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Thirty local youth had the opportunity to get an inside look at police work and the criminal justice system at the Junior Police Academy, sponsored by South Plainfield Recreation Department in conjunction with the police department.

## Junior Police Academy Graduates 30

By Jane Dornick

For the second year, the Recreation Department's Junior Police Academy program held its first session during the week of July 1, with a graduating class of 30 police savvy boys and girls.

The cadets began the week-long camp based at the PAL at 8 a.m. sharp every morning with their instructors—South Plainfield DARE Police Officers Dave Franchak and Al LaMonda. Each day a different element of police work was introduced to the cadets, ranging in age from 10 to 14.

The academy was visited each day by special guests who gave instruction on different aspects of police work. Investigator John Rodriguez from the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office Gang Task Force spoke to recruits

about how police work to combat and prevent gang activity. Lt. Mike Lane explained how the criminal justice system works. Det. Gene Bataille used his expertise to demonstrate how crime scenes are investigated. Later in the day, with the help of Investigator Laura Callahan from the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office, a mini-crime scene was setup with the students doing the investigating.

The South Plainfield Fire and Rescue Unit showed the cadets how they remove accident victims, using an old totaled vehicle and the "Jaws of Life" to remove the roof. Sgt. Kevin Murtagh gave a presentation on the dangers of drunk driving. Field trips were made to the police shooting range near the recycling area where cadets shot paintball guns at targets and another day was spent at the N.J.

State Police Museum in Trenton.

New Brunswick Fire Dept. Arson Unit Investigator Frank Abbate brought his K-9 unit dog Torch to the PAL. The chocolate labrador retriever was rescued from a shelter and sent to school to learn how to sniff out fire-causing elements during investigations. Torch demonstrated his skills in front of the class.

Officers Franchak and LaMonda gave students a crash course in procedures for stopping vehicles and defense tactics. Using some of his former U.S. Marines training, Franchak taught the youngsters marching, saluting and the meaning of respect and honor.

The week ended with a visit from the N.J. State Police helicopter flown by Trooper II Mike Jiamette on to the grounds outside the PAL building. The officer explained the uses of the copter, how it operates and gave cadets a tour of the inside. A graduation ceremony was held on Friday afternoon where each recruit was congratulated by members of the police department and given a certificate of completion.

Graduates are Robert Benwell, Tyler Clinedinst, Quinn Cochrane, Christina Conry, Frank Debiase, Bianca DiDolce, Alex Dornick, Alexa Douras, Dina Douras, Elizabeth Fasullo, James Lee Gerber, Sarah Hageman, Jenna Heckel, Peter Hemming, Randy Hurst, Austin Jenkin, Matthew Little, Alex Lundy, Griffin Lynch, Nicholas Montuori, Anthony Muccigrossi, Felicia Mulhearn, Sean Piersanti, Anthony Pisano, Tommy Riccardi, Joshua Rochotte, Anthony Salerno, Jake Salerno, Anthony Torchia and Agupunam Ufondu.

## Update on Borough Construction

**CAUTION:**  
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Although there is no visible construction on either Hamilton Blvd. or Maple Ave., work is slated to begin any day now. When it does begin, construction on Hamilton Blvd. will take place between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., motorists can count on plenty of delays and detours. Local businesses on Hamilton Blvd. will remain open during the construction period.

The American Water Company is still working on Hamilton Blvd. between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Expect delays due to lane closures

during these hours. Police are on hand to help with the traffic flow.

Construction is scheduled to begin this week on Maple Ave. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. Curbs and sidewalks are slated to be replaced. Traffic will continue to flow in both directions at all times during this construction. Questions about the construction may be directed to Borough Administrator Vincent Buttiglieri at (908) 226-7606 or Construction Coordinator Michael Zushma at (908) 753-3775.

## New Vests on the Way for SPPD

By Jane Dornick

As soon as Mayor Dan Gallagher was informed by South Plainfield Police Chief John Ferraro that the bulletproof vests police officers were using were unsafe, he wasted no time finding funds to purchase new ones.

The problem with the unsafe vests arose a few weeks ago when the police department learned that 32 vests the police were using contained Zylon, a material being recalled by the manufacturer, Second Chance. The safety of the material was questioned after a Pennsylvania police officer was wounded while wearing one of the Zylon vests, and an investigation by the US Attorney General's office was launched. Because of lawsuits being filed against the company, Second Chance was forced into bankruptcy leaving police departments to fend for

themselves on how to find funding to replace the 32 vests.

Each police officer is issued their own fitted vest with a life expectancy of five years. Their are 25 officers on the force who currently wear vests which were purchased recently and those vests are made from an alternative material. As of this week, the 32 officers have been fitted for new vests, and they should be receiving them shortly.

Chief Ferraro stated that when Mayor Gallagher and Dennis Cerami, borough council president and police liaison, were informed of the situation, they took immediate action saying that the safety of South Plainfield's officers was of the utmost importance. Ferraro also explained that in the meantime they will seek grant money to cover the cost of replacing the vests



Senator Barbara Buono joins Patrick Boyle as he reads his winning essay.

## Patrick Boyle Wins Statewide Essay Contest

By Patricia Abbott

On June 20 Riley School student Patrick Boyle was awarded the top prize in a district wide essay contest "What My State Means to Me!" The second annual contest, sponsored throughout the 18th District by NJ Senator Barbara Buono and Riley School, was open to all fourth grade youths in South Plainfield.

Senator Buono was on hand as Patrick read his essay to classmates at the end of year picnic. Patrick received a gift certificate from the

Senator and a citation of recognition. Buono said, "I'd like to thank all the students who participated in this contest. I hope that you continue to feel and express the same passion for your state as you grow and mature. I'd like to thank the Riley School teachers, staff and parents for coordinating this event and finding such a creative way to encourage the students to become excited about learning. We live in a state that is blessed with a diverse and rich history. Our history, our

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## Mark Your Calendars

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for the latest meeting agenda

### 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**

**Special Meeting on Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. for Police Promotions.**  
August 9 ..... 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 (NJSA 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

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

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. 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. 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.

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

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  
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.

July 18, August 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, Feb. and March 20.

### boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 6:30 p.m. at Roosevelt  
Administration Building on Jackson Ave. Work session. No public comment  
Tuesday, August 1, Tuesday, Sept. 6, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5, Jan. 2, Feb. 6,  
March 6 and April 3.

## Knights Acoustic Concert Benefits Breast Cancer

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a live acoustic concert to benefit the Susan G. Kohmen Breast Cancer Foundation on June 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon entertained a sold out crowd with songs from their various albums.

Rose Falcon, known for her Columbia Records hit *Up, Up, Up*, invited the children in attendance to come on stage with her to sing along.

Billy Falcon performed "Story of My Life," one of three songs he wrote and recorded, which will be on the new Bon Jovi disc, is due to be released shortly.

Billy performed another unreleased song called "Taller," which relates to Sept. 11, 2001 and the Twin Towers. The lyrics to this song can be seen on [www.Billyfalcon.com](http://www.Billyfalcon.com) under the forum. Rose performed several other new songs including "Still in Nashville" which is soon to be released.

The performers stayed after the show to meet and talk to the guests. One thousand dollars from the money raised from this event will benefit the Susan G. Kohmen Breast Cancer Foundation.

The event was chaired by Brian



Bill Butrico assisted Event Chairman Brian Cargill, pictured here with entertainers Rose and Billy Falcon and Grand Knight Joe Scudato.

Cargill. Assisting were Bill Butrico and Grand Knight Joe Scudato.

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus would like to thank the following businesses for their generous donations: Hometown Heros, VA Tramantano Fruits & Vegetable, Ferraro Foods, Freihofer's Bakery, Buy-

Rite Discount Liquors, Witty's Liquors, Budweiser Corp., Stop & Shop Supermarket Corp. and Pathmark Supermarket Corp. Also a special thank you to AKA Inc. for the beautiful banner they donated. The Knights of Columbus would also like to thank everyone who attended this event.

## IN YOUR OPINION

### To the Editor,

By way of introduction I will respond to Mrs. Provaire's letter of June 24 less than eloquently, because this subject is not typically open for public discussion. It is a matter of Public Statute, the Collective Bargaining Agreement and personnel.

Moreover, I would only discuss these matters with the member in question and on a "need to know" basis, or with dues paying members.

Mrs. Provaire's complaints appear to be twofold:

1. She asserts that there was no public agreement put forth on the teachers behalf by the SPEA. This was largely determined by the member's decision not to publicly air these issues. The Board and the SPEA honored that. Be advised that our member appropriately received, in private, significant competent assistance from our local and State NJEA resources. Unfortunately:

A) there are no tenure rights involved with this particular employment position, and;

B) we have no contractual authority to refuse involuntary transfers.

Perhaps Mrs. Provaire would be willing to lobby with us for stronger public labor laws in favor of employees and professional associations!

2. As for her second complaint re-

garding my marital status. If she were a member of the SPEA, I would discuss with her how this situation evolved—but obviously I cannot. However, please be assured I am no more controlled by my husband or family than she is by hers—and I offer my professional history in support of that. A person close to me remarked after reading her complaint, "Anyone who believes Diana Joffe is controlled by her husband, evidently does not know Diana Joffe."

If you wish further discussion, call me, or check the facts.

**DIANA JOFFE, VICE PRESIDENT  
SPEA**

### Dear Editor,

I lived in South Plainfield for 25 years, raised four children, and although I now live in Hillsborough, I return to South Plainfield at least three times a week, still have family members and many friends here, and I am active in community affairs.

I do not know Mark Tweed personally. The only contact I have had with him is as an observer at many events at South Plainfield High School, football games, graduations and so on over the past several years I have seen good musical events grow into outstanding musical events; good musical students grow into out-

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**Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters. Any letter received without identification will be discarded.**

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standing musical students. Having had much musical training myself during my lifetime, I observed the high caliber of choices of musical selections and the ability of the students to perform these selections—most of which are beyond high school level.

I attribute this to the teaching and leadership of Mark Tweed. I believe he is outstanding as a musician, as a leader of these obviously talented young people, and according to the turnout at the Board of Education meeting in his support, a friend.

I do not know the personal reasons Mr. Tweed was replaced, nor do I have a right to, but I do know that South Plainfield High School has lost a very fine music teacher. A big mistake has been made in my opinion!

**MARGE REIDY, PRESIDENT,  
SUBURBAN WOMEN'S CLUB OF  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

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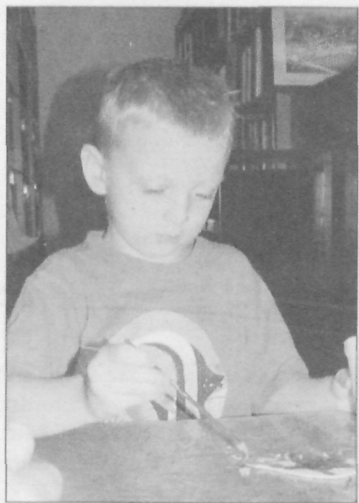
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## Kids Enjoy Crafting Program at Library

Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

On July 8, the South Plainfield Free Public Library offered children a fun filled craft activity. The tables in the main library were covered with plastic. Excited youths surrounded the tables anxiously awaiting the chance to create with the wide assortment of paints and markers at their disposal. The youths decorated wooden dinosaur cutouts, then glued the colorful critters to door hangers. After completing their project many headed for

the children's room to select more books.

The dinosaur themed craft project is in conjunction with their summer reading program. The program, for ages six through 10, runs for three more weeks, Friday, July 15, 22 and 29 at 3 p.m. Pre-registration is required for each program.

The library offers children's programs Monday through Friday with something for everyone from babies to age 12 and up. A sampling of events are: Time for 2's and 3's, kidcraft, tee

shirt and hat painting, chess club, game gang, babies and books, mother/daughter knitting/crocheting courses and much more. Many require pre registration, supplies and a small fee. Contact the library for exact dates and other details.

The library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex. For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit the Library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## Borough Expands Relationship with QualCare

The Borough of South Plainfield will be utilizing QualCare, Inc., New Jersey's largest provider-owned managed care company, to provide Third Party Claims Administration Services (TPA) for their employee health benefits program. Under the new con-

tract, QualCare will manage the claims for the Borough's 215 employees and their family members.

"We have worked with QualCare since 2003 and believe that our partnership has been a positive experience for our employees and a win for

South Plainfield's taxpayers. It definitely was part of the reason we agreed to expand QualCare's role to include TPA services," stated Mayor Dan Gallagher. In July 1, 2003, South Plainfield contracted with QualCare for access to its Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) Network and its Utilization Management Services.

"We really are very pleased that South Plainfield has decided to expand our role—we have worked to serve them well and have developed a very solid business relationship," said Annette Catino, QualCare's president and chief executive officer. "There is no better vote of confidence than having an existing client give you more work." At the present, QualCare covers approximately 500,000 lives, the majority of which are in New Jersey.

QualCare, Inc. is a full-service managed care organization that offers PPO, HMO, Point of Service plans, third-party administrative services, workers compensation and utilization management services, including case management, utilization review and pre-certification. Headquartered in Piscataway, New Jersey, QualCare is owned by 14 non-profit hospitals and physician-hospital organizations. QualCare contracts with 87 hospitals in New Jersey, as well as approximately 19,000 physicians and other health care providers.

## Recreation Announces Three Exciting New Trips

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is proud to announce three new exciting trips for the end of 2005 and the beginning of 2006.

On November 25, 2005, a trip to see Disney on Ice at the Meadowlands will be taken. Ticket prices will be announced next month and will go on sale in September.

A trip to Radio City's famous Christmas Spectacular will be offered

on December 8, 2005. Tickets are on sale now at \$90 per person and can be purchased at the PAL. The bus leaves the PAL at 4 p.m. and returns at 11 p.m.

Finally, a trip to Ireland on March 4-11, 2006 will be offered. The trip includes airfare, first class hotels, daily breakfast, three dinners at the hotels, dinner and entertainment at the Three Rock Pub, a medieval banquet at Bunratty Castle, and stops at Dublin, Armagh, Donegal, Galway, Limerick and Shannon. The trip is \$1,399 per person and a \$300 deposit secures your reservation. Travel insurance is available.

For reservations and information, please contact the Recreation Department at (908) 226-7713.

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## Cultural Arts to Sponsor Hellenic Dancers and Comedy Show

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will sponsor two different programs at the Senior Center in the next two weeks. Both events are free and open to all.

The Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey will perform this Saturday, July 16 at 7 p.m.

Next Friday, July 22, at 7 p.m. the commission will sponsor "A Night of Comedy," starring comedian and ventriloquist Phil Hughes with Simon and Rodney.

The Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey will present a free formal concert of music, song and dance followed by an informal workshop introducing the audience to Greek dance.

You are invited to come out and



The Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey will perform this Saturday at the Senior Center.

join the circle of dancers. Bring your family—young and old—and spend an enjoyable evening and experience one of the most delightful cultural traditions in our multi-cultural county of Middlesex. Refreshments will be



Comedian and ventriloquist Phil Hughes with Simon and Rodney will be featured at "A Night of Comedy."

served.

The July 22 "A Night of Comedy," stars comedian and ventriloquist, Phil Hughes with Simon and Rodney. This show is geared to all ages.

Phil Hughes is a recognized figure at churches, schools, campuses, comedy clubs, and cruise ships from around the country since 1985. His unique blend of comedy, ventriloquism and audience participation with his puppet friends will captivate and keep the audience laughing until the end. He performs with his friends, Simon, the little boy with an attitude, and Rodney, a mischievous dinosaur that stirs up a lot of trouble. The show features musical numbers as well as participation from the audience. Don't miss this show as it will be a sparkling, memorable, family-friendly show that will leave you in stitches!

Admission and refreshments are free at both shows! For information, call (908) 753-0327.

## Rain Causes Suburban Woman's Club Outing to be Rescheduled

"Play Ball" was the call for many of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club members on June 29, when they attended the Somerset Patriots' game with the Newark Bears at Commerce Bank Stadium.

However, Mother Nature caused

the game to be called because of rain after 5½ innings with a tie score.

The ladies were able to turn in their tickets for rain checks on July 5, where they not only saw an excellent baseball game, but a terrific fireworks display as well.

### No One's Perfect...

In the list of Middle School graduates, Megan McCreesh's name was omitted. Also Kristen M. Nuber's name neglected to include her as a recipient of the Gold Presidential Award.

The Recycling Complex Yard Waste Site hours were incorrectly reported in last week's Observer. The regular hours are Tuesday and Saturday.

We apologize for the errors.

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# Around Town

## Cultural Arts Presents Hellenic Dancers

July 16

*Come Join the Circle of the Dance.* The Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey, outfitted in authentic Greek dress, will perform on Saturday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. The concert of music, song and dance will be followed by a workshop introducing Greek dance. Entrance is free. Refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission.

For details, phone Terence Julien (908) 226-5335.

## PAL Softball Tournament

July 16

The South Plainfield Police Athletic League will hold their Fourth Annual Charity Softball Tournament on Saturday, July 16. Proceeds from this year's tournament will go to a fund for four-year-old Kevin Conroy.

The event takes place at the high school ballfield on Lake St.

For questions, contact Det. Gary Cassio at (908) 226-7663, Det. Chris Colucci at (908) 226-7662 or the PAL on Maple Ave. at (908) 226-7714. Rain date is July 23.

## Scrapbooking Class at Library

July 18

There will be a scrapbooking class on Monday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Free Public Library.

David Gammardo of "Creative Memories" will show participants how to crop and mount photos in a professional way into an attractive 7x7 scrapbook page. Participants should bring 2-4 photos. There is a materials fee of \$5 and pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit: [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us).

## Pilgrim Covenant Open House

July 20

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, located on Park Ave., will hold an open house on Wednesday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The Learning Center, a state-certified preschool with over 30 years of experience in child care, offers a variety of programs for children ages 2½ to five. Programs include both full and part-time classes and summer camp.

If unable to attend the open house,

## What's happening in JULY

Daily Events  
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake  
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool  
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The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b> <b>Cultural Arts Presents</b> <b>Hellenic Dancers, 7 p.m.</b> <b>Italian Night, Saturday, July 23</b> <b>6 p.m. Cost \$3</b>			Weekly Shopping 14 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am  <b>COMPUTER CLASS</b> 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 15 Lunch Available
Knitting/Crocheting 18 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11am	Bingo 10am-2pm 19 Ladies Social 10am	Exercise 8:30am 20 Line Dancing 10am AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm	Weekly Shopping 21 Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm <b>ATLANTIC CITY</b>	Bingo 10am-2pm 22 Lunch Available
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

visit the Learning Center during its operating hours. For further information please call (908) 756-4879.

## Atlantic City Trip

July 21

There are a few seats left for the July 21 Atlantic City trip to the Claridge. Cost is \$15 and you receive \$15 back at the casino. You do not have to be a member of the center to participate. Stop in at the Senior Center and sign up. The bus departs the Senior Center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m.

## Italian Night at Senior Center

July 23

A "Night in Italy" which was cancelled last month will now be held on Saturday, July 23. Space is still available, stop by the Senior Center to register by July 15. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with a delicious Italian dinner, followed by a travel show on Italy.

## Cedarcroft Vacation Bible School

July 25-29

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, located on Kenyon Ave., is conducting a Vacation Bible School on July 25 through 29 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. for children entering Kindergarten through eighth grade. The theme will be "Get Wild About God on the Serengeti Trek." Pre-register by calling (908) 756-8244 or register at: [www.cedarcroft.org](http://www.cedarcroft.org).

## Piano Recital at St. Stephen's Church

July 26

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, located on Park Ave., will host a piano recital on Tuesday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. to benefit the Philadelphia Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The recital, played by the Rev. Richard A. Mathisen, will consist of many classic pieces.

Suggested donation is \$7. Refreshments will be served. Call (908) 757-4474 for questions and information.

## Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

July 30

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to eight years.

You are also invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours. For directions and information, visit: [rainbowacademy.com](http://rainbowacademy.com).

## SDW Presents The Pajama Game

Aug. 4, 5, 6, 7

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will present *The Pajama Game* on Aug. 4, 5, 6 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. in the air conditioned

auditorium at the high school. Ticket prices are: adults \$10 and seniors and children \$8.

For info call (908) 561-5255.

## First Baptist Goliath's Circus Spectacular

August 8-12

Come and join us at Davey and Goliath's Circus Spectacular VBS! It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Aug. 8-12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children ages five through entering the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 a child or no more than \$10 a family. Registrations accepted through July 30.

For information call (908) 753-2382. First Baptist Church is located on Hamilton Blvd. Come and join us for Davey and Goliath's Circus Spectacular.

## — Out of Town —

### "Adopt a Cat"

July 16-17

Local shelters will have cats and kittens available for adoption. Special adoption gifts for the first five animals adopted from each shelter. This is being held in conjunction with the Garden State Cat Show, July 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Garden State Exhibit and Convention Center in Somerset. Contact Kate McMahon at [KMPurrs22@aol.com](mailto:KMPurrs22@aol.com) for information.

## Starlight Socials Picnic

July 16

A singles picnic with volleyball and swimming will be held on Saturday, July 16 at 2 p.m. at 107 Oldwick Rd. in Whitehouse Station. No children or pets. \$12 pays for entry and food. Bring bathing suit, towel and your favorite lounge chair.

RSVP by July 15 to (732) 764-9073 or [AngelButterfly37@aol.com](mailto:AngelButterfly37@aol.com).

## Woodbridge WOWs Dance-Social

July 17

The Woodbridge WOWs will hold a member/guest dance-social on Sunday, July 17 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elks' Hall on Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. Cost is \$8. Live music by the Blue Notes and refreshments. Call (732) 297-1775 for information.

## Tri-State Model Contest

July 18

Talent Unlimited has announced the Mister/Miss Tri-State Model 2005 Contest will be held on Friday, July 18 at the Radisson Hotel in Mount Laurel at 4 p.m.

For information, call (856) 931-1962.

## Young Professionals Happy Hour

July 21

The Young Professionals will hold a happy hour on Thursday, July from 5 to 7 p.m. at Draft Picks at Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick. Cost for members pre-registered is \$15, walk-ins are \$20 and non-members are \$25.

Log on to: [www.mcrc.org/calendar/events/calendar.asp](http://www.mcrc.org/calendar/events/calendar.asp) for information.

## Adoption Support Meeting to be Held

July 25

An adoption support meeting entitled "I Found My Birth Mother!" will be led by an adopted adult at the CHATS (Connected Heats Adoption Triad Support) meeting at 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, July 25 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church on Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will be served.

Check the CHATS website at [www.chatsnj.com](http://www.chatsnj.com) or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

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# DARE Graduates Celebrate with End of Year Pool Picnic

By Jane Dornick

Grant Elementary School fifth graders had a warm sunny day for their annual DARE pool picnic at the South

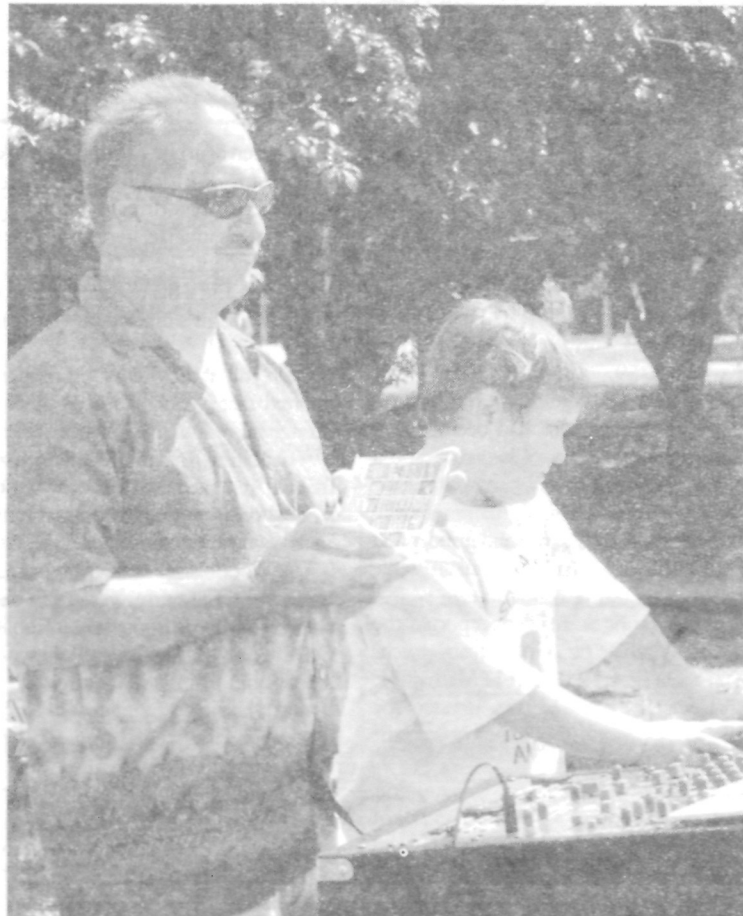
Plainfield Community Pool on June 17.

The entire class spent the day swimming, dancing, eating and playing games under the supervision of teach-

ers and South Plainfield Police DARE Officers Al LaMonda and Dave Franchak. The picnic is an end-of-the-year party for the graduates after spending several months learning about drug awareness from Officers LaMonda and Franchak.

The day started off with a dip in the pool and games of miniature golf, volleyball, basketball and dodgeball. Hot dogs, hamburgers and ice cream were served for lunch with musical entertainment by DJ Kevin Murtagh. Prizes were raffled off, including pool rafts and portable CD players. Then, another dip in the pool and it was time to head home.

Officers LaMonda and Franchak would like to thank the following people for making this another successful year for the DARE program and picnic: Chief John Ferraro, Mayor Gallagher and the Borough Council, Lt. Chuck Siedenburgh, Sgt. Kevin Murtagh for taking time off to play music, Sodexo, Mike English for the use of the pool and lifeguards, the South Plainfield Elks Lodge 2298, the Grant School PTA, Hall's Fast Motor Freight and Warehouse owners Billy, Bruce and Dale Jayne for the ice cream and donations, Regal Cinema and everyone else who helped to make the program possible.



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## southplainfieldpeople Milestones

### Comcast Recognizes Local Student for Community Service and Leadership



Kendal Green

Kendall Green of South Plainfield has been recognized as one of the Comcast's Leaders and Achievers™ with a \$1,000 grant from the Comcast Foundation for outstanding commitment to community service. Kendall, a 2005 graduate South Plainfield High School, will be attending Montclair State University in the fall. Kendall's parents are Bradford and Elizabeth Green of South Plainfield.

The Leaders and Achievers™ Scholarship Program, funded through the Comcast Foundation, recognizes high school seniors for exemplary community service, leadership skills, positive attitude and academic achievement. In 2005, the program will grant \$1.3 million, recognizing 1,328 students attending high schools in Comcast communities across the country. Since its inception in 2001, the program has awarded more than \$4.1 million in scholarships to high school seniors.

### The Leaders and Achievers™ Scholarship Program Adam Toth Named to Ramapo Dean's List

Adam Toth, a graduate of South Plainfield High School's Class of 2004, was named to the Dean's List at Ramapo College for the Spring 2005 semester. Adam was also inducted into Alpha Lambda Delta, which is a freshman honor society.

Scholarship Program is managed by *Scholarship Program Administrators*—an independent, not-for-profit organization that manages corporate and corporate foundation scholarship programs.

The Comcast Foundation was founded by Comcast Corporation in June 1999 and is the company's chief source of charitable support to qualified nonprofit organizations. Since its inception, The Comcast Foundation has donated more than \$18 million to organizations in the communities where Comcast serves.

For information on the program, visit [www.comcast.com/scholarships](http://www.comcast.com/scholarships).

### Daniel Sierzega Named to Dean's List at Drexel

Daniel Sierzega has earned himself the Dean's List distinction at Drexel University for the spring quarter of 2005.

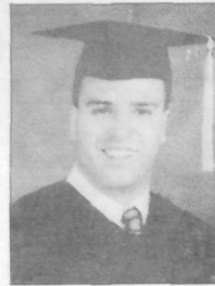
Daniel, who has just completed his freshman year, also made the Dean's List in his fall and winter quarters. He is currently majoring in architectural engineering with a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Daniel is a graduate of the South Plainfield High School Class of 2004, and is the son of proud parents Joseph and Sandra Sierzega of South Plainfield.



Daniel Sierzega

### Giordano Earns Doctor's Degree



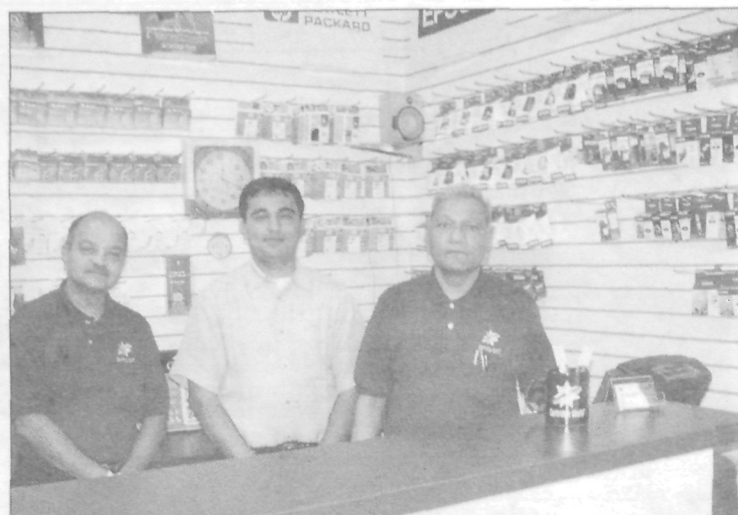
Brian Giordano

Brian Michael Giordano of South Plainfield was one of 225 graduates who received a doctor of medicine degree on June 2 at the 181<sup>st</sup> commencement of Jefferson Medical College (JMC), Thomas Jefferson University, in Philadelphia.

Dr. Giordano is the son of Stephen G. Giordano, Jr. and Patricia S. Giordano of South Plainfield. Following graduation, Dr. Giordano will complete a surgery residency at Staten Island University Hospital.

Dr. Giordano received a Bachelor of Arts degree in liberal studies from the University of Delaware in 2001. While at Jefferson, Dr. Giordano was a member of the Hobart Amory Hare Honor Medical Society.

Thomas Jefferson University is composed of three schools—Jefferson Medical College, the Jefferson College of Graduate Studies and the Jefferson College of Health Professions. The three colleges enroll more than 2,300 future physicians, scientists and health-care professionals. Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, part of the academic health center complex, admits more than 40,000 patients a year for advanced treatment and care. Founded in 1824, Jefferson Medical College is among the largest private medical colleges in the nation, with one of the largest living alumni groups.



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### police report

• On June 28 Isaac S. Nelson, 27, of Plainfield was arrested for having no insurance card and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Tavindranauth Ramnauth, 22, of Edison and Sonal Shah, 18, of Sayreville were arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting nine pairs of shoes worth \$359.

• A West Nyack, NY resident reported that the lock had been broken off the cargo body of his truck and a generator, transom survey scope, gas powered chop saw, chilling/hammer drill, chainsaw, circular saw, hand grinder and extension cord had been taken while parked at 200 New World Way.

• A Front St. resident reported the theft of a bike off of their front porch.

• On June 29 Robert L. Mathis, 44, of South Plainfield was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• Mobile Storage Group on Roosevelt Ave. reported that several of their trailers had broken windows and were spray painted.

• On June 30 Joseph R. Tanganelli, 26, of Fords was arrested for driving while intoxicated, possession of a controlled substance and reckless driving at a motor vehicle accident. Passenger Andrew Lawrence Acevedo, 25, of Manalapan was also arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• A Waverly Pl. resident reported that 100 CD's, keys and two electronic swipe cards were taken from their unlocked vehicle.

• On July 1 Ciera A. Roddy, 18, of Eatontown was arrested for failure to inspect and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle accident.

• Doreen Murphy, 50, of Fogelsville, Pa. was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and refusal to take a breathalyzer test at a motor vehicle accident.

• A Ten Eyck St. resident reported the theft of a girls mountain bike from their rear yard.

• On July 2 a Lyndsey Ct. resident reported that a rock had been thrown through the rear window of their vehicle.

• Oak Tree Sports Center on Oak Tree Rd. reported the theft of two soccer goal posts worth \$1,600 that were outside of the building.

• A Woodbridge resident reported the theft of her purse which she had left behind in a bathroom stall at Kohl's.

• On July 3 Alexander P. Lawrie, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, leaving the scene of an accident and underage DWI.

• Steven D. Hay, 47, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and careless driving at a motor vehicle accident.

### Pajama Game Cast to Sing National Anthem

The cast of the SDW's production of *The Pajama Game* will visit Commerce Bank Ballpark on July 16 to sing the national anthem before the Somerset Patriots play the Nashua Pride at 7:05 p.m. for a Saturday evening game.

Tickets are available for the game by calling (908) 756-0539 or [contact-us@spsdw.com](mailto:contact-us@spsdw.com). For more information on the show, call (908) 561-5255, or visit their website at: [www.spsdw.com](http://www.spsdw.com).

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From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's a look at some news from your friendly neighborhood *air-conditioned* South Plainfield Library:

We'll start off with a quick look at our upcoming children's programs. (An extensive look could fill up much of today's paper.)

- First, there's the Books-N-Babies program for children up to ages three today and next Friday morning at 10:30.

- There's Dino Bingo for children age six and over today at 12:30 p.m.

- There are also the Dino Craft programs for children ages six to 10 today and next Friday at 3 p.m.; you must pre-register your child for these programs.

- There are now two (count 'em, two) "Time for 2's & 3's" programs for children age two and three; they're held on Monday afternoons at 1:30 and Wednesday mornings at 10:30.

- There's another Kidcraft program on Monday evening at 6:30; kids will be doing a t-shirt craft next week and they provide the shirt. Registration is required.

- There are our regular storytime programs for children ages three and over on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15.

- Our new Chess Club will be meeting Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. It's for kids ages eight and older, both beginning and advanced players. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

- Our "Game Gang" program returns this summer, now on Wednesday afternoons at 1 p.m. Kids can play one of our board games, or bring one of their own to share.

- And, finally, there's still time to sign up for our Summer Reading Program for kids of all ages.

For more information about these programs, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Danya.

With the school year over and vacation season in full swing, we're sure the last thing students want to worry about is preparing for next school year. As a result, there will probably be the temptation to ignore those "required reading" lists for the summer. However, we'd prefer it if you dealt with them right away. Unfortunately, we don't have an endless supply of every book that every student needs to read. We can obtain additional copies, but that takes time. So, we'd appreciate it if you came in with your book requests as far in advance as possible, to give us more time to fill your order. This will save all concerned a lot of unnecessary hassle, leaving you free to enjoy your vacation without incomplete assignments hanging over your head.

By now, you're probably wondering if we're doing anything here that isn't kid-oriented. Actually, the answer to that is, "Yes." For example, there's our Adult Summer Reading Program. It works along similar lines to our children's program, but without the dinosaur theme. You can get details and sign up at the circulation desk.

And on Monday evening at 7:30 we'll be hosting a scrapbooking class. Dayel Giammarino of "Creative Memories" will show students how to crop and mount photos in a professional way on a 7x7 scrapbook page. Participants should bring 2-4 photos with them. There's a materials fee of \$5 and pre-registration is required. Please call us for more information.

### Tax Bill Grace Period Extended

Property tax bills for the third and fourth quarters will be mailed out shortly. The grace period for the Aug. 1 payment has been extended until Aug. 31, 2005.

We've made some changes in our internal arrangement. Our collection of Young Adult magazines (the ones about skateboarding, video games, Lindsay Lohan, etc.) are now found on a cart next to our other YA books. Meanwhile, we're in the process of putting our CD and CD-ROM collections out on display, rather than in storage behind the main desk. If you're having trouble finding something, don't hesitate to ask.

There's still more we could tell you, but we're out of room for this issue. For more details, call or check our website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). We'll try to squeeze in more news next week.

## Patrick Boyle Wins Statewide Essay Contest

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diverse and rich history. Our history, our geography, and our warm and innovative people are what set us apart from other states."

Judges for the contest were Assistant Superintendent Tony Massaro, Staff Developer Mary Ellen Martko and Grant School Principal Janis Burchell.

Patrick's Essay reads:

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# Sports

## Tiger Sharks Dedicate Their Third Win In Memory of Patty McLaughlin

The South Plainfield Swim Team took its third win of the season on a sad note. The Tiger Sharks won the meet against Chatham Colony with a score of 175 to 101 on July 7. The swimmers dedicated the meet in memory of Patty McLaughlin, swim team mother, who passed away on July 6. Swimmers who knew Mrs. McLaughlin made a private gesture to her before they entered the pool. Patty McLaughlin was an inspiration to her husband, Bill and her children Kate, Kelly and Billy, Jr., as well as all the Tiger Sharks swimmers and family members. The Tiger Sharks would like to express their condolences to the entire McLaughlin family.

Special thanks to Charlie, the owner of Hometown Heros, who donated trays of sandwiches for the swim meet. Three members of the boys' team made a special tribute to Mrs. McLaughlin by breaking either team and/or pool records. Dylan McDermott (11/12) broke three records: pool record in the 50 meter freestyle (36.02); team record in the 100 meter IM (1:28.07) and pool record in the 50 meter fly (39.23). Philip Luzny (15-18) broke the pool record in the 100 meter fly (1:12.03) and CalvinJohn Smiley (15-18) broke the team record in 100 meter freestyle (1:06.39).

The meet started with Liam McDermott taking third in the 10-and-under Individual Medley, while brother Dylan broke the record in the next race. CalvinJohn Smiley placed second and Matt Moates placed third in the same event for the 13-18 year olds.

Gracie Piekarski (10-and-under) and Katie Kaczka (13-18) led the girls by taking first places in the 100 and 200 meter freestyle respectively. Chelsea Cullen placed second and Sarah Konops placed third for the 11/



Tiger Shark Boys (13-18) Winning Free Relay, CalvinJohn Smiley, Mike Boyle, Alan Kasmer and Matt Moates.

12-year-olds, while Emily Piekarski placed third for the 13-18-age group. In the fly events, four of the five first place wins went to South Plainfield swimmers. Enzo Butrico (8) and Anthony Gurrieri (9/10) placed first, while Dylan McDermott and Philip Luzny broke the pool records. Second place ribbons in the fly went to Nicholas Gurrieri (8) and Michael Boyle (13/14), while Alan Kasmer (13-14) and Matt Moates (15-18) placed third in their events.

The girls also took four out of the five first place events for breaststroke. Kelly O'Brien (8), Gracie Piekarski (9/10), Sarah Konops (11/12), and Nina Byard (15-18) took first place ribbons. Theresa Gustafson (13/14) placed second while twin sister Michelle placed third. Other third place winners were Megan McDermott (8), Taylor Aljian (9/10) and Kristen Dabrio (15-18).

The freestyle events placed South Plainfield out of reachable territory. Enzo Butrico placed first and Nicholas Gurrieri placed second for the 8-

and-under group. Nicholas's brother Anthony first, Dylan's brother Liam McDermott's second and newcomer Claude Payne's third swept the 9/10 age group. Enzo's brother Charlie Butrico placed third in the 11/12 age group, while Michael Boyle placed first and Alan Kasmer second in the 13/14 age group. It was a close race in the 15-18 age group. Veteran swimmer CalvinJohn Smiley lost the first place ribbon by .005 of a second and placed second with a new team record. Philip Luzny fought his way with the tough competition and placed third in the same event.

Kelly O'Brien placed first in the 8-and-under group for the backstroke, while Kaitlyn Faustini placed third in the 9/10 age group. Chelsea Cullen's first and Maggie Valentino's second set the pace in the 11/12 group. Emily Piekarski's second and Michelle Gustafson's third carried on in the 13/14 group. Finishing the category and securing the win for South Plainfield

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Submitted By Bob Nilan

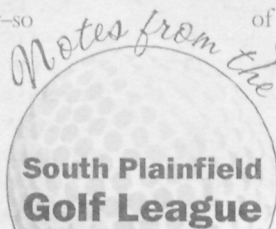
On any given Sunday—so goes the cliché about the NFL—any pro football team can beat any other team in the league. That old saying seemed to ring true about the golf league last Tuesday when the cellar-dwellers of the National Division, the VFW, faced off against the formidable Plainfield Animal Hospital of the American Division who had been in first place two weeks ago. Ray "The Fighting Leatherneck" Costa was always confident that his VFW team could put things together some night and they did just that in pulling off a major upset by downing PAH, 14½ - 5½.

Bob Nilan earned medalist honors for the VFW with a 42, but it was the 45 by Al Tillotson and the 46 by Ray Costa, who both have 12 handicaps that posed the problems for PAH. With this second loss in a row, PAH dropped to third place.

Not to be outdone by VFW's heroics, Patti's Construction, the last-place team in the American Division, jolted Witty's, the second place team in the National Division, 14-6. Mike Behr continued his stellar play for Patti's and fired an impressive one-over par 34, while Kevin Bickunas turned in a 38 for Witty's, who slipped into third place.

While loosening up on the first tee, Jay Coppola of Twin City proudly displayed his glistening driver he had polished that afternoon. He then teed and promptly hit a very mediocre drive and made bogey and bogeyed the second hole as well. After that, Jay and his shiny driver lit up the course with birdie-eagle-par-par-par-birdie-bogey to set a new low-gross score with a superb one-under-par 32. Teammate Guy Severini had a fine round of 36 as Twin City wiped out Sport & Social, 19-1. Todd Gregory's 40 was the low-score for Sport & Social.

Irish Danny Griffin sported a new green golf cap adorned with word "Ireland" and four shamrocks that his mother-in-law purchased for him while visiting the shore on the Irish Riviera. She hoped the cap would bring him some luck. It worked beautifully for the first seven holes as Griffin ran off seven straight pars. Then, on the eighth hole, after lofting one



of his mammoth drives, Griffin made his first bogey. With the adrenaline pumping, Griffin stroked his cap for luck and then unloaded a 280-yard beauty on the ninth hole that left him with just a short pitch shot to the green. It was then that some devilish leprechauns intervened and he made double-bogey to finish with a 36. Griffin said he plans to give his mother-in-law some money to buy a better quality cap that works for nine holes.

Teammate Al Szumski of Masters had another good round and shot a 37, but they were completely out-gunned by an Aiello Chiropractic team that is now playing a notch above every other team in both divisions. Ed Banach had another terrific round, a marvelous 1-under par 32, to tie Jay Coppola for the low round of the season. Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer, who always plays well in the league, shot a 36, and Phil "The Eagle" Aiello, Jr., who is learning to keep his colossal drives in the fairway, posted a 39. That much firepower was just too much for Masters as Aiello cruised to a 19-1 victory.

The fired-up Elks stayed just one game behind league-leading Aiello by blistering Pornovets, 15-5. Jim Gash's 36 for the Elks was the only score below 40, but that was enough to offset the pair of 39's turned in by Mary Van De Vaart and Jim Pornovets. Even with the loss, Pornovets held onto its slim first-place lead in the American Division.

John Cacciatore's excellent 2-over 35 and Bill Mann's 37 powered the Hackers to an easy 17-3 win over KC's Korner. Rich Steele had a 39 for KC's Korner, who dropped to fourth place.

Jay Coppola rounded off his scintillating performance in the league by winning the closest-to-the-pin competition on the third hole. Jim Pornovets has finally come around to his old form and won the KC's Korner luncheon-for-two award with his excellent tee shot on the seventh hole.

**Low Scores for the Night:** Jay Coppola, 32; Ed Banach, 32; Mike Behr, 34; John Cacciatore, 35; Jim Gash, 36; Danny Griffin, 36; Fred Kirchofer, 36; Guy Severini, 36.

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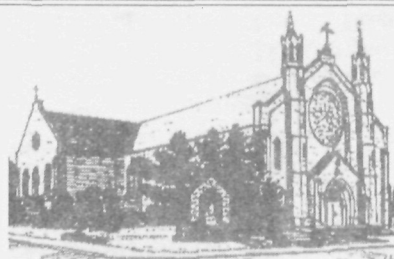
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# Sports

## Tiger Sharks Dive Team Blasts Off In First Meet

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks did an extraordinary job in their first meet against Brookside. They all tried their hardest and did an extremely good job. In the eight-and-under girls' category, Maria Garcia took fourth and Abby Stevens took first! For the boys, John O'Sullivan took third, Brett Temple took second and Jacob Alba came in first.

Then in the 9/10 age group in the girls' category, Miranda Garcia came in sixth, Kimberly Petronko took fourth, Janet Kelly came in second, and Jena Cianfrocca came in first. As for the boys, Ryan Temple came in second and Jack Green came in first.

Next was the 11/12 age group. For the girls, Laura Biggs took fourth, Ally Wagner took second, and Alexis Alba came in first. In the boys division, George Graves came in first! In the 13/14 category Alex Petronko took second for the girls was Alex Petronko and Logan Green came in first for the boys.

Now the last age group, consisting of 15-18 year old divers, dove. For the girls, Dawne Brown came in third and Beverly Jamieson came in second. For the boys, Opey took second and Stephen Wagner came in first.

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks got eight first-place awards out of 10 events. We all hope this is the start of a wonderful season for the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks.

Don't forget to join us for our home meet July 18 at the community pool. During the meet we will offer "create your own sundae" for \$2 and a hot dog dinner for \$3. Come, watch, eat and enjoy!!!

-Submitted by Jena Cianfrocca

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The South Plainfield Boys U10 All-Star Baseball Team won the Cal Ripkin District Tournament. They are the District 9 Champions and are off to play in the state finals that begin next week in Mount Olive. Good job, boys! Players are Anthony Ashnault, Kyle Brady, Taylor Born, A.J. Celentano, Quinn Cochrane, Patrick Boyle, Nick Graves, Nick Muglia, Jeff Pellegrino, Nick DeMarco, Joe Pellegrino, and Joel Curran. From left to right are coaches Jack Brady, Wendell Born, Bill Cochrane and Bill Ashnault.

## Tiger Sharks Dedicate Third Win In Memory of Patty McLaughlin

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was Katie Kaczka in first place and Nina Byard third in the 15-18 group.

South Plainfield Swimmers took first place for all six of the relays.

**Free Relays:** (8-and-under) Megan McDermott, Casee Le, Kelly O'Brien and Madison Faustini; (9-12) Taylor Aljian, Gracie Piekarski, Chelsea Cullen and Sarah Konops; (13-18) Katie Kaczka, Nina Byard, Emily Piekarski and Maggie Valentino.

**Medley Relays:** (8-and-under) Enzo Butrico, Christian Butrico, Nicholas Gurrieri and Michael Petrutsch; (9-12) Liam McDermott, Dylan McDermott, Anthony Gurrieri and Joey Valentino; (13-18) Calvin John Smiley, Alan Kasmer, Philip Luzny and Michael Boyle.

The Tiger Sharks are coached by Laurie Post, who is also Aquatics Director at the Middlesex JCC located on Oak Tree Rd. in Edison. She has been coaching the Tiger Sharks for approximately thirteen years. Her assistants are Sarah Blessing, a recent graduate of Rutgers University and presently a graduate student at the same university; Shannon Dabrio, a senior on the swim team at Rowan University and Mary Orlowski, also a senior on the swim team at Misericordia College.

Featuring some of our new members who are 8 and under and swimming their personal best times are: Christian Butrico (6), Kyle Bythell (6), Brian Cullen (7), Madison Faustini (8), Olivia George (6), Rebecca George (8), Nicholas Gurrieri (6), Chelsea Housel (8), Casee Le (8), Justice Lipuma (6), Megan Mann (8), and Emily Sukenik (7).

The Tiger Sharks will be hosting their fund raising meet "Summer Splash" formerly known as the Odd Age Jubilee on Sunday, July 17 approximate start time 7:40 a.m. Please come out and support the team.

-Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

## South Plainfield PBA to hold Annual Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Police PBA Local 100 will be holding their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 22. The event will be held at the Concordia Golf Club, conveniently located at 3 Clubhouse Way in Monroe Township, just minutes off Exit 8A of the New Jersey Turnpike.

The golf outing is held each year and helps the PBA raise money. This money allows the PBA to provide for sick and injured police officers and support many worthwhile causes, including sponsoring youth sports teams, the Special Olympics and scholarships for local students.

This year's tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. The cost for a golfer is \$105. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be offered at the course and each golfer will get a

commemorative golf shirt and goodie bag to enjoy. They will also get the chance to compete for many prizes and awards, including a new car.

The day will conclude with an awards banquet at the Crystal Room at The Polish Home on 312 New Market Ave. All golfers will enjoy a full buffet and open bar. Door prizes will include golf apparel, electronic equipment and sports memorabilia.

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## Sharks Will Hold Their Annual Fundraising Event

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team will be holding their annual fund raising event on July 17 at 7:40 a.m. at the Community Pool located next to the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. All proceeds from the event known as "Summer Splash" (formerly Odd Age Jubilee) will go to the McLaughlin family who lost their dear wife and mother, Patty

McLaughlin on July 6. If you are not able to make the event and wish to make a donation, checks can be written to the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks and dropped off at the pool during operating hours in care of any pool manager. This is a great opportunity to learn about the swim team as well as make a donation to one of our swim team families.

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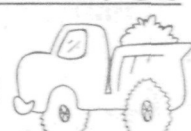
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# Eighth Graders Attend Dinner Dance Before Graduation



Story/photos by Patricia Abbott

On June 17 the soon to be Middle School graduates enjoyed their annual dinner dance, which was held in the high school cafeterias. As each student signed in teachers complemented them on their attire, which ranged from formal wear to jeans and dress shirts.

The cafeteria was decorated with white tablecloths with green and white balloon centerpieces. There was a wide selection of hot foods, as well as assorted sub sandwiches and cold beverages. The youths made short work of dinner and headed into the adjoining cafeteria for some fun. DJ for the event was Middle School teacher John Limyansky. The young ladies kicked off their shoes for an



evening of serious dancing. Some students took to the dance floor immediately, while others took their time to begin dancing. Each student re-

ceived a photo keychain keepsake to remember the event. The youths appeared to enjoy the last big fling as the Middle School Class of 2005.

## Obituaries

### Richard Hugh Conant, 84

Richard "Dick" Hugh Conant died Monday, July 4 at the Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Born in Massachusetts, he lived in Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield. Conant was a sergeant in the United States Air Force. He was employed as an engineer/manager for Alcan Aluminum. Dick was a member of the Piscataway American Legion, where he served as grand marshal and also a member of the Piscataway 40 and 8.

Surviving are his loving wife of 17 years, Eleanor Conant; a son, Richard Conant, Jr. of Massachusetts; a daughter, Ann Litty and her husband Tom of New York; two stepsons, Joseph Cotignola of South Plainfield and Thomas Cotignola and his wife Joan of Florida; a stepdaughter, Joy Fisher and her husband Bill of Piscataway; two grandchildren, David and Jason Conant; four step-grandchildren; his great-grandson, Tyler Conant and a sister, Elizabeth Poirer of Massachusetts.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

### Patricia A. McLaughlin, 41

Patricia A. McLaughlin passed away Wednesday, July 6 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia after a two-year illness.

Born in New Brunswick, she grew up in Metuchen, graduated from Metuchen High School in 1982 and lived in South Plainfield since her marriage to William McLaughlin in 1991.

She was an active member of the South Plainfield community. Patricia was involved with the South Plainfield PTO, Blue Dolphin and Tiger Sharks swim teams and other community-related organizations involving her children.

She is survived by her loving husband, William. She was a devoted mother to her daughters, Kelly and Kate, son, William. She is also survived by parents James and Delores Renner of Somerset; brother Jim and his wife Cathy of Edison; sister Susan of South Plainfield; her mother-in-law, Dorothy McLaughlin and many loving aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Funeral services were at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

### Yolanda (Stranziani) DeMarco, 82

Yolanda (Stranziani) DeMarco died on Thursday, July 7 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mrs. DeMarco lived in South Plainfield since 1963. She taught Italian for about 10 years in various adult schools throughout Central Jersey. A faithful member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield, Mrs. DeMarco had a love for angels and enjoyed crocheting, reading and listening to opera.

A devoted mother and grandmother, Yolanda loved her family.

She is predeceased by her husband Vincent, who died in April of this year and by her two brothers, Alphonse and Joseph.

Surviving are her daughter, Lisa DeMarco-Calligy and her husband Gerard of Scotch Plains and two sons, Peter and his wife Susan of Dayton and Frank of Scotch Plains. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Jessica, Christopher, Dante, Gianna and Luca.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Donations may be made in her name to the Missionaries of Charity, 335 East 145th St., Bronx, NY 10451.

### Deborah A. Secero, 51

Deborah Ana Secero died Thursday, July 7 at the NYU Medical Center in New York.

Born in Plainfield, she grew up in North Plainfield before moving to Piscataway in 1975. Deborah was formerly employed through the Sylvania Corporation at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, assisting patients with television service. She loved music, movies, dancing and especially Atlantic City. She truly had a love for life.

Deborah is preceded in death by her parents, Margaret and Louis Secero, Jr. and her brother, Marc Secero.

Surviving are her children, Talon and Tiffany Morrison of Piscataway; two brothers, Louis P. Secero, Jr. and his wife Lynda of Easton, Pa. and Martin J. Secero and his wife M.G. Denton of Basking Ridge; three sisters, Donna Stiener and her husband Frank of Easton, Pa., Michelle Petrillo and her husband Carmen of South Plainfield and Jean Marks of Easton, Pa.; six

nieces and nephews, Jason Stiener, Amanda Stiener, Dominick Secero, Kevin Abreu, Dylan Secero and Gabrielle Petrillo and her dearest friends, Sharon Hollander and Patricia Watkins.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

### Edward F. Brannagan, Jr., 92

Edward F. Brannagan, Jr. died on Sunday, July 10 in Union Hospital.

Born in North Braddock, Pa., he resided in East Orange and Newark before moving to Union in 1961.

Ed was employed by Westinghouse Electric Corp. of Newark for 43 years as group leader in the meter division before retiring in 1975. During his tenure with the company, Ed turned in 1,764 company suggestions in a 12-year period, which was an average of almost three per week. Westinghouse Electric accepted 843 of his suggestions and these accomplishments were written about in *Reader's Digest* in 1943 and *Popular Science* in 1953.

He and his late wife, Anna, were also the former co-owners of Brannagan's Bar & Grill in the Weequahic section of Newark.

He was an avid bowler and he won many bowling tournaments bowling in the Knights of Columbus league. He bowled until he was 80 years old. He was a lifelong member of the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Thomas E. Carty Council #3197 of Hillside and a member of the Hillside Senior Citizens. He has been a member of Holy Spirit Church in union since 1961.

His wife, Anna Brannagan, died in 1999 and his grandson, Eugene E. McMahon, died in 1980.

Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Maureen and Gene McMahon of Buckingham, Pa.; two sons and daughters-in-law, Edward "Bud" and Kathy Brannagan of Toms River and Joseph and Nancy Brannagan of Clark and a sister, Marie Reno of Monroeville, Pa. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, two step-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,

501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 would be appreciated.

### Mary V. (Merola) Merrill, 88

Mary V. (Merola) Merrill died on Friday, July 8 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Ohio, Mrs. Merrill lived in Hopewell, was raised in Plainfield and had lived in Green Brook before moving to Middlesex seven years ago.

A devoted bingo player, Mary attended various bingo halls in the Plainfield, Green Brook and Middlesex area for many years. She was also an avid Yankees fan who enjoyed cooking. More importantly, Mary was devoted to her family. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

She is predeceased by her husband Louis, who died in 1995 and by all of her brothers and sisters.

Surviving are a daughter, Donata DiGirolamo of Middlesex, two grandchildren, Mary Martin of Flemington and Louis DiGirolamo of Hillsborough and five great-grandchildren, James Martin, Jr., Melanie Martin, and Alyssa, Nicholas, and Louis DiGirolamo.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

### William A. Buttwell, 84

William A. Buttwell died on Sunday, July 10 at JFK Hartwyck Care Center-Oak Tree in Edison.

Born and raised in Hillside, Mr. Buttwell had resided in Newark, Irvington and Maplewood before settling to South Plainfield in 1959.

He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during World

War II. After his discharge, Mr. Buttwell began a career with the Veterans Administration in Newark where he worked for 35 years before his retirement.

He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and also a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Lorraine (McMahon) Buttwell; a son, Brian and his wife Alice of New Melford, Conn.; two grandsons, Matthew S. and Brian M. Buttwell and two great-grandchildren, Kirsten and Justin Buttwell.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

**In Memoriam**  
**ANTHONY EDWARD SINGH**  
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