6:30 p.m. Children ages three and up will have the opportunity to make something terrific. Sign up ahead of time. There is a \$1 materials fee per child.

On Tuesday, Miss Linda and Miss Mija begin their regular weekly schedule of story times. Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. is when children ages three and over can enjoy stories and a craft. Two- and

three year-olds will have stories and a craft especially for them on Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Babies ages two and under are welcome at the Babytime program on Friday at 10:30 a.m.

World travelers, or would-be world travelers, entering second grade and up won't want to miss Tuesday Tales, when they will hear stories, try food, and create something new from different countries around the world. The program is free, but you do need to sign up in advance.

Fun on Wednesday includes the Chess Club, which meets from 12 to 1 p.m. All ages and levels of players are welcome. If you'd like to, you can bring a chess set from home.

Wednesday, Aug. 17 brings our good friend, Mr. Kurt, to sing his trademark silly songs, as well as some old favorites. There will be two very special programs, at 3 and 6:30 p.m. Both shows will be at the South Plainfield Senior Center. They are geared to children up to eight years old. Please sign up for the show you prefer. In lieu of an admission charge, adults should bring a new, unopened non-perishable food item for each person attending. Donations will go to the Middlesex County Community Food Drive.

Thursday evening, after the story programs listed above, crafty people 12 years and up will have the opportunity to try Rangoli. An Indian folk art, it involves making decorative patterns with colored powders. Advance registration is requested.

The end of the week brings us back to Wii gaming on Saturday. Please note that there will be a break in children's programming after Saturday, Aug. 20. Storytimes will resume the week of October 4.

With such an abundance of programming, a wealth of items for borrowing and a profusion of online resources, the South Plainfield Library offers something for everyone—a great value to the community.

The regular August meeting of the Library Board of Trustees has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m. There will be discussions of the libraries current and future plans, and time for public discussion and comment. Please come to show support for your library and all the wonderful things it does.

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Barclays PGA Golf Tournament in Two Weeks

In just two weeks, the Barclay's PGA Golf Tournament will be underway at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison (Monday, Aug. 22-29). Residents and businesses in that area need to be aware of the traffic patterns planned for that week. South Plainfield officials continue to meet with Edison officials to coordinate plans for the huge event; however, traffic plans are subject to change prior to the tournament.

Woodland Avenue will be closed to regular traffic from Oak Tree Road to Maple Avenue and designated as a one way street to accommodate buses. Residents who reside along that road will be issued special passes so they are able to access their residences. Side roads that access Woodland Avenue along that one way route will be barricaded. They include Delores Parkway, East Fairview, East Crescent Parkway and Francesca Court. Woodland Avenue north of Maple Avenue, previously scheduled to be closed to traffic but open one way to buses, will now remain open to two-way traffic. Streets in that area that will have access to Woodland Avenue and include Sprague, East Golf and Fairmount avenues, Wexler Place and East Hendricks Boulevard.

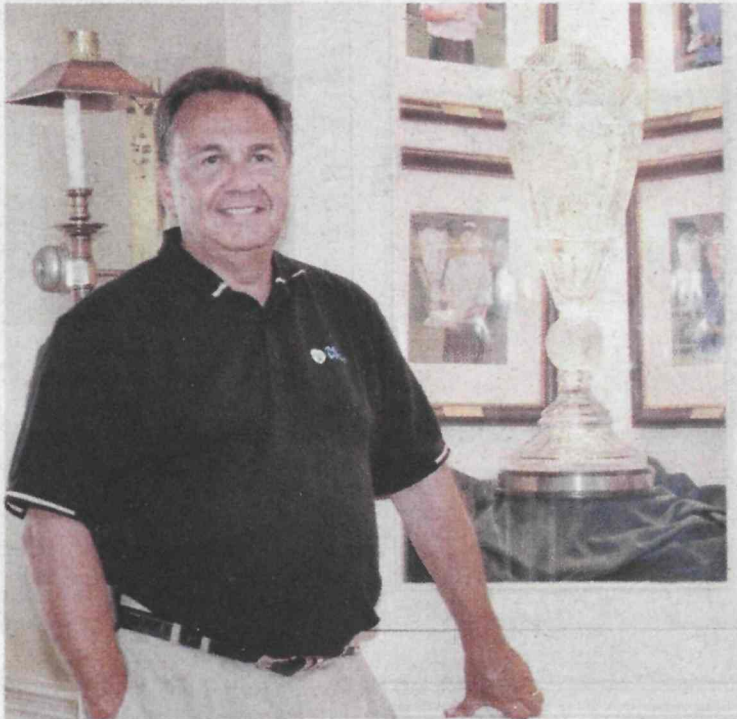
In addition to the 1,800 volunteers who will be working that week, approximately 10,000 spectators are expected on Tuesday and Wednesday and about 25,000 to 30,000 on Thursday through Sunday. Monday, Aug. 29 has been designated as a rain day and VIP golf day, so traffic and road closures will remain in effect.

Most spectators will be bussed from designated parking lots at JP Stevens High School in Edison, Clark, Scotch Plains and Woodbridge; however, police expect that many spectators will drive through South Plainfield to park near the golf course. Negotiations are still taking place to use South Plainfield High and Kennedy School parking lots.

All streets and roads bounded by Sprague Avenue to the north, Park Avenue to the west, Oak Tree Road to the south and Woodland Avenue to the east will allow parking on only one side of the street. No parking signs will be posted on these streets in advance of the tournament.

During the entire tournament, police plan to utilize seven message boards around town to remind motorists of the road closures, detours and to designate where parking is prohibited. The West Nine Golf Course will be closed and used by the golf pros for practice. Woodland Avenue traffic will be diverted along Park Avenue from Oak Tree Road to Plainfield.

Also, any resident who may be considering selling hot dogs or any prepared food should be aware it is not permitted. Our previous story report-



Barclays Executive Director Peter Mele with Barclays Trophy.

ed that they would need a permit, but according to the health department, no permits will be issued. If a resident intends to charge spectators to park on their property, be aware that there is an ordinance which prohibits autos from parking on lawns. Residents can use their driveways to park cars, but not their lawns. According to Police Chief James Parker, these laws will be strictly enforced during the week.

Approximately 20 extra South Plainfield police officers will be on

duty daily the week of the tournament. The Barclays Tournament has already agreed to reimburse South Plainfield for all costs incurred during the week, which is estimated at approximately \$100,000. The borough will also utilize CERTS volunteers during the week.

If anyone has any questions about the tournament, they can call Council President Ray Rusnak at (908) 561-7076 or Police Chief James Parker at (908) 226-7676.

POLICE REPORT

• On July 21 a Grand Island, N.Y. resident reported that the metal around the driver's side door lock of their vehicle had been tampered with while parked at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Road. No entry was gained.

• A Mechanicsburg, Pa. resident reported the theft of a 2004 Subaru Impreza that was parked at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Road.

• On July 23 Usamah S. Barrow, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for obstruction and several outstanding warrants.

• On July 24 Natwan T. Jenkins, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• On July 25 Brian David Patrusевич, 26, of South Plainfield was arrested for criminal attempt.

• The owner of Sankalp on Oak Tree Avenue reported the theft of their vehicle's third row bench seat that was left on the sidewalk in front of the restaurant.

• On July 26 an Old Bridge resident

reported the theft of an iPad from a locker at LA Fitness on New World Way. The lock had been damaged.

• Taco Bell on Stelton Road reported that the glass door on the side of the building had been kicked breaking the glass. Nothing was taken.

• On July 28 a Colonia resident reported the theft of their wallet from a locker at LA Fitness on New World Way. The lock had been damaged.

• A Highland Park resident reported the theft of an Apple iPhone 4 from their locker at LA Fitness on New World Way. The lock had been damaged.

• A South Plainfield Avenue resident reported the theft of car keys that were left in their convertible that had the top down.

• On July 31 Julio C. Alvarado, 23, of New Brunswick was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• On July 31 Eduardo Osorio, 34, of Edison was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and careless driving.

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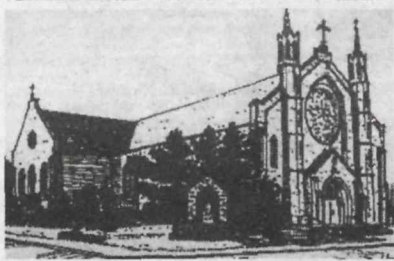
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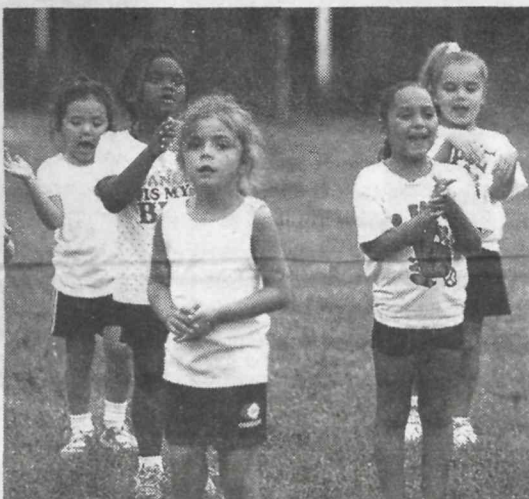
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WEEKLY RESULTS



South Plainfield Football Eagles Season Begins

The South Plainfield Football Eagles have officially started the football and cheer pre-season on August 1. This month, time is spent focusing on conditioning the players and learning plays to be ready to safely and effectively play the game of football. The cheerleaders are also diligently becoming conditioned and learning choreography to safely stunt and run flawlessly through their routines.



Tiger Sharks Attack Blue Dolphins

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks hosted and won their meet against Somerset Valley YMCA Blue Dolphins with a close score of 143-133 on July 16. In their effort the Tiger Sharks broke six records that day.

Starting the meet and breaking both the team and pool record with a time of 1:31.50 in the Individual Medley was Darlene Fung. Jenna Yan placed second for the 10 and under age group and Brianna Tang placed second for the 11/12 girls.

Anthony Gurrieri also broke the team and pool record for the 50M freestyle with a time of 29.23 for the 13-18 age group. Bryce Uzzolino placed second in the same age group. Matthew Chan (10 and under) also placed first for the 100M freestyle, while 11/12 Cristina Butrico and Andrew Galarza placed second and third respectively for the same event.

Sisters Shannon (eight and under) and Jenna Yan (10) did it again with both placing first in the freestyle events, while teammate Brianna Tang (12) also placed first for her age group. Second place winners were Amanda Pina (eight and under), Stephanie Chiu (9/10) and Ali Huber (13/14). Elizabeth Chiu (11/12) and Samantha Soto (13/14) placed third for their freestyle events.

Another team record was broken in the eight and under backstroke by swimmer Corey He. Corey broke the seven year old record held by Sean Cullen with a time of 25.26. Nicolas Gurrieri (11/12) and Daniel Galarza (13/14) also placed first in backstroke. Second place winners were Tyler Wu (eight and under) and Andrew Galarza (11/12). Finishing the backstroke events with third place wins were Achinth Poobalan (9/10), Eugene Kim (13/14) and Bryce Uzzolino (15-18).

Butterfly events gave Shannon Yan another blue ribbon for the eight and under girls. Samantha Soto (13/14) also placed first for her age group. Darlene Fung (9/10) and Geni Huber

(11/12) placed second, while sisters Stephanie (9/10) and Elizabeth Chiu (11/12) placed third.

Breaking another seven year old team and pool record for 9/10 breaststroke held by Dylan McDermott was Matt Chan with a time of 46.50. Not to be outdone Eugene Kim broke the team record for the 13/14 breaststroke with a time of 1:30.61. Sweeping that age group gave Daniel Galarza a second, and David Wong a third. In breaststroke, Ryan Park (eight and under) won a second and Tyler Wu, a third. Isaac Nathoo (11/12) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18) also placed third in their age groups.

The scores were close, but the Tiger Sharks won the meet by winning three relays. Taking first place wins were: Free Relay (9-12); Nicolas Gurrieri, Matt Chan, Andrew Galarza and Cristina Butrico; (13-18); Daniel Galarza, Eugene Kim, Anthony Gurrieri and Bryce Uzzolino. Also making a team record were the 9-12 girls medley relay with a time of 2:50.35. Swimming that relay were Geni Huber, Brianna Tang, Darlene Fung and Jenna Yan.

Heat winners were: Madison Faustini (13/14) 100M freestyle; Tim Nuber (15-18) 50M freestyle; Aditi Bhattacharya (9/10) 50M butterfly; and Cristina Butrico (15-18) 100M freestyle.

Featuring our eight and under swimmers who work with diligence and determination are: Jessica Park, Julianna Farinella, Justin Tam, Christopher Poggio, Cassie O'Shaughnessy, Aidan Mackenzie, Corey He, Colin Carey, Amanda Pina, Nicole O'Sullivan, Andrew Van Herk, Shannon Yan, Alexandra Galarza, Gianna Glover, Ryan Park, Christopher Lee, Alyssa Moffitt, Olivia Olano, Tyler Wu, Jessica Forbes, Allyson Betyeman, and Maxwell Strassburger.

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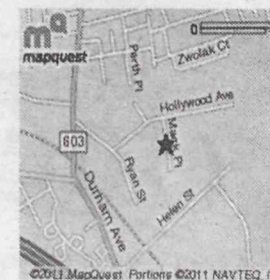
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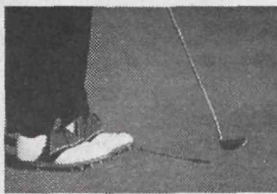
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Twin City Pharmacy	6	5	2	McCriskin's	6	7	0
Dirty Harry & Friends	6	6	1	Italian-American Club	6	7	0
Witty's Liquors	5	6	2	So. Plfd. Funeral Home	5	7	1
Oak Tree Dental	4	9	0	Sport & Social	5	8	0

By Bob Nilan

Danny Griffin is so fired up about winning that he has resorted to dressing in outrageously mismatched attire in an effort to unnerve his opponents. Last Tuesday, Griffin's ensemble included a very bright orange Hawaiian sport shirt, unbuttoned most of the way; pale blue shorts, one knee-length red sock and one knee-length black sock. Topping everything off was a tan golf hat. He was quite a vision.

What he also had going for him was that beautiful swing of his and that lovely rhythm. So, despite the fact that he looked like he was on his way to a Halloween party, he played like the wonderful golfer he is as he fired an impressive even-par 33 to spark his team to a 13-7 triumph over Oak Tree Dental.

Griffin got a lot of support from his talented teammates: Bill Mann added to his string of fine rounds with a terrific 2-over 35; and Mike King and Mike Gokey pitched in with a pair of 37s.

For Oak Tree Dental, Robert Pomovets and Marty Van De Vaarst posted 39s in a losing effort.

Bursting with confidence after pounding South Plainfield Funeral Home a week ago, 17-3, Witty's Liquors got another inspired performance from Jim Parker whose excellent round of 37 sparked his team to a 13-7 victory over Twin City Pharmacy. Eric Beegle left a few strokes out there but still managed a 39 to contribute to the win.

All the golfers on Twin City played rather well; but, with the strokes they have to give, their good rounds were not quite good enough. Joe Diller and Jay Coppola shared medalist honors with their solid rounds of 36, Frank Gaspari posted a 37 and Guy Severini shot a 38.

Not too long ago, Billy "Cappy" Capparelli would smash his drives and just hope they stayed in the same zip code area. Now he is consistently splitting fairways and put on another fine show of his power and accuracy with a superb round of 34 as KC's Korner soundly defeated Dirty Harry & Friends, 14-6. Charlie Oats once again earned the medal for Dirty Harry & Friends with a nice round of 37.

Tony Cotone, Jr. and Dan Conti had a pair of 38s to help their team move into second place in the American Division.

Unique Sports Accessories got off to a terrific 4-0 start this season and never relinquished first place in the Na-

tional Division. Captain Chris Dillon lit up the course with a brilliant even-par 33 to make sure his team finished off the season in fine style, and they did just that by defeating McCriskin's Home For Funerals, 12-8, to clinch the National Division title. They can now be on cruise control next week before taking on Alfie's Boys in the playoffs. Mike Bamrick came through with a 38 to contribute to this key victory.

For McCriskin's, Captain Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar checked the bags of all his players, as directed by his mother-in-law, Eleanor, to make sure they had a plentiful supply of cigars. With the help of their coronas, Walloy Heinzer and Kris Krantz had 38s, a score matched by Chichvar, but their solid play was not enough to offset Dillon's superb performance.

In a match where there were bogeys, double bogeys, errant drives, chunked shots, and some awful putting—and all of that was just from Dale "The Needler" Dube—the Italian-American Club led by Jeff Gross, knocked off 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 14-6, to move into a three-way tie for second place. Gross had a 39 for the jubilant Italian-American squad while Don Hall's 40 was good enough to earn the medal for a 2 Buds, 2 Dubes team that had a lot of problems.

Dennis Bibby hit a wildly errant tee shot on the sixth hole that flew over the fifth tee box and rolled down the hill towards the eighth green. He punched short and then sailed his third shot over the green. From there, he chipped in for a "routine" par. On the ninth hole, Bibby ripped his drive into the fourth fairway, blasted a blind second shot over the green, chipped on and drained the putt for yet another "routine" par. The new "King of the Scramblers" wound up with a 39 to lead Sport & Social to a whopping 16-4 victory over the dazed South Plainfield Funeral Home team.

While the gods of golf were smiling on Bibby, they were very unkind to playing partner Frank Matthews, who had a solid round going with four pars and four bogeys, and then had a dreaded snowman on the final hole. To change his luck, Matthews plans to come to the course next week dressed like Danny Griffin.

Low scores for the night: Chris Dillon, 33; Danny Griffin, 33; Billy Capparelli, 34; Bill Mann, 35; Jim Parker, 35; Jay Coppola, 36; Joe Diller, 36; Frank Gaspari, 37; Mike Gokey, 37; Mike King, 37; Charlie Oats, 37.

Anna (Makowski) Fligel, 91

Anna (Makowski) Fligel died on Wednesday, Aug. 3 at her home with her husband by her side.

Born in Manville, she had lived in Jersey City and had been a resident of South Plainfield since the 1950s.

Anna spent her time as a homemaker caring for her family. She enjoyed gardening, cooking and spending time with her family.

She is predeceased by two brothers and one sister.

Anna is survived by her husband of 71 years, Joseph; two children, Madeline and Richard Kaiser of Somerset and JoAnn Friday of South Plainfield; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister, Helen Oziemble and niece, Elaine Zelencich, both of Fair Lawn; and her extraordinary caregiver, Victoria, who took such great care of her.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in Anna's name may be sent to the Popcorn Park Zoo, 1 Humane Way, Forked River, N.J. 08731.

Denis J. Finnegan, 92

Denis J. Finnegan died on Thursday, Aug. 4 at his home.

Born in England to his late parents, Nicholas and Margaret (Mackin) Finnegan, he moved to the United States when he was three years old. Denis was raised in Bayonne and had been a resident of South Plainfield since 1955.

Denis met his sweetheart on VJ Day on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. They married November 16, 1946.

Denis was honorably discharged from the United States Army as a radio dispatcher, having the rank of corporal. He received a Purple Heart for the battle wounds he sustained in Rome, Italy as part of the 1st Armored Division. He served under General Patton in Italy, Africa and England.

After 43 years with the American Can Company of Jersey City, Denis retired at the age of 55 as a cost accountant. He enjoyed volunteering at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield and was a member of VFW Post #6763 of South Plainfield. He was a skilled carpenter and liked spending time gardening. Denis could often be found sailing his boat "At Last." A favorite thing that he enjoyed was chewing on toothpicks.

In addition to his parents, Denis is predeceased by two brothers and two sisters.

Denis leaves behind his wife of 64 years, Mary (Boyle); four children, Denis and wife Gail of Stanton, Va., Maureen Davis and husband William of Linden, Kevin Finnegan of South Plainfield and Kathleen and Michael Downes, also of South Plainfield. He

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is also survived by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08820.

Mary A. (Hanlon) McLaughlin, 81

Mary A. (Hanlon) McLaughlin died on Thursday, Aug. 4 at her daughter's home.

Born in Orange to her late parents, Vincent J. and Alice (Rawley) Hanlon, she lived in Edison until moving to Mt. Bethel, Pa. in 2004.

Mary spent her time as a homemaker caring for her family.

She was a teacher's aide at Washington Elementary School in Edison and previously worked as a secretary for Bell Telephone of Newark.

She was an active member of St. Matthews RC Church in Edison and sang in the church choir.

In addition to her parents, she is predeceased by a brother, Vincent; and by an infant sister, Alice.

Mary leaves behind three children, Sharon Brien of Montreal, Marybeth Barylky and husband John of Mt. Bethel and John McLaughlin, Jr., also of Mt. Bethel.

She will be missed by five grandchildren, Stephanie Mary, Steven, Shane, Alfred John and Stephanie Marie, as well as five siblings, Margaret "Peggy" Bohsen, Richard, John, Thomas and Vincent Hanlon.

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

Joan K. (Kmosko) Ejik, 79

Joan K. (Kmosko) Ejik died on Sunday, Aug. 7 at CareOne at the Highlands located in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Joan lived in

South Plainfield and had been a resident of Piscataway since the 1960s.

Joan worked as a secretary for Approved Fire Protection in North Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband, Adam, who died in 1984.

Joan leaves behind a sister, Barbara Petersak and husband Zoltan of South Plainfield; two nephews, Robert Petersak and Janice of South Plainfield and Thomas Petersak and Diane of Branchburg; a great-niece, Melanie Carballo and husband Donald; and two great-nieces, Cassidy and Sara Carballo.

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

Irene E. Hamilton, 84

Irene E. Hamilton passed away Monday, Aug. 8 at the Woodlands Care Center in Plainfield.

Born in North Bergen, she had been a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

Mrs. Hamilton was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her loving husband, Robert, who passed away in 1991.

Surviving are two sons, Kenneth and wife Connie and Richard and wife Betty Lou, both of South Plainfield; three grandchildren Kenneth Michael Hamilton, Jerome Hamilton and fiancé Maria Sivo and Joseph Hamilton and wife Kim and two great grandchildren, Wyatt and Olivia.

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BY GARY LAMPASONA

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their skills.

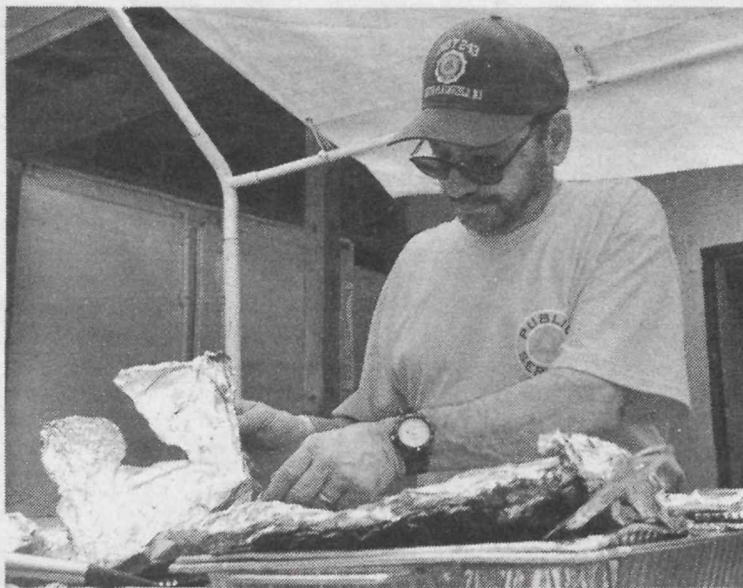
Registration will be held at the clubhouse on Saturday, Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please bring your child's birth certificate if they have not played before.

You may also sign up by calling the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090 or by visiting our website at www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc. Download the form and mail to the address on the form.





Joel "Bubba" Burton



Volunteer preparing food to American Legion picnic goers.

American Legion Hosts Annual Picnic

By Patricia Abbott

More than 140 people turned out to enjoy the South Plainfield American Legion Post #243's annual picnic, a popular event for legion members and the community alike.

Tents were set up across the lawn, providing the picnickers some shade and relief from the heat. Another tent housed a long buffet table of food. Guests had plenty to choose from including hamburgers, hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, chicken, beans, fresh

corn and salads. New to the picnic this year was Joel "Bubba" Burton, who provided his smokers for cooking the pork and chicken. Fresh food was cooked continuously throughout the day. There were coolers filled with water, iced tea and juice. DeeJay "Stick Shift Eddie" provided music during the afternoon. Another fenced area held the horseshoe tournament. Children enjoyed a giant water slide and a chance to explore a South Plainfield fire truck.

Fencing was also set up in the op-

posite parking lot and manned by members of the Knights of Columbus Squires. As guests arrived they had the opportunity to purchase tickets for numerous raffles including a gas grill, gift certificates for Costco and Fitness 19. There was also a raffle donation from Witty's Liquors. Many local businesses donated food items.

The successful picnic was the result of the many volunteers who helped in setting up, kept the picnic running smoothly and also helped with the cleanup.

Be a Part of South Plainfield's Labor Day Parade

South Plainfield's 54th Labor Day parade will be held on Monday, Sept. 5. This year's theme is "Honoring Our Heroes."

The parade is just one part of the day long Labor Day events. The annual community picnic will be held on the front lawn of the South Plainfield Middle School with live musical entertainment, food, games, rides and more.

This is a perfect opportunity for

businesses to meet the community. A great turnout is anticipated. Space is limited. Participants are advised to return a completed application and the appropriate check donation as soon as possible so as many vendors as possible can be accommodated.

Applications can be picked up at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Completed applications, along with check

or money order made out to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, should be mailed to The Public Celebrations Committee, Attn: Debbie Leporino, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Vendors must submit applications before the day of the parade.

For more, email Leporino at SPLaborDayParade@aol.com.

Five Tax Scams to Avoid

Hiding income offshore, identity theft and return preparer fraud topped the IRS's list of tax scams in 2011. The Internal Revenue Service issues an annual list of the top 12 tax scams, known as the "Dirty Dozen." These scams are illegal and can lead to significant penalties and interest and possible criminal prosecution.

Here are five year-round scams every taxpayer should know about.

1. **Hiding Income Offshore.** The IRS aggressively pursues taxpayers involved in abusive offshore transactions and the promoters who facilitate or enable these schemes. Taxpayers have tried to avoid or evade U.S. income tax by hiding income in offshore banks and brokerage accounts, or by using offshore debit cards, credit cards, wire transfers, foreign trusts, employee-leasing schemes, private annuities or life insurance plans.

In February, the IRS announced a second voluntary disclosure initiative to bring offshore money back into the U.S. tax system. The new voluntary disclosure initiative will be available through August 31.

2. **Phishing Scam** artists use phishing to trick unsuspecting victims into revealing personal or financial information. Scams take the form of e-mails, phony websites or phone calls that offer a fictitious refund or threaten an audit or investigation to lure victims into revealing personal information. The IRS never initiates unsolicited e-mail contact with taxpayers about their tax issues. Phishers use the information to steal the victim's identity, access their bank accounts and credit cards or apply for loans. Please forward suspicious scams to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov. You can also visit www.irs.gov, keyword phishing, for additional information.

3. **Return Preparer Fraud.** Dishonest tax return preparers cause trouble for taxpayers by skimming a portion of the

client's refund or charging inflated fees for tax preparation. They attract new clients by promising refunds that are too good to be true. To increase confidence in the tax system, the IRS now requires all paid return preparers to register with the IRS, pass competency tests and attend continuing education. Taxpayers can report suspected return preparer fraud to the IRS on Form 3949-A, Informational Referral.

4. **Filing False or Misleading Forms.** The IRS continues to see false or fraudulent tax returns filed to obtain improper tax refunds.

Scammers often use information from family or friends to file false or fraudulent returns, so beware of requests for such data. Don't claim deductions or credits you are not entitled to and never willingly allow others to use your information to file false returns. If you participate in such schemes, you could be liable for financial penalties or even face criminal prosecution. The IRS takes refund fraud seriously, has programs to aggressively combat it and stops the vast majority of incorrect refunds.

5. **Frivolous Arguments.** Promoters of frivolous schemes encourage people to make unreasonable and outlandish claims to avoid paying the taxes they owe. If a scheme seems too good to be true, it probably is. The IRS has a list of frivolous legal positions that taxpayers should avoid on www.irs.gov. These arguments are false and have been thrown out of court repeatedly.

For the full list of 2011 Dirty Dozen tax scams or to find out how to report suspected tax fraud, visit www.irs.gov.

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8U Dynamite All Stars Win Summer Slam Tournament

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a run. Austin Scott then walked to knock in a run. Loniewski walked to gain another run and then Dudak singled in the final run of the inning. After holding Jackson in the top of the second inning, Anthony White hit an inside the park home run in the bottom of the second inning.

After three innings the score was 8-6 Dynamite. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Shine led off the inning with an inside the park home run. Jones ripped a single and Ochoa scorched a double. Then, Padovano roped a triple to the fence scoring Ochoa and Jones. Alfred Pace and Austin Scott then walked and Dudak lined a single up the middle scoring Pace and Scott. O'Connor made some great plays in the field for the Dynamite to stop Jackson from scor-

ing. Shine, Dudak and Ochoa pitched another great game to ensure a 13-10 Dynamite championship. This was a great team effort; the boys played so hard and never gave up.

The Dynamite coaches would like to thank the parents and family members, and especially SPJBC Commissioner Mike Pellegrino and Board Members Tom Cassio and Jim Olano for coming out and supporting the team. The South Plainfield parents were the loudest fans there all weekend.

The team consists of: Kenny Clevenger, Jaden Crudup, Mitchell Dudak, Jake Jones, Nick Loniewski, Troy O'Connor, Darren Ochoa, Alfred Pace, Johnny Padovano, Austin Scott, Brandon Shine and Anthony White. The team was managed by Bill Shine with assistant coaches John Padovano, Scott Dudak and Rob Ochoa.

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Parade Grand Marshals to Represent Our Local

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their daily activities.

In 2010, Belardo published a memoir of his time in Vietnam entitled, *Dusterman: Vietnam*, which has sold over 500 copies and will be featured in an upcoming issue of Vietnam Magazine.

Belardo is married to Nancy (Pain-ton) and has three children, Joseph, Patrick and Mary, and four grandchildren. He is the founder of Support System, a custom metal fabrication company in Whitehouse. Belardo coached recreation soccer and basketball in the community for several years and was a member of the Music Boosters at the high school.

Sgt. Trista Moretti lived in the borough her entire life and attended South Plainfield High School where she was a member of the 1997 championship field hockey team. She attended Middlesex County College and William Paterson University studying child development. After college she joined the military in 2003. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, AIT and airborne school Moretti was assigned to the Medina Regional Security Operations Center in Texas where she concentrated on developing cryptology skills.

In December 2005, Sgt. Moretti was assigned to the 425th Brigade Special Troop Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division, gathering and protecting critical information. The following year she was deployed to Forward Operating Base Kalso near Sunni Triangle in Iraq. Sgt. Moretti and her fellow soldiers were instrumental in locating and destroying countless road bombs saving many fellow soldiers lives.

On June 25, 2007, Sgt. Moretti's life ended when a mortar struck her sleeping quarters after she had completed her shift and was preparing for a mission the following day. At 27 years of age, she was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star, Purple Heart and the

Combat Action Badge.

Sgt. Moretti has been memorialized throughout the borough including her high school locker which contains her field hockey jacket and stick and a marker and flag pole at Franklin School. A street was also dedicated in her name. Sgt. Moretti has dedications at the National Security Agency in Arizona with the most recent one in San Antonio, Texas where the Trista Moretti Complex now stands.

Michael Santoro was a lifelong resident of the borough who passed away on July 25 at the age of 91. He graduated from North Plainfield High School in 1936. He was a Boy Scout during the Great Depression Era and went on to enlist in the U.S. Marine Corps after graduation. Santoro served in the 1st Marine B.N. 11th Regiment, 1st Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force. He was assigned to Guantanamo and upon returning to the U.S. helped build Camp New River from scrap, which is known today as Camp Lejune.

When the U.S. entered into WWII, Santoro was deployed to the Southwest Pacific where, for the first time, the 1st Marine Division defeated the Japanese Imperial Army. He was promoted to platoon Sergeant and spent time in Australia and New Guinea before returning to the states in 1944.

After his tour of duty, Santoro was assigned to Quantico, Va. as a gunnery instructor at the U.S. Marine Corps Combat School. He went on to become a chief ordnanceman and returned to Japan at the end of the war as a replacement in the Fleet Marine Force.

Santoro received numerous medals and honors for his service which include the American Theatre, American Defense Medal, Presidential Unit Citation with Star, Organized Reserve Medal, Navy Unit Citation with Star, Navy Combat Ribbon, Pacific Theatre Medal with three stars, Good Conduct

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