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Hamilton Blvd. Massage Parlor Busted Again Employee Arrested Tuesday, Charged with Prostitution

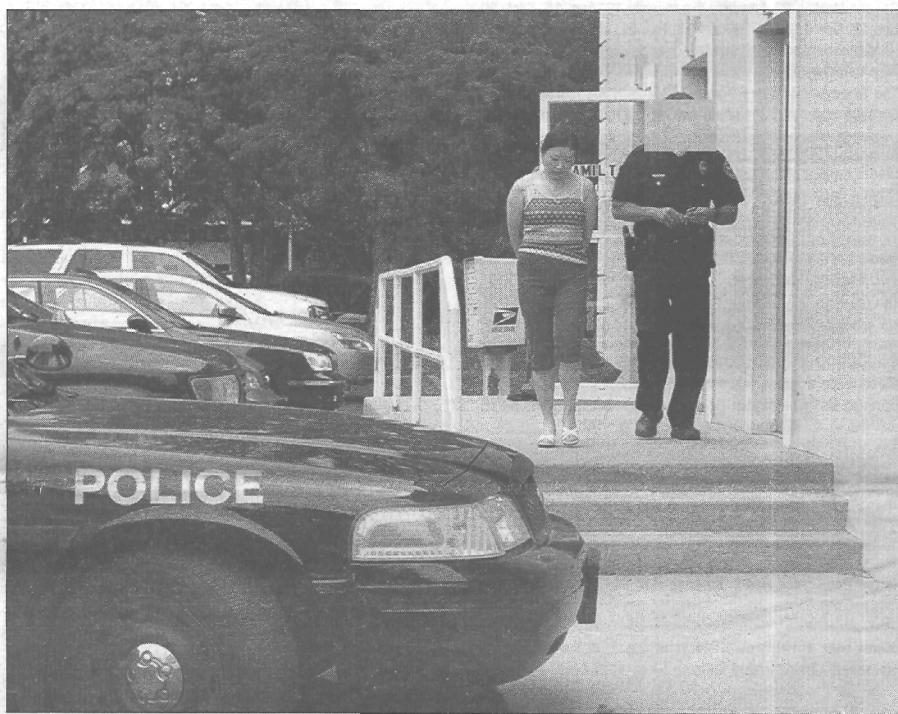
As a result of an investigation, South Plainfield Police arrested Haige Yang, 51, at The Hamilton SC Center, located at 1110 Hamilton Blvd. early Tuesday afternoon. Yang was charged with prostitution after she solicited an undercover officer with an offer to perform sexual activities for money.

Yang, a resident of Flushing, NY, was released after posting \$1,000 cash bail.

This is the second arrest at Hamilton SC Center. Last August, after an anonymous tip and numerous complaints from neighbors, police arrested Shun D. Zhang, also of Flushing, NY. The business had been under surveillance for more than a month prior to the arrest. An

undercover officer posing as a client was propositioned by Zhang.

There are at least four other similar businesses currently in operation in the borough, according to Nancy Grennier, editor of the South Plainfield Observer. She has expressed her concern of the proliferation of these establishments to the Borough Council and cited ordinances recently passed in Hillsborough and Manville which require businesses operating as massage establishments to be licensed and regulated. Grennier asked the council to consider introducing a similar ordinance to eliminate the establishment of more of these types of businesses in the borough. Mayor Gallagher responded that the council would look into it.



An unidentified South Plainfield Police officer escorts Haige Yang, who was arrested at the Hamilton SC Center.

Tiger Wrestling Team Invited to The Clash

By Bob Hunter

The South Plainfield High School Wrestling Team, two time defending Group III State Wrestling Champions and the number three ranked team in New Jersey, were invited to participate in "The Clash" High School National Duals, one of the toughest high school dual tournaments in the country. Thirty of the top ranked high school teams in the country will

Participation in this tournament will add to the prestige of South Plainfield wrestling on a national scale. South Plainfield, which finished the year as the 24th ranked team in the country, will look to improve their position on a national level. Many of the wrestlers began their careers at the age of five through the recreation team, which has had many years of success that followed through Middle School teams, producing four state



The SPHS Tiger Wrestling Team.

square off in this two-day dual format tournament in December 2006. It is an honor and a great opportunity for our wrestlers to test their skills against the nation's top competitors. The other New Jersey team invited was Jackson Memorial High School, which placed second in last year's tournament and finished the year as the number one team in the state. Other teams competing are: Carl Sandburg from Illinois, last year's champion; Apple Valley, a Minnesota state championship team; Sedro Woolley, state champions from Washington; Skutt Catholic from Nebraska, a class B state champion and Wisconsin Rapids D1 state champions.

championship teams since 2000 at the high school level.

The wrestling team has been a source of pride for South Plainfield for many years and now needs your help. A fund raising effort has begun to raise the necessary funding to provide our wrestlers with this outstanding opportunity. Donations from corporate and individual sponsors will be accepted. Activities will take place throughout the summer and fall to help send our wrestlers to this very tough national tournament. For more information on how you can help, visit www.spwc.com or call Bob Hunter at (908) 769-0439 or Ken Martin at (908) 769-4305.

Rosado Voices Support for Principal

By Libby Barsky

During the June 14 Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 14, Superintendent Dr. Robert Rosado lauded the efforts of South Plainfield High School Principal Dr. Ken May for his part in developing the academic achievements of the students with his staff. His endorsement in essence overrode any suggestion that Dr. May would be transferred or removed as the school's principal.

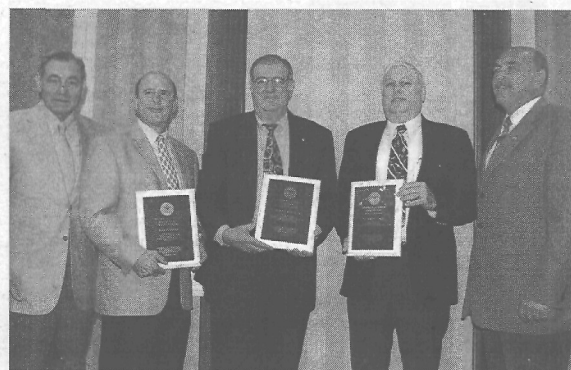
"You know that in my tenure as Superintendent, if I feel someone has to be transferred, they will be transferred. I make that recommendation," said Rosado. Enthusiastic about the status of the recent HSPA scores, Rosado gave credit to Dr. May. "Our district has done better than any district in Middlesex county—let alone any in the state... Academically we are probably ranked in the top four or five high schools in the county right now. In my first year here, we were 110th, just barely ahead of the Abbott Districts. So our focus has to be on the true picture of what the kids have done. They have done remarkably better because of all the people who work here and have made that effort. Our focus has been on one thing—to make sure that our kids are successful and they (teachers and administrators) have done an outstanding job."

Before the endorsement by Rosado,

members of the Board of Education discussed problems they saw in the management of discipline and safety at South Plainfield High School. Because there was the possibility that Dr. May, Roosevelt Principal Charles Ford and High School Disciplinarian Robert Diehl might be transferred, the three had received letters informing them that they would be under discussion and it would be up to them to have their discussions take place in public or private. May and Diehl asked that they be discussed in public

and Ford requested that there be no public discussion about him.

"I don't think a change in the administration would change the problems that exist. It's impossible to run a district without having problems," said board member Pio Pennisi. In reviewing ways to increase security in the high schools, both Pennisi and Rosado charged the borough council for limiting the choices of the board to "bad" decisions and removing teachers and programs to make up the \$1.2 million reduction in the budget.



Hall of Fame Inductees Honored—The 2006 SPHS Hall of Fame nominees, Michael L. Santoro Jr., Dr. David H. Austein and Louis Calderone, received plaques at a luncheon held June 6 at the Holiday Inn. In attendance were SPHS Principal Ken May (far right), Anthony Cotoia (left), members of the nominating committee and family members. Dr. David H. Austein and Michael Santoro Jr. also spoke at the high school's award assembly that evening.

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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 (NJSA 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 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

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.-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.-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 plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

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

(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

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.

IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor

I would like to take the opportunity to express my deep and heartfelt thanks to all the caring and thoughtful people of South Plainfield (especially all the senior citizens) who shared their love and prayers and support throughout my recent illness and transplant. I especially want to thank the staff and volunteers at the Senior Center for all their hard work as well as my co-workers at Borough Hall and the Mayor and Borough Council members for their support and cooperation. I am truly blessed and wanted to publicly acknowledge the consideration and kindness of my co-workers and friends.

We live in a very extraordinary town. The sense of community we share here is very special and unique. It is one of many qualities that exist here in South Plainfield which I appreciate more and more every day. So, thank you all very much and may God bless each of you.

One more thing I'd like to mention... the importance of being an organ donor. On March 1, 2006, my life changed forever because of a woman who lived on the opposite side of the country; a woman I never met but will never, ever forget; a woman who was an organ donor and miraculously was a perfect genetic match to me. In her last hour, she gave a lifetime to me and the other recipients she gave organs to. Her last act was a true gift of love, one that my family and I will be forever grateful for.

Right now, there are more than 90,000 people on the national transplant waiting list. Thousands of men, women, and children in the United States are waiting for organ transplants that could save their lives. Each year, approximately one-third of those people receive life-saving transplants and a hope for a renewed life because of the generosity of individuals who at a time of personal grief think of others in need. Despite this generosity, the need continues to grow. Each day, 17 people die while waiting for a transplant. A new name is added to the transplant waiting list every 13 minutes. I would urge you to consider being an organ donor. Your last act could be a life altering act that can save dozens of lives. Thank you very much.

SINCERELY,
JOANN GRAF

To my fellow residents

On Saturday, June 17, there was a fundraiser at Grant School to benefit Stokes 2007. A trailer was parked in the lot that is sometimes used as a thoroughfare by residents in this area to avoid Plainfield Ave. I am guilty of it myself.

But one thing I do not do is drive as if it is a street, going through at 30 mph or more. Especially when there is a trailer parked there and adults and children are walking about with bags of clothes for a good cause.

I would like to send out a special "right back at ya" to the woman in the black Explorer who got behind me as I was going into the circle, on my way home from my fourth trip to the trailer. That SUV certainly has great pickup, doesn't it? I realized it as you passed me in the middle of Lake St. going about 50 and giving ME a hand gesture familiar to us all. If someone drove like that through your neighborhood, I'm sure you'd be as angry as I am.

Please, think about this as you drive through our town, "would I want people driving through my neighborhood like this?"

SHARON REUTER,
SOUTH MADISON DRIVE

Dear Editor

Two news items caught my attention recently. The first was the Democrats' traffic plan. It's funny how a mayoral election brings out all sorts of new "plans." Charlie Butrico has been on the council for five years, and

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now all of a sudden he decides traffic is a problem. Where have you been Charlie?

Charlie says he is being "proactive." Not even close-proactive would have been doing what I said eight years ago and extending Hollywood Ave. The paper didn't say how the Helen Street project is now scheduled for 2011 (more than 12 years behind schedule). At this rate, Helen Street might take longer to build than the pyramids of Egypt.

Also, Charlie, how can you reconcile your vote to put 1,000 new cars on the Tingley Rubber site with your plan to reduce traffic? Any benefit will be taken away by the new traffic you're creating.

In addition, hundreds of thousands of dollars were spent to make Hamilton Blvd. sturdy enough for trucks. Why did you waste all this money only to come up with a plan to divert the trucks right after construction began? Shouldn't you have figured this out before spending the money on the Hamilton Blvd. reconstruction? Is this being proactive?

The other news item that caught my eye was West End Ave. The council says it knew nothing about Jack Morris using borough land for several years without paying any rent or taxes. Yet I specifically complained about it at a council meeting.

I wish I could report that Morris was getting what he deserved, but instead he'll only be getting a slap on the wrist and that's only because Councilman Bengivenga pushed the issue. It's amazing how some people get fined to the hilt for this type of thing, but when it's Jack Morris very little happens.

Maybe it's just me, but it seems like time after time Butrico and the Democrats are making poor decisions. He's bungled the Helen Street project. He's wasted tons of extra money getting Hamilton Blvd. upgraded for trucks. He's voted to put seniors on a toxic industrial site near the highway, truck terminals, and the gas pipeline that exploded. Oh, and let's not forget how while he was in charge of land management Jack Morris got away with using Borough property for free. With all of this, I can only imagine what he'll do as mayor.

JAKE CATALDO
Editor's Note: Hamilton Blvd. is a county road and the reconstruction taking place is funded by Middlesex County, not South Plainfield.

Glitterbugs Announce Contests

The Glitterbugs have announced several contests which are open to children of South Plainfield.

2006 Logo Against Litter Design Contest-Design a Clean Communities logo on an 8 1/2 x 11 piece of paper for the 2006 Clean Community Trade-mark against litter. The design should be in three colors, done in ink and must display an anti-litter theme. Put your name on the back of the paper as well as your phone number. Do not print your name on the logo.

There will be one logo design winner who will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the movies.

Poster Contest-Have you ever wondered what happens to your garbage after you throw it away, or imagined what "away" looks like?

Use your imagination to determine what "Planet Away" looks like

and create a poster. Poster may be in any medium and should be no larger than 17 x 20.

Essay/Story Contest-Can't draw but like to write! No problem!

Submit your typed essay on "My Visit to Planet Away" (limit essays to three pages or less).

One winner will be chosen in each age group and for each poster contest and essay/story. Contest winners will receive a \$25 movie gift certificate. Every entrant will receive a participation certificate. Age categories are: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13 and 14-17.

Logo entries, posters and essays will be hung throughout town.

Bring or mail entries to Borough Hall by July 15, attention Alice Temple, 2480 Plainfield Ave. Winners will be notified by Aug. 1. Open to South Plainfield residents only

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John E. Riley School held a Flag Day Ceremony last week. Mrs. Campagna first grade teacher and Mrs. Gurske led the students in song as they raised the flag in their annual ceremony in the front of the school.

BOROUGH NOTES

Council Notes

- The council approved block party requests from Annette Nicolay for June 24, (no raindate) on Smith St. between Jackson Ave. and Spruce St. and Doreen Massaro for July 1 (no raindate) on East Crescent Parkway between Oxford and Woodland avenues.
- The council approved a request from G & W Laboratories to block off the dead end portion of Helen St. for an employee picnic on June 30.
- Employ seasonal workers at the South Plainfield Community Pool for the period May 1 through September 6 were approved.

- The local municipal tax rate for the Borough of South Plainfield was established for Fiscal year 2007.
- A \$4,000 grant was received from the Middlesex County Alliance for drug awareness.
- The council accepted the Fiscal Year 2005 Audit as prepared by the Borough Auditor, Hodulik and Morrison, PC.
- The council approved the hiring of seasonal workforce employees at the Department of Public Works for the period May 15 through Sept. 4.
- Brad Martin has been hired as a part-time groundskeeper at the Recycling Center effective June 10.

Installation of Officers at Suburban Woman's Club

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield recently held their Installation of Officers at the Water and Wine Restaurant in Watchung, hosted by Jean Popik. Mildred Leonard, past state executive board member and past sixth district vice president installed President Mary Ann Iannitto, Vice President Marge Reidy, Recording Secretary Rose Cucurello, Recording Secretary Frieda Walker and Corresponding/Federation Secretary June Flannery.

After lunch, retiring president Marge Reidy gave a short report of the club's accomplishments during the past year, which included writing the club's history and revising the by-laws, the over 2,000 volunteer hours given, the almost \$2,000 raised for the club's charities and state projects, the \$1,000 scholarship presented to a deserving graduate of South Plainfield High School, the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets making two needy South Plainfield families happy, the handmade teddy bears, the baseball outing, the books and tapes read to local school children, cookie day which benefited the Keystone Home in South Plainfield and most of all the cooperation, the hard work and the dedication of the club members.

Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning,
Public Affairs Chairman

Darfur Aid From SPHS Touches Community

By Michael Duquette

As the crisis in the Darfur region of the Sudan earns slow but growing coverage among American journalists, a dedicated teacher and her driven students have spent nearly every waking moment promoting awareness and providing relief to the inhabitants of a once-peaceful land now torn apart by genocide.

South Plainfield High School's chapter of Help Darfur Now, an organization of high school students aiding in the relief efforts, has helped raise well over \$2,000 in the span of just over a month; more importantly, though, they have helped display a new generation's commitment to political awareness and action.

The local chapter of Help Darfur Now, advised by history teacher Frances Flannery, already well-known among the SPHS faculty for her commitment to the study of genocides in world history, has become an unmistakable presence throughout the halls of the high school. Many of the group's eighty-plus members are seen during lunch periods selling candy, pins, bracelets, and shirts to raise money for Save Darfur and Doctors without Borders. June 9 was declared "Save Darfur Day" and hundreds were seen wearing Darfur apparel to spread the word to other students. Sales increased dramatically that day, nearly selling out everything there was to offer.

On June 11, members of Help Darfur Now made their first major foray into the South Plainfield community, speaking at Wesley Method-

ist Church about the Darfur crisis and encouraging others to become aware.

Awareness is the most important asset the members of Help Darfur Now have given students and faculty. With so much being reported about fights or unrest at the high school in recent months, the notion that students can put aside their collective differences and help others in need is truly inspiring.

Flannery has certainly noted this as an advisor to the group. She recounted with great happiness that several teachers told her they had been asked by students about the meaning of Darfur, only to see other students answer the questions. "Kids were really affected by it," she said, "and we are so grateful for the opportunity to see how the community is affected."

The high school administration make no secret of their pride in presiding over a community where such a message is clear. "We are very fortunate [that] the students accept the diversity of their fellow students and realize it's a strength, not a weakness," said Principal Dr. Ken May. "It elevates the students to a level of international thinking and demonstrates that we are on a different ethnic conscience level."

Vice-Principal Althea Bowman-Williams said of Help Darfur Now, "It just shows again how caring this school is, not just about South Plainfield but the lives of people around the world."

The History Department has obvi-

ously shown extensive support for the students as they work together to provide aid. "This is an eye-opening experience for the students, who would normally not be exposed to this type of tragedy," said history teacher Shane Kagan. "I think these students are idealistic and they are making a difference." He also marveled at the maturity of these students, grappling with the kind of world issues that most teenagers write off. "There's a sophistication that goes beyond just being a high school student... You take a major tragedy like Darfur and the average person knows so little about it, but these kids are educators."

Those same young adults are eager to point out what they have learned not only from studying the facts and figures of the crisis, but with the help of Ms. Flannery—learning what they can do to make a difference. "This really raised a lot of awareness; I had absolutely no idea about Darfur before then," said senior Alex Nau. "I see little blurbs on the Internet but not as much information as there should be."

"At this age, you usually don't know what's going on in the world," said junior Guani Joshi. "It's good to know that we can make such a difference."

Those who wish to learn more about what South Plainfield can do to make a difference can visit Help Darfur Now online at www.helpdarfurnow.org.

Riley School Holds Kindergarten Orientation

This year 34 future John E. Riley students participated in the kindergarten orientation program. There were two sessions a.m. from 9-11 a.m. and from 12-2 p.m.

The future students go to meet the teachers and staff. They made arts and crafts projects and even took a bus ride around town.

The students can't wait to start school next year! Everyone had a great time. Thank you to Stephanie Wolak, Melissa Menkin, Laura Timmerman, Mrs. Esporin, Francis Ruiz, Deane Croce, Christine Faustini, Patty Callanan, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Winick and Karen Kelly.

Submitted by Joan Rochotte, Chairperson

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CORRECTION

In the June 16 issue of the *Observer*, we incorrectly reported that Elizabeth Martin, president of the middle school student council, wrote the speech that she gave at the Memorial Day ceremonies. Elizabeth read the speech, beautifully, but did not write it. We regret the error.

Events

Feast of the Sacred Heart Celebration

June 23

Celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart on Friday, June 23. A celebrated Mass will be offered at 7 p.m. Following the liturgy, the Sacred Heart Adult Choir will present a special concert featuring music of American composers and American hymn tunes. Following the concert there will be a reception in the school cafeteria. All are welcome.

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.

"Billy and Rose Falcon" in Concert

July 8

On Saturday July 8 at 7 p.m. the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus will be hosting their second annual live acoustic concert with pop recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon. Limited tickets available by advance sales only. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus charity fund.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 under 18. Price includes the concert and the "after show" party. Refreshments are included. Doors open at 6 p.m., concert starts at 7 p.m. For tickets call Brian Cargill (908) 755-9717.

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What's happening in
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Youth Scrapbooking Program at Library

July 22

There will be a children's scrapbooking program at the library on Saturday, July 22 at 9 a.m.

Dayel Giammarino of "Creative Memories" will lead children in making a photo sharing card. Participants should bring 6-10 photos for the project. The program is for children age eight and over; space is limited, so pre-registration is required. There is a materials fee of \$8, payable upon registration.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Recreation Trip to Disney's "Tarzan"

July 23

South Plainfield Recreation is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see the new Disney musical "Tarzan" on Sunday, July 23. Bus leaves the PAL at 11 a.m. and arrives back at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$85/person. Only 43 tickets available. Purchase tickets at the PAL.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Trip

July 27

The South Plainfield Senior Center plans a trip to the Hunterdon Hills Playhouse to see "Broadway Sally" on Thursday, July 27. The bus departs from the Senior Center at 10 a.m. The cost is \$55 per person and includes transportation, a full luncheon and the show. Space limited to 50 people; reservations required so please stop by the Senior Center.

IRA Seminar at Library

July 29

The library will host the seminar "Maximize Your IRA" on Saturday, July 29 at 11 a.m.

The program will be presented by Kevin R. Garron of New York Life. He'll address various subjects related to retirement planning, including available programs, contribution limits, and Roth vs. Traditional IRAs. The program is being presented free of charge. No pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

12th Annual South Plainfield Open

August 2

The South Plainfield Golf Association is sponsoring their annual golf outing on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club in Cream Ridge. Entry fee is \$100 per golfer and includes green fees, cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 11 a.m., lunch at noon, shot-gun start scramble format at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

Registration and payment due by July 17 to guarantee your spot. For more information call Dick DeAndrea at (908) 755-1700.

Classic Car Show Benefits Alyssa Ricciardi

August 7

Classic and Custom Car Show will be held on Monday, August 7 from 6-9 p.m. to benefit Alyssa Marie Ricciardi (a local child battling cancer) at Sherban's Diner on Front St. sponsored by the Fusco and McIntosh families. Come and see some great rides and support a worthy cause.

For more information call Ron at (908) 482-0008.

Starlight Socials 21-35

June 24

Starlight Socials for Professionals is hosting a dinner for singles 21-35 on Saturday, June 24 at 6 p.m. at Applebees, 640 Promenade Blvd. in Bridgewater. Cost is \$3, plus cost of dinner, tax and tips. RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Polka Spree By The Sea

June 24

Bus trip to Polka Spree by the Sea on Saturday, June 24, New Convention Hall in Wildwood. Bus leaves from Sayreville at 9:45 a.m. and Manville at 10:30 a.m. Enjoy polka music, walk the boardwalk or ride the rides! Call Fran at (908) 722-9025 for information and/or reservations.

D.A.R.E. New Jersey Golf Open

June 26

The 15th Annual D.A.R.E. New Jersey Golf Open will be held on Monday, June 26 at Roxiticus Golf Club in Mendham.

Registration and luncheon buffet begins at 11 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m., dinner and awards reception follows at 6 p.m. The winning team will be presented with the Jeffrey M. Creamer Memorial Award presented annually in memory of Jeffrey, an innocent victim who lost his life at the hands of a drug abuser. The Creamer family has been instrumental in helping fight the war on drugs and violence in New Jersey.

For reservations, contact Mindy Lazar, D.A.R.E. NJ at 1-800-DARENJ1.

Adoption Support (CHATS) Meeting

June 26

Adoption Support CHATS will meet from 7:15-9:15 p.m. on Monday, June 26 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield. For more information, check our website at www.chatsnj.com or call Alyce at (732) 227-0607.

EMA Family Life Center Carnival

June 27-July 2

The Eula Mae Amaker (EMA) Family Life Center, Inc. in conjunction with the National Black United Fund, Inc. is sponsoring a summer carnival extravaganza at Plainfield High School grounds on Park Ave. in Plainfield from Wednesday, June 27 through Sunday, July 2. Carnival rides, games, face-painting, food, gospel night (July 1), community services provided by area hospitals, fire department, police department plus other activities.

For more information, call (908) 753-2615.

Starlight Socials 35+ Happy Hour

June 28

Starlight Socials For Single Professionals 35+ will host a Happy Hour on Wednesday, June 28 from 7-9 p.m. at Robertos, 70 W. Passaic St., Rochelle Park. Free appetizers. No cost except for what you order.

Please RSVP to Starlight Socials@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

June 28

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance educational meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. The public is invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members. Free literature, lending library of audiotapes/videotapes.

For local information call (973) 994-1143, visit the website <http://dbsanewjersey.org/morristownarea> or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at (800) 367-6274.

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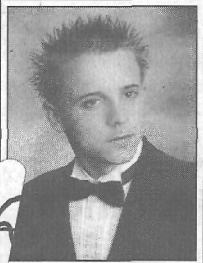
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Milestones

Gina Marie D'Urso Graduates Magna Cum Laude from Franciscan University

Gina Marie D'Urso graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Franciscan University of Steubenville in Ohio on Saturday, May 13.

Franciscan University is a small Catholic University of 2,400 students just 40 miles west of Pittsburgh. Enrollment includes students from all 50 states and 17 countries. The university offers 29 bachelor degree majors and seven master degree programs. The University gave Gina the opportunity to live out her faith in service to others, supporting her moral, spiritual and religious values as guided by the example of St. Francis of Assisi.

While at the University, Gina served on the Homeless, Music, Prayer and Pro-Life Ministries. Gina is a member of The Love of the Lambs Household, which is a Christ centered group of women supporting each other in faith. She worked as a resident advisor for her dorm for two and a half years. She spent a semester studying abroad in Austria during her sophomore year and traveled through Europe.



Gina Marie D'Urso

Gina will pursue a graduate degree in Theology and Christian Ministry upon returning from a five week Catholic mission trip in Hawaii.

Gina is the sister of Cassie and the daughter of Marie and Richie of South Plainfield. She graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2002.

Mary Elizabeth Otlowski Graduates from College Misericordia



Mary Elizabeth Otlowski

Mary Elizabeth Otlowski, daughter of Wayne and Joanne Otlowski, graduated from College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa. on May 20 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology.

While attending College Misericordia, Mary swam for four years on the women's swim team. Her specialty was the 100-yard and 200-yard butterfly, for which she was awarded numerous medals and ribbons.

Mary plans to work and then further her education by enrolling back in school again within the next year.

Tamara Dombrowski Graduates from The University of Tampa

Tamara A. Dombrowski is a 2006 graduate of the University of Tampa. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Performing Arts and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications with a minor in Dance/Theater.

Tamara, daughter of Lee and Melanie Dombrowski, is a 2002 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

She is a member of the Phi Eta Sigma, National Collegiate Honor Society and Alpha Psi Omega, National Theater Honor Society. She was awarded a choreography award and sang The National Anthem and the alma mater at the University of Tampa's commencement ceremony held at the St. Pete Times Forum on May 6.



Tamara Dombrowski

Bucknell University Awards Degrees to Jeffrey McKnight and Lauren Reed

Bucknell University conferred nearly 800 bachelor's and master's degrees during commencement ceremonies on May 21. Degrees were awarded for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, education, management and music.

Jeffrey N. McKnight, a 2002 graduate of South Plainfield High School,

graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Cell Biology/Biochemistry. McKnight also received the University Prize for Men, for the man attaining the highest average and the President's Award for Distinguished Academic Achievement. Jeffrey is the son of Gary and Gerilyn McKnight of South Plainfield.

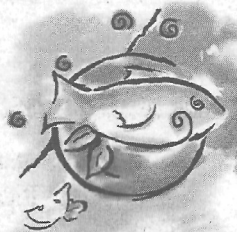
Lauren J. Reed, a 2002 graduate of Mount Saint Mary Academy, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. She is the daughter of Andrew and Lynn Reed of South Plainfield.

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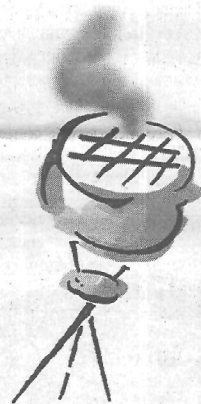


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June 30-July 2

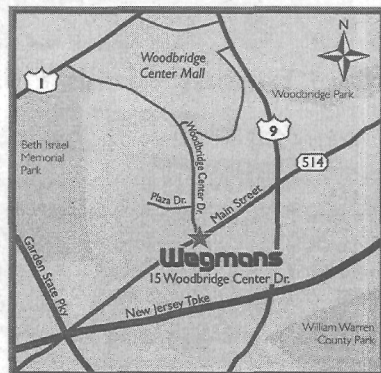
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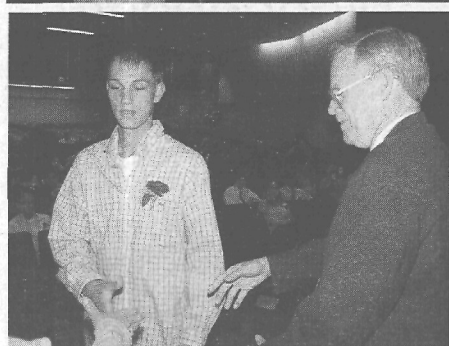
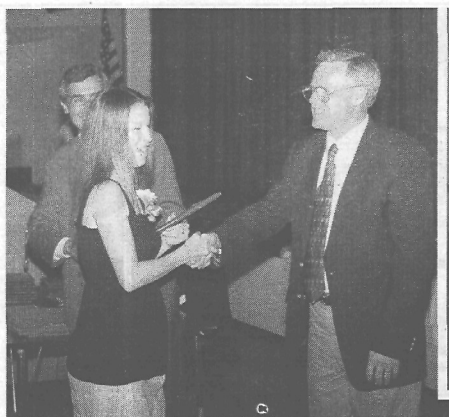


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Wesley Church Observes Peace and Justice

Peace and Justice is a common theme between Wesley Church and high school students who have shown interest in peace and justice in the world. In fact, it was the students who brought energy to Christians' seeking peace and justice at a function organized by the Commission on Church and Society of Wesley United Methodist Church in South Plainfield.

The event, conducted by Dena Winick of Wesley's Commission on Church and Society, began with a ballet-the dance of peace and tranquility-by Jessica and Adriana Feliciano of North Plainfield. The group watched a DVD on William Sloane Coffin, a prophet of peace, which inspired the viewers with a passion for peace and justice.

The Commission on Church and Society is an open forum, it is not necessary to be a member of Wesley Church to participate. Speeches by Steven Tietgan, Amanda Harzula and Ryan Miller, all of South Plainfield, resonated with the church when they expressed their passion for justice to the oppressed. Steven eloquently laid out what is at stake for human beings when another part of the world is suffering. Amanda stressed a unified humanity and mutual responsibility. Ryan's powerful message from the heart was breathtaking in that he challenged the "us versus them" attitude.

Pastor Nehemiah Thompson said that the church has not been able to overcome this problem in the world. He welcomed the "fresh air" that came into the church.

The Methodist brand of the Christian church has always been global in its outlook and open and centered in social justice. Methodists usually point out injustice which may occur in their civil community. They see followers of

Jesus essentially as those who heal the sick, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless (Matthew 25) and love others. The Salvation Army was started by Methodists (William Booth) and the YMCA was started by the Methodists (John R. Mott).

What the Tiger 24 of the South Plainfield High School does is just the same. That's why there was so much mutual adoration between the church and students.

In her address, SPHS History teacher Frances Flannery recognized the common ground between the church's message and her students' endeavor about Darfur, Sudan and other places of genocide. "While history is usually the story of the dominant community, Flannery made the history as the story of marginalized people bringing stories of genocide into the mainstream. "This will make South Plainfield High School History Department one of the best in New Jersey," said Rev. Thompson. "This is what brought the students to Wesley. What the students said in their speeches replaced the church's traditional teaching or preaching role with a learning role for at least that day."

Rev. Nehemiah Thompson said this common venture for social justice should continue. It's wrong to assume that the church's role in the community is always to bring people to church. The church's primary role in the community is to help the down trodden, bring justice and heal the sick. This is the gospel of Christ. A banner hanging in the fellowship hall of the church where this event took place said: "Seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God- Prophet Micah's famous saying."

Former South Plainfield Man Pleads Guilty to 1983 Murder

The former South Plainfield resident who was arrested in December, 2004 near Longwood, Fla. and charged with a 23-year old murder pleaded guilty to aggravated manslaughter in state Superior Court in Elizabeth on June 12.

Domenico Anastario, 45, admitted he and two friends had gone to Plainfield in the early morning hours of Nov. 27, 1983 to buy marijuana. Their money stolen, the men drove to Anastario's house, took his father's loaded .22-caliber rifle and went looking for the victim, Marcus Jones, 23 and shot and killed him.

Charles K. Gordon, 22, was caught in the crossfire and suffered wounds to the ear, face and arm. South Plainfield Police Chief John Ferraro, a patrolman at the time, was one of the first officers to respond to the shooting. Finding Jones alive, but unconscious and bleeding, Ferraro

performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation until help arrived. Jones' killing remained unsolved for more than 20 years. The case was reopened in 2004 after police received a tip that Anastario had moved to Florida.

John Furda and Fernando Sanchez, Plainfield Detectives as well as Frank Pfeiffer, who now works cold case files in the Union County Prosecutor's office, cracked the case.

Anastario turned himself in to the Longwood, Fla. police in December, 2004 and faces 13½ years in state prison.

Ferraro was able to supply detailed information to detectives which aided them in their 2004 investigation which eventually led to Anastario's surrender. "I was glad to be a part of solving a cold case and am impressed by the perseverance and investigation done by Plainfield Police and Union County Prosecutor's Office," commented Ferraro.

32 Receive Diplomas at Adult School Commencement

GRADUATION 2006

South Plainfield Adult School

South Plainfield Adult High School held their 29th Annual Commencement Exercise last week. Thirty-two students, ranging in age from 18 to 42, received diplomas. This is one of the largest graduating classes in the adult school's history.

Sophia Domogala, director of Adult and Continuing Education, offered welcoming remarks and introduced the evening's special guests. John Hanlon, adult high school co-

ordinator introduced the staff to the audience.

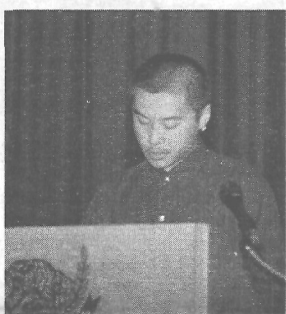
Guest speakers included Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert J. Rosado, Board of Education member Tim Morgan

and Gwendolyn Kane, coordinator, Community Learning Center at Roosevelt.

Three graduating students also spoke. They were Kerri O'Connor, Quantas Randle and Sai Huang.

Certificates were awarded to students who completed the English as a Second Language course.

Adult school graduating students should be commended for the extra effort they make to receive their high school diplomas. These students are not forced to go to back school to complete their education, they do it because they want to, which says a lot about each and every graduate. They all must have the desire to go back to school and finish their high school education. The joy on their faces shows how much their high school certificates mean to them. Many of the graduates are already enrolled in community and state colleges, trade schools and other higher edu-



cational institutions.

2006 Adult High School graduates are: Joseph Agrillo, Alejandra Baron, Kris Calivo, Heather Chilemi, Kimberly A. Cole, Edwin Cruz, Eric Fernandez, Sai Huang, Lance Jordan, Sharon J. Jurado, Jarett Linczyk, Nick Magri, Jessica Marie Montanez, Paul Noclosi, Kerri O'Connor, Emily Paes, Kevin L. Page, Dayron Prince, Yoni Rames, Quantas Randle, Edison R. Refe, Matthew P. Retterberg, Nazreen Rishianally, Christina Scavone, France A. Schreib, Stephen Christopher Schramm, Tunisia Scott, Yanique Smith, Alan Sweatt, Quoc Tran, Luis Valazquez and Katherine Wachterhauser.



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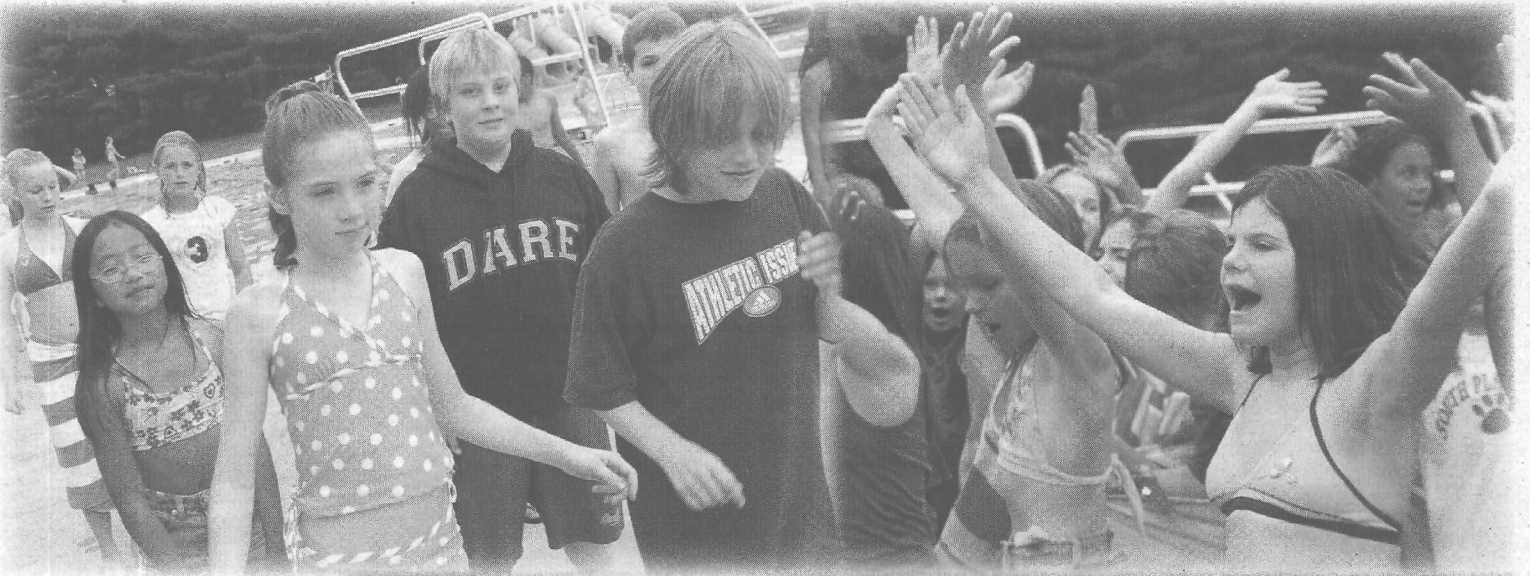
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DARE Graduates Have a Blast at Annual Picnic



By Jane Dornick

There was plenty of fun, sun, food, dancing and prizes at the annual DARE pool party for Grant Elementary School fifth grade students held at the South Plainfield Community Pool on June 12.

South Plainfield DARE Police Officers Dave Franchak and Al LaMonda spent several months during the school year teaching the fifth graders about drug awareness, and the pool party is always a much anticipated event. Classmates spent the day playing games of miniature golf, volleyball, dodgeball, basketball and shuffleboard and then jumped into the pool for a quick cool down. DJ Kevin Murtagh always kept the party moving and shaking with dance tunes. The PTO had plenty of food on hand with pizza, sandwiches, snacks, drinks, ice cream and Italian ices.

The highlight of the day was the numerous raffles. This year prizes included gift certificates from Target, a Sony Playstation 2 and Ipod tune cards donated by Physical Therapy of South Plainfield, two mountain bikes, a CD player, DARE sweatshirts and more. The winner of the Playstation 2 was Ian Dow and the winners of the mountain bikes were Yulia Panella and Atithi Patel.

Officers LaMonda and Franchak would like to thank the following people and businesses for their continued support and donations towards making this another successful year for the DARE program and picnic: Chief John Ferraro, Mayor Dan Gallagher and the Borough Council, Lt. Chuck Siedenbug, Lt. Kevin Murtagh for taking time off to DJ, Kevin Hughes for the use of the pool and lifeguards, South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298, Grant School PTO, Hall's Fast Motor Freight owners Billy, Bruce and Dale Jayne, Regal Cinema, Target, Ron Sward, owner of Physical Therapy of South Plainfield, Ciccio's Pizza, Hometown Heros, Dunkin Donuts and everyone else who helps make the program possible each year.



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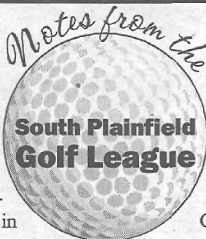
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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

At the half-way mark in the South Plainfield Golf League, KC's Korner of the American Division and Twin City of the National Division hold slight leads in battles for championship honors in both divisions that will be decided in the final few weeks.



KC's Korner maintained their hold on first-place in the American Division by hammering Witty's Liquors, 16-4. Mark Dugan of KC's Korner was the only one who managed to break 40, posting a 39, in a match that featured a lot of bogeys and double-bogeys.

Pornovets held onto second place as they swept aside 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 16-4. Frank Oades and Jim Pornovets tied for medalist honors with solid rounds of 36 and Marty Van De Vaarst came through with another nice round of 37 as the Pornovets team continues to show the balance and consistency that was missing last season. Chris Nuzzo posted an impressive 2-over 35 for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, in a losing effort.

With their new team gold shirts, Eddie's Grinders are the most color-coordinated team in the league and maybe it's the shirts that are helping to bring out the best in this highly talented team. All four of the Grinders broke 40—the only team to achieve

this feat this season—as Eddie's had no problem in downing Plainfield Animal Hospital, 13½-6½. Ed Banach and Jay Bertleson had 36's, Fred Kirchofer shot a 37 and Chris Dillon scored a 39 as the Grinders won their

fourth match in a row. Keith Steele and Mark Chichvar had a pair of 38's for PAH.

Item for Golf-is-a-Strange-Game Dept.—in his round of 37, Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer hit a beautiful three-wood on the 241-yard fourth hole that found the green, and he then sank the putt for eagle.

Then on the sixth hole, Kirchofer hit an ugly drive that not only missed the sixth fairway, it soared over the fifth fairway, and found the green on the fourth hole in practically the same spot as his fourth-hole tee shot. More than a little embarrassed as he approached the fourth green to retrieve his ball, Kirchofer heard his playing partner, Ed Banach, sarcastically remark, "Instead of taking a free lift, why not try to sink the putt and go down in golf history as the only person ever to make an eagle twice on the same hole in the same round."

Over in the National League, Twin

City stayed on top after blowing out the VFW by such an overwhelming number that it was still being computed at press time.

Bill Mann and John Cacciatore both fired two-over par 35's to lead the Hackers to a lopsided 15-5 win over Buy-Rite Liquors who played very well in going down to defeat. Irish Danny Griffin who is now playing better than anyone in the league had a 35, Mike King had a 36, and Al Szumski posted a 38, but their fine efforts were not enough to offset the Hackers.

Dennis Bibby has emerged as the superstar of Sport & Social as he posted a four-over 37 to spark his team to a crushing 16-4 victory over Patti's Construction. Mike "Hybrid" Behr had the low round of the night, a sparkling one-over 34 for Patti's who have now dropped five in a row.

Al Szumski won the weekly closest-to-the-pin competition on the fifth hole, and Cappy Capparelli earned the KC's Korner luncheon-for-two award with his terrific tee shot on the seventh hole.

Low scores for the night: Mike Behr, 34; Danny Griffin, 35; Chris Nuzzo, 35; John Cacciatore, 35; Bill Mann, 35; Ed Banach, 36; Jay Bertleson, 36; Frank Oades, 36; Jim Pornovets, 36; Mike Kind, 36.

South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club B League Winners



In a thrilling two game championship series, the SPJBC B League Indians beat the Cardinals 12-9. Pictured are Indians coaches Jim Olano, Keith Eggert and Sam Persaud with players Paul Cano, Sean Cullen, Zachary George, Joseph Jakubik, Tyler Lewis, Jason Lowery, Aidan McDermott, Liam McDermott, Ernest Mejias, Michael Olano, Sam Persaud and Michael Polizano. (Not pictured Coach Glenn Cullen.)



The second place Cardinals coaches are Bill Butrico and Dominick Demico with players Charles Butrico, Christopher Butrico, Joel Curran, Joseph Demico, Dominic Demico, Alex Dornick, Kevin Farrell, Ryan Guarraci, Steven (Tucker) Merkler, Nicholas Papianni, Dominic Penevolpe and Steven Vincent.

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Sports



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club's 2006 C-League champions are the Giants. They finished the season with a 13-1 record, defeating a tough Dodgers team 12-11 in extra innings on June 16 to take the championship. Pictured kneeling are: Jack Townley, Jake Hoffman, L.J. Scarpitto, Chris Graves and Luke Painton; standing, Wes Bowe, Scott Pietschker, Kevin Jones, Tommy Heim, Robbie Rudnick, Nick Castagno and Brian Marski. Coaches are Joe Scarpitto Sr.-assistant coach, Glenn Graves-coach, Joe Scarpitto-manager and Greg Hoffman-assistant coach.

By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

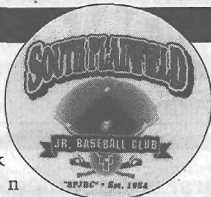
The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC) 2006 regular season is over. The SPJBC would like to thank all of the volunteers that helped make 2006 one of the best seasons ever. All round robin tournament play has ended. There were a number of dramatic extra inning wins and upsets throughout the playoffs. League winners were as follows:

- C League-Giants
- B League-Indians
- A League-Braves
- Pony B-Co-champions: the Angels and the Pirates
- Pony A-Red Sox

This past weekend the SPJBC hosted the Father's Day Classic Tournament. All four SPJBC teams advanced to the finals. Results will be in next week's issue. The club would like

to thank Glenn Graves for his hard work in running the Father's Day Classic.

This weekend the SPJBC will be hosting the 11 year-old summer tournament. Volunteers for the snack stand and field duty are needed. Anyone who has not worked a snack stand or field duty has this last opportunity to work.



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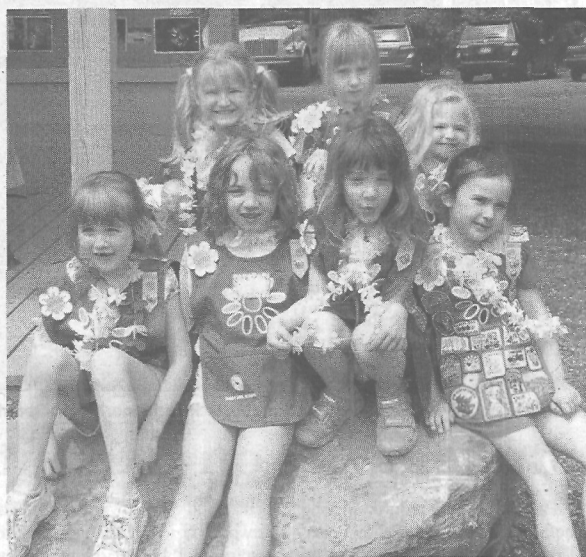
Despite dismal weather, some die-hard girl scouts and their families joined other community members for the town-wide cleanup. Along with our neighbors, we cleaned areas such as Highland Woods, public parks and pocket parks in town.

This is an annual event, held in April. Join us next year!

Daisy Girl Scouts from South Plainfield and nearby towns trekked to Camp Lou Henry Hoover in Middleville to have their first experience at the Girl Scout campground. They enjoyed a luau theme, a pizza party, crafts, outdoor games, hiking and a tour of the campgrounds and facilities. This was a great opportunity for our youngest scouts and their parents to become familiar and comfortable with the surroundings. This is a place to learn new skills, responsibility, independence and to just have fun!

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community would like to recognize the following members of our community who reached a milestone this year.

Five years as a volunteer: Christine Clawans, Tina George, Kathy Hoagland and Stephanie Wolak. Ten years as a volunteer: Karen Calderone, Lisa Hahn-Gould and Linda Kelly. Ten membership years (as a girl and adult): Sue Bichler, Karen Calderone, Diane Conroy, Karen Kelly, Linda Kelly, Carolyn Parisi, Christa Reinecke, Stephanie Wolak. Our Green Angels (a.k.a. Rookies of the Year): Janet McDermott, Stacie Marish and Lori Praul. "Thank you" pins for our new Daisy leaders: Don Ardito, Stacie Marish, Dana Milane, Sue Piro, and Joanne Zeliff. Appreciation certificates were issued to Kathie and George Pittenger for extra efforts this year. Outstanding Leaders: Tina Gee-Ng, Abra Hodge-Laznovsky and Julianne



South Plainfield Daisy Girl Scouts visited Henry Hoover in Middleville.

McCormick.

Our outstanding volunteers were nominated by their peers for extending an extra effort to manage community or troop events: Denise Armand, Jane Becker, Madeline Christilles, Diane Conroy, Lois Eger, Lisa Hahn-Gould, Jeanne Gruver, Kathy Hoagland, Anne Howarth, Stephanie Mann, Carol McCarthy, Gerri Novak, Kathie Pittenger, Robyn Stoeckel and Carrie Tupp.

Lastly, we recognize the Service Team for the 2005-2006 program year: Michelle Biggs, Michele Billich, Madeline Christilles, Diane Conroy, Jeanne Gruver, Linda Kelly, Fatima Latif, Carolyn Parisi and Sue Rusk.

Thank you to our award recipients, our troop leaders and volun-

teers for your continuous dedication to our girls and community. Together we can create an environment where girls grow strong! New girls are always welcome. Adults, consider joining us as volunteers. The girls need you and we'd love to see some new, fresh faces in the fall! Watch for our information and registration table at the Labor Day festival.

South Plainfield is one of 24 communities proudly served by Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, Inc. Founded in 1957, GSWRC provides the optimal Girl Scout experience to nearly 11,000 girls and adults. For more information please call (908) 232-3236 or log on to www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

Submitted by Madeline Christilles

Boy Scout Troop 207 Celebrates 10 Years

The Boy Scouts of America Troop 207 celebrated their 10th anniversary on Sunday, holding a special ceremony at Veterans Park which looked back on the troop's decade of service to South Plainfield and celebrated the current group of boys who continue to learn about the values and lessons of the Boy Scout way of life.

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John E. Riley first graders Sandra Vordzorgbe, Jack Cochrane, Megyn Decarlo and Ryan Stankan display their artwork inspired by "The Three Musicians."

Student Art on Exhibit at John E. Riley School

The latest installation of "Art for the Main Office" is currently underway at John E. Riley School. The display will continue through the summer months and into the 2006 school year. Barbara Harris, art teacher, is the founder and organizer of the program, which seeks to highlight groups of students and their work in a special way. The young artists, all first graders, are Jack Cochrane, Megyn Decarlo, Ryan

Stakan and Sandra Vordzorgbe. The artworks chosen are mixed media faces inspired by Pablo Picasso and African art.

The children had been studying the art of Africa in Harris's art classes. One area of emphasis was how some 20th Century European and American artists were influenced by African art even though they had never traveled to Africa. Pablo Picasso was one of these

artists. He used ideas from African peoples' faces, which changed the appearance of art forever.

This art project was inspired by Picasso's famous painting, "The Three Musicians." The project combined bilateral symmetry, which the first graders had been studying, and mixed media collage to create mask-like faces. Then the children used stencils to make

a border that looks like the Kente cloth patterns of the Ashante tribe from the African country of Ghana.

The artwork in the background of the photographs was created by second graders. The black and white mixed media masks were inspired by Mbuya tribal masks from the village of Pende in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire).

Camp Hoover Weeks Steadily Filling Up

For over 50 years, Camp Lou Henry Hoover, the summer resident camp of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council, has been creating great summer memories for girls of all ages. The summer of 2006 figures to be no different as Camp Hoover is set to open its doors yet again to girls entering grades 2-12. Camp sessions are steadily filling up but space remains available for some programs. Contact Coleen Hay at chay@gswwc.com to check on availability.

The first camp session gets underway the week of July 9-15 with the final session taking place Aug. 13-19. Girls can register for a multitude of general and specialty programs all grouped by age and all designed to maximize enjoyment and create lasting memories.

For information or to register, contact Camp Registrar Coleen Hay at (908) 232-3236, ext. 1213 or email chay@gswwc.com. Visit the online home of GSWRC for more Camp Hoover information, as well as www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

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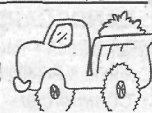
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policereport

• On June 13 Anthony T. Solimeno, 31, of Tinton Falls, was arrested for having fictitious plates, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• A high school student reported the theft of a Kenwood stereo and plastic dash board piece from his Acura was missing from his vehicle.

• A Foster Ave. resident reported that their vehicle had been spray painted as well as the road.

• On June 14 at Spring Lake Park ranger reported that the men's bathroom had been spray painted with graffiti.

• Deiredre A. Payne, 44, of Plainfield was arrested at Tumi Inc. on Durham Ave. for defiant trespassing.

• On June 16 Allyssa Camille Magcamit, 26, of South Plainfield was arrested on two counts of possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance in a motor vehicle, failure to stop and driving on a suspended license.

• Terry L. Campbell, 17, of Edison was arrested for driving on an expired

license, failure to keep right, failure to exhibit a valid registration and obstruction of the administration of the law.

• On June 17 Julio Cesar Morales Veras, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, consumption of alcohol in a vehicle, having an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, failure to exhibit documents, no insurance and reckless driving.

• Raymond Douglas Harris, 47, of East Orange was arrested for no insurance, driving on a suspended license and several outstanding warrants.

• Karim Ar-Raheem Shari West, 29, of Piscataway was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at Best Western.

• A Piscataway resident reported that the rear passenger window of their vehicle had been shattered by a pair of brass knuckles which were found in the back seat.

• On June 18 EG Paving on Snyder Rd. reported the theft of an Ingersol-Rand plate tamper worth \$2,500 which was tied and padlocked on top of a trailer. The ties and padlocks had been cut.

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To conclude the ceremony, the graduates presented their parents with a special gift in recognition of all their support and sacrifice.



The Sacred Heart Class of 2006 is Brandi Adams, Lily Altamirano, Edward Amirault, Jamal Blair, Jasmine Brown, Taurien Buffalo, Julia Caruso, Sarah Dullon, Brenda Eke, Alexandra Fee, Victoria Gaydos, Jilleanne Gulotta, Joshua Howard, Issac Irving, Michael McHugh, Nicholas Montouri, Alfonse Muglia, Kaitlin Muglia, Takia Nash, Adrianne Novak, Ethan Ockay, Richard Ortegon, Sean Piersanti, Aaron Pinkard, Gerrianna Pinto, Harley Roig, Patrick Ruiz, Sarah Rusk, Zachary Sikanowicz, Jordan Simmons, Najhi Talley, Jaclyn Thomas, Melanie Vellaio, Ashley Venino, Taylor Washington, Crystal Williams and Vachele Wilson.

Obituaries

George William "Gentle Man" Harders, Sr., 86

George W. Harders passed away at home on Tuesday, June 13.

Mr. Harders, an appliance repairman, was a resident of Piscataway for much of his life before moving to South Plainfield with his daughter in 1992.

Mr. Harders was a graduate of Barringer High School in Newark. After graduation, he became a member of the 158th infantry in the United States Army, serving during World War II in the Pacific. Harders received various medals and commendations including the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the Philippines Liberation Ribbon and the American Service Medal.

George was a 32nd Degree Master Mason, a member of the Shriners Crescent Temple, Past Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star, a chaplain of American Legion Post #119 of Dunellen, and a member of VFW Post #5479 in Dunellen.

He is predeceased by his son, Ernest, who died in 1993.

Surviving is his wife of 59 years, Catharine; a daughter, Lynn Thompson and her husband Bill of South Plainfield; two sons, George Jr. and his wife Rhonda of Illinois and David of Florida; five grandchildren, Sherri and Matt Square, Laura Campbell, Brian and Robin Thompson and two great grandchildren.

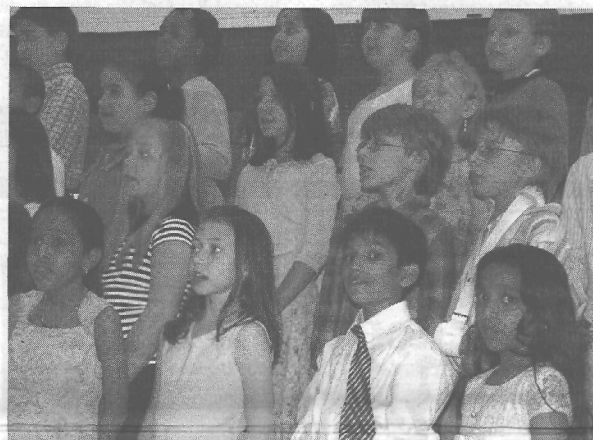
Private funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Kennedy School Spring Concert and Art Show

Kennedy Elementary School annual spring concert and art show featured performances by the string ensemble conducted by Kristen Gennings, playing "Trumpet Tune," "Happy Dance," "The Harmonious Blacksmith," featuring the violin quartet of Charles Butrico, Taylor Donato, Brandon Ozbalik and Amanda Dolan and finishing with "Old Mac Fiddle."

The school band played "Lightly Row," "Crusader's March," "Feres Jacques," "Banana Boat Song" and "Olympic Fanfare," with soloists Brandon Ozbalik, Samuel Persad and Juliana Reo and was conducted by Carleen Tedeschi. Conductor Barbara Habeeb, accompanied on piano by Carleen Tedeschi, led the third and fourth grade chorus in singing "Break Forth Into Joy," "Freedom, Can I Ride" and "The Dream Lives On."

Students artwork was also on display throughout the school for visitors to view.



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that a hearing was held before the South Plainfield Planning Board on May 23, 2006 regarding the applications of Joseph Poletti aka Giuseppe Poletti, Antonio Poletti, Iole Fragassi, and Anna Caruso for approval of subdivision of the property located at 3131 Park Avenue, South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey (Block 222, Lot 6 on the South Plainfield tax map) and for variance approval for lot width, lot depth, and accessory building (a shed) set back requirement. The applications were approved, as modified so that only a lot width variance was necessary, so that the applicant can construct a single-family residential dwelling on the newly created lot. The determination or resolution memorializing the approval of the applications is on file in the office of the South Plainfield Planning Board or the South Plainfield Municipal Clerk's Office and is available for inspection.

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Counselor at Law, L.L.C.
Attorney for Applicant(s)

\$52.30

June 23, 2006

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

June 15, 2006, Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on June 13, 2006.

- A. Case # 680/V-Colorful Story Books, Block 390; Lot 6.04; 2 Hollywood Court. The applicant's request for preliminary site plan approval with bulk variances was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case # 06-01/M/V-Giuseppe Poletti, Block 222; Lot 6; 3131 Park Avenue. The applicant's request for a minor sub-division with a bulk variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Planning Board Secretary

\$31.00

June 23, 2006

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