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Unarmed Assailant Robs Bank of America

South Plainfield Police responded to a robbery at Bank of America on Stelton Road last Saturday at 12:02 p.m.

The bank, located in the Hadley Shopping Center, reported that a man entered the facility and presented a note to the teller demanding cash. He then took the note back, put the money under his arm and fled through the front door in the direction of Stelton

Rd. with an undetermined amount of cash. No weapon was brandished.

Witnesses described the assailant as a male, thin build, about 5'6" with facial hair. He was wearing a red shirt and a baseball cap.

South Plainfield Police and the FBI responded to process the scene. Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sgt. James Foran at (908) 226-7665.

Grant Diabetes Walk Raises Over \$10,000

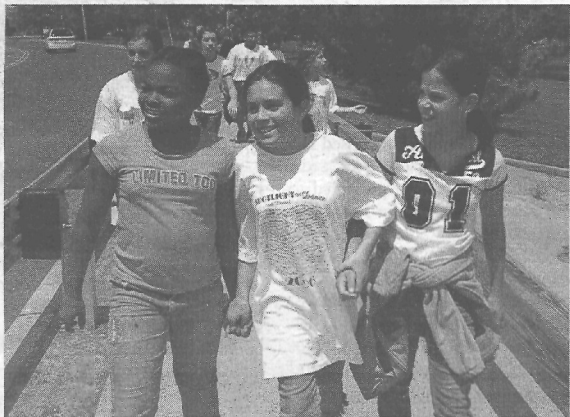
By Patricia Abbott

May 12 was a perfect spring day, not too hot, not too cold; a perfect day for a walk in the park. That afternoon more than 400 Grant School students and teachers set out to walk two circuits around Spring Lake Park to aid the American Diabetes Association.

Backed by hundreds of pledges, the youths raised over \$10,000 for the organization. Participants received

t-shirts if they had a minimum of \$50 in pledges. Prizes were also awarded to students who raised over \$10.

This is the sixth annual Grant School Student Council Advisor Allison Schneider said, "Every year the Grant School community shows its support for the American Diabetes Association. This year I was proud of the student body and staff which raised an astonishing \$10,010 for this great cause."



Grant School students take a walk around Spring Lake Park for the benefit of the American Diabetes Foundation.



Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr. (seated, center) signs into law legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, standing, third from left with South Plainfield Court Administrator Patricia Vargo, at the State House.

Court Administrators Certification Bill Signed

Legislation sponsored by Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. to ensure that municipal court personnel are properly trained and kept up-to-date on legal procedures has been signed into law.

The bill (A-1219) was the first measure signed into law by Assembly Speaker Joseph J. Roberts, Jr. (D-Camden), who served as acting governor on Thursday, May 25. Speaker

Roberts became acting governor since both Governor Jon Corzine and Senate President Richard Codey were out of state.

"It was a distinct honor to have Speaker Roberts select this legislation to be the first bill he ever signed into law," said Diegnan (D-South Plainfield). "It is always special to see a bill you sponsor become law; it is even more satisfying to have one

signed by a true friend and a dedicated colleague."

Diegnan said the law—also sponsored by Assemblyman Peter Barnes (D-Edison)—is important to ensure that New Jersey's municipal courts operate efficiently. Municipal courts adjudicate cases involving traffic violations and misdemeanors, which are the lion's share of court cases statewide.

"Municipal court administrators are a vital cog in the efficient management of our state's judicial system," said Diegnan. "Most New Jerseyans only experience in a court of law are at the local level. We must ensure that all residents find our court system to not only be fair and impartial, but efficient."

Under the new law, all municipal court administrators will be required to receive certification from the state Supreme Court's Municipal Court Administrator Certification Board. Previously, the certifications were not mandatory.

Current municipal court administrators will have five years to earn certification. Court administrators hired before 2011 will have five years from their date of hire to obtain certification.

The law also authorizes a municipality to appoint a non-certified interim administrator for a period not to exceed one year. An interim successor may be reappointed for two subsequent terms.

Diegnan credited South Plainfield Borough Court Administrator Patricia Vargo, a former president of the state Municipal Court Administrators' Association, with alerting him to the need for certifying court personnel.

"Municipal courts deal with thousands of cases yearly, making decisions that impact countless residents. Ensuring that municipal court administrators receive the very best training will help judges and litigants deal with cases in a timely and professional manner."

Update on CAUTION: Borough Construction

Hamilton Blvd. traffic is now open both ways. For the past few months, cars traveling north have been detoured off the boulevard to side streets.

The newly installed lights are functioning at Ryan and St. Nicholas avenues, even though they have not yet been synchronized. Also, the additional lanes for left and right turns

are all open at that intersection.

When the school session ends in late June, work will resume on Hamilton Blvd. from Belmont Ave. to New Market Ave. Expect detours when construction continues on this portion.

Meanwhile, utility work has begun on the widening of Durham Rd. from Rt. 287 to Hamilton Blvd.

Developer Cited for Illegal Land Use

By Susan Kaneps

Edgewood Properties, owned by developer Jack Morris, was scheduled to appear in court on Wednesday (at press time) to respond to a summons for illegally using borough owned property for his business. Morris was previously instructed to remove his equipment from a lot on West End Ave. after being informed that he was violating the law. He did not comply and was then summonsed.

Borough Councilman and Mayoral candidate Robert Bengivenga, Jr. has questioned whether developer Jack Morris received special treatment by using the West End property for his business over the

past two-and-a-half years.

Edgewood Properties began using the parcel in October 2001, when the Borough Council gave the company permission to temporarily store topsoil excavated from the site of the Senior Center that he was constructing at no cost to the borough.

According to Bengivenga, Morris has graded the West End Ave. site, put down a gravel parking lot, stored heavy equipment there and used the property for solid waste and other storage.

When the borough owned property was put up for sale in August of 2003, Morris was the sole bidder and agreed to purchase the property for \$355,000. According to the contract, the property was supposed to

close within 90 days. A survey of the property prior to closing revealed that the lot size was actually 10% smaller than the borough tax map indicated. "This caused an unsolvable dispute," explained Borough Attorney Patrick Diegnan. A new survey had to be done and the property lines adjusted. Diegnan had been negotiating with Morris, who wanted the price reduced, but the borough refused. He denied that the contract between the borough and Edgewood "fell between the cracks," and indicated that the sale of borough property can take years to resolve when there is a discrepancy.

Ultimately, the property was reassessed and a \$475,000 price tag was

put on it.

Diegnan also said that it was through no fault of Morris that the sale was not executed and stated that the property's value was based on an incorrect assumption of its size based on tax maps that were created over 40 years ago. He also added that he would share the history of his correspondence on the sale with Bengivenga. "At no time did I or any council member give Jack Morris permission to use the property," said Diegnan. He added that the courts will levy the appropriate fines for any and all infractions of the law.

Bengivenga uncovered Morris's use of the West End Ave. land, located

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council meetings

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
June 26 (Monday)	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m. (New Date)
July 11	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.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
June 13, June 27, July 18*, Aug. 15*, Aug. 29*
Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
June 22, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30* and Dec. 14.

board of education meetings

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

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
June 13, (No meetings July and Aug.) Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12
No scheduled meetings, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 12.

environmental commission

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

business advisory group

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor

It is with mixed emotion that we find ourselves in need of addressing the community of South Plainfield, and all it represents. While we are all greatly saddened by the loss of a son, father, brother, grandfather, uncle and friend with the passing of John R. Cotone, we feel compelled to express our heartfelt thanks to all of those who participated in his commemorative honor.

To McCrisky Home For Funerals, we are truly thankful for the compassion and care that went into every detail of the process of making our loss a tribute to Chief John Cotone. Richie McCrisky and his most proficient staff handled every aspect in a most professional and personal manner, understanding exactly what was needed by the family to memorialize such a special person. With the guidance of a devotedly sympathetic organization, this troubled time was endured. Thank you.

To the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, our words alone cannot express what you have given us. Not only were you there in times of need during John's illness, for him and our family, you went above and beyond your call of duty with the monumental memorialization you so diligently put together. You have shown us all the spirited friendship and camaraderie amongst firefighters that John held so dear. The recognition you respectively gave was overwhelming, and the reflections of what John meant to you were humbling. Though we can only imagine a small part of the time and attention that was put forth by all of you and the genuine devotion that went into such a profound ceremony, we can certainly embrace all of your admiration and allegiance towards John. It was clearly reflected in your memorial. The pride you have given us all through this homage will incessantly carry us through our loss. Thank you.

To the vast number of friends and co-workers who were there for John in his time of need, or had the privilege of attending his most honorable service, and to the South Plainfield Police Department and the South Plainfield Rescue Squad for all of their support, we once again say thank you.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN COTONE

Dear Editor

On Thursday, June 1, I attended a presentation given by Charlie Butrico on his plan to solve the truck traffic problem in our town. Charlie's presentation was excellent and he had a clear understanding of the problem affecting the residents, especially those that live on the South Side. I was excited to learn that trucks will ultimately be banned from Hamilton Blvd. and Belmont Ave. and that these roads will be returned back to residential roads. Charlie had a clear vision of how to deal with this problem and it was refreshing to see someone come forward with a plan and then be willing to work hard to execute it.

JEAN SMITH

To the Editor

This year I was privileged to work with Dottie Ewing, a gifted teacher and an incredible woman.

On Friday, June 9, her family, friends and colleagues will honor her for her 26 years of dedication to the South Plainfield School District. She will retire at the end of this school year.

Certainly one of my most memorable days was my first meeting with Dottie. Last summer we were both a little apprehensive about the future. I was assigned to a new school and she was losing a teacher and friend who would be replaced by an aide. In late August she wanted us to meet so we could get acquainted and familiarize me with the program. I remember walking into her classroom, a bit nervous. All my fears evaporated when she met me with that warm and wonder-

ful smile that is so familiar to all of us.

Working with her has been an amazing experience. What makes her so special is her passion for what she teaches. She sets high goals for herself and her students and strives for each child to succeed. Her energy, determination, incredible patience, compassion and perseverance are tireless. She really believes in every child's potential. I love watching her motivate and inspire young minds. Dottie truly represents the best of what the human spirit has to offer.

The South Plainfield School District was fortunate to have such an extraordinary teacher. She has devoted her life to caring for and providing our children with a nurturing classroom. As a community our lives are so much richer for having known her.

To my friend and my mentor, know you are loved and will surely be missed. We wish you all the best on your new journey.

So, as we said every day at the end of each class, "Goodbye now, the clock says we're done. Goodbye now, goodbye now, it sure has been fun!"

DEBBIE MILLER

To the Editor

Caving in to the teachers union and cutting the middle school sports program represents a new low for our administration and school board, which has hit bottom and continues to dig.

This is a threat they have waived for years and the fact that they actually acted on it is evidence that our children are their last concern when they sit down and decide how to spend our money.

I don't know what the solution to this tail wagging the dog syndrome is. I just hope we find it before any more of my friends are taxed out of town.

JACK PEDERSEN

Dear Editor

When I decided to run for council with the local Democrats, I based my decision on what I witnessed as a citizen of South Plainfield during recent political campaigns. The local Democrats were always talking about solving problems and asking our residents to give their input in the decision making process. I knew that Charlie Butrico was an intelligent and focused person who loves South Plainfield, as I do, and would work hard to make our Borough even better than it already is.

Therefore, I wasn't surprised last Thursday evening when I witnessed a well thought out plan presented to our residents by Charlie Butrico to address the traffic problems in our town. Those who were able to attend the presentation now realize how intelligent and creative Charlie really is. He looked at traffic coming off Rt. 287 onto Durham Ave. and then proceeding on Hamilton Blvd. and

Belmont Ave. and developed a real plan to take all truck traffic out of our residential areas—PERMANENTLY.

The plan includes new traffic signals at St. Nicholas and Montrose avenues where they intersect with South Clinton Ave. as well as widening the intersection of South Clinton and New Market avenues. Most importantly, extending New Market Ave. across Hamilton Blvd. to connect up with Belmont Ave. where another traffic signal will be installed. This is not a pie in the sky plan. The engineering design is already underway and the property acquisitions have started. This plan will be completed by next year.

At the same time, Charlie Butrico is continuing to work with the federal government to get the Helen Street extension completed. Helen St. will take longer to get completed, but in the meantime, our homeowners will get relief under the "Butrico Plan."

We will be putting the details of the plan on our webpage. Please go to www.spdems.org to see the complete proposal and other interesting information. I now know for certain that I made the right decision to run for Borough Council. It will be an honor to run with councilperson Ray Petronko, who is responsible for our parks, playgrounds, PAL, community pool and the senior center and Charlie Butrico, who will make an outstanding mayor for our town.

VERY TRULY YOURS,
JOE SCRUDATO

To the SP Board of Education

It is disappointing beyond words to learn that there will be no after school sports teams for our children in Grant and the Middle School, on the heels of the skate park closing too. (We know you had nothing to do with that). These are crucial years for students to become involved in such activities. We are trying to raise active, emotionally and physically healthy children in our town and you've just made that harder for us. Some kids won't do other clubs, but live for the sports teams they can join.

Being involved in this way helps them academically too. They can't stay on teams if grades fall. It all works together for a positive educational/academic/school experience. There are too many reasons to list why this is just a bad move overall for too many children who will be affected negatively. We hope someone can come up with a way to reinstate these teams, and we're really looking to school administrators to help these kids. They know how important this is. They see firsthand how sports can help a school overall, and the individual students. It is difficult to vote for Board members who obviously do not have the best interests of our children at heart.

MRS. ZENCHAK,
MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT

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A dedicated group of ladies from AARP Chapter 4144 create hand-knitted and crocheted baby hats, lap robes and shawls as part of the AARP Needlecrafters who meet every Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. These items are given to DYFS, Muhlenberg Hospital and several local nursing homes. These volunteers are Maria Barca, Natalie Bergen, Sylvia Boyd, Eleanor Burke, Maria Concalves, Sadie DelNegro, Ruth Emrich, Virginia Ferrante, Hanna Fuerst, Marge Geurts, Angela Iacobelli, Jean McAllister, Pat Scalera, Joyce Senior, Helen VanAllen, Chris Vanderhelm and Georgina Wilkinson.

Union Negotiating Teachers' Salary Increase, Again

Let it be misunderstood, the Senior Men's Forum does not oppose unions or the position it takes to improve their members' agendas. However, there is a time when we believe enough is enough. We have seen the taxes in South Plainfield rise continually and mostly due to teachers' salaries and their medical coverage plan increases over the past few years. These increases are significant and should not be a factor for comparing educational systems in other near-by communities. Perhaps one mention of a "blue collar" town hit home when it is reasoned that there are many seniors barely keeping up with taxes and other cost increases when they are on fixed incomes. We must not forget there is a question of fairness in this matter that cannot be overlooked. We suggest these facts be recognized:

- Whether increases in teacher's salaries and their enviable medical coverage plans are believed essential or not, their union is there to continue their reason for existence—more and better remuneration.

- The salaries of teachers' represents 7% of the budget for '06-'07. State aid and Federal aid totals only 19%. The tax levy for our schools is 80%, excessively inflated due mostly to the Abbott-Burke quirk, which the Men's Forum continues to address, while supplies, equipment and other services affecting the schools operations total only 6% of the overall budget.

- Salary increases of 4.7%, 4.3% and 4.3% are being asked for the next

three years while seniors' generally receive an average of 1 to 2% cost of living increase on their Social Security each year. Out of this meager increase seniors' are tagged for substantial increases in their Medicare coverage as well as increases in taxes each annual period.

- The cost of medical plan coverage for teachers continues to rise constituting a significant increase in the overall benefits paid to and for teachers. Seniors' may receive Government aid in the new prescription benefit plan but they now are required to pay an additional monthly premium for their coverage.

- As we referred to the teachers union above, seniors recognize no such active local organization to protect their rights, to decide whether increases and costs are needed or justified. They pay their bills and hope for the best in order to continue their living style in their own homes.

I had the occasion and privilege to prepare tax returns for many seniors for six or seven years and know, first hand, whether there are those in positions where they are barely able to get by financially. Some may presume various reasons for such unfortunate positions while I often recognized the fact that they were widowed, living alone, too old or in ill health to find a job.

We believe that the teacher's union should pursue a plan of capping increases during the current negotiations wherever possible, pending improvement of the present economic situation generally affecting many persons in our township.



On Wednesday, June 14, the South Plainfield Elks will perform the traditional Flag Day Ceremony at Riley School in the gymnasium at 7 p.m. The Elks will be joined by our local Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to honor the great Flag of our Country—the symbol of freedom of our land of liberty.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend to pay tribute to the American Flag and what it represents to our great country—the United States of America. This is a great time to bring the youngsters out to learn about the importance of what the American Flag represents. Refreshments will be served following the ceremony.

Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member.

In 1907 the BPO Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution June 14 as Flag Day. The Grand Lodge of the Order adopted mandatory observance of the occasion by every Lodge in 1911, and that requirement continues. The Elks prompted President Woodrow Wilson to recognize the Order's observance of Flag Day for its patriotic expression. But it was not until 1949 when President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that thereafter June 14 would be a day of national observance for the symbol of our country.

Elks are proud Americans and have always been proud to display and honor the flag of our country. This is especially important as we continue to move forward after the tragedy of Sept. 11, and as some of our own citizens seek to have the words "Under God" stricken from our Pledge of Allegiance to that emblem of freedom and symbol of unity.

Showing patriotism as Elks is as easy and simple as wearing an American Flag pin. Elks salute our flag as it passes in parades and when the *Star Spangled Banner* is played. We exhibit the love of our country and share our understanding of the great sacrifices that have been made by the men and women of our Armed Forces. We strive to inform the public of the Americanism program and our patriotic beliefs. We not only honor the flag of our country, but we honor the principles for which it stands and those who sacrificed in its defense.

We honor the generations who ensured our liberty with the Declaration of Independence, those who forged the Constitution, and those who have

Flag Day: An Elks Tradition

fought wars in the past as well as those currently fighting to secure freedom for those less fortunate than us. We honor the memory of heroes—of common men and women, patriots one and all.

Americanism is one of the many committees that are of great significance and most active in our lodge. We seek to promote patriotism in our lodges, schools and communities, especially through the Americanism Essay Contest, Flag Day rituals, and Citizen of the Year Awards. The Elks see to it that old and worn flags are ceremoniously retired.

The Americanism committee is under the direction of Dan Uken, PER and Chairman. He is also the district committee chairperson for the Central District which represents 13 area lodges. Dan has been an Elk for over 32 years. He was impressed with the traditions and benevolence of the lodge. His love of patriotism, our veterans and the lifelong friendships he has made through the years have made Dan a committed Elk. He also served our order as exalted ruler in 1976, and he has been in charge of the Americanism committee for last several years. The Elks are proud to have Dan as a

devoted member.

In addition, Lodge Chaplain Celeste Ginder has been instrumental in her role as Flag Day coordinator. Celeste has been an Elk and chaplain for the last five years. She feels it is of great importance to keep the traditions alive that honor our country and patriotism. Whether conducting prayer during our rituals and meetings or coordinating our Flag Day ceremonies, Celeste holds steadfast and true in ensuring that Americanism and patriotism are honored.

We are proud of our members and are hopeful that others will share in our vision for the future. Have you been wondering what to do with your spare time? Have you been thinking of volunteering somewhere—but just didn't know where? Look no further than the Elks. The South Plainfield lodge is seeking new members to expand their membership.

Contact the lodge at (908) 668-9750 or see any one of our officers or members for a tour of the lodge and an introduction to the many beneficial programs which support the community.

Submitted by: Debra Czech

FROM THE Senior Men's FORUM

By Walter J. Pasacrita,
Chairman

Editors Note: Walter Pasacrita is chairman of the Senior Men's Forum of South Plainfield. The forum will periodically submit columns on their views and opinions. If you would like to know more about the group, you are invited to attend one of their meetings.

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Around Town

Feast of St. Anthony

June 6-10

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Wristbands will be available from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday for an unlimited use of rides.

Juniorettes Second Annual Benefit

June 9

The South Plainfield Juniors Group is holding its second annual benefit concert on Friday, June 9 at the PAL on Maple Ave. from 7-10 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. There will be six bands performing: The Dialtones, Uprising, Wesley, Divert from Destiny, Forrester and the Assistant Principals. Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased from Juniorettes or at the door, same price. Proceeds go to the Leukemia Society in Westfield.

Tarantella d'Italia Dance Ensemble

June 10

The Tarantella d'Italia Ensemble will provide an evening of explosive Italian dance and songs on Saturday, June 10 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. This free event is sponsored by the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission.

For more information call Nancy Field at (908) 561-1426.

Court of Honor and 10th Anniversary

June 11

South Plainfield Boy Scout Troop 207 invites all alumni scouts and leaders to their Court of Honor and 10th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 11 from 2 to 6 p.m. in Veterans Memorial Park. R.S.V.P. Scout Master Jim Donalson at (908) 917-8034.

GOP Meeting

June 12

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held Monday, June 12, at 8 p.m. at Sherban's Restaurant. Residents are invited to attend and meet candidates Rob Bengivenga, Alex Barletta and David Sesok and bring their concerns and comments for an open discussion on solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

Historical Society Meeting

June 13

The South Plainfield Historical Society will hold a meeting on Tues-

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Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am Lunch Available	Exercise 8:45am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm Line Dancing 10am Tai Chi Class 2 p.m.	Shop Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class Exercise Class 1:15pm Atlantic City 9am	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available 60& Over ID 1-3pm

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day, June 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the History Center in the Roosevelt Admin. building.

AC Claridge Trip

June 15

The South Plainfield Senior Center is planning a trip to the Claridge in Atlantic City on Thursday, June 15. Bus departs the Center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. Stop by the Center to make your reservations. Open to all.

American Legion Installation of Officers

June 16

The American Legion, located on Oak Tree Ave., will hold their installation of officers ceremonies on Friday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. A buffet will follow. All are welcome.

Knights Annual Italian Dinner

June 16

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will sponsor their annual Italian Dinner on Friday, June 16 at the Knights Hall on Hamilton Blvd. from 4-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$8 adults, \$7 seniors and \$4 for children under 12. Dinner includes pasta, sausage and meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, coffee/tea. All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus local charities fund.

For more details please contact Bill Buttrico at (908) 561-8128.

National Honor Society Car Wash

June 17

The National Honor Society will hold a car wash on Saturday, June 17

(rain date: June 18) from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the middle school parking lot. \$7 vans/SUVs, \$5 cars. *\$5 vans/SUVs and *\$3 cars (*senior class of 2006 discount.)

County Photo IDs

June 16

County photo IDs will be issued at the Senior Center on Friday, June 16 from 1-3 p.m. The discounted cost for seniors will be only \$6 (a savings of \$10 off the regular cost). Advance registration is required so please stop by the senior center to pre-register.

VFW Dinner

June 16

The South Plainfield VFW Post #6763, located on Front St., will be hosting a dinner on Friday, June 16 from 5-7 p.m. The public is invited. For information call (908) 668-975.

Historical Society/Elks Father's Day Breakfast

June 18

The South Plainfield Historical Society is sponsoring a Father's Day all you can eat breakfast on Sunday, June 18 from 8:30 a.m.-noon at the South Plainfield Elks located on New Market Ave.

The menu includes: bacon, sausage, home fries, plain and cinnamon raisin french toast, pancakes and eggs, pork roll, a fruit cup and omelettes. Adults \$6, children five to 10, \$4 and children under four are free.

101.5 FM DJ's Softball Game

June 22

The Central Jersey Technical Rescue Team, along with DJ's and members of 101.5 FM radio station will be playing a softball game on Thursday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Veterans' Field in South Plainfield. Carton & Rossi "The Jersey Guys," Ray the Prize Guy, C-Dog, Radio Cancer and other members of 101.5 FM will be there.

Rescue Team demonstrations will start at 6 p.m. and will include the K-9 team, functions of a search and rescue, mapping, compass work, etc.

For information call Richard D. Oros at (908) 685-1495 or Sue Kessen at (908) 962-7000.

AC Taj Mahal Trip

July 5

The South Plainfield Senior Center is planning a trip to the Taj Mahal

in Atlantic City on Wednesday, July 5. Bus departs the center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. Stop by the Center to make your reservations. Open to all.

Out of Town

Middlesex East WOWs

June 9

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, June 9 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission is \$8 members, \$9 guests. For information call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Middlesex East WOWs

June 12

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold a covered dish meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center in Carteret. Light refreshments to follow. For information call Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois (908) 757-0515.

Playwriting Workshop

June 14

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo), a project of VSA Arts of New Jersey, will offer a Playwriting Workshop at North Brunswick High School on Wednesday, June 14 from 7-9 p.m. Writers over age 16 with all levels of experience are invited to attend free of

charge. Registration required by calling (732) 745-3885, 745-3913 (TTY) or info@vsanj.org.

Stockton College Alumni Picnic

June 17

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will present its annual Alumni Association Picnic, Stockton Island Blast on Saturday, June 17 from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Stockton College Lakeside Center, Pomona campus.

Cost is \$10 per ticket ages 13 through adult and children 12 and under are admitted for free. To purchase tickets call Annette Thorpe at (609) 652-4469 or online at www.stockton.edu/alumni.

Paper Mill Playhouse Gala Benefit

June 19

Paper Mill Playhouse will present a special one-night only Gala Benefit on Monday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. Benefit package includes on-stage seating, pre-show garden party and a post-show dessert reception with the artists. Packages are available from \$175 to \$500. Call Felicia Lipchik Gell at (973) 379-3636, ext. 2547 to purchase a package.

Performance only tickets are \$75 to \$150 and can be purchased by calling the box office at (973) 376-4343 or online at www.papermill.org.

Playwriting Workshop

June 21

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo) will offer a Playwriting Workshop at North Brunswick High School on Wednesday, June 21 from 7-9 p.m. Writers over age 16 with are invited to attend free of charge. Registration required by calling (732) 745-3885, 745-3913.

St. Thomas More Society Dinner

June 22

The Diocese of Metuchen St. Thomas More Society will host their first dinner at Raritan Valley Community College in North Branch on Thursday, June 22 at 7 p.m. Dr. Gerard Wegemer, founding director of the Center for Thomas More Studies, at the University of Dallas will be the event's guest speaker.

Tickets are \$50. For reservations and information, call (732) 562-2461 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's the latest from the South Plainfield Library:

Our big book sale is Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A wide variety of books and other items will be available at ridiculously, laughably, hilariously low prices. Please stop by and take advantage of our commercial insanity.

We'll be open this Sunday from 1:30-5 p.m. This will be our last open Sunday for the season. Sunday operating hours will return in September.

We'll follow our usual schedule of children's programs next week. For those of you who've been out of circulation, that means this: Our Storytime programs for children ages three and over will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children age two and three will be held on Wednesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday evening at 6:30. And "Books-N-Babies," for children under age three, is set for Friday morning at 10:30. You don't need to register for these programs. For further details, please call us and ask for Miss Linda or Jaime; look for the number later in the column. (That way you have to read the whole thing.)

One other children's note: registration for Summer Reading will begin on June 26. Check with Miss Linda for further information.

We've got two meetings scheduled for Tuesday. At 11:30 a.m. the Friends of the Library will meet. Both members and non-members are welcome to attend. Later, at 7:30 p.m., the Library Board of Trustees will meet. Members of the public are invited to attend and learn more about the Library's present and future plans.

Time for a quick heads-up about a couple of upcoming programs. On Monday, June 19, at 7 p.m. we'll have the program, "The Art of Paying for College," featuring Nancy Ziering of the Education Funding Consultants Association. The following Monday, June 26, at 7 p.m. we'll have the first of two scrapbooking programs con-

ducted by Dayel Giammarino of Creative Memories. You need to pre-register for this program; there's a \$3 materials charge. Please call for further details.

A couple more notes: First, it's around this time that teachers assign summer reading assignments to kids. (A brief pause while the kids groan in annoyance.) We've received copies of most of the school reading lists, and have separated out those books from the rest of our collection. They can be found on carts near the Adult Fiction shelves. Be advised, though, that they only go out for two weeks and cannot be renewed. Also, in the interest of other patrons' convenience, please limit your inquiries about these books at the desk. If you need to check on which books are available, please use the Library Catalog feature on our computers or our website, or just check for what's on the carts (as in "what you see is what you get"). Also, please limit the number of reserves you put on these books, remember the 50 cent charge for those reserves, and let us know to cancel them if you don't need them anymore. Thanks for your cooperation on this.

And, second, a serious concern: Recently, some thoughtless person tore about 20 pages out of our latest issue of "Family Handyman." We at the library find it both astounding and annoying that someone whom we presume is willing to spend hundreds or even thousands of dollars to do home improvement is too blasted cheap to spring for photocopies at 10 cents a page. We take this kind of wanton destruction of library materials very personally. Not only does it inconvenience other patrons, it's a violation of the law (as in "destruction of public property"). Should we catch someone doing this in the future, we will take serious action against them, and legal action (perp-walk included) will not be ruled out. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!**

That's about all for this week. As always, feel free to call us at (908) 754-7885. You can also visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next Friday.

Community Pool to Close For Repairs for Three Days

The Community Pool will be closed June 14, 15, 16 for repairs to all skimmers which are leaking. This will not only extend the life of the pool but increase water temperature due to not having to add water everyday.

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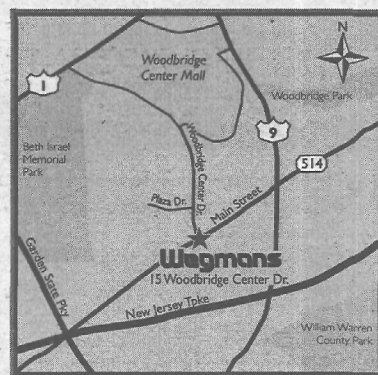
Grill gadgets for Dad, ready-to-go Wegmans BBQ meals for his special day, amazing Bakery cakes for Dads and grads, plus party catering options (Catering Desk: 732-596-3270).

June 23-25

Love Seafood?

You'll want to learn from Marvin how to choose, cook, eat, and handle all kinds of summer favorite seafood. More "shore" things? How about take-alongs like coolers, ice packs, easy-care melamine dishes for waterside meals. (Don't forget fresh fruit and veggies trays for fast party food, too!)

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FROM THE DESK OF DEBBIE BOYLE

The first agenda item on everyone's plate should be the children in town, who will eventually become our leaders. People were informed they did not have to cast their votes for the proposed 2006/2007 Board of Education budget because someone said that Trenton was contacted and stated that our Board of Education could not touch the sports and arts programs. The sports, arts and after school programs are not part of the curriculum. The teachers and academics are. Those people were wrong. Now after school our children will have more time to play video games and without physical activity they will become sedentary.

Our Board of Education budget will take a few years to rectify, but everyone needs to work together. There is no separate entity when it comes to our children and there is no room for arm folding and sulking when the vote does not go your way.

Why would the parents in our town settle for second rate education? We need support from everyone. Everyone is busy, but should never become too busy to voice opinions in the right places.

A question on the ballot, along with the proposed budget, requested funding to repair and/or replace the bleachers in the high school. The question was voted down, but still does not alleviate the fact that the bleachers are in extreme need of repair and, in some sections, will become inoperable. This dilemma will affect the basketball and wrestling season, the All District Music Festival and the fact that our high school will be unable to host home games and our children will not be able to have matches or games in their own high school gym. Our high school will also lose the revenue collected for attendance at these events, including funding from the snack stand that the Athletic Booster Club

uses to purchase equipment for the various sport programs.

I, along with the possibility of the booster clubs, could entertain a town wide walk-a-thon and a super 50/50 to raise the funds so desperately needed to repair and/or replace the high school gym bleachers. We need to begin this undertaking in the very near future. Please get involved in this joint venture. The South Plainfield Observer also supports this effort.

Thank you to all the volunteers from the 2007 Stokes Fundraising committee: Eileen Brady, Lisa Pellegrino, Jen Pellegrino, Jill Quadrel, Diane Zekas, Donna Teller, Yvonne Davisson and Teresa Ward for volunteering your time helping Debby DiDolce at last Fridays vendor night at Grant. Also thank you to Karen Steingart and Beth Bors and all those vendors who purchased space and donated gift baskets. Thank you to Assistant Principal Rob Richkus and Ms. Panuzzo for volunteering their time.

Thank you to all those administrators, teachers, nurses, coaches, parents and Athletic Booster Club members who volunteered their time at the track meet last Friday and Saturday at Jost Field, which had an extremely extensive turnout. Thanks to those in the Athletic Booster Club snack stand and to those who did the tremendous amount of shopping and planning for this event.

Thank you so much to Bob Boyle, vice president of Roma Food, for the donation of the pizza truck and all the pizza at the Gold Card lunch and to Kevin Burke, Joseph Cisson, Andy Dachille and Rich Bogart for all their work making pizza and serving at both events.

The wall ball tournament was postponed due to thunder, lightning and rain last Saturday. Chairman Bill Cochrane will contact the participants with a new date.

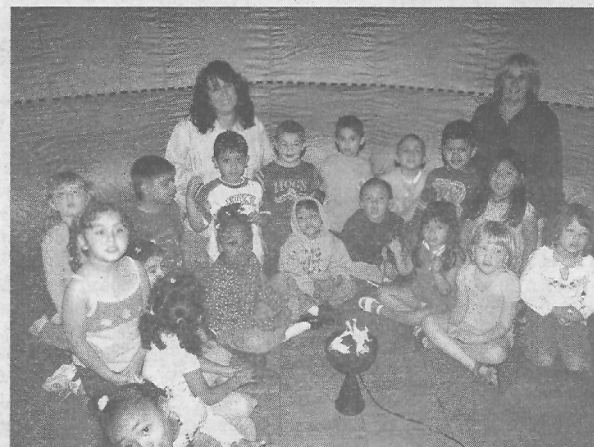
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Falzarano family and the McCreesh Family.

Timber Creek Landscaping Renews Adopt-a-Spot Contract

Brian Mazellan, president of Timber Creek Landscaping, has renewed his adoption of the stream crossing at the Clinton Avenue Extension, from Sampton Ave. to the railroad tracks. With his brother Don, Brian has been maintaining this heavily-littered and dumped-upon stretch of road for the last thirteen years. In addition to picking up trash, they trim weeds and mow the turf at the roadsides.

Mazellan got the Adopt-a-Spot program started when he approached the Clean Business Association in 1993. He said that he traveled over the Clinton Avenue Extension every day, and was always bothered by how littered it was. He wondered if the Borough would object if he cleaned it up on a regular basis. South Plainfield had no system in place to handle such a request. CBA president Joe Diegnan immediately began to investigate Adopt-a-Road programs. Using the NJ Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway program as a model, the CBA developed procedures for a smaller-scale program that fit South Plainfield's needs. Mazellan signed the first Adopt-a-Spot contract that spring, and has renewed each year since.

For more information about the Adopt-a-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.



Future Stars preschoolers roast marshmallows around a pretend campfire.

Future Stars See Stars

By Jane Dornick

Elaine Foscolo's four year-old Future Star classes participated in some indoor stargazing courtesy of the traveling Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium. The "Star Lab" is a large inflatable dome with a projec-

tor that darkens the area and displays different nighttime scenarios.

The youngsters were shown the many constellations and sat around a pretend campfire roasting marshmallows. They also sang "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and had fun playing with flashlights under the stars.

Board Approves Three Home Subdivision

By Libby Barsky

Three new homes will be built in South Plainfield because of action taken by the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board.

On May 25, the Board of Adjustment approved the final subdivision, and preliminary site plans of Ameriland, Inc. to build two single family homes and a warehouse on 312 New Market Ave. property, owned by the Polish National Home.

"The history of this site is that the Polish Home came to us and said they would like to sell a portion of their rear property and use the proceeds to modernize the Polish Home," explained Christian Kastrud, engineer and planner for builder Don Digian of Ameriland, Inc. during his presentation.

The plans call for two homes to be built on the northern section of the property facing the residential area of Pitt Street where all utilities are currently in place to serve the two proposed homes. An improvement will be made by extending Pitt Street to the Leigh Valley Railroad bank and will be a completed road. A warehouse/office building is also proposed for the site and will be facing Bergen St. In October, 2004 Ameriland had initially been before the Board of Adjustment asking for a subdivision in the back lot of the Polish home to build the two homes and a duplex. Because Bergen St. faces industrial buildings, the board suggested that a building suited for industrial use be built instead so it would be similar to the buildings across the street, according to board member John Rayho.

However, Bergen Street is an issue because a road must be put in curbed

and paved as part of the borough's requirements for new construction. There are two applications which were granted within that section of Bergen St.

"One was to Rich's Landscaping and the other to Lordina," said Chairman William Thomas. Although the road was bonded for, it wasn't done and Digian can't put up his building until the road is done.

Right now the Board is promoting a "Developer's Agreement" where the developers would agree to the time frame between the builders," said Thomas. "We are trying to resolve this in the next two weeks before the reading of the resolution."

The Planning Board also granted a subdivision application by Giuseppe Poletti of 3131 Park Ave., which will result in a new home being constructed. Poletti said that he promised his niece he would build a home for her and needed to subdivide his lot in order to build on the site. The proposed home would front on Clark Lane. Initially Poletti asked for variances on the width of the property. However, with the relocation of a 300 sq.ft. shed to another area nearer the Poletti home given as a condition by the Board, the variance wasn't necessary.

Neighbor Kenneth Smith of 3161 Clark Lane was concerned with a water problem he had on a corner of his property, which was caused by runoff from the Poletti site. To alleviate the flow of the water, Borough Planner Rob Russo of CME was directed to design a 25 ft. swale along the southwest side of the property to redirect water out to the street. The swale will entail the removal of trees on the Clark Lane property, according to Russo.

Second Glance Salon Will Hold a Locks of Love Event

Second Glance Salon, located in the Inman Grove Shopping Center in Edison, will hold a Locks of Love event on June 10 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Join Samantha Orchowitz of Edison, a 13-year-old girl, who will be donating over 10 inches of her hair for the second time to this wonderful organization. For more information, contact Second Glance Salon (908) 754-3906 and ask for Rose.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children 18 years and younger suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

To find out more about the Locks of Love organization and the requirements to donate hair, visit www.locksoflove.org.

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Two Seniors are National Merit Scholarship Qualifiers

The 2007 National Merit Scholarship Corporation Program has announced that Christopher J. Burke and Wael R. Kanj of South Plainfield High School are National Merit Scholarship Qualifiers. With a selection index score of 203 or above, each of these students is among the 50,000 highest scoring participants of some 1.4 million program entrants. Of the more than 50,000 students who qualify through the PSAT/NMSQT program and test scores, about 16,000 will be named National Merit Program semifinalists, representing the top scorers in each state, and approximately 34,000 other high scorers will be commended for their performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

The staff and administration at SPHS wish to congratulate Christopher and Wael for their outstanding performance on the PSAT/NMSQT.

Wael Kanj is very active in the high school music program, participating in marching band, pit orchestra, jazz band and is a chorus accompanist along with singing with the Jades. He is a member of the Algonquin Square Book Club, Academic Team, National Honor Society and Spanish Honor Society. Wael is very active with the Peer Leadership program and is a Youth Group volunteer. He was accepted to the Governor's School in the area of Engineering and attended the College of New Jersey as an instrumentalist in the honors band.

Christopher Burke is a member of the Spanish Honor Society and the Physics and Technology Club. He serves on the Academic Team and is heavily involved with the Help Darfur Now youth relief organization. Since sixth grade, Christopher has been involved with the Boy Scouts of America serving as patrol leader, quarter master and senior patrol leader.

Martin Seiz Graduates with Honors From Lehigh University

On May 22, Martin Seiz graduated with honors from Lehigh University at the 138th commencement exercises. The son of Tom and Linda Seiz, Martin received a Bachelor of Science Degree in mechanical engineering.

Founded by Asa Packer in 1865, Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.,



William Beegle, director of guidance, with National Merit Scholarship Qualifiers Christopher J. Burke and Wael R. Kanj.

Heather Thompson Receives Caring Award

Trustworthy, reliable, willing to work hard, dependable, creative and responsible are character traits that describe Heather Thompson, a senior at SPHS. Heather is among 34 students from Middlesex County high schools who were honored in April for their humanitarian efforts during the 19th Annual Middlesex County Guidance Council Caring Awards ceremony.

The event, held at Middlesex

County College on April 5, honored students in grades nine through 12 who have made a significant contribution to their communities. Nadine Knight, Heather's counselor, describes Heather as a role model. A selfless individual, she has demonstrated a caring spirit since the age of 10, when she read and sang to residents in nursing homes. Heather has also been effective in helping out with the South Plainfield Seniors' Dinner Dance as a member of the Peer Leadership Volunteer Organization. One who enjoys every opportunity to assist those who are less fortunate, she was actively involved in her school's Hurricane Katrina campaign to raise money for its victims. Tutoring, Special Olympics and Christmas dinner deliveries to the disabled and elderly are additional projects in which Heather has been involved.

In addition to her strong, active role in the Peer Leadership Club, she has played field hockey, is a member of the Jerseyans History Club, has been a Student Council representative for four years and is currently the vice-president of the Class of 2006.

William Beegle, director of guidance for the South Plainfield School District, indicated that Heather has excelled as a student leader and her volunteerism is a model for all students to follow. Heather has made a difference as a student at South Plainfield High School.

Heather plans on continuing her education at Rutgers University in the fall of 2006.



Heather Thompson

is a highly selective university offering programs in the arts, natural and social sciences, business, humanities and engineering.

Martin was a student at the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science Division of Lehigh University.

Senator Barbara Buono Honored By House of Hope

The House of Hope Community Development Corporation will hold their fifth "Unsung Heroes" awards dinner to honor Senator Barbara Buono for her outstanding work and commitment to the community. Reginald Johnson, president of the Metuchen-Edison area branch of the NAACP, will also be honored for his work. The awards dinner showcases those individuals who have consistently reached out at the grassroots level to help uplift the lives of those in need.

"This is an award I am proud to receive since it is recognition of a level of civic service I strive to achieve," said Senator Buono, D-Middlesex. "Throughout my time in public service I have worked hard to ensure our state does not turn its back on those who need assistance to achieve self-sufficiency. House of Hope's pro-

grams such as Helping Other People Escape Dependency are of great value to move individuals back to being productive members in the community."

The New Hope Baptist Church established the House of Hope Community Development Corporation in 1997 as a non-profit organization. Their mission is to meet the social service needs of low and moderate-income individuals and families to help them achieve self-sufficiency. House of Hope serves people in Central New Jersey spanning Middlesex, Somerset and Union Counties.

"The people involved with the House of Hope have chosen an avenue to help those in need and for this I am forever grateful for their dedication to this important cause," added Senator Buono. "I am proud

to have my name associated with that strong vision and encourage others to use this program as a model that should be emulated."

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Gualano Honored at Scholarship Dinner

Kristin Gualano, a senior at South Plainfield High School, was recently selected by the Prodigal Foundation, Inc. as one of its 2006 scholarship recipients.

Miss Gualano was honored by the foundation at a scholarship dinner held at the Colonia Country Club on April 29. Kristin will attend Seton Hall University in the fall where she plans to major in Finance. She was also selected by the Seton Hall University's director of admissions to receive a university scholarship for all four years. This honor is given to students demonstrating outstanding scholastic achievement.

Kristin is the daughter of Diane



Kristin Gualano

and Gregory Kuhn of South Plainfield.

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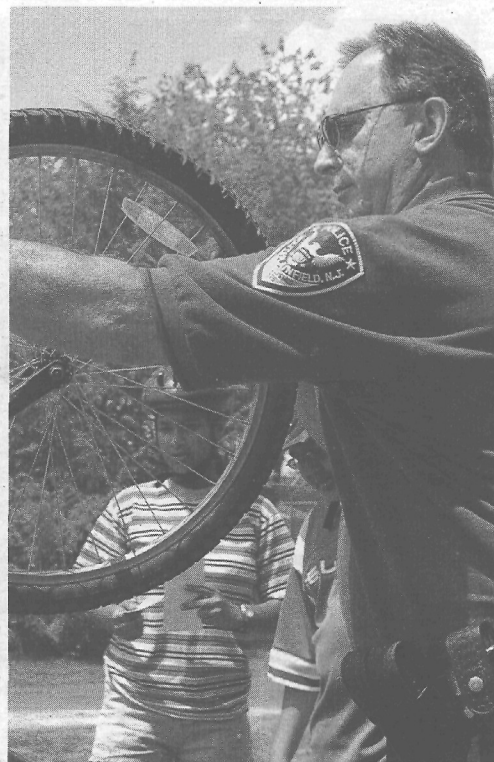
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35 Register Bikes at Annual Rodeo

By Patricia Abbott

On May 13 the South Plainfield Police Department Traffic Safety Division held their annual Bike Rodeo in Spring Lake Park. With or without bikes, dozens of visitors enjoyed all the afternoon had to offer. In addition to registering bikes, Ken's Links offered mechanical inspections. State Farm ran a bike safety course for the younger set. There was free ice cream, hot dogs and cold beverages. A limited number of helmets were given to children without this very important safety item. Everyone who registered a bike was entered into a raffle for a new bike. Winners were Rylie Campagna, Brianna Spadavecchia, Amber Iacovone, Alex Dornick, Joanne Tharp, Chris Seidenburg, and Danny Kelly. Over thirty five bikes were registered. The SPPD Traffic Safety Division has been sponsoring the rodeo since 1997.



Safe Kids Middlesex Co. to Kick Off Helmet Safety Campaign

In an effort to reduce traumatic brain injury in children, Safe Kids Middlesex County of the Level 1 Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital is kicking off a four-month helmet safety campaign in several Middlesex County municipalities.

This helmet safety campaign will reward children who wear a helmet when participating in wheeled activities, such as bicycling, skateboarding, rollerblading or riding a scooter. Town police officers will give a "summons" to any child "caught" wearing their helmet between June 1 and Sept. 30. Each summons can be redeemed for free items and enters the child in a raffle drawing.

The helmet safety campaign entitled "Wheels Under Your Feet? Helmet On Your Head!" is part of a statewide education and awareness initiative to pro-

mote the expanded helmet law requiring all children under 17 to wear a helmet. The prior law mandated children under 14 to wear helmets, but the new law took effect on March 1, as a way to reduce brain injuries in older children as well.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, approximately 190,000 children sustain head injuries while participating in wheeled activities. Brain injuries often have life long effects, such as problems with thought processes, mobility and emotions. There is no cure for brain injury so prevention is extremely important. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that a properly worn helmet can reduce the risk of brain injury by as much as 90%. Unfortunately, less than 50% of children wear helmets regularly.

"The goal is to get children to wear

their helmets whenever they put wheels under their feet," said Diana Doherty, Safe Kids Middlesex County coordinator and the injury prevention coordinator for Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. "The campaign is modeled after a successful program held in Cranbury for the past ten years. The program has become so successful that it is estimated that approximately 90 percent of children age 14 and under wear their helmet on a regular basis."

Last year, Cranbury police gave out 500 summonses, and parents have begun wearing helmets as well after realizing the importance of helmet use. "You would think we were the ice cream man. The children see a police car and if they aren't riding their bicycles already, they will run out and put on their helmets and ride their bikes in front of us," said Ptl. Greg Pfremmer of the Cranbury Township Police Department.

Each summons awards a free scoop of ice cream, Italian ice, or slice of pizza and small soda, depending on the town's sponsoring merchant. The summons also contains information about the new state helmet law, as well as information about the correct way

to wear a helmet. Every time a child receives a summons his/her name will be entered into a raffle for \$200 toward a new bike and helmet and one winner from each town will be selected at the end of the campaign.

Cranbury's program, sponsored in part by the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey and the Level One Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, will join the Safe Kids Middlesex County campaign this summer along with Dunellen, Middlesex Borough, South Plainfield, Metuchen, South River and Sayreville. Each participating town is required to hold an "All-Wheeled Sports Rodeo" where children showing up with wheels and a helmet can go through an obstacle course and receive a "license" upon completion of the course.

Each rodeo will also offer bicycle maintenance checks, town bike registrations, and opportunities for education and proper helmet fitting. For children in need, new helmets will be provided through the generous support of the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey. In addition, participating towns are encouraged to spread the message about wheeled-sports safety by providing educational programs in their schools.

Sponsored by Safe Kids Middlesex County, the Level One Trauma Center at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey and the New Jersey Division of Highway Traffic Safety, the success of the campaign will be measured by pre- and post-campaign observational studies looking at the percentage of children wearing a helmet while participating in any

wheeled sport.

"Next year we hope to expand the campaign by doubling the number of participating municipalities. Our long-term goal is to implement this campaign throughout Middlesex County," noted Doherty.

Anyone interested in learning more about this campaign, or other safety programs, should contact Safe Kids Middlesex County at (732) 418-8026.

Safe Kids Middlesex County is the local affiliate of Safe Kids Worldwide, a global network of organizations whose mission is to prevent accidental childhood injury, a leading killer of children ages 14 and under. The Level 1 Trauma Center, Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, is the lead agency for Safe Kids Middlesex County.

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If you are available one or more days a month between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and have a passion for cooking and nurturing others, please call E.J. Berman at (732) 777-1910, ext. 122.



Councilman Charles Butrico, Matthew Anesh and Rob Bengivenga look at old reporters on display at the newly opened Historical Society Center.



In Search of Local History

Notes from the South Plainfield Historical Society

The History Center, located in the Roosevelt Administration building, is open every Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. Please stop by and have a look around. June is here and the Historical Society is sponsoring a Father's Day breakfast on Sunday, June 18 from 8:30 a.m.-noon. Please come to the South Plainfield Elks located at 1254 New Market Avenue and have breakfast with Dad. June also brings the planning of our

2007 Keepsake Calendar. Members of the Society will be visiting local businesses in the coming weeks seeking support for the calendar through sponsor ads. Please support the Historical Society in this endeavor. For more information on upcoming events, visit our website at <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalociety>, email us at sphistoricalsoc@cs.com or mail us at PO Box 11, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

SPHS Project Graduation 2006 Promises a Fun Filled Night

The South Plainfield High School PTA congratulates all of the SPHS 2006 graduating seniors. We wish to invite you to your Project Graduation celebration, which will be held at The Club at Ricochet on June 20 from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. on June 21. Invitations have been mailed to your homes. Please fill out the Rules Of Conduct form as well as the contest forms and return them to the main office at the high school by Monday, June 12. If you are in need of additional forms, they can be found in the main office. It will be a fun-filled night. We look forward to seeing all of you there. This important event will not be a success without the help and support of the SPHS parents. We are looking for volunteers (both senior and underclassmen parents) to help chaperone Project Graduation. You do not have to chaperone the entire night, just 2-3 hours would be extremely helpful. If

you are interested in chaperoning please contact me directly or through the main office at the high school. Please provide your name, your home telephone number and the area and time you will be able to work.

AREA	TIME
Set Up	8-10 p.m. Tuesday, June 20
Clean Up	3-5 a.m. Wednesday June 21
Chaperone	10 p.m. - 5 a.m. (you can work any number of hours)

There is a mandatory chaperone meeting on Monday, June 12 at 7 p.m. in the SPHS Information Center. Chaperone responsibilities and plans for Project Graduation 2006 will be discussed, so it is important that all chaperones attend. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please arrange to send someone in your place who will be able to receive the necessary information and take notes on your behalf. If you are unable to get someone to attend on your behalf, please let me know. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support.

Library Presents Paying for College Program

The program "The Art of Paying for College" will be presented at South Plainfield Library on Monday, June 19 at 7 p.m. The speaker for the program will be Nancy Ziering, founder of the Chatham-based Education Funding Consultants Association. She will speak on a number of topics relating to funding for college, including the admissions and enrollment process, financial aid forms, and the effect of new tax laws on tuition. The program is being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required. If you'd like more information, please call (908) 754-7885. You may also visit the EFCA's website at www.educationfundinggroup.com.

This important event will be a success because of the support of our SPHS families, our South Plainfield community organizations, our local businesses and our volunteers. Although we have received many generous donations, we are still in need of additional funds if we are to make this truly an unforgettable night for our graduating seniors. If you have previously donated we thank you for your generosity. If you have not, it is not too late to donate! Monetary donations can be sent to: South Plainfield HS, 200 Lake St., South Plainfield, Attn: SPHS PTA. Please make checks payable to: SPHS PTA -Project Graduation The Class of 2006 and the SPHS PTA sincerely appreciates your support! Thank You. Sharon Miller Co-President SPHS PTA

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMARY OR SYNOPSIS OF 2005 REPORT OF AUDIT OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AS REQUIRED BY N.J.S.A. 40A:5-7

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - CURRENT FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2005	JUNE 30, 2004
Fund Balance Utilized	2,696,000.00	2,550,000.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Local Property Tax Levies	8,838,696.36	7,990,810.60
Collection of Delinquent Taxes and Tax Title Liens		9,093.97
Collection of Current Tax Levy	54,721,312.30	53,623,884.61
Total Income	66,256,008.66	64,173,789.18
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Municipal Purposes	21,502,558.08	20,493,470.79
County Taxes	9,323,520.90	9,283,318.93
Local School Taxes	32,829,404.00	31,839,972.00
Other Expenditures		3,301.98
Total Expenditures	63,655,482.98	61,620,063.70
Adjustments to Income before Surplus:	2,600,525.68	2,553,725.48
Expenditures included above which are by Statute		
Deferred Charges to Budget of Succeeding Year	55,000.00	
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	2,655,525.68	2,553,725.48
Fund Balance - Beginning	3,001,475.56	2,997,749.48
	5,657,001.24	5,551,474.96
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue	2,696,000.00	2,550,000.00
Fund Balance - Ending	2,961,001.24	3,001,474.96

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE - SWIM POOL UTILITY FUND

REVENUE AND OTHER INCOME REALIZED	JUNE 30, 2005	JUNE 30, 2004
Fund Balance Utilized		\$2,500.00
Deficit General Budget	68,378.24	34,424.68
Membership Income	144,804.32	158,080.00
Miscellaneous - From Other Than Rental Income	22,435.14	42,621.95
Total Income	235,617.70	237,626.63
EXPENDITURES		
Budget Expenditures:		
Operating	171,066.98	173,000.00
Capital Improvements	5,000.00	8,500.00
Debt Service	47,964.69	48,201.63
Deferred Charges & Stat. Expend.	11,800.00	14,425.00
Total Expenditures	235,831.67	244,126.63
Excess (Deficit) in Revenue	(213.97)	(6,500.00)
Adj. to Income Before Fund Balance:		
Amounts to Be Raised in Budget of Succeeding Year		
Operating Deficit to Be Raised in Budget of Succeeding Year		6,500.00
Statutory Excess to Fund Balance	(213.97)	
Fund Balance - Beginning	9,448.59	11,948.59
	9,234.62	11,948.59
Less:		
Utiliz. as Anticipated Revenue		2,500.00
Fund Balance - Ending	9,234.62	\$9,448.59

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is Recommended:

That the Borough review and standardize its control and reporting policies over the issuance of pre-numbered duplicate receipt forms, monthly financial reporting and reconciliation, and the maintenance of a formal cash receipt/disbursement journals for all Outside offices and Departments.

That all Borough funds collected by Outside Offices and Departments be deposited in accordance within the 48-hour Statutory requirement.

The above summary or synopsis was prepared from the Report of Audit of the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey for the fiscal year 2005. The financial data included in the summary or synopsis is presented in the form prescribed by the Local Finance Board, Department of Community Affairs, State of New Jersey. Readers are cautioned that the summary or synopsis was prepared solely for the purpose of compliance with the public disclosure provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:5-76, and accordingly, the summary or synopsis should not be relied upon for any other purpose. The Report of Audit, submitted by Andrew G. Hodulik, Registered Municipal Accountant, is on file at the Borough Clerk's office and may be inspected by any interested person.

A Corrective Action Plan, which outlines actions the County of Middlesex will take to correct the findings listed above, will be prepared in accordance with the Federal and State requirements. A copy of it will be placed on file and made available for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders within 45 days of this notice.

Vincent Buttigieg
Borough Clerk/Administrator

Sports



South Plainfield Eagles Football All-American Scholar Athlete Winners

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The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheerleading program has announced the boys and girls who have been named to the 2005-2006 National Pop Warner Academic All-American Scholar Program. Each year approximately 5,400 kids nationwide compete for these titles which honor achievements in the field, the classroom and the community.

To be eligible for the Pop Warner All-American Scholar Program, students must be in at least fifth grade and have a 96% or better grade point average. After submitting an application, a final score is calculated for each student which consists of up to 100 points, 85% is based on their prior year grade point average and up to 15% is based on their other activities and achievements.

For each grade the top 35 football players nationwide and the top 25 cheerleaders nationwide are selected as National First Team All-American Scholars. South Plainfield is proud to have two students who rank within the top players nationwide for scholastic accomplishment! The National First Team All-American Scholar students are Troy Heilman and Gerianne Scarpitto. Way to go kids, keep up the great work!

In addition, South Plainfield Eagles is proud to have among its members 13 boys and girls who made it to ei-

ther the National Second Team All-American Scholars or the Honorable Mention All-American Scholars. The National Second Team All-American Scholar students are Patrick Boyle, Alexis Cargill, John DiDolce, Zoya Hodge, Brigitte Kelly, Michelle O'Sullivan, Stephen Petriello, Kathleen Vincent, Steven Vincent, and Kimberly Walsh. The National Honorable Mention All-American Scholar students are Kyle Brady, Tyler Calderone and Corey Stasenko.

All 15 of the above-named students have placed in the top one percent of Pop Warner participants nationwide based on their scholastic and extra-cur-

ricular performance! SP Eagles is proud and fortunate to have such outstanding students among our members.

South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheerleading is South Plainfield's Pop Warner organization. The Eagles provide high quality football teams and cheer squads for children between the ages of five and 14. We are still accepting registration for football players of all ages. Cheer squads are accepting registration on a first come, first served basis.

If interested in joining please visit our website at www.speagles.com or call Abra Hodge, Cheer Commissioner at (908) 753-5874.

Annual PBA Softball Tournament

This year Alyssa Ricciardi, a two-year old South Plainfield resident diagnosed with Neuroblastoma cancer, will be the recipient of the profits from the South Plainfield Police Annual Athletic League Softball Tournament.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, July 29 beginning at 8 a.m. at the South Plainfield High School ball fields, located on Lake St. Rain date is Sunday, July 30.

The Softball Tournament will consist of two divisions and run as follows:

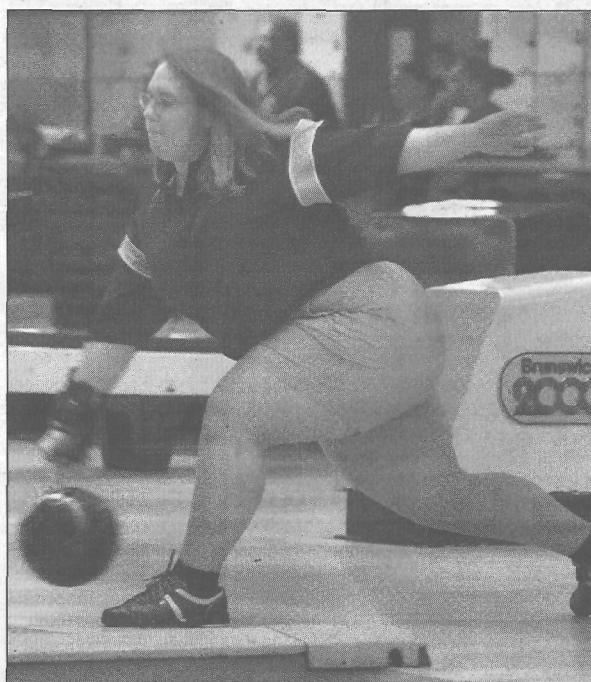
Open Division is a men's slow-

pitch, double elimination. Entry fee is \$250, \$500 prize first place and \$250 prize second place.

Charitable Division is a co-ed slowpitch, single elimination, limited homeruns. Entry fee is \$250.

Deadline for registration is July 21. Teams can register by contacting Gary Cassio at (908) 966-2947, or Kevin Hughes at (908) 226-7714, or at the South Plainfield PAL on Maple Ave.

All other donations will be greatly appreciated to help defer all costs of the lab fees and medical costs for Alyssa Ricciardi.



Vicki Boley competes on the New Jersey City University Woman's Bowling Team.

Vicki Boley Earns NCAA National First-Team Honors

After advancing to the NCAA National Collegiate Women's Bowling Final Four last month for the second time in three years, and completing the season with a 74-30-1 record, the New Jersey City University Women's Bowling Team dominated the 2006 NCAA Division II/III All-Northeast Region Team.

Earning First-Team All-Region honors was sophomore Vickie Boley, a former First-Team All-State selection at South Plainfield High School, emerged as a star of the future for the Knights in 2006, and it paid off with her first All-Region selection, as she had a 190.54 average—second highest on the team. A part-time starter in the

No. 2 slot, she was sixth on the team in games played (50) as four players split duties between 47 and 52 games played. Her 9,527 pinfall ranked fifth on the team. Although she did not rank in the top 25 in any tournament because of her shared starting role, Boley posted 16 games of 200 or better and five of 225+, including a high of 247.

She finished with a three-game average of 213.667 at the Southern Invitational and a 211.75 clip at the Alabama A&M Classic as NJCU became the first team on record in any sport to defeat the No. 1, 2 and 3 ranked teams in the nation in the same weekend. She added a five-game rate of 207.8 at the ECAC Tournament.

South Plainfield Golf Assoc. Plans Fundraising Golf Outing

More than a decade ago Coach Mike Kavka began taking the South Plainfield High School Golf team to Myrtle Beach, SC. This event has evolved into an annual spring training trip that prepares the team for their upcoming golf season and provides an opportunity for personal growth for every member of the team.

To continue the spring tradition, a fundraising golf outing sponsored by the South Plainfield Golf Association will be held in August. The success of this event generates the opportunity to take every member of the SPHS Golf Team on the trip.

The South Plainfield Golf Association outing will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club.

The entry fee of \$100 includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided from 12 to 1 p.m., shotgun start at 1 p.m. and dinner and awards from 6 to 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for low team score,

longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line and a special hole-in-one prize.

Registration and payment is due by July 17. Players are encouraged to sign up early to secure a place in the tournament. Players can register for the tournament on-line at the Association's website www.spga.org or print out and mail their entry forms.

Corporate sponsorships are also available. Proceeds from the event go to support the activities of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team as well as the South Plainfield Golf Association's college scholarship program and the SPGA's contribution to Arnie's Army Battles Prostate Cancer. Each platinum sponsorship includes this year's tournament entry fees for one foursome. Gold, silver, bronze, hospitality and beverage sponsorships are also available. Sponsorship information is also available at the website.

For information and entry forms players can contact Dick DeAndrea (908) 755-1700 or Ken Martin (908) 769-4305 or visit the Associations website at www.spga.org.

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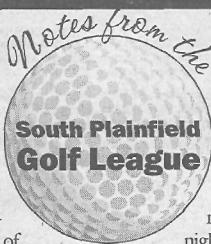


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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan



Robert Pornovets came t-h-a-a-t close to making an eagle on the 409-yard first hole. After scorching a drive down the middle of the fairway, he only needed an 8-iron for his second shot, and the ball trickled past the right edge of the hole, leaving him with a tap-in birdie. Robert went on to score a 38 and tie teammate Frank Oades for medalist honors as Pornovets prevailed over Sport & Social, 13-7, to gain sole possession of first place in the American Division. Dennis Bibby's 41 was the best score for Sport & Social.

KC's Korner slipped into second place after managing a 10-10 tie with Twin City. Dan Conti led the way for KC's Korner with a 38 while the dynamic duo of Jay Coppola and Guy Severini both posted 40's for Twin City.

Mike Dube shot a 38 in sparking 2 Buds, 2 Dubs to a 13-7 victory over Patti's Construction who have now dropped three matches in a row. Mike "Hybrid" Behr smashed some laser-like tee shots on his way to an impressive 2-over 35 for Patti's who are badly in need of some joviality and some good golf from Matt Ward to put a halt to their recent skid.

Buy Rite Liquors played very well but could only squeeze out a 10-10 tie with Plainfield Animal Hospital. Al Szumski had a 37 to win medalist honors for Buy Rite, and Irish Danny Griffin and long-ball hitting Mike King both scored 38's. Andy Oravec's 39 was the low round for PAH.

The Hackers are now in a groove and easily handled Witty's, 15-5, to solidify their first-place standing atop the National Division. Bill Mann shot the best round of the night, a superb 1-over 34, to lead the Hackers while the formidable twosome of John

Cacciatore and Todd Sherman chipped in with a pair of 38's. Howard "The Power" Adler continued his terrific play for Witty's with another fine round of 36.

Even though his teammates had a bit of an off-night, Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer carded a 38 and that was enough to lead Eddie's Grinders to a 12-8 win over the VFW. The Grinders won for the second week in a row and now seem to be ready to make a move after starting the season with three losses.

Tony Cotone of KC's Korner won the closest-to-the-pin competition on the fifth hole, and Mike Behr of Patti's Construction won the KC's Korner luncheon-for-two contest with his fine tee shot on the seventh hole.

Prior to the beginning of league play, the members of the South Plainfield Golf League gathered at the first tee to observe a moment of silence in honor of their beloved friend, John Cotone, who recently passed away.

John was a fine golfer, a keen competitor, and true sportsman who had been a long-time member of the league. Despite his ill health, John graciously agreed to serve as league president last season and also as captain of KC's Korner, who went on to win the league championship.

The heartfelt condolences of all the golfers in the Tuesday Night League are extended to the members of the Cotone family.

Low Scores for the Night: Bill Mann, 34; Mike Behr, 35; Howard Adler, 36; Al Szumski, 37; Danny Griffin, 38; Mike King, 38; Fred Kirchofer, 38; Mike Dube, 38; Dan Conti, 38; Robert Pornovets, 38; Frank Oades, 38; John Cacciatore, 38; Todd Sherman, 38.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN DIVISION				NATIONAL DIVISION			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
1 Pornovets	4	1	0	Hackers	3	2	0
2 KC's Korner	3	1	1	Twin City	2	2	1
3 2 Buds, 2 Dubs	3	2	0	Buy Rite Liquors	2	2	1
4 Witty's	3	2	0	Patti's Const.	2	3	0
5 PAH	2	2	1	Sport & Social	2	3	0
6 Eddie's Grinders	2	3	0	VFW	0	5	0

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

By Sebastian Lasota

Tigers End Golf Season 21-3

With the county tournament just around the corner, the Tigers are in mid-season form. Fifteen out of the last 17 matches were in favor of our golfers.

After taking 11th place at the State Tournament, the Tigers wrapped up the White Division, finishing at 14-0.

South Plainfield recently defeated out-of-conference opponent A.L. Johnson. According to the team this was the toughest challenge of the whole season. The Tigers were led in this match by Danny McCreesh (34), Anthony Morretti (37), Andrew Gray (39) and J.R. Licato (40).

Next the South Plainfield High School golfers rounded out the season defeating #3 South Brunswick by 12 shots. Led by Danny McCreesh

(35), Anthony Morretti (36) Brad Martin (37) and J.R. Licato (38).

This final victory meant a lot to the team, as it was the 20th victory of the season. Thus, the 2006 season became the first 20-win season since 1998.

Yet, that is not the end of good news. Practicing round at Tamarack Golf Course in preparation for the County Tournament last week, Danny McCreesh recorded a hole-in-one on the Par 3-159 yard 9th hole using a 7-iron.

With the tremendous success of our golfers so far, the expectations are high for the upcoming county tournament. South Plainfield is to be represented by J.R. Licato, Danny McCreesh, Brad Martin, Anthony Morretti and Andrew Gray.



Front row left to right: Justin Marks, Matt Ward, Raymond Jazikoff and Cody O'Connor; middle row: Coach Ray Jazikoff, Tim O'Leary, Robert Eggert, AJ Celentano, Sean Cullen, Joel Curran, Aidan Mc Dermott and Mike Polizzano and backrow: Coaches Glenn Cullen and Joe O'Connor.

SPJBC 10 Year-olds Take Memorial Day Crown

The SPJBC 10 Year-old Traveling All-star team defeated the Colonia All-Stars 12-0 to win the Memorial Day Tournament. The SPJBC All-Stars were hotter than the weather going undefeated with a 5-0 record throughout the tournament. In the championship game, Joel Curran hit a dramatic

fifth inning grand slam to put the game out of reach.

The SPJBC 10 year-old All-Stars received all-star performances up and down their line-up all weekend long. The team hit nearly 600 over its five games. AJ Celentano, Joel Curran and Justin Marks led the offensive juggernaut.

Curran, during the tournament, hit both a three run homer as well as a grand slam. Curran and Celentano combined for over 15 scoreless innings from the mound.

The next SPJBC All-Star Tournament will be the Father's Day Classic.

By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

The SPJBC Executive Board would like to thank John Papa and Lee Flanagan for all of their work regarding the Memorial Day Tournament. The 2006 regular season is coming to a close. Round Robin Play-off games have already started. Keep an eye on the brackets and potential game days.

This weekend's field duty assignments are as follows: Small Fry B Car-

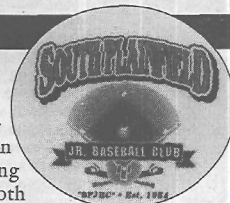
dinals and Small Fry B Giants on Saturday, June, 10 at 7 a.m. and Small Fry B Cubs and Pony A Yankees on Sunday June 11 and 8 a.m.

The SPJBC is preparing for its Father's Day Baseball Classic. The club is looking for volunteers to work the snack stand, as well as the ever important snack stand captains.

Also, the SPJBC is still looking for other tournament teams that may be

interested in playing in both SPJBC tournaments.

Contact the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 if you are interested or email us at southplainfieldjbc@yahoo.com. Also, feel free to visit the SPJBC website at leaguelineup.com/spjbc.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX SALE NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE OF PROPERTY FOR NONPAYMENT OF TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND/OR OTHER MUNICIPAL LIENS

Public notice is hereby given that I, Richard Lorentzen, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, will sell at public auction on, **Thursday, June 22, 2006** at the South Plainfield Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at **10:00 am** or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 22nd day of June, 2006.

Take further notice that the hereinafter described lands will be sold for the amount of the municipal liens chargeable against each parcel of said land assessed as one parcel, together with interest and costs to the date of sale. Said lands will be sold at the lowest rate of interest bid, not to exceed 18%. Payment for said parcels shall be made prior to the conclusion of the sale in the form of cash, certified check or money order, or parcels will be resold. Separate checks are required for payment of property taxes and for sewer fees and partial payments will not be sufficient to remove these items from the sale. Properties for which there are no purchasers shall be struck off and sold to the Borough of South Plainfield at an interest rate of 18%.

At any time, before the day of the sale, I will accept payment of the amount due on any property with interest and costs. Payments must be in the form of cash, certified check or money order. Industrial Properties may be subject to the Spill Compensation and Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10-23.11 et seq.), the Water Pollution Control Act (N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.), and the Industrial Site Recovery Act (N.J.S.A. 13:1k-6 et seq.). In addition, the municipality is precluded from issuing a tax sale certificate to any prospective purchaser who is or may be in any way connected to the prior owner or operator of the site. The lands to be sold are described in accordance with the last tax duplicate as follows:

TAX SALE LIST

BLOCK	LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
2	8	CARELL, GLADYS C/O C. CARELL	359.25	145	2	ARCHBOLD, KAREN K.	196.94	273	10	LOPEZ, RAPHAEL & MARIA	196.94
2	14	BROWN, MAMIE E.	2,438.43	146	23	FLANNERY, JOSEPH F & NANCY W.	971.6	276	3	DE MARTINO ET UX THOMAS	532.07
3	4	CHARLES, ENOCK & JOSEPHINE	340.13	147	8	FOSCOLO, JOHN A. & ELYNE	340.13	276	7	MISZCZENSKI, STANLEY F JR & NANCY	340.13
3	41.01	GAMBLE, MICHAEL L. & TONI	196.94	147	21	WYBER, ROBERT & O'DONNELL, MICHELE	196.94	276	8	COHEN, GUSTAVE	401.28
3	41.04	CARTER, CHAUNCEY & JOCELYN	2,115.84	148	3	ALMEIDA, MARIA T	196.94	276	11	THOMAS, MARION	340.13
3	45	SCHLACK, LAWRENCE	340.13	148	6	DURAN, NUMA P	340.13	277	1	MIGUEL, MARK	244.44
6	4	DAVIS, WILLIAM R. & KARINE	196.94	148	12	RAMOS, L & R & S & CRUZ, G I	196.94	279	5	MAIMONE, JANET	1,281.83
6	10.01	GAFFNEY, BRIAN J & BARROW, SONDRAC	196.94	149	11	SMITH, DIRK (V)	826.23	280	8	PIREZ, ARMANDO & ANA MARIA	196.94
6	13	CORDONA, JANE & MARTHA	196.94	150	4	FASOLO, PAUL J & LYNN E.	1,086.17	282	7	KOWALSKI, LEON A & DIANE C	1,393.03
7	4	NGUYEN, JIMMY T	1,076.71	152	50	KONE, LACINA & CISSE, AWA	196.94	282	15.01	ALVARADO, JOSE & SAMAYOA, LUIS	196.94
7	16.02	STANLEY, JIMMY & CAROLYN	340.13	153	12	WAGNER, HARRIET A.	1,408.42	282	43	MARTINEZ, MANUEL F & FALLU, CHRISTIE	196.94
7	18	ALBERTOCKI, M.C. & SULINSKI, G.T.	994.74	154	1	GIANNAKIS, ERNIE J. & LINDA J.	196.94	282	70	CONROY, JAMES J. & KAREN A.	196.94
7	22	GITTENS, GREGORY & CAROL	1,132.40	154	5	ROBINSON, KAREN & HUGHES, K.	340.13	284	28	JOON SOOK LLC	1,193.33
7	34	FONTANA, GREGORY & YVONNE	1,970.51	157	34	OLIVEIRA, MARIA H & MEDINA, JESSE	2,826.33	302	1/C0005	LEO, ROBERT & ELIZABETH	702.27
7	60	WEDDERBURN, DAVID & ANDREA	196.94	159	18	BANK OF NEW YORK TRUSTEE	340.13	304	4	HOFFMAN, JR., GUSTAVE J. & JOYCE E.	9,334.22
7	65	MILLER, WILLIAM D(V) & DORIS	4,274.83	161	19	DE FREES, JAMES B & MYRTLE	1,102.61	308	10	DIPPOLD, CORY	196.94
7	66	PEDERSEN, ALVIN C & SHIRLEY A.	1,232.17	162	3	DIXON, SARAH	123.78	308	17	AN ANGEL'S TOUCH, C/O GROSSMITH	2,473.30
8	8	MALLQUI, MIGUEL A	196.94	162	4	PILEGGI, ENZO & TERI-LYN	340.13	308	25	MIELE, BARBARA A.	2,370.85
10	21	ROMANO, MICHAEL & LINDA	1,305.80	163	6	CARTER, RONALD G.	340.13	308	30.04	DESAI REALTY	1,285.35
11	1	POTEAU, CHARLES	196.94	165	18	LINDSTROM, J.O. & EJ (C/OSEMANCHIK)	1,147.11	308	44	GREEN, JR., EUGENE & MIHALIK, SUSANNE	328.88
12	3	EL, MANGSTE W. & MAXINE	1,326.83	166	11	DEHORTA, JOSE C	2,180.31	308	51/C0001	SMITH, CHRISTOPHER & CRAIG, MECHELE	196.94
12	44	HOWARTH, ANNE	1,015.76	169	7	VASQUEZ RAMOS, NANCY	196.94	313	3	RINGEL, RANDOLPH B. & AMANDA	4,516.48
13	4.04	MOREL, JENNY E	3,975.66	170	25	MARULLI, MICHAEL S. & MIRIAM M.	2,675.07	313	8	CEVALLOS, MARIANA	340.13
14	4	TACKACH, DOUGLAS & JANET	1,326.77	170	29	SCIALABBA, ROBERT & GAIL	340.13	313	14	PENA, ANA A	340.13
14	31	DE STEFANO, THOMAS JR & JOSEPHINE	1,247.74	170	38	REDDY, LORETTA T.	196.28	314	12.03	CHO, YONG-UN & HYONSUR	1,312.12
14	36	PAYNE, CLAUDE E & ROSA A	196.94	171	31	EODICE, MARY	4,816.58	319	11.02	CISSON, GREGORY J.	5,612.39
14	39	IACULLO, LUCILLE	433.99	173	2	SMITH, LAWRENCE W. & LAURA C.	340.13	322	2.01	NATT, SHELIA & FREEMAN, VELMON	2,579.59
15	26	MONROE, MICHAEL J. & JOAN M.	196.94	173	20	ROBERTS, COLETTE	196.94	322	7.07	WALLACE, I. WENCESLAU & CECILIA M.	1,278.48
16	3	HUFFSMITH, GARY L	3,752.81	173	29	BOLEY, CAROLYN & GERALD	1,087.47	328	15	DOCKERY, NAOMI	340.13
16	9	NICOLOSI, JONNA	196.94	174	22	ADDARIO, ANTHONY J. & KELLY A	340.13	333	1	LAMITEX INC & CRD REALTY	1,687.52
16	15	SMITH, RENA	1,217.53	175	9	LIMERICK, GLASGOW A. & PATRICIA V.	340.13	333	3	LAMITEX INC/CRD REALTY CQ	316.8
16	31	LICCIARDONE, CAROLE A & DOMINICK & LOUIS	340.13	175	12	GRANJA, CECILIA MARIA I & CASTILLO, M.T	196.94	334	1	LAMITEX INC/CRD REALTY CO	956.44
18	7	MORENO, JOSE & LAURA	963.22	177	8	SMITHLINE, CRAIG A. & JENNIFER A	196.94	336	1.02	KANE, DANIEL J. & CINDY A.	4,816.30
21	2.06	WILSON, RICHARD D & MAUREEN B	340.13	182	1	WERRLEIN, DENISE A	196.94	337	13	RUIZ, JULIO C. & IRIS	328.88
22	4	BROWN, THEODORE C. & ROBIN L.	196.94	189	5	SILVA, ELINA	196.94	339	6	FRANKLIN, SYLVIA	92.81
23	22	KENNY, KAREN A. & DANIEL J.	196.94	190	8	MCDONALD, ISAAC J. & JUANITA	1,327.87	339	11	FRANKLIN, SYLVIA	660.49
24	7	HUNTER, DAVID M. & TERESA A.	196.94	190	10	WHITE, ANNIE M.	6,666.94	342	6	MEMBRENO, DILCIA	196.94
24	18	WILLIS, RODNEY & SHEILA	1,078.81	191	2	GAYNOR, ANNA M. & HUNT, KEITH R.	1,156.58	345	19	ALEXANDER, JOHN C & JOANN	196.94
24	38	GENTILE, ELLEN M. & ROBERT J.	340.13	193	1	WATKINS, GEORGE L. & JANICEA	2,932.23	348	17	STRAZ HENRY & BEVERLY	1,039.37
25	1	BATAILLE, SR., EUGENE P. & JULIA B.	1,803.63	193	4	PENDER, DOMINIQUE, SR. & DIANE M.	2,833.53	357	6	SCOTT, SAMUEL & EILEEN	196.94
25	18	SANTIAGO, RICHARD & TONYA L.	1,258.87	193	12	MOORE, JAMES G. & SHARON D.	2,823.76	358	2	LAMITEX INC & CRD REALTY	2,212.59
25	20	FITZGERALD, JAMES P	340.13	193	19	WATKINS, GEORGE L. & JANICE A	389.52	363	8	BARKALOW, MARK S. & EVA L.	803.71
26	3	RIDDLES, ANNE E. & REED, DEBORAH A.	1,250.11	194	11	HALL, ROGER & LENORA	196.94	365	14	GARRY, MICHAEL & ROBERTA	921.18
27	2	MANIN, PENNY S. & LANCE	1,007.35	195	40	PISCITELLI, DAVID(V) & LENORE	196.94	366	8.01	GILES, DEWITT P. & JOYCE J.	3,682.62
32	1	SELLA, MICHAEL G. & KELLY A.	196.94	195	68	DEPOL, ELIZABETH & MELE, SUZANNE	196.94	368	6.03	FAZALDIN, RICHARD	5,429.40
34	10	YUILL, JOHN F. & CATHERINE	2,345.03	196	4	MORRISON, RICHARD & MARYANNE	2,573.23	371	2	DIAMANT, MARTIN & JENKINS, KATHLEEN E.	6,049.83
36	1	MAKOWSKI, STANLEY (S)	2,456.33	196	8	KELLY, PETER & JENNIFER	340.13	372	8	CASANO, ANGELO & CLAUDIA	286.51
36	5.01	PIGNA, ENRICO	230.71	196	9	CONNORS, THOMAS	340.13	378	4	MOREIRA, CESAR	172.14
37	9	DI PASQUALE, PHYLLIS	5,645.63	200	8	GONZALEZ, FRANK & MARIA	196.94	379	12	DESCALFANI, RONALD & SANDRA	340.13
38	5	THORN, WILLIAM M. & DIANE E.	196.94	200	10	ROSSI, ALBERT R & PATRICIA K	960.53	389	16	KRYSTOPIK, SUSAN	5,201.86
39	4	GOLDEN WILLIAM & JULIA	2,729.64	200	17	LEON, CARLOS T. & CECILIA	196.94	404	5.03	GRAY, WILLIS A. & LEIGHSA M. PATE-	340.13
41	13	SUTTON, JEFFREY S. & SUSAN M.	340.13	201	4	MCKAY, USA	340.13	404.02	27	KERTES, FRANK M. & L.	3,398.13
42	7	SCALINGI, ROBERT & LOIS ANN	4,547.55	201	13	ZELIFF, MARK & JOANN	340.13	404.05	6	CAMPOS, RAUL L. & EVA F.	1,882.08
42	11	COLVIN, FRANK JR & KAREN	1,141.87	202	5	WILLIAMS, LESLIE J. & LINDA	196.94	406.02	16	BARDEN, HERBERT & DELLA	196.94
46	9	LONDINO, EDWARD	560.01	202	7	CONROY, THOMAS J. & DIANE S.	196.94	406.03	20	JANKOSKI, KENNETH & LORI	340.13
50	4	HILLIARD, WILLIAM H. & ARCHER LEE	93.84	203	3	DEL VECCHIO, GERTRUDE(S)	1,087.60	415	10	RODRIGUEZ, MANUEL & NORA	2,165.19
51	3	NAVARETTE, YVONNE & RIVERA, ANTONIA	1,888.79	211	4	GRIMALDI, DAVID M. & SHERRI L.	196.94	416	20	WOLPIN, KENNETH J. & CATHERINE M.	340.13
60	1	VALERI, MARION E.	2,387.56	213	3	MONT, HENRY & CINTHYA	196.94	420	3	HILL, EVELYN	1,423.55
61	33	RUSSELL, JAMES & DONNA	207.79	214	13	DAUGENTI, FRANCIS & PATRICIA	3,376.36	427	19/C0001	FIORIO, MICHAEL & LINDA	1,279.19
67	2	FRANZSON, RICHARD F. & MARGARET MARY	340.13	215	3	COLVIN, FRANK	306.41	428	5	CERVATI, LEO & RENATE	1,865.25
67	11	POPIK, JEFFREY H	1,672.54	222	1	BIT HOLDINGS FIFTY-THREE INC	405.55	428	7.01	ACUNA, E. & I. & DEOCADEZ, J	2,849.71
72	5	MASTERS, PHILLIP M. & ALICE C.	196.94	225	1	WILLIAMS, BRUCE & PHYLLIS	340.13	429	1	WEBER, MARION B	233.24
73	1.01	PREITE, PETER & ROSEMARIE	340.13	229	21	SIMPSON, RONALD & ANGELA	3,135.52	429	2	WEBER, MARION B	340.13
73	2	REID, DEDRA L	196.94	229	46	ALSTON, GREGORY & BRENDA	1,263.77	431	3	BANGAROO, JOSHUA & MOHAN, SHARMILA	196.94
75	7	CECCHETTINI, GINA M.	371.11	233	11	HOH, ANTONIA J.	196.94	437	2.01/C0002	APPROVATO, FRANK A.	340.13
79	3	WATSON, JUNE GREEN	1,194.48	234	8	JACKSON, NANCY P.	2,379.64	438	2	ARGUELLO, MARCOS & MARITZA	1,505.10
97	5	ALBA, DARIN & ROBIN	1,067.26	234	27	CAMPBELL, CLAUDE LEE, CLAUDE ANDREW	1,039.93	452	1	ETERE, MARK A. & DANA MARIE	75.3
91	6	BROWN, TOWANA	340.13	234	41	CONTI, CYNTHIA M. & WILLIAM L.	1,259.73	452	3	RM REALTY ASSOCIATES LLC	5,903.67
94	6	HAWKINS, VONETTA	558.66	235	18	GAMBOA, CARLOS	328.88	468	4	RICA REALTY RENTAL GROUP LLC	1,256.82
97	12	RIVERA, JR., OCTAVIO & CEBALLOS, DEBORAH	830.76	238	11	GASTER, JOHN & LEONE W.	6,108.79	472	19	GRYGO, ANDRZEJ J. & ZOFA	9,731.22
99	9	PARAJON, MANUEL & ALLISON	340.13	242	13	WILLIAMS, MARVIN B. & ALMA D(S)	2,880.29	472	20	GRYGO CONSTRUCTION COMPANY	3,811.39
103	1.01	BOLOGNO, GIUSEPPINA F	76.11	244	18	DAUNCEY, SANDRA & CORTESE, JR., JOHN	196.94	472	29.01	MURRAY, PATRICK	620.72
104	8	KOWALSKI, LEON A. & DIANE C.	994.74	249	18	LAKE, WILLIAM & STACEY	5,683.46	524	8	THE VILLAGES AT SO. PLAINFIELD LLC	156.67
118	1	MADINAH, ALONZO & QAYYIMAH	1,275.38	254	17	ROSATO, JOANNE	1,041.01	524	9	STELLAKIS, JOHN & GANIARIS, PETER	196.94
118	4.02	REYNOLDS, KEVIN, DIANE & MARKIEWICH, M	340.13	254	17.01	ROSATO, JOANNE	484.32	528	17	BROGDON, TERENCE	6,495.60
118	8.02	EVERETT, JR, ALBERT	196.94	254	22	GULATI, RAVINDER K	340.13	528	43/C0316	HARDIN, MICHAEL J	340.13
120	7	WILSON PAUL R. & TONYA P	2,709.27	254.02	7	EVANS, JR., WILLIAM C. & LINDA A.	340.13	528	43/C0318	KANG, SUNG K	196.94
121	2	FONTI, RICHARD C.	340.13	254.03	3	CAINES, RAYNARD & BETTY	340.13	528	43/C0427	KASIBHOTLA, SREENVA & SUMABALA	196.94
122	18	VICARI, ANTHONY	340.13	254.03	4	LEO, STEVE	196.94	528	43/C0435	DASIKIA, VIJAY	340.13
122	37	MOSIER, WILLIAM & CLAIRE	340.13	254.05	6	DEGROOT, MICHAEL & YVONNE	1,658.94	528	43/C0634	GANESAN, SUBRAMANIAN	196.94
122	38	NAMOTKA, PAUL	340.13	255	13.01	PS.M. REALTY, L.L.C.	56,483.51	528	43/C0717	CHATTERJEE, MONICA	196.94
122	72	NOLTY, RICHARD F JR. & ELIZABETH	1,243.80	255	13.03	AGNIN CONSTRUCTION CO.	5,689.75	528	43/C0723	LAGESETTY, PRASHANTH	196.94
126	11	KOLLARIK, THOMAS V. & SUSAN R.	3,846.83	255	24	PATEL REALTY, LLC	3,169.14	528	43/C0825	JONES, CHARLES & DIANE	2,311.36
129	16	CHANDLER, MARGARET YUKNUS	340.13	256	1	D S C OF NEWARK CORP	23,579.12	528	43/C1014	GASPER, CARLOS & OLGA CRUZ	196.94
130	2	ECKENSTEIN, ROBERT & ANTOINETTE	1,339.11	256	6	OMONIA HOLDING CO., INC.	247.27	528	43/C1304	BACHIA, DAVID K	196.94</

SPHS Continues To Raise Awareness For Darfur

By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield High School's efforts to raise money and awareness for the ongoing crisis in the Darfur region of the Sudan are still going strong. In the past week, students have helped raise nearly \$1,000 in aid, welcomed a guest speaker who talked about the United Nations' role in the conflict, and have begun plans for a special day of awareness at the high school.

On May 17, South Plainfield resident Sherine Guirguis, who traveled to Darfur in August 2005 to conduct nutritional surveys, visited SPHS to talk about the duties of the U.N. in the Sudan. She discussed the effects of violence on the Sudanese, outlined

the basic needs of the men, women, and children displaced by the conflict, and explained the obligations of the U.N. as well as what the U.N. does not do to provide aid.

Guirguis became involved with UNICEF at a young age, participating in a model U.N. at her high school in the United Arab Emirates and studying international relations at New York University. She meticulously described some of the more confusing aspects of the Darfur situation accurately and in a way her audience could understand.

Many topics of interest were discussed, including the U.N.'s commitment to neutral, impartial aid without incurring harm to the Sudanese or their customs. She fielded questions

on the challenges of negotiating aid with rebels and the politics of working in a diplomatically immune outfit in Darfur.

The tone of Guirguis' presentation, while serious, also maintained a sense of optimism that peace could one day be attained between the warring people of the region. "Things have gotten better," she said, "and it's great that the United States has officially declared the conflict a genocide... The recent peace talks are a great indication [of the future], and I hope that leads to peace for the people of the Sudan."

Guirguis' visit is one of the latest victories for SPHS' chapter of Help Darfur Now, a non-profit organization created by high-school students

in New Jersey which, as quoted from their official website at www.help-darfurnow.org, is "committed to the goals of raising public awareness of the atrocities currently unfolding in Darfur, and providing much-needed financial aid to refugees and refugee camps."

Under the guidance of SPHS history teacher Frances Flannery, who has helped raise awareness about other genocides in history through her Genocide studies course at SPHS, the high school's chapter has sold nearly \$1,000 worth of candy, bracelets, pins and shirts since its inception in late April. The group is planning a "Save Darfur Day," to be tentatively held on June 9, to further raise awareness for the plight of the Sudanese.

Special Public Meeting

Please be advised that a Special Public Meeting of the South Plainfield Governing Body has been scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2006 at 6 p.m. for the following purposes:

1. Public Hearing - ABC Violation for Palace of Jaipur
2. Renewal of Liquor Licenses
3. Payment of Bills

Also, to be discussed is the following item for Closed Executive Session:

1. One Matter of Litigation.

Obituaries

Thomas McCreesh, 65

Thomas McCreesh died on Wednesday, May 31 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in New York City, he had resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 40 years ago. He also enjoyed being at the Jersey shore on family vacations.

Tom was employed as the executive vice president of Dunphy-Smith Co. in Union for 33 years.

An athlete in his younger years, he excelled in football and baseball and had been a draft pick of the Detroit Tigers in the early 1960's. His selfishness, putting the needs of his family and others before his own, will always be cherished by those who knew him.

As his children grew up in the local community, Tom was an active father leading, supporting and coaching in many of the local clubs and leagues.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Joan T. (Truempy) McCreesh; a daughter, Pam McCreesh of Providence, RI; three sons, Tom, Jr. and wife Laura of South Plainfield, Glenn and wife Gail of Pittstown and Jeff and wife Loren of Nutley; four sisters, Pat, Gail, Karen and Maureen and three brothers, Brian, Terry and Bernie and six grandchildren, Danny, Alyssa, Jacob, Hannag, Maggie and Ellie.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Coaches Care, Inc., c/o 101 Devon Lane, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Stephen J. Braynock, 33

Stephen J. Braynock passed away suddenly on Friday, June 2, at his home in New Brunswick.

He was born and raised in South Plainfield and attended local schools, graduating from South Plainfield High School in 1990. Following graduation, Stephen earned his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University. He was currently a full-time graduate architecture student at NJ Institute of Technology in Newark.

Stephen was a very talented and creative person who loved life. He will be sadly missed by his family and a large circle of friends.

Surviving are his parents, Edward and Barbara (Smyth) Braynock of South Plainfield; a sister, Susan Rendano and husband Steve of Hudson, Ma.; a brother, Mark and wife Lili of Wichita, Kan.; maternal grandmother, Theresa Smyth and six nieces and nephews, Ryan, Spencer and Braden Rendano and Nathan, Sophie and Ellie Braynock.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.



Stephen Braynock

Antonietta (Del Piano) Notino, 66

Antonietta (Del Piano) Notino died Saturday, June 3 at home.

Born in Naples, Italy, Mrs. Notino came to the United States 41 years ago on Memorial Day weekend. She resided in South Plainfield ever since.

A life long seamstress, Mrs. Notino had been employed by the Flair Bridal Shop in Plainfield and Jefe Bridal's & Formal wear in Green Brook.

Mrs. Notino enjoyed bingo and Atlantic City, but more importantly, she enjoyed the time spent with her two adored grandchildren.

Surviving are her husband of 41 years, Renato; three sons, Frank and wife Pam of South Plainfield, Anthony and wife Dawn of Buffalo, NY and Gerry and wife Kerry of South

Plainfield; a sister and brother, Susie Leonardis and Rosario Del Piano, both of South Plainfield; two brothers in Italy and two grandchildren, Briana and Antonella.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Ladsias E. Marics Sr., 72

Ladsias E. Marics Sr. died on Sunday, June 4 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Lyons.

Born in New Brunswick, Mr. Marics was raised in the Highland Park and New Brunswick area. He lived in Spotswood, South Plainfield and Edison, before moving back to South Plainfield in 2002.

Mr. Marics worked as an operating

engineer for Karol Dunham Smith Pharmaceuticals in New Brunswick for 25 years.

A Veteran of the U.S. Army, he served during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of VFW Post 4589 in Spotswood and also a member of the Edison Moose Lodge #1978.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Betty (Boxmeyer); a daughter, Karen Coffey and husband Matthew of South Plainfield; a son, Ladislav E. Jr. and wife Ellen of Toms River and six grandchildren, Black Marics, Michelle, Kristin, Matthew Jr., Sean and Kevin Coffey. Also surviving are two great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Angel.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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Developer Cited

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across the road from the developer's operations building after receiving complaints from residents. Bengivenga said the company did not have a certificate of occupancy, nor did it have a variance to use the property as a construction yard. As to Morris's continued use of the property, no one on the council had been aware of it until Bengivenga brought it to their attention.

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LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Jorge M. Contreras requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 1) front setback add-a-level; 24' required; 7.42' proposed from Herbert and 2) front setback new addition; 30' required; 24' proposed from Muglia; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 106 Herbert Place on Block 400, Lot 3 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 22, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Friday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$38.50

June 9, 2006

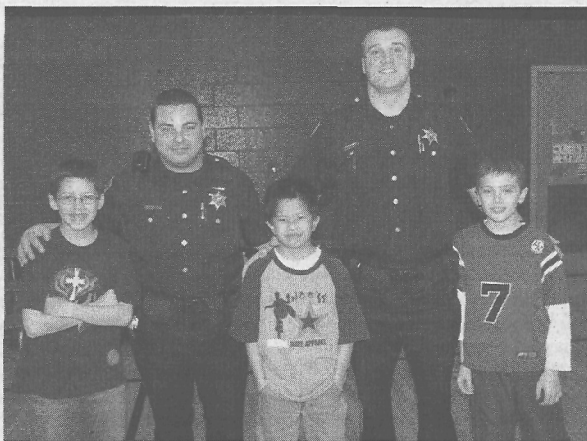
either rent or taxes," said Bengivenga. "We need to know why this was allowed to happen. Morris should have been paying taxes on the property or paying rent. Otherwise, it's the taxpayer who ends up getting shorted."

Had the sale closed in 2003, the property would have generated average tax revenue of \$4,412, or a total of \$13,238 for tax years 2003 through 2005.

At Monday's meeting the council voted on a resolution to increase the original contract price of the property to \$475,000-\$120,000 over the original sales price. The council voted to pass the resolution. However, Councilman Bengivenga abstained.

The borough and Edgewood Properties have since agreed to a purchase price for the property and closed the sale on Tuesday at a price of \$475,000.

At the meeting, borough resident Jake Cataldo said that the borough should try to be more accurate in future sales. He added he did not in any way want to blame anybody. "We all make mistakes, that is why there are erasers on pencils. Let's just correct the problem," he added.



Pictured (L to R) are students Dominick Penevolpe, Sherne Dugtong and Christopher Brechka, along with Officers David Demaio and Dariusz Szczesny.

Students Learn About Stranger Danger

By Jane Dornick

Middlesex County Sheriff's Department Officers Dariusz Szczesny and David Demaio conducted a program on Stranger Danger for Kennedy Elementary School students.

The officers explained about what to do when confronted with strangers on the playground, at school, on the phone or on the computer. They

further advised the students never to get in a car or talk to anyone they don't know and to have a password with someone they know and trust who may be picking them up. They emphasized that there is no age limit on being abducted and advised them to tell an adult about an inappropriate touch from anyone, even if it is someone they know. Techniques about how to answer the phone or

door when no one is home and to find an employee if they are separated from family members in a store were discussed. Officers also stressed the proper use of the 911 emergency call system and told students not to hesitate to use it if they feel something is wrong. Children were also told that it is best to stay with a friend or inside a building and not be seen alone.

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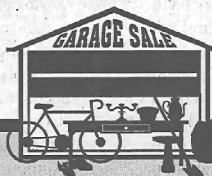
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Marge Reidy, president of the South Plainfield Woman's Club, received a Sixth District award for Communications at the NJ Federation of Woman's Clubs annual convention held recently in Atlantic City.

Woman's Club Members Attend Annual Convention

Marge Reidy, president, Mary Ann Iannitto, president-elect and Frieda Walker, past president of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club attended the 112th Annual Convention of the New Jersey Federation of Women's Clubs held at the Atlantic City Hilton. As well as the official business including the presentation of resolutions for action by the assembly, the convention included reports detailing the year's accomplishments, and elec-

tion of officers for the 2006-2008 administration.

The women from the South Plainfield Woman's Club participated in workshops and roundtable discussions. Judging of district gold ribbon winners was held for Arts/Creative, Conservation and Communications entries. State awards were presented and Marge Reidy received an award for Communications.

The NJSFWC supported the Food-

Bank of New Jersey as their Special State Project during the 2004-2006 administration. The federation collected food, clothing and school supplies as well as raising \$319,860 for the worthy cause.

For information about the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs of GFWC, call (732) 294-5474. For local information call Grace Farinella at (908) 753-5753.

Honorary Grand Marshal Nominations Sought

Labor Day is just around the corner and the South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 49th Annual Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, Sept. 4. The theme of this year's parade is *Families: South Plainfield's Greatest Asset*.

If you know of an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, please send us a letter stating your reason why this person should be considered for Honorary Grand Marshal. Please include the candidate's name, address, phone number and accomplishments. The deadline for accepting nominations is July 28. Send your nomination to: The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The Public Celebrations Committee is also seeking any nonprofit organizations interested in having a concession stand at the PAL grounds during the festivities. Please send your concession stand applications to: The Public Celebrations Committee, Kim Gallagher, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

In addition, parade marshals are needed to assist in the organization of the parade line, followed by walking with their unit the length of the parade. All marshals must be 18 years or older. Please submit your parade marshal applications to: The Public Cel-

ebrations Committee, Joe Scrudato, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

All applications can be submitted online by visiting our website at www.southplainfieldnj.com.

Free Seminars On College Funding

Free educational seminars, presented by Mark J. Mauro, SPA, are being held for the parents of college bound high school students at Bridgewater-Raritan High School on June 13 and at Raritan Valley Community College on June 15. The seminars will focus on little-known ways of getting money for college, no matter how much income you have, or how good a student you are.

The classes will include such topics as how to double or triple your eligibility for free grant money, the secret to sending your child to a private or state school for less than the cost of a junior college, and the single biggest mistake that nine out of 10 parents make when planning for college.

Both seminars take place from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

To reserve a seat, call toll free (877) 656-2727.

policereport

- On May 30 George M. Watkins, 20, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, not having a proper child restraint device and four outstanding warrants.
- An employee of Robert James Sales on Montrose Ave. reported that the windshield of a company vehicle had been smashed.
- Ken's Links on Hamilton Blvd. reported the theft of five BMX bikes and an air pump. A front door window had been broken and the door unlocked to the building. Several bikes and the air pump were found abandoned near Sears Hardware on Oak Tree Rd.
- An employee of Cedar Oaks on Durham Ave. reported the theft of a cell phone that was left on the kitchen counter.
- An Edison resident reported the theft of her purse from her unlocked car in the DMV parking lot.

- On May 31 Rosario Grisafi, 22, of Hightstown was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- A Houston, Texas resident reported the theft of her purse at Kohl's.
- A Harvard Ave. resident reported that his social security card had been used to open a fraudulent cell phone account.
- On June 1 Gaetano Al Dente, 68, of Westfield was arrested for unlawful possession of a weapon at Al's Truck Repair on Tyler Pl.
- A Piscataway resident reported the theft of his wallet from his locker at LA Fitness.
- On June 2 Matthew D. Perna, 32, of Philadelphia, PA was arrested for driving on a suspended license, maintenance of lamps and an outstanding warrant.
- A Durham Ave. resident reported that someone had kicked in the door to their residence while they were home

and scared away when confronted.

- A Manahawkin resident reported that their driver side window had been broken and a Garmin GPS was taken while parked at the Home Depot office on Hamilton Blvd.
- A Daniel St. resident reported the theft of his keys that were left in the car ignition while parked at Dunkin Donuts on Maple Ave.
- On June 3 James Arthur Thiel, 19, of Edison was arrested at Pathmark for shoplifting \$148 worth of DVDs.
- On June 4 Michael Rogan Powell, 20, of Piscataway was arrested for no registration, speeding and two outstanding warrants.
- On June 5 Hanif A. Dwyer, 48, of East Orange was arrested for no registration, a passenger in the rear cargo area with no seat or seat belt and five outstanding warrants.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT
(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: John H. Meissner

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon GOLDBECK MCAFERTY & MCKEEVER, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 6000 - Mellon Independence Center; 701 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (856) 858-3242, an answer to the Amended Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Countrywide Bank, a Division of Treasury Bank, N.A. is plaintiff, and John H. Meissner and Victoria Meissner, wife of John H. Meissner are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-6583-06 within thirty-five (35) days after June 9, 2006 exclusive of said date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex-CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated September 11, 2003, made by John H. Meissner as mortgagor, to Countrywide Bank, a Division of Treasury Bank, N.A. recorded on December 20, 2003, for Middlesex County in Book 8189, Page 725 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage has not been assigned; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 15 Benedict Way, Iselin, NJ 08830.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-(732)-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7600.

YOU, John H. Meissner, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the record owner of the mortgaged premises and because you executed the bond or note and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

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Superior Court of New Jersey

\$39.25 June 9, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

May 24, 2006, Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on May 23, 2006.

- A. Case # 06-06/S—Durham Realty Co. The applicant's request for minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary/Planning Board

\$19.25 June 9, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR SUBDIVISION AND VARIANCE APPROVAL

NOTICE IS GIVEN that a hearing before the South Plainfield Planning Board will be held on June 27, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey concerning the application(s) of Jane L. Crawford and Albert C. Hladish for the properties at 1147 South 9th Street, South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey (Block 134, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield tax map) and 1130 South 10th Street, South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey (Block 134, Lot 20 on the South Plainfield tax map) to obtain the following concerning said properties:

1. Approval of subdivision to redraw the common ownership property lines between the two (2) lots. No new lots will be created, and
2. Variance approval for lot width, side yard, and accessory building set-back lines for 1147 South 9th Street, and lot depth, front yard, rear yard, and accessory building set-back lines for 1130 South 10th Street.

The Applicant(s) may seek such other relief as the Planning Board may require.

You are entitled to appear and be heard on this application. All maps and other documents for which approval is sought, are available for inspection by the public in the Zoning/Planning Office of the Municipal Building at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on any weekday between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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\$47.25 June 9, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE


May 26, 2006—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 25, 2006.


- A. Case #80-05-The Mobile Storage Group, Inc. Block 288; Lot 1; Roosevelt Avenue. The applicant's request for a (d) (2) use variance expansion, together w/amended preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #04-06-Omnipoint Communications, Inc. Block 448; Lot 4.02; 3606 Kennedy Blvd. The applicant's request to w/draw this application w/out prejudice was hereby GRANTED.
- C. Case #11-06-Thomas P. Mascia. Block 541; Lot 13; 150 Durham Road. The applicant's request for a use variance was hereby DENIED.
- D. Case #23-06-Scott Pietschker. Block 231; Lot 12; 168 W. Nassau Avenue. The applicant's request for (4) front yard setback variances in order to construct a porch w/roof and (2) additions was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.


Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$38.50 June 9, 2006

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