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Members of the American Legion and VFW place wreaths at Holy Redeemer Cemetery on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day Observed Locally

On Monday South Plainfield residents, including many veterans, attended the annual Memorial Day ceremonies sponsored by the American Legion and VFW. They were there to pay homage to the members of the armed forces who have served, were wounded or died in the numerous wars our country has fought during our short history.

Memorial Day, once called Deco-

ration Day, was designated as a day to decorate the graves of veterans from all of the branches of the service. The day has since been renamed Memorial Day.

Monday's services began at the American Legion Post with the chaplain reading an opening prayer. Post Commander Joe Penyak welcomed everyone and introduced Mayor Dan Gallagher and other dignitaries who

attended the ceremonies. A wreath was placed at the American Legion Post's flag pole, taps were played as well as a gun salute before the group proceeded to the four cemeteries in town and Veterans Memorial Park. At each cemetery wreaths were placed, a prayer was read, taps was played and a gun salute took place.

The closing ceremonies took place at the VFW on Front St. where another wreath was laid and several guest speakers were heard.

The South Plainfield High School Traveling Choir was on hand and sang *The Star Spangled Banner* and *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*. Singers were Kati Mott, Cassandra Krajcik, Chris Duguet, Daniel Sambot, Jeff Sesselberg, Eric Rhode, Michael Duguet, Darren Kaczawski, Amanda Harzula, Julia Zappi, Sarah Brooks and Erica Linick. The group was under the direction of Tracy Murray. Also accompanying the singers were drummers Chris DeOliverira, Paul Cantarella and Kati Sullivan and bugler Josh Jackson.

The ceremonies concluded with a lunch prepared by members of the VFW Auxiliary.

GET HOOKED!

South Plainfield Recreation Department announces the opening of fishing season at Spring Lake Park on Saturday, June 4. The program is open to all South Plainfield children ages one through 14-years-old. Representatives from the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife will conduct a fishing clinic near the gazebo at 8:30 a.m. Fishing will begin at 9 a.m.



Police Charge Two With Prostitution in Separate Incidents

'Skin Care' Tech Propositions Undercover Cop
5 Arrested at Go Go Bar for Drug Related Activity

In separate incidents last Thursday, police executed raids on two South Plainfield businesses.

After receiving an anonymous e-mail on the South Plainfield Police Department's tip website and numerous complaints from neighbors, technician Shun D. Zhang of Flushing, NY was arrested for prostitution last Thursday at Hamilton Skin Care located at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

The establishment has been under surveillance by police for the past month. According to police, individuals were observed entering through the back door of the business at various times of the day and night. An undercover officer posing as a client was sent in and was propositioned by Zhang. She is currently being

held at the Middlesex County Correctional Facility, unable to post the \$2,500 bail. According to the owner of Graphix One, located downstairs from the business, he witnessed two men in handcuffs with hoods over their heads and two women crying, also in handcuffs, being removed from the building at the time the arrest was being made.

The Hamilton Ave. building is owned by 418-424 Central Ave. Partnership, LLC of Westfield who also owns the building at 4475 So. Clinton Ave., where last August two women were arrested for prostitution at Personal Best Spa. Although the business uses the name "Hamilton Skin Care," it advertises its services

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Gold Pin recipients Kristin Coffey, Amanda Prybella and Jennifer Vasquez.

19 Earn Top Awards In Girl Scouting

A special awards ceremony was held last Sunday at the Senior Center for 19 Girl Scouts from three area troops, who have earned their Gold and Bronze Pins.

The Gold Pin is the highest award for girl scouts and the Bronze is third the highest.

Receiving Gold Pins were Kristin Coffey, Amanda Prybella and Jennifer Vasquez.

Receiving Bronze Pins were, from Troop 17, Jayme Bishop, Joanne Bosse, Angela DeSantis, Michelle Miller and Ellen Zinsky; from Troop 118 Beth Becker, Amanda Hoagland, Megan Kaczka, Sarah McCarthy,

Amelia Lyte, Veronica Ruiz and Nicole Usuriello and from Troop 888 Nicole Firmin, Sarah Hageman, Tori Huber and Taylor Schoen.

To earn the Gold Award the girls had to do special projects under the direction of an advisor.

Kristin Coffey taught computer skills to seniors at the Senior Center. Seniors learned the basics and some programs and was a huge success. Her advisor was Patricia Anderson.

Amanda Prybella created craft boxes for patients in the Children's Hospital in Specialized Medicine. Her advisor was Joanne Otlowski.

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FIRE DAMAGES HOME ON RAUER COURT—A fire broke out in the rear of the home of Chauncey and Jocelyn Carter at 7 Rauer Ct. around 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday. There was fire damage to the rear of the home, the basement and first floor. According to South Plainfield Fire Chief Larry DelNegro, the owners were away at the time. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

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councilmeetings

Borough Hall Council Chambers

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
June 7	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
June 21	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
July 12	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

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

planningboard

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

June 14, June 28, July 5*, July 19*, Aug. 16*, Aug. 30*,
Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 29*, Dec. 13, Dec. 27.

zoningboardofadjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

June 9, June 23, July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25,
Sept. 8, Sept. 22, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*, Dec. 8, Dec. 22.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. June 7, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13,
Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13, Jan. 10, 2006, Feb. 14, March 14 and March 28.
Regular Board Meeting Tuesdays at 8 p.m. June 14, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20,
Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20, Jan. 17, 2006, Feb. 21, March 21 and April 4.

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20.

recreationcommission

Meets once a month on the last Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
June 28, Sept. 27, Oct. 25, Nov. 7 and Dec. 13.

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
June 8, July 13, Aug. 10, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 2006

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor
conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.
June 20, July 18, August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

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AARP Elects Officers, Honors Volunteers

By Libby Barsky

The South Plainfield chapter of
AARP #4144 elected the following
officers for 2005-2006 at their May
23 meeting: William Hannah and Wil-
liam McAllister co-presidents, Joe
Formica vice president, Jerome Men-
del, treasurer, Walter Kalman executive
board of directors and Eleanor Haines
legislature chair and nominating com-
mittee.

Before the guest speaker, retired
teacher Paul Cominsky presented his
program Comedy Classics, a series of
amusing stories collected from his 35
years of teaching, AARP volunteers
were recognized with two special cakes
in their honor. Members did volunteer
work for the following national pro-
grams: Muscular Dystrophy, the Na-
tional Council on Alcohol and Drug
Dependency, Mr. Fixit and (RSVP)
Retired Seniors Volunteer Programs.

AARP women also crocheted and
knitted lap robes, booties and hats for
local hospitals and some AARP mem-
bers, including Bill Hannah, volun-
teered at the Senior Center providing
help to those needing help filing their
income taxes and homestead rebates.



Officers for 2005-2006: Co-presidents Bill Hannah and William McAllister; Joe Formica, vice president; Jerome Mendel, treasurer; Eleanor Haines, legislative chair and Walter Kalman, board of directors.



Volunteers Jean McAlister, Bill McAllister, Georgina Wilkenson, Natalie Bergen, Eleanor Haines, Joe Formica, Fleurette Taylor, Bill Hannah and Angello Caggiano.

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South Plainfield High School Students Investigate Criminal Outbreak

By Michael Duquette

Note: The crimes described in this article are entirely fictitious. Any similarities to any real persons or events are entirely coincidental.

The South Plainfield Police Department has called upon the efforts of South Plainfield High School students to investigate and prosecute two recent crimes in the area.

Patricia Porzio and Shane Kagan, science and history teachers at SPHS, have recruited students enrolled in Forensic Science and Government and Law classes, respectively, to handle a recent kidnapping and a murder case. On April 12, a Chambers St. residence was broken into and a resident was abducted. Christina McGuff, 17, was reported missing by her mother. Her body was later found near Jost Field, a result of what has been ruled as "an accidental killing." Students from Porzio's class were dispatched to investi-

gate; their collections helped convict the victim's ex-boyfriend, Freddy "Big Wheel" Simone, and her best friend, Julie Peterson.

Shortly thereafter, a murder was reported in a residence on Garden Dr. The victim, coincidentally also named Patricia Porzio, was fatally stabbed in her home by an assailant brandishing a large sword. Investigation led to the

arrests of the victim's husband, Patrick Porzio, as well as a possible accomplice, Angela Green.

Kagan's Government and Law students have been cleared by the police department to proceed with trials for both cases, which will take place in early June.

Look in the Observer for coverage on the trials as they develop.

Advance Tickets for Renaissance Kingdom

NJ Renaissance Kingdom performer Chris Abbott is among those offering advance ticket sales for the Renaissance Kingdom. The annual event runs weekends from June 4-26, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

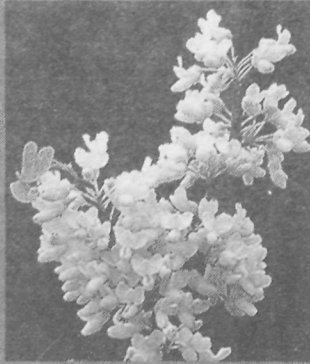
Advance tickets sales for save \$2 per ticket. Sale prices are: adults-\$13, seniors-\$7, children under 12-\$5 and toddlers under three are free. To pur-

chase advance tickets, call (908) 346-4727. Tickets can be picked up at the main ticket booth at the Renaissance Kingdom.

The NJRK is located in the South Mountain Reservation, Tulip Springs Section - Cherry Lane South Orange. For more detailed directions, call (732) 271-1119 or email: webmaster@njkingdom.com.

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The Rosarians of Our Lady of Czestochowa have been busy cooking their Polish dishes for their annual Feast of St. Anthony which starts on June 7. The volunteers have spent hours cooking corn beef and cabbage and other delicacies and then freezing them. Pictured are Ann Campanelli, Mary Agrista, Helen Malecki, Fran Strobeck, Elsie and Ed Larsen, Terry Kaschak, Betty Muglia, Jennie Daly, Jeanette Breitenbach and Fran Sobko.

Local Girl Scouts Present “American Dance Jamboree”

The South Plainfield Girl Scout community will host an exciting dance education workshop for all girls involved in South Plainfield Girl Scouts. The Saturday, June 11 show entitled “American Dance Jamboree” is presented by Pat Cannon’s Foot and Fiddle Dance Company. The group takes the stage in bright, colorful costumes and performs a dazzling round of square dancing, Appalachian clogging, Irish step and tap dancing – all accompanied by the rousing sounds of bluegrass fiddle. “The program provides a special look at some traditional American folk arts that are vital and vibrant parts of our cultural heritage,” said Kristin Golden Wenger, director of Young Audiences.

The dance workshop is being held at the South Plainfield Senior Center. Funded entirely by the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community, members of the Senior Center have also been invited to participate with the Girl Scouts. Both the girls and seniors will enjoy a fun-filled, multi-generational dance experience. All attendees will participate throughout the program, learning the rhythmic clapping and body-slapping pattern called a “hambone” and will also try out some basic square dance steps. Daisy and Brownie troops will attend the work-

shop from 11 a.m. to noon and Junior and Cadette scouts will attend from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Almost 100 girl scouts from town have registered for the event. Scouts will receive a special “Foot and Fiddle” patch for their uniforms and will fulfill several different badge requirements by attending the event. All scouts must be pre-registered to attend. Walk-ins are not permitted.

Pat Cannon’s Foot and Fiddle Dance Company is a member of Young Audiences of New Jersey. Located in Princeton, Young Audiences of New Jersey brings the arts to New Jersey children from all backgrounds, enhancing their formal education with dance, music, theater, literature and visual arts. Each year, their teaching artists visit and perform in New Jersey Schools for over 500,000 New Jersey school children pre K through 12th grade. Young Audiences’ professional staff also provides community arts programs and professional development workshops. Young Audiences of New Jersey is the state’s leading arts education resource and one of 34 nationwide chapters that together constitutes the country’s foremost arts education provider, Young Audiences, Inc. It is a recipient of the National Medal of Arts. For more information, you can visit www.yanj.org.

Tiger 24 Non-Stop Action Tops Last Year

By Patricia Abbott

Despite the rain that shut down the high school Tiger 24, the second annual event was a success of major proportions. Approximately 521 people came out for the race, 200 more than last year. The April 29-30 run/walk fundraiser took place at Jost Field.

The goal was to raise money for children’s charities. It was organized and sponsored by the Student Leadership Club and Sodexo. Christina Martin and Jason Lowe chaired the steering committee. The committee met every week for two months. Advisor Mary Ellen Marko said, “This year the Student Leadership group ran the entire event themselves. There were so many people there on Friday night I felt like the entire community was there. I thank the people of South Plainfield for being so supportive.”

Tiger 24 is just one of many events offered by On Your Mark Productions Inc. of Clark. The organization provides professional consulting and management services to corporations and non-profit organizations.

The 24-hour event began at 4 p.m. on April 29. Participants had to raise a minimum of \$25 in pledges and ran or walked. Runners ranged in age from six to 65. Some came for fun and others to do serious racing. The inner lanes were reserved for athletes. Marathon runner Rick Haig did 250 laps nonstop topping last year’s best by 39 laps.

Several high school staff members joined the fun, including teachers Patty Porzio, Ann Brown, Victoria Uniacke and Assistant Principal Althea Bowman Williams aka BW. The elementary schools took up the challenge to win an ice cream party by having the most students participate. The winner was Grant School.

When not trekking around the track, people gathered to dance to music provided by DJ Eric Ambielli. At the other end teams were gearing up to play Ultimate Frisbee. The late night drizzle did not deter the runners, but did put an end to some of the special events planned such as the midnight 5,000 meters, the backwards 400 and the 3 a.m. extravaganza. As the rain worsened the crowd began to thin out.

Christina Martin said, “Working on the Tiger 24 was a really exciting opportunity and I had a great team of students to work with. We’re all at an age where our advisors can take a project like this, put it in our hands and let us run away with it, and that’s exactly what we did. We had a lot of help from Mr. Hajduk (Special Ed. teacher) as well as Ms. Vandermark (Spanish teacher), but there’s no way to name everyone who helped. The Tiger 24 turned out to be a huge success, and it was an honor to have the opportunity to chair the event.”

The success must be contagious; word has it that the junior class is already making plans for the 2006 Tiger 24!

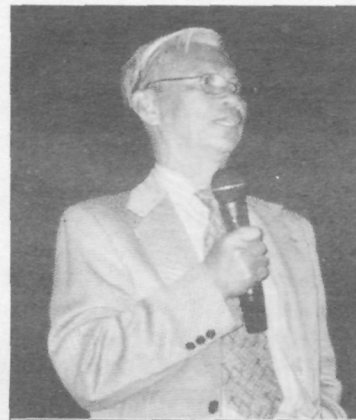


High school senior Michael Duquette talks with history teacher Fran Flannery, guest speaker Dirth Pran and Principal Dr. Ken May.

Survivor of Cambodian Genocide Visits SPHS

By Michael Duquette

On May 25, students at South Plainfield High School had the privilege of meeting Dith Pran, a humanitarian and survivor of the Cambodian genocide of the 1970s. Dith spoke about the history of the notorious



Dith Pran

genocide committed under Pol Pot’s Khmer Rouge regime, his amazing story of survival, which was recounted in the award-winning 1984 film *The Killing Fields*, and his feelings on peace and its place in the world today.

The genocide, Dith explained, was a consequence of the Communist influence of North Vietnam on the neutral country of Cambodia. As the Vietnam War worsened, more Cambodians decided to adhere to Communist doctrines under the Khmer Rouge (meaning “Cambodian Reds”) – but a vast majority of Cambodians, believing in the ideals of freedom and democracy, chose to side with the Americans during the war.

Then on April 17, 1975, disaster struck. The Khmer Rouge invaded the

Cambodian capital of Phnom Penh and overthrew the government, proclaiming the “Year Zero” and beginning to exert forceful control over Cambodia. For four years, the Khmer Rouge sent Cambodians to serve the state in the infamous “killing fields,” resulting in over two million casualties. Dith, an assistant to former New York Times correspondent Sydney H. Schanberg, was among those sent to work. Fortunately, Dith managed to escape to freedom in October 1979, crossing the border to Thailand and ultimately reuniting with his wife and children in America.

Since his harrowing journey, Dith has worked as a photojournalist for the New York Times since 1980, saw his story become an acclaimed film, received several honorary doctorates, compiled and published a book, *Children of Cambodia’s Killing Fields: Memoirs by Survivors* (1997), and founded the Dith Pran Holocaust Awareness Project. The project, according to its official website (www.dithpran.org), is “to teach students about the Cambodian genocide/holocaust, its mass destruction and wholesale senseless loss of life.”

Dith, now 62 and living in Woodbridge, engaged students with his tale of survival and his utter humility with regards to his captors and his loss. When asked his feelings on the Khmer Rouge, who still exist but no longer have power, he responded, “I feel that what they did is wrong, but I didn’t think anyone should kill them. The past is the past; let’s make the future better.” He also stated his advice for survival: “When you are indentured you have to look around and find a way to survive. Go with the flow – that’s the way to survive.” These are no small words from a man who ate whatever he could find while serving the cruel regime – he told students that what animals eat without harm are obviously edible for all life.

Dith also commented on the possibilities of peace today, even with world affairs depicting a world in which injustice is stronger than ever. “The world is getting more sensitive,” Dith stated, “[there is] more talk, more support, more sense of doing something.” He encourages the support of movements for peace and justice, notably commenting on the possibility of bringing the perpetrators of the Cambodian genocide – minus Pol Pot, who died in 1998.

In spite of his survival and accomplishments to aid world peace, Dith Pran refuses to consider himself a hero; rather, he considers himself just an observer of history with a story to tell. He admits, “I cannot understand why I survived,” but does not dwell upon the intervention of fate and instead continues to lecture and promote his message. During his time at South Plainfield High School, he proclaimed his biggest motive behind his crusade, which have certainly become a new philosophy to all who had the pleasure of meeting the great Dith Pran: “I never give up, and I believe evil can never live forever.”

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June 3

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All are invited to attend the evening prayer and dedicatory recital.

GOP Comedy Nite

June 3

The South Plainfield Republicans' Comedy Night, back by popular demand, will be held on Friday, June 3 at 8 p.m. at the Ramada Limited on Hamilton Blvd. The cost is \$60 per person and includes hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available.

To reserve a seat, call Dawn Jefferys at (908) 755-3986 or Bob Jones at (908) 222-9435. Proceeds benefit the Anesh-Bengivenga council campaign.

VFW Breakfast and Flag Retirement

June 5

The VFW Post 6763, located at 155 Front St., will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, June 5 from 8-11 a.m. The public is welcome.

At 11 a.m. the VFW will hold flag retirement ceremonies. The public is invited to bring their worn flags for proper disposal.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

June 7

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located on Oak Tree Rd., will hold an open house on Tuesday, June 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Limited space available. Everyone who registers on or before the open house receives free registration and two free months of ParentWatch. Offer for new customers only and expires June 7. In order to receive this offer just mention the *South Plainfield Observer*.

For directions and information, visit their website at rainbowacademy.com.

SPHS Spring Concert

June 8

Come one-come all to the South Plainfield High School Spring Concert featuring Mark Tweed and the Jazz Band, Lab Band and Concert Band. Also appearing is Bruce Mikolon and the orchestra. The June 8 concert starts at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Proceeds go to the music program. Refreshments will be available at intermission.

Elks Plan Bus Trip to Dover Speedway

September 25

The Elks will be sponsoring a trip to Dover International Speedway on Sunday, Sept. 25. Seats are still available. Cost is \$130 per person and includes ticket, bus, food, beverages, prizes, coffee and donuts at the lodge. A deposit of \$65 per ticket is required. Make checks payable to South Plainfield Elks. Contact Barbara Muller at (908) 757-5734 or email: mullerjb@comcast.net.

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Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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Senior Center EVENTS

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 AM-12:30 PM—CREATIVE PAINTING 10AM

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UPCOMING EVENTS 			Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am 42ND STREET @ NOON	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am	Exercise Club 8:30am Line Dancing 10am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

SDW Audition Dates Changed

June 14, 15 and 16

Auditions for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SPSDW) play *The Pajama Game* will be held June 14, 15 and 16, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at the Middle School. Auditions are open to anyone completing sixth grade through their first year of college residing in South Plainfield. For more information, please call (908) 561-5255.

Living Will and New Probate Law Seminar

June 15

A program on Elder Law will be presented on Wednesday, June 15 at 1 p.m. at the Senior Center. Attorney Kenneth Vercammen, Esq. will be the guest speaker and discuss such topics as the new probate law, preparation of wills, living wills and advance directives, power of attorney, administering estate and much more.

For information, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

Mets Vs. Phillies

June 22

Recreation is sponsoring a trip to see the Mets vs. Phillies on Wednesday, June 22. Game starts at 7:30 p.m. in Philadelphia. Bus leaves PAL at 4:30 p.m. and returns around 11:30 p.m.

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Knights Sponsoring Acoustic Concert

June 25

On Saturday, June 25 at 7 p.m. the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will be hosting a live acoustic concert with pop recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon. Billy Falcon, a well respected major label recording artist, singer/songwriter and producer will perform with his daughter, recording artist Rose Falcon in this live event.

Tickets are limited and by advance sales only. Price is \$25, which includes concert and after show party. It includes hors d'oeuvres and beer, wine and soda. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert at 7 p.m. Afterward performers will mingle with the guests.

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Indoor Yard Sale

June 3-4

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Blackrose, The Band Performing at Kerwins

June 3

Blackrose, the band will be performing at Kerwins Pub on Rt. 28 in Middlesex tonight at 9:30 p.m. Blackrose performs classical rock & roll music and today's hits. There is no cover charge.

For additional performing dates go to: blackroserocks.com.

Canoe and Kayak Fair

June 4

The Jersey Shore Canoe and Kayak Fair will be held June 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Ocean County Park on

Route 88 in Lakewood. Over 100 models of canoes and kayaks will be available to test paddle and purchase for adults and children. Free admission. Held rain or shine. For more information, call (609) 971-3085.

Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K Classic

June 4

The Metuchen Branch YMCA is holding the Janice Garbolino Memorial 5K Classic at Roosevelt Park in Edison on Saturday, June 4. Walkers are welcomed.

Walk starts and finishes by the lake at Lakeview School in Roosevelt Park. For information and to register, call Beth Helsby at (732) 548-2044.

Opening of "Phantasmagoric"

June 5

The opening of the statewide juried exhibit "Phantasmagoric," is Sunday, June 5 from 3-5 p.m. at the Sheraton Edison Hotel, located at 125 Raritan Center Pkwy. For information, call Nina Hand at (908) 753-ARTS or visit our website at www.edisonarts.org.

Golf Classic for Juvenile Diabetes

June 6

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Mid-Jersey Chapter's Annual Golf Classic will be held at the Tournament Players Club at Jasna Polana in Princeton on Monday, June 6. Registration at 9 a.m. Silent auction will begin at 5 p.m., awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. Call (732) 296-7171.

Film Festival in Plainfield

June 9

A four-day festival here will offer a first-ever array of films on gay and lesbian issues. A gala benefit at 7 p.m. on Friday, June 10 is \$25 and includes a talk by cinematographer Dorothy Thigpen, the film "Brother to Brother" and a reception. Proceeds from the gala will benefit the Plainfield Public Library's new diversity studies collection.

The festival opens 6 p.m. June 9 with "Before Stonewall," a documentary on times before gays and lesbians asserted their rights and identity in the 1969 riot against police harassment.

A full festival listing may be seen at www.plainfieldpridefilmfest.org and advance reservations may be made there or by calling (877) 381-2082.

Women United Meeting, Picnic

June 10

Church Women United will hold a board meeting on June 10, at noon at The Rose of Sharon Community Church on West 7th St. in Plainfield. A picnic pot-luck is also planned. Bring an entrée or a salad. Desserts and beverages will be supplied.

Wine Tasting

June 10

Chateau Ste. Michelle's Wine Tasting at Morton's Steakhouse will be held on Friday, June 10. Cost: \$40 includes fine wine tasting selection. Optional dinner afterwards at own cost.

RSVPs required by June 10 noon to (732) 764-9073 or AngelButterfly37@aol.com

Kayak/Canoe Fair

June 11

The Central Jersey Kayak and Canoe Fair will be held June 11 from 9-3 at Lake Mercer on Lake Rd. in West Windsor. Free admission. The event will be held rain or shine. For information call (609) 585-5450.

Metuchen Artwork Artist Reception

June 11

Metuchen Artworks, located on Station Pl. in Metuchen, will hold an artists reception featuring Wendi Cohen on Saturday, June 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. Exhibit dates are June 1 through 30.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Kara Loeffler and Thomas LaRocco

Kara Loeffler, Thomas LaRocco Engaged

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Loeffler of Millington announce the engagement of their daughter, Kara Elizabeth, to Thomas James LaRocco son of Mr. and Mrs. James LaRocco of Cumming, Georgia.

Loeffler earned a degree in Political Science and French from Drew University in Madison. She then attended the George Bush School at Texas A&M University in College Station, TX, where she received a Masters Degree in Public Service and Administration. For the past three years, Kara has worked at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

LaRocco completed a Criminal Justice Degree at Georgia Southern University and spent a year playing arena football in South Carolina. He is currently employed as a special agent in the Washington, D.C. area.

Loeffler and LaRocco plan to be married on Aug. 6, 2005 at the Church of Saint James in Basking Ridge.

Erin Mackey Graduates from Marymount Univ.

Erin L. Mackey, a South Plainfield resident, graduated on May 8 with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Marymount University, located in Arlington, Virginia. During her four years at Marymount, Erin was an active student leader, holding executive positions in many clubs and organizations. Erin also served as manager of the men's and women's swim teams. Erin was nominated for three commencement awards for outstanding leadership, service and being of exemplary influence on her peers. She is also a member of Psi Chi, the National Psychology Honors Society. Erin plans to begin her career as a mental health counselor while attending graduate school to obtain her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

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Three Students Receive David B. Crabiel Foundation Scholarships

High School seniors from Old Bridge, South Plainfield and Middlesex Borough will receive scholarships from the David B. Crabiel Scholarship Foundation at a dinner at the Pines Manor in Edison.

The David B. Crabiel Foundation Scholar for 2005 is Ashley Montalbano of Old Bridge High School, who will receive a \$3,000 award. The runners-up are Kelly M. Thomas of South Plainfield High School and Grace Jennings of Middlesex High School. Runners-up will receive \$1,000 awards.

The foundation, now in its 13th year, bestows monetary awards to high school seniors who have demonstrated academic achievement and leadership qualities through documented involvement in school or community activities from 10th grade on and who have been accepted at an institution of higher education.

"I am proud to honor these students who have shown tremendous commitment to their studies and to their communities," Crabiel said. "I congratulate them and wish them luck as they continue their academic pursuits."

Crabiel created the scholarship foundation in 1993. Including this year, 24 scholarships have been awarded. Carol A. Herbert is president of the foundation.

Applicants must be seniors who are attending a public, private or vocational school in Middlesex County.

PTC Therapeutics Promotes William Baird to CFO

PTC Therapeutics, Inc. (PTC), a biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of small-molecule drugs targeting post-transcriptional control mechanisms, today announced the promotion of William "Chip" Baird to the newly-created position of Chief Financial Officer. Baird, who joined PTC in 2002, most recently held the position of vice president, finance and strategic planning.

"Chip has made significant contributions to the company and has provided invaluable leadership to our finance team throughout his tenure," commented Dr. Stuart Peltz, president and CEO. "He was instrumental in our oversubscribed Series E financing round last year in which we raised a total of \$50 million, and he led the implementation of processes to

streamline our financial systems and ensure we remain fiscally responsible. I am extremely pleased to announce his promotion to CFO and I look forward to working with him during the next stage of growth for the company."

"I'm honored to be part of the management team at PTC," said Baird. "In only a few years, we have built a top-tier, clinical stage company with a robust pipeline. I look forward to working with Stuart and my other colleagues to achieve our next set of corporate goals."

Prior to joining PTC, Baird was an engagement manager at L.E.K. Consulting, advising life science companies on corporate strategy, portfolio prioritization and merger and acquisition opportunities. Before L.E.K., Baird spent several years working at

First Union Bank, originating, underwriting, and structuring debt facilities to middle-market and large corporate borrowers. Baird holds an M.B.A. in Finance from The Wharton Business School and a B.S. from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service.



Middle School Takes 14 Trophies at Music Festival

The South Plainfield Middle School Music Department took home a total of fourteen trophies on their annual Music Festival Trip. On May 20, the Music Department participated in the Music Showcase Festival at Dorney Park.

It started as a rainy morning as the group of ninety students and twenty-five chaperones headed out to Allentown, Pennsylvania to perform for adjudication. The groups performed in a hall called "The Perfect Place at Merchant's Square" in which all of the groups who participated performed brilliantly. After the performances, the crowd headed out to Dorney Park to take advantage of the rides and attractions.

In the early afternoon, the students went to the awards ceremony in which the music department cleaned up at the festival. The Middle School Orchestra came in second place with a rating of "superior," the highest possible rating that can be achieved. The orchestra also received an award for best viola section, an award for best bass section and Victoria Tran received

an award for best soloist. The Gems received a first place award with a rating of "superior." They received an award for best soprano section, and Catherine Krawiec received an award for the best accompanist. The Gems also received the best overall choral group award. The Middle School Jazz Band came in first place with a rating of "superior." The band received an award for best brass section as well as a solo award for Cris Kedmenec. Finally, the Middle School Wind Ensemble came in first place with a rating of "superior." The ensemble took home an award for best woodwind section as well as another solo award for Cris Kedmenec.

The staff of the Music Department is very proud of each and every student who participated in the festival. Every student performed well and had exceptional behavior. They were respectful and supportive of the other performing groups. The music department students were excellent representatives of the South Plainfield Middle School as well as for the town of South Plainfield.

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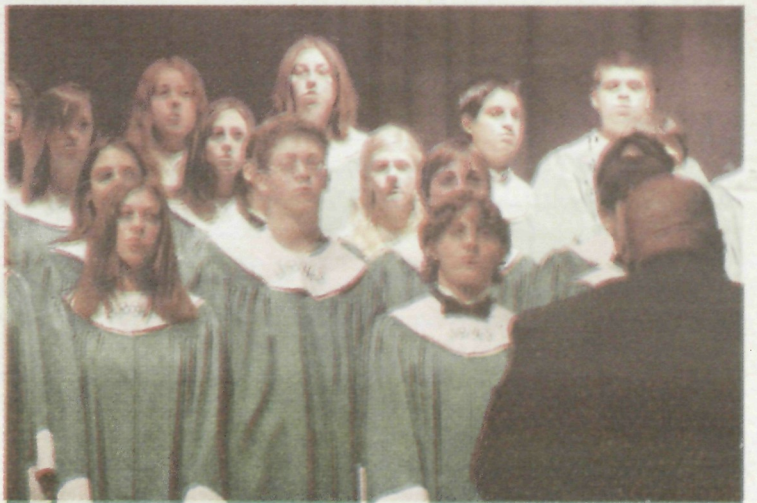
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School Concerts Celebrate Music, Humor

By Patricia Abbott

Three evenings last week were filled with the sound of music as South Plainfield schools presented three consecutive nights of concerts.

Roosevelt's spring concert on Tuesday evening opened with the elementary school band. These new musicians have been practicing hard since September and this performance was one of their first. Band Director is Kristen Gennings. They played *Yankee Doodle*, *Sweetly Sings the Donkey*, *Bethoven's Marine's Hymn* and *Theme*.

Next, the string ensemble, conducted by Bruce Mikolon, performed *French Folk Song*, *Reel*, *Largo* from the New World Symphony and *Linus and Lucy*. The evening concluded with the chorus, directed by Sharon Perez. The children sang *Ia Ora* (*Tahitian "Hello!"*), *Far and Away*, *Dites-Moi/Happy Talk* and *Hawaiian Rol-*

ler Coaster Ride.

An exuberant Principal Jacqueline Keogh said, "We had a wonderful spring concert. The concert consisted of the band and chorus. The students worked very hard to get ready for the event. They made us all very proud!"

The high school's annual concert last Wednesday featured popular songs such as the Beatles' *Eleanor Rigby*, Billy Joel's *My Life* and much more. Prior to the second act there was a special presentation. A stage version of *What's Opera Doc?* featuring Darren Kaczowski as Elmer Fudd, Michael Duquette as Bugs Bunny and Christopher Delany and Eric Rhodes as the horse. According to the program, it was "lovingly ripped off from the Warner Bros. classic originally directed by Charles M. Jones." The entire production was "devised, created, brainstormed, cast, blocked, financed, produced, directed and otherwise worked on by Tracy Glenn Murray." The out-

rageous production had the audience roaring with laughter from start to finish. The photos of Elmer and Bugs speak for themselves.

On Thursday the Middle School held their spring choir and orchestra concert. The evening spotlighted five groups—The Gems and Concert Choir and the Symphony, Chamber and String orchestras.

The choirs, directed by Donna Markiewicz, performed a wide selection of songs ranging from *Amazing Grace* and *All I Ask of You* ("Phantom of the Opera") to *Danny Boy* and *Niska Banja*, a Serbian gypsy dance. The instrumental groups, conducted by Carleen Tedeschi, presented a diverse music program as well. Soloists included Ashleigh Gray, Victoria Tran, Allyson Paterek, Kathryn Paterek, Rocco Severini, Jake Butynski, Cindy Hernandez, Nora Stasio, Alba Hernandez, Gloria Esaw and Kara

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, we're past Memorial Day weekend, so I guess it's summer now (even if the Earth's rotation doesn't necessarily agree). So, here's some summertime news from South Plainfield Library:

Our next craft program for adults is scheduled for Monday evening at 7 p.m. "Practical Crafting" instructor Ronda Wisniewski will lead participants in making Kaleidoscope Cane Pens. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There's a \$2 materials charge, payable upon registration. We've also got a mother/daughter scrapbooking class set for Thursday, June 30, from 10 a.m. to noon. Dayel Giammarino of "Creative Memories" will lead the class; participants should bring 2-4 photos. There's a fee of \$5 for the class; pre-registration is required. For more information, or to sign up, please stop by our circulation desk.

We'll follow our usual schedule of children's programs next week. For those of you who missed the memo, here's the schedule again: Storytimes for children ages three and over are held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Our "Time for 2's and 3's" program for children ages two and three is held on Wednesday morning at 10:30. And our "Books-N-Babies" program for children under age three is held on Friday morning at 10:30. No pre-registration is required for these programs. For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Linda or Danya.

Here's what is normally called a "teaser," and is meant for the kids: Our Summer Reading Club is on the way! You'll be able to sign up for it later this month. We'll have more details

for you ASAP.

We'll be closed on Sunday, June 19, in observance of Father's Day. Please be advised that we'll remain closed on Sundays for the rest of the season. Sunday hours will return in early September. We'll let you know the details later.

And now, an A/V Circuit update. For a while, we had two different groups of Circuit CDs available. Now, however, that extra set has been removed from circulation and sent to another library in the circuit. On the other hand, our usual group for this period is still here and will still be available until the middle of this month. Meanwhile, the June group of Circuit videos and DVDs is now in circulation. Titles this month include *Beethoven's 5th*, *Godzilla 2000*, *Lost in Translation*, the remake of *Walking Tall* and, on DVD, *School of Rock*. This group will be available until June 27.

Here's a note from our merchandising arm: We now have two sizes of canvas library tote bags available for purchase. The small size goes for \$7 each, while the larger size is \$10 a piece. We'll let you know when those library action figures (complete with Kung Fu grip) are ready.

Now, here's a word for parents. We realize that young children can be a handful sometimes, and that you do your best to keep them in line. All we ask is that you please be conscious of your fellow library patrons and keep a close eye on your kids. If they're especially rambunctious, you might be advised take them home until they calm down. However, *do not under any circumstances* leave them unattended in your car, especially as the weather warms up. If it's a choice between a little extra noise and a terrible tragedy, we'll take the noise anytime.

"Finally, a few words about our recent Mother's Day contest. First, thanks to all the kids who nominated their mothers for the prize; we received 156 entries in all. And congratulations to prize winner Maria Dolan."

That's about it for now. Please feel free to pass along any questions or comments. See you next week for more.

Correction

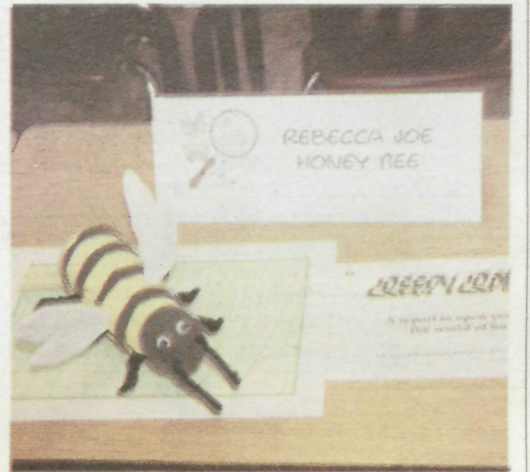
Please note that in the front page article of May 27, "Five Chosen for High School Hall of Fame," the story read, "Conklin was nominated by former Police Chief..." and should have read, "Conklin was nominated by former Police Chief Robert Merkle." We apologize for the error.



SHS Celebrates the Arts and Sciences with Recital and Show

The students at Sacred Heart School held two events recently to show off their many talents. The Spring Recital was held May 18, much to the delight of parents and relatives and friends. Students performed on piano, drums, flute and clarinet under the direction of Sal Ascotese. Following the recital, the 2005 Diocesan Band, conducted by Vincent Partesi, performed.

The following evening the school held an art and science fair, as well as an open house. Parents and visitors filled the halls to view various art projects, including an entire wall of fascinating masks, as well as the students' science projects—from electrical to plants and bugs—that were displayed in the classrooms.



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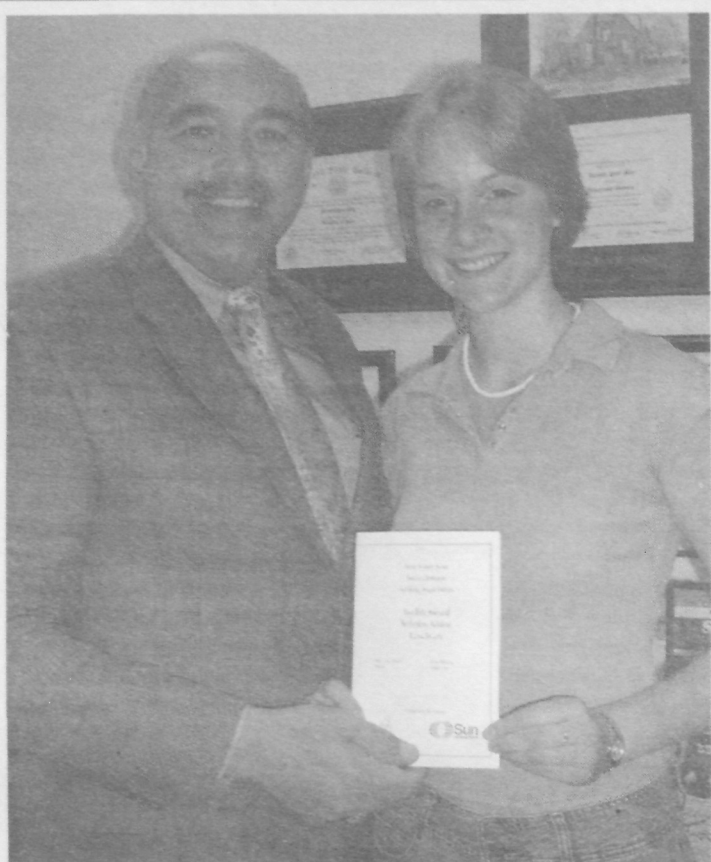
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Sports



South Plainfield High School Senior Kathleen Morgan was honored on May 15 at the NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association's twelfth annual Scholar Athlete Luncheon held at the Pines Manor in Edison. Kathleen ranks number one scholastically in her class and has earned letters in both varsity track and cross country for the last four years. Principal Dr. Ken May and Athletic Director Mike Buggy accompanied Kathleen to the function which was attended by 1,275 people including 300 students, administrators and guests.

Youth Soccer Registration Announced

The South Plainfield Recreation's Youth Soccer Program will begin on Saturday, Sept. 17. Registration begins June 7 and ends on Aug. 20. All South Plainfield children between the ages of 6-13 are invited to play. You must be six years old by Oct. 1, 2005. The fee is \$35 per child. The fee is not refundable. Please register at the PAL at 1250 Maple Ave. First time players must show birth certificate.

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Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

KC's Korner gained a 13-7 victory over Twin City to move into first place in the tight American Division race. Sparked by Rich Steele's 39, KC's Korner triumphed over a Twin City team that struggled all night. Guy Severini posted the low score for Twin City with a 41.

The amazing Marty Van De Vaarst fired a sparkling two-over 35 and teammate Frank Oades came through with a 39 to lead Pornovets to a 11-9 win over Plainfield Animal Hospital. It was tough to lose such a close match, but the good news for PAH is that the real Mark Chichvar is back—"Mr. Steady" emerged from his early season slump to earn medalist honors

with a fine round of 35. "Iron Mike" Behr took the bold step of using a three-wood off the tee (the only wood he has in his bag) and smoked some 260 yard drives on his way to a marvelous one-over-par 34, as Patti's Construction gained its first win of the season, defeating Masters, 14-6. Danny Griffin turned in another terrific round for Masters with a 35 and teammate Mike King had a solid round of 36, but their efforts fell short as last year's champions dropped their third match in a row.

In the National Division, Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer crushed all his drives with his new Rattlesnake driver on his way to a three-over 36 to lead Aiello

Chiropractic to an overwhelming 18-2 victory over a Sport & Social team that just can't seem to get things going this season. Ed Banach missed some makeable putts but still turned in a nice round of 37 for Aiello. Mark Carl was the medalist for Sport & Social with a round of 40.

In the lowest scoring match of the night, Witty's overpowered the Hackers, 14 1/2 - 5 1/2, as Howard Adier had an impressive even-par 33, the best round of the night. Teammate Kevin Bickunas showed some of his old form with a 3-over 36 and Jim Parker contributed with a 39. That was just a bit too much for the Hackers to handle, even though Kevin Boyce had a 36 and Todd Sherman fired a 38.

Jim Gash stroked some boomers off the tee on his way to a 39 as the Elks had no problem downing the VFW 15-5. The Elks are now just one game behind undefeated Aiello and Witty's who are tied for first place. Bob Nilan was the medalist for the VFW with a 42.

Low Scores for the Night: Howard Adier 33, Mike Behr 34, Mark Chichvar 35, Danny Griffin 35, Marty Van De Vaarst 35, Kevin Boyce 36, Mike King 36, Fred Kirchofer 36.

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Pornovets	2	2	0	Elks	3	1	0
PAH	1	2	1	Hackers	1	2	1
Masters	1	3	0	Sport & Social	0	2	2
Patti's	1	3	0	VFW	0	3	1

SOCCER

SP Blast, Woodbridge Razors Play to a 1-1 Tie

The South Plainfield Blast remain undefeated by holding off the Woodbridge Razors in the closing minutes of the game for a 1-1 tie.

The Blast took the early lead on a goal by John Cursi, who scored off a free kick from Kevin Veliz. The game was a defensive struggle in which we saw some good defensive plays turned in by Joey Lacerda, Kevin Veliz, Ian Collins and Joey Gonzalez to keep the Razors from scoring.

The Razors scored in the opening minutes of the second half to tie the

score and that's the way the game ended. Nick Jeglinski was terrific at goal all game and is the main reason the Blast remain undefeated.

The South Plainfield Blast won easy over East Brunswick by a score of 6-1. The Blast kept their undefeated season in check with a romp over East Brunswick. The Blast scored six times before East Brunswick could muster up a goal. Rafael Urena scored the first goal with an assist from Jose Fernandez. The Blast were in control of this game all day long. The other five goals

were scored by Jose Fernandez, Christian Barrinetos, John Cursi and Nicky Pauls. Again the defensive cord played a strong game. While splitting the goal duty between Jared Christopher and Nick Jeglinski, both players had strong performances.

The best play of the game was the beautiful head shot put in the net by Christian Barrientos, it was a work of art. Both games were played without keyplayers Max Cordova and Kenny Breslau who were nursing injuries.

Submitted by Jim Christopher

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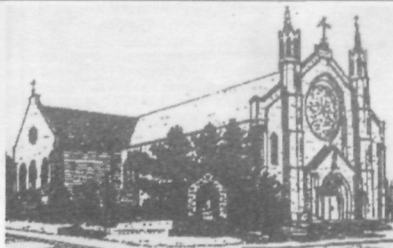
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May 28, 2005

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustments at its meeting held on May 26, 2005.

A. Case # 33-01/V/S-Elite Landscaping, Inc. Block 307; Lots 3, 4 & 5; 1523 Sage Street. The applicant's request for an expanded use variance, together w/preliminary & final site plan and approval & waivers was hereby GRANTED subject to (5) voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 20-05-Princeton Food Service, LLC, d/b/a "Wendy's". Block 254; Lot 2.02; Oak Tree Rd. & Park Ave. The applicant's request for a variance to permit (8) additional flags on the roof of the structure was hereby GRANTED subject to (7) voluntary conditions.

C. Case # 24-05-Wilfredo Rodriguez. Block 24; Lot 29; 727 Wadsworth Ave. The applicant's request for a westerly side yard setback variance in order to erect a 1st floor deck was hereby GRANTED.

D. Case # 25-05-Assed Daoud. Block 418; Lot 6; 120 Lexington Ave. The applicant's request for a side yard setback variance to allow an existing shed to remain on the property was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) voluntary condition.

E. Case # 28-05-Kathleen O'Brien. Block 417; Lot 4; 2016 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for a use variance to create a caregivers quarter together w/a front yard setback variance to allow an addition w/a 17.28 foot setback from Strong Place was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) voluntary condition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

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Firemen's Memorial Fund Gets a Boost From Two Fundraising Events



The South Plainfield Fire Department had a busy week hosting two of their annual fundraisers. On May 14 they held a wine and beer tasting at Embassy Suites in Piscataway. The well attended event had originally been

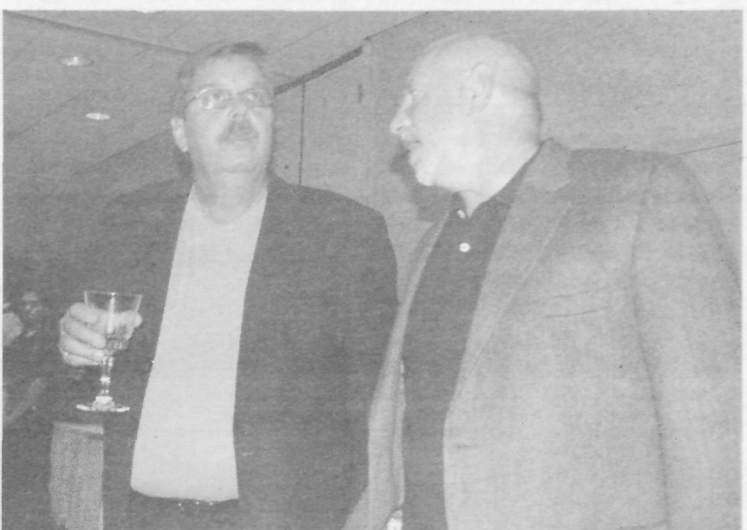
scheduled for earlier this year, but was postponed due to a snow storm. After several hours of tasting a wide variety of liquors and beers, the guests enjoyed dinner and dancing.

The SPFD's 2005 oldies concert



brought Beatles tribute "Beatlemania Now" to the SPHS stage. The auditorium held a full house of appreciative Beatle fans of all ages.

The energized crowd clapped and sang along to their favorite songs. The four musicians have a startling resemblance to the Fab Four. They had mannerisms of John, Paul, George and Ringo down cold as well. The amazing show chronicled the Beatles' career from their 1964 United States debut on the Ed Sullivan Show to 1970. The many costume changes corresponded to the Beatles five musical periods. The two-hour show featured 35 songs. Helping behind the scenes was a busy SPHS stage crew headed by Lory Alcaro.



Obituaries

Edward G. Hewitt, 56

Edward G. Hewitt of Bridgewater died on Sunday, May 1 in Bridgewater.

Born in Colonie, NY, he was raised in Ballston Spa, NY. He then moved to South Plainfield, where he lived for 14 years before moving to the Bridgewater area seven years ago.

He was employed by United Steel Deck in South Plainfield for 20 years, retiring in March 2005.

He was predeceased by his mother, Anna May, who died in 1997.

He is survived by two children, Lisa and Chris Hewitt and their mother, Lori, all of South Plainfield; his father, William C.; five sisters, Mary Lee Blakeslee, Joanne Hauprich, Patty Jurcsak, Paula Slade and Laurie Ferradino and their spouses and three brothers, Bill, Frank and Joe Hewitt and their spouses. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, June 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Ave. in Scotch Plains. Family will be receiving relatives and friends from 10:45 until time of service.

Letters of remembrance will also be accepted at rossifh@comcast.net.

Katherine Sinisgalli, 95

Katherine Sinisgalli died on Saturday, May 28 at Manor By The Sea Nursing Home in Ocean Grove.

Born in New York City, Katie lived in Brooklyn and in South Plainfield before moving to Bayville more than 20 years ago.

She worked as a bookkeeper for Pick Wick Liquors in Plainfield and later for The Christmas Factory in Bayville area before retiring over 20 years ago.

Katie enjoyed her trips to Florida, drinking wine, eating dessert and following the stock market.

She is predeceased by her husband, Vincent, who died in 1972 and a sister, Lena Mattei.

Surviving is her brother, James Sinisgalli of Bayville and two friends and caregivers, Martha Gonzalez of South Plainfield and Donna Driscoll of Bradley Beach.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Ernest Lawrence, Sr., 69

Ernest Lawrence, Sr., died on Wednesday, May 25 at his home.

Born in Elizabeth, he resided in Linden before settling to South Plainfield in 1970.

He began his employment as an auto mechanic and later became a welder. Mr. Lawrence had been employed by the former Leland Tube of South Plainfield and the former Magno Ceram, also of South Plainfield, working as their maintenance mechanic and welder for several years. Most recently, he had been working for the borough of South Plainfield

at the Recycling Center, retiring in the early 2000's.

Ernest could often be found in his yard gardening, which he loved, or sitting on the porch smoking a cigar.

Surviving are his wife, Katherine (Michaelis) Lawrence; two sons, Ernest Lawrence, Jr. and his wife, Gail and Michael Lawrence, both of South Plainfield; three sisters, Irene Alaburda of Linden, Elizabeth Harootunian of Bayville and Marie Lynch of Linden and a brother, Steve E. Lawrence of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Stephen A. Fiore, 50

Stephen A. Fiore died on Tuesday, May 24 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Newark and had resided in South Plainfield for the last 46 years.

He was the owner of Steve Fiore Landscaping for the last 35 years.

Steve was an avid sports fan and participated in the Plainfield area men's softball leagues for many years. He was a member and former coach for the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, the South Plainfield Pop Warner Football Eagles and a member of the South Plainfield Wrestling Club.

He is the son of the late Artie and Jenny Falcon Fiore.

He is survived by a daughter, Jenna Fiore of Green Brook; a son, David Fiore of South Plainfield; three broth-

ers, Art Fiore, Michael and his wife Linda Fiore of South Plainfield and Donald Fiore of Piscataway and nine nieces and nephews. He will be sadly missed by his many friends who affectionately referred to him as Uncle Buba.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory can be made to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Foundation, Park and Randolph Ave., Plainfield, NJ 07060.

Johanna H. Skotarczak, 85

Johanna H. Skotarczak died on Tuesday, May 24 in Health Park Hospital, Fort Myers, Fla.

Born in Germany, she came to the United States in 1953, residing in Flushing, NY. Johanna lived in South

Plainfield for 36 years before moving to Ft. Myers in October of 2004.

She was a former member of Sacred Heart Church and the South Plainfield Ricochet Racquet Club women's exercise swimmers.

Johanna was a homemaker. Her husband, Gerhard Skotarczak, died in 1990 and a grandson, Steven Hollain, died in 2002.

Surviving are two daughters, Gabriele "Gaby" Hollain of South Plainfield and Helga Heilmann of Ft. Myers, Fla. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Mark, Denise, Kristen and Nancy and eight great grandchildren, Cory, Grant, Nico, Steven, Matthew, Hope, Abigail and Brian.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in her memory may be made to the Institute for Children with Cancer & Blood Disorders, 121 Somerset St., New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

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Troop 17 Bronze Award recipients are Jayme Bishop, Joanne Bosse, Angela DeSantis, Michelle Miller and Ellen Zinsky, with leaders Lauren Zinsky and Joanne Miller.

Top Awards In Girl Scouting

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Jennifer Vazquez created a vial of life journal. The project entailed compiling vital information on individuals which could be used in case of emergency by medical personnel if a patient is unable to communicate. Her advisor was Carolyn Parisi.

To earn their Bronze Award Troop 17 held a pet food drive for the Human Society.

Troop 118 spent their spare time beautifying the Middle School, planting a flower bed around the flag pole.

Troop 88 raised awareness to neutering your pets, adopting dogs and cats and collecting pet food.

Attending the ceremonies were Sacred Heart Church's Father Tim Lambert, who led the benediction, Councilman Ed Kubala, who presented a proclamation from the Borough Council and Maria Perry from the Girls Scouts of Washington Rock Council, who explained the requirements of the Gold and Bronze Awards. Pre-school Daisy Troop 883 presented flowers to all the award recipients.



Troop 888 Bronze Award recipients are Nicole Firmin, Sarah Hageman, Tori Huber and Taylor Schoen with leader Sue Hageman.



Troop 118 Bronze Award recipients are Beth Becker, Amanda Hoagland, Megan Kaczka, Sarah McCarthy, Amelia Lyte, Veronica Ruiz and Nicole Usuriello, with leaders Jane Becker and Kathy Hoagland.

police report

• On May 24 Carlos Rolando Flores-Avila, 28, of Bethlehem, Pa. was arrested for driving on a suspended license and three outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• Donald C. Williams, 33, of Plainfield was arrested for theft after taking PVC tubing from his temporary employer, Peaktop Technologies on Corporate Ct. and dropping them in the wooded area behind Kohl's. Three other suspects also left items in the woods, but could not be located at the time.

• On May 25 Robert H. Hall, 41, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Elizabeth Carmona-Hernandez, 26, of North Brunswick was arrested for exhibiting a fraudulent drivers license while trying to obtain a vehicle registration at the DMV.

• Roth Brothers Construction reported the theft of a 4x4 all terrain lifting vehicle from the construction sight on Hadley Center Dr.

• Red Sky Systems on Corporate Blvd. reported the door to their office had been pried open and three laptop computers and a PDA were taken.

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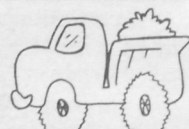
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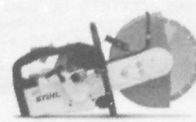
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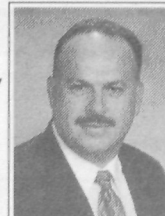
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Police Charge Two With Prostitution

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According to Police Capt. Paul Brembt, "The operation was a success due to the cooperation of the citizens of South Plainfield." He also encourages residents to notify the police of any suspicious activity in the borough through the borough's website at www.southplainfieldnj.com or by calling the police tip line at (908) 226-7675. Either option is anonymous and confidential.

Go Go Bar Stripped of License

Numerous arrests were made last Thursday night by the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office and the South Plainfield Police Department at the Gentlemen's Club Liquid Assets on New Market Ave. after a two month investigation into illegal drug and prostitution operations. It was also closed down by the Borough and the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) due to the investigation of administrative violations of the bar's license.

Investigators from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office Narcotics Task Force received information that employees of the club were allegedly involved in narcotics distribution and prostitution. Surveillance operations and undercover police officers were able to purchase cocaine and marijuana from employees and patrons.

Nearly 50 police officers with search and arrest warrants, including the Piscataway Police Department and agents from the ABC and Division of Criminal Justice, raided the club and seized small amounts of cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamine along with \$1,730 in cash from alleged prostitution profits.

Two South Plainfield residents, John Johnson, 24, and Kevin Turner, 31, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with bail set at \$1,000 each. Abdusha A. Muhammad, 25, of Plainfield and Doudou Diallo, 21, of Piscataway were charged with distribution of marijuana. Richard Rodriguez, 32, of Perth Amboy was charged with distribution of cocaine with bail ranging on all from \$1,000 to \$7,500.

Club owner John Colasanti, 57, of Old Bridge was charged with prostitution with bail set at \$25,000. Manager James Venitelli, 53, of North Plainfield was also arrested and charged with promoting prostitution with bail set at \$5,000.

Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce Kaplan stated that additional arrests are pending. According to Colasanti, as of presstime the club is open and officials from the ABC were bringing back his liquor license Tuesday night. "Owning a gentlemen's club may seem glamorous to some people, but it doesn't come without it's heartache and problems," lamented Colasanti.

like Jimmy throughout New Jersey receive state-of-the-art care, three of New Jersey's favorite baseball clubs – The Somerset Patriots, Newark Bears and Trenton Thunder – will host Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation Night on Thursday, June 9. The three concurrent events will celebrate the announcement of the new inpatient rehabilitation facility being built for New Jersey's youngest patients, the PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital in New Brunswick.

All games begin at 7:05 p.m. and include fun, family-focused activities, with free t-shirts given to the first 2,000 people at the Bears and Patriots games and a fabulous fireworks display following the Thunder game. All tickets are \$9 and a portion of the tick-

ets sold through Children's Specialized will benefit the hospital. To order, call Christine Raymond at (908) 301-5457, or, log on to www.forchildrens.org.

Jimmy's story

In the spring of 2004, 15-year-old Jimmy Cox of South Plainfield was hospitalized due to an AVM (Arteriovenous Malformation), a defect in which masses of abnormal blood vessels grow in the brain. Jimmy was diagnosed with an AVM at the age of nine. Over the years it shrank through various treatments, but the end result, unfortunately, didn't go the expected route. On April 21, 2004, the AVM ruptured and Jimmy was rushed to pediatric intensive care at Robert

Wood Johnson University Hospital, where he was placed in a medically induced coma throughout his stay.

When the Cox family found out Jimmy needed intense rehabilitative care, they toured Children's Specialized Hospital and decided it was the right place for Jimmy to get better. Jimmy's road to recovery was quite extensive when he first arrived at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside. Because of the ruptured AVM, he lost the use of the entire right side of his body and couldn't speak or eat. Through speech, physical, and occupational therapy at Children's Specialized, Jimmy's progress was so good that within a two-month time period, he was able to move from inpatient to outpatient status and able

to walk, eat and speak again. Currently he comes to the Mountainside facility on an outpatient basis three times a week and attends the Children's Specialized Neuro-Rehabilitation Program in Fanwood, an intensive treatment program for children who have sustained a brain injury and are experiencing cognitive dysfunction, four days a week.

The Coxes are grateful for the care team at Children's Specialized and want to see the services of this rehabilitation hospital extended to as many children and their families as possible. They are encouraging everyone to support Children's Specialized Hospital and invite all South Plainfield and area residents to come out and enjoy a great night at the ballpark on June 9.



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