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"NEVER SAY GOODBYE"

The South Plainfield 1998 Junior/Senior Prom, "Never Say Goodbye," took place on Friday, June 5, at the Pines Manor in Edison. Although gray skies appeared threatening, the rain held off and the evening was perfect for the annual celebration. High School Principal Anthony Massaro greeted guests as they arrived. The Prom boasted a wide variety of attire. Dress for the occasion ranged from traditional to outrageous, including top hats to leopard prints. The students enjoyed a buffet and danced to the music by Travesties Enterprises.

The Class of 1998 officers are Scott Bartucci, president; Allison Raiti, vice president; Mike Calderone, secretary and Sarat Munjuluri, treasurer. Class Advisors are Ms. Gina Baker and Ms. Diana Joffe.

Booster Club Holds Annual Awards Dinner

The South Plainfield Athletic Booster Club held its Award Winners Dinner on June 11. Bill Cochrane served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Also in attendance were Athletic Director Mike Buggy and High School Principal Tony Massaro. Guest speakers included Kiley Jackson, freshman basketball player attending Fairleigh Dickinson, Dan Hurley, Assistant Coach of Rutgers Men's Basketball and Jim Carr, Assistant Director of Rutgers Men's Basketball. All three speakers emphasized the importance of studies and sports. They said that even though participation in high school and college sports takes up a lot of time, athletes have done very well academically. The important thing is to keep your priorities in the right order.

Most Valuable Player Awards
The Senior Most Valuable Player Awards in Fall Sports went to Michael Francis for football, Keith Palmer for boys soccer, Shelly Algoo for field hockey and Stephanie Wrublewski for cheerleading. Awards

in Winter Sports went to Joe Celentano, Tommy Doerr and Chris Johnston in wrestling, Michael Francis in boy's basketball, Kris Nagy in boy's winter track, Stephanie Wrublewski in cheerleading and Jason Kline and Kevin Smith in boys bowling. Spring Sports Awards went to Jeff Fritze in baseball, Joe Glowacki in golf and Amanda Bremer and Joy Walter in softball. The Senior Rookie Award was presented to Sarat Munjuluri in boy's tennis.

Senior Letters

The 1998 Senior Letters Winners are Shelly Algoo, Rahman Ali, Kristen Basilone, Maria Berberabe, Robert Bernauer, Amanda Bremer, Joe Celentano, Dan Chozo, Stephen Cisz, Nick Clay, John Coppola, Tommy Doerr, Keith Ducker, Adriana Echeverry, Lisa Fortunka, Mike Frances, Jeff Fritze, Jario Giraldo, Rebecca Gross, Shanna Hall, Joe Harrah, Steven Herzog, John Johnson and Angie Salazar.

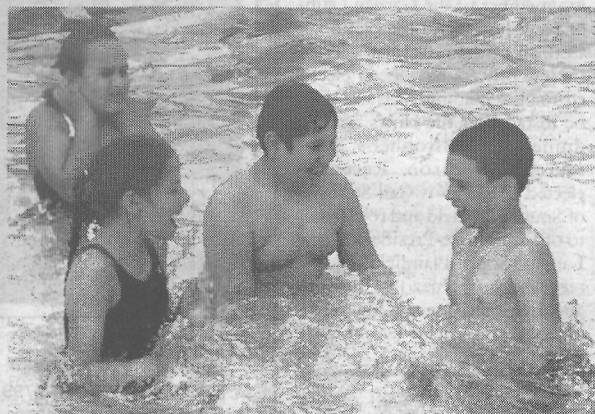
Chris Johnston, Keido Kame-
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Standing (left to right) are Booster Club President Mike English, guest speakers Dan Hurley and Jim Carr, Second Vice President Burg DiLillo and Athletic Director Michael Buggy. Seated are (left to right) Treasurer Ginny Butrico, First Vice President Mickey Wrublewski and Secretary Laurie Kurilew.

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300 DARE fifth graders and safety patrol members enjoyed a picnic/pool party sponsored by the South Plainfield Municipal Alliance and Traffic Safety Department.

BOROUGH NEWS

Council:

- ◆ An ordinance establishing a no passing zone the entire length of Oak Tree Avenue from Park Ave. to Front St. was introduced. A Public Hearing will be held at the July 16 meeting before its adoption.
- ◆ The contract for School Crossing Guards was awarded to DMS Systems. The hourly rate will be \$11.99 per guard hour, not to exceed \$20,262.
- ◆ The Board accepted the resignations of Tulio Capparelli and Mildred Waldrom from the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee.
- ◆ Owen Kelly was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Senior Citizen's Advisory Board expiring 12/31/98.
- ◆ A contract was awarded to Stilo Excavating Inc. for the rental of a Paver-Roller and a Tac Truck, not to exceed \$9,500.

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In my OPINION

Dear Friends and Neighbors:

I have something interesting to share with you. I called for a bulk pickup, you know, "spring cleaning." I found out we are now doing it in the fall. That's right ladies and gentlemen, our illustrious Mayor and Council is at it again.

The elected officials of South Plainfield are saving us money by cutting the bulk pickups from five days to one day a week and my pickup will be taken in October. When will yours get taken care of? Will this increase the trash on the side of the roads? I hope not.

If we put all our bulk junk on the politician's lawns it will be done in seven weeks! No problem! What do you think? I know it's a dumb idea but it's a lot better than cutting services. The question is, do we need to be as ridiculous as our government?

Seriously friends, there has to be a better way. If your taxes were going down I could see it, but they're not. If they didn't have the means I would understand, but they always had them in the past. Maybe this is their way of admitting failure to do the business of the people. What do you think???

BRIAN LEARY

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To the Editor:

South Plainfield High School Project Graduation Committee wants to express our gratitude to Domino's Pizza. On Tuesday, May 19, Domino's gave 10 percent of their sales to our event. Chris Rowe, the owner, supplemented the proceeds with a personal donation. This is not the first time that Domino's Pizza has been so generous to our community. We ask everyone in South Plainfield to think Domino's the next time you want pizza. Let's give back to the businesses that support our schools.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT GRADUATION COMMITTEE

To the Editor:

The South Plainfield Business Association's Annual Golf Outing held on May 5 at Cranbury Country Club was quite a success, in spite of the weather. The generosity of all the participants and sponsors helped make the day. We had nearly 75 supporters in the corporate areas sponsoring flags, teas and door prizes. Our golfers included 143 men and women. This support enables the Business Association to continue enhancing the betterment of our community.

Plans are already in the works for next year's outing. Look for more information in the near future. In the meantime, mark your calendars for the early part of May 1999.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
MARIA ELENA JENNETTE,
1998 GOLF CHAIRPERSON
PAULETTE GIROUX, PRES.
ART MUGLIA,
PAST PRES.**



The 1998 Hall of Fame inductees are Joseph Belardo, Robert Hunter Jr., James Muglia and Steven Timko.

Hall of Fame Inductees are Honored

1998 Hall of Fame inductees Joseph Belardo, Robert Hunter, Jr., Dr. James Muglia and Steven Timko, were honored at a luncheon held on June 2.

Robert Hunter, Jr., a 1971 SPSHS graduate, attended Middlesex County College and the University of Tampa. He is the owner and president of Conroy-Hunter Funeral Home. Robert is married with four children and resides in South Plainfield.

James D. Muglia, D.D.S., a 1964 SPSHS graduate, received a BA from Rutgers in Psychology in 1968 and his D.D.S. from New York University School of Dentistry in 1973. Dr. Muglia resides in Fairfield with his wife and four children.

Steven J. Timko, a 1963 SPSHS graduate, went on to receive a

BS in education, majoring in Physical Ed/Health followed by graduate work at Rider University where he earned his Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Supervision in 1979. He is currently Director of Athletics, Physical Education and Health at Hopewell Valley. Steven resides in Belle Mead with his wife and two children.

Joseph Belardo, a 1965 SPSHS graduate, attended Middlesex County College majoring in business. He currently owns and operates Support Systems Specialties, Inc. in South Plainfield. Joe is married with two sons and resides in South Plainfield.

Superintendent of Schools Guy Ferri spoke of the importance of role models in society and expressed that recognizing

these former students provides these examples to our current students. He also reminded everyone that, "Our youth are South Plainfield's finest assets."

Anthony Massaro, S.P. High School principal, praised the inductees by saying, "These men are not extraordinary people, just ordinary people who do extraordinary things." He also said all these men saw a job that needed to be done and went out and did it. Most of their accomplishments were not in their fields or jobs.

The plaques were presented to the High School Hall of Fame inductees at the June 2 High School Awards ceremonies. The plaques will be hung in the lobby of the High School along with the former honorees. There are now a total of 20 inductees.

Tara Nova Garden Club Beautifies Borough Hall

Terra Nova Garden Club members recently planted annuals at the South Plainfield Municipal Building for the sixth consecutive year. This year's theme is a patriotic red, white and blue blend of plants. The team also planted flowers around the new sign at the front driveway entrance and at the new monument dedicated to local police who have passed away.

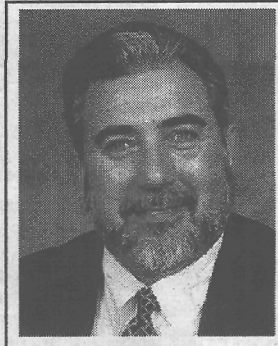
South Plainfield members of the Civic Beautification Project are Philomena DeFillippo, Mary Lane, Gail Sulinski, Eugenia Maranich and Mary Mazepa.

The Terra Nova Garden Club is based in Edison, with membership drawn from surrounding communities. Edison residents Helen Behrens and Nancy Fuchs have been planting and maintaining flowers at the North Edison Library. The Club is a member of the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

New officers have been elected for the coming year and will be installed at the club's annual dinner at Christopher's Restaurant in Edison. Recently elected president is Gail Sulinski of South Plainfield and re-elected to office are Vice-President Mary Lane of South Plainfield, Secretary Virginia Nuzzo of Edison and Treasurer Eugenia Maranich of South Plainfield.



The Tara Nova Garden Club planting team pictured left to right are Philomena DeFillippo, Mary Love, Gail Sulinski, Eugenia Maranich and Mary Mazapa.



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Teachers Honored with Governor's Teacher Recognition Awards



Seated left to right are Miss Sharon Perez, Roosevelt School; Miss Joan Wysochansky, John F. Kennedy School; Mrs. Janet Errico, Grant School; Mrs. Victoria Molnar, Franklin School. Standing are Mr. William Nothnagel, John E. Riley School; Mr. Donald Panzarella, Middle School; Mr. Michael English, S.P. High School; Dr. Lillian A. DeSimon, assistant superintendent of schools.

Church Preschool Accepting Summer Fun Applications

Pilgrim Covenant Church Preschool and Learning Center is now accepting applications for the 1998 Summer Fun Program. Now in its third year, the program offers learning activities for children between the ages of four and 10. Classes are taught by New Jersey certified teachers and runs July 6 through August 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily. Activities include crafts, music, whole language and phonics reinforcement, math skills, computer skills and games structured according to each child's developmental levels and learning styles. Parents have a choice of three or five day programs and preference of days, but class sizes are limited.

For more information and an application, please call Chris Sienkiewski, director, at (908) 756-4979.

Taxpayers Advisory Group Elects New Officers

The Taxpayers Advisory Group elected the following new officers at their June 4 meeting:

Chairperson	Harry Kuhn
Vice Chairperson	Richard Petrone
Recording Secretary	Jim McNabb
Parliamentarian	Jim McNabb
Member	Frank Cornell
Member	William Nagy, Jr.
Member	Ted Rubino
Member	Steve Ales
Council Liaison	Vinnie Buttiglieri

At this time the Taxpayers Advisory Group is looking for members. They ask anyone interested in joining the group to contact one of the members for information. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Borough Hall at 7 p.m. Please note that there will be no meeting in July. Visitors are welcome at their meetings and are free to participate in the conversations.

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Seven teachers were recently distinguished by their selection as award winners in the 1997-1998 Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. These seven South Plainfield teachers will be recognized at the June Board of Education meeting, with framed commendation from the Board of Education.

The South Plainfield honorees joined other award recipients at a convocation and luncheon held at East Brunswick Chateau on May 21 where they were awarded certificates by the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Mary Jean Guidette. Among the featured speakers on the program were Beth Neiderman, 1997-98

New Jersey State Teacher of the Year; Wayne Cokeley, 1997-98 Middlesex County Teacher of the Year and Lynda Zapotichny, 1996-97 Middlesex County Teacher of the Year.

Selection as the single honoree from each school in the district is of special significance; these teachers were nominated by their colleagues in their respective schools. A committee of administrators, teachers, parents and community members made the final selection of award winners from the field of nominees. Dr. Ken May, S.P. High School assistant principal, chaired the selection committee.

Rescue Squad Answers 154 Calls

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad responded to 154 calls in May, including 117 emergencies, 22 motor vehicle accidents, two fires, three hazardous materials calls, one mutual aid request, five transportation and three community service requests. The squad volunteers spent more than 318 crew hours answering the May calls.

American Legion Awards \$1,000 Scholarships

The South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post 243 has created an ongoing partnership with the South Plainfield High School Cooperative Education Program.

The American Legion initiated a scholarship fund and competition to honor students excelling in both academics and on-the-job training during their senior year. A highly competitive essay and interview event was held by both teachers and Legion members which included recommendations

and community service activities. Commander "Doc" Donald Austin, Finance Officer John Blanchard and Adjutant Rich Magri announced two \$1,000 winners for 1998. They are Kristen Basilone, daughter of Patricia and John Basilone of Lafayette Place, who will attend the University of Delaware to major in liberal arts and John Butrico, son of Michele and John Butrico of Kenneth Avenue, who will attend Middlesex County College to major in criminal justice and fire science.



Pictured left to right are South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post 243 Finance Officer John Blanchard, high school seniors Kristen Basilone and John Butrico, Commander "Doc" Donald Austin and CE Coordinator Dee Falto.

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5. to comment, to note attentively

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Celebration Dinner Planned for Father Michael McGuire

Sacred Heart is planning to hold a dinner dance in celebration of the 40th anniversary of Father McGuire's ordination to the priesthood.

The affair will be held at the Pines Manor, Rt. 27, Edison on Sunday, June 28 starting at 5 p.m. with a cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres followed by dinner. The price is \$50 per person. For information and reservations call the Parish Center at 765-0633.

Summer Solstice Celebration Planned at Highland Woods

On June 20, the South Plainfield Environmental Commission and Friends of the Woods will sponsor a Summer Solstice Celebration at the South Plainfield Nature Reserve in the Highland Ave. Woods. Mid-summer revelers will meet at the Sylvania Place entrance to enjoy the (almost) longest day of the year. Storytelling by Dave Street will begin at 7:30 to be followed by an evening nature walk led by Dr. Emile DeVito. Mr. Street is a professional performer who specializes in environmental presentations. Dr. DeVito, a teacher of the Environmental Commission, is Director of Conservation Biology for the N.J. Conservation Foundation.

The program is free of charge and registration is not required. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and may wish to bring something to sit on. We also suggest insect repellent. For more information, call the Environmental specialist at (908) 226-7621.

P.B.A. to Host Tournament

The South Plainfield Police P.B.A. is holding its Seventh Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, Aug. 21, at the Gambler's Ridge Golf Club, Burlington Path Rd., Cream Ridge, NJ. The awards banquet will follow at the Gambler's Ridge Pavilion located at the course. For more information, contact Lt. Paul Brembt at (908) 226-7681.

Budget Hearings Scheduled

The Finance and Administration Committee has set up a schedule for departmental budget hearings. They will be held primarily on Monday and Thursday nights during weeks in which there are no Council meetings. The meetings will start at 6:30 p.m. and wrap up by 9:00 p.m. The schedule is outlined below.

DATE	DEPARTMENT
June 15	DPW/ Sewer Field Operations
June 18	Fire, Police, 911 Youth Aid, OEM/FAS
June 29	Tax Assessor, Construction, Planning & Zoning
July 1	Recycling and Environmental, Recreation and Pool
July 6	Court, Health, Welfare, Cultural Arts, Parade, Engineering
July 9	Library, Administration, Finance, Tax Collection, Clerk

Girl Scout Silver Award Project Taking Donations

The South Plainfield Public Library will serve as a drop-off spot for American Red Cross donations throughout the month of June. For her Silver Award Project, Cadette Girl Scout Alison Buttrico will be collecting health care items/school supplies for disaster victims. A list of some

of the items include: travel-size toothpaste and toothbrushes, sample-size shampoos and conditioners, travel-size deodorant, pencils, pens, erasers, small boxes of crayons, band-aids, small packs of tissues, washcloths and hand sanitizer. Your support and donations will be greatly appreciated.

Annual Fishing Derby to be Held

The 1998 Annual South Plainfield Recreation Fishing Derby will be held at Spring Lake Park on Saturday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Prize are awarded for each fish caught. Special prizes awarded for largest fish caught in each age group!

Age groups are divided into five and under, 6-9 and 10-14 years. It is open to South Plainfield residents only. The Derby is sponsored by South Plainfield Recreation Dept.

Call (908) 226-7657 if weather is questionable. For additional information call (908) 226-7713.

Feigley's School Holding Team Tryouts

Feigley's School of Gymnastics will be holding team tryouts on Saturday, June 20 at 1 p.m. for girls and boys ages four and up. The tryouts are free.

For more information call (908) 561-8888.

To have your organization included in events around town, submit your information to the Observer editorial department at 530 Union Ave. Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax to 732 805-0815.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Obviously it's a little hectic right about now. With graduations and schools letting out for the summer and vacation planning, you're obviously very busy. How about stopping for a moment and relaxing with the latest news from South Plainfield Library.

We'll follow our usual story time schedule for the next two weeks. The programs for children age 3-6 are held on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. The programs for children age 1½-3 are on Thursdays at 11 a.m. You don't have to register for any of these programs. Judy Fischer, the Children's Librarian, can provide more information.

Don't forget about the kick-off program for "Reading Round-Up" — this year's Summer Reading Club. It's this Saturday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and features games, crafts and (weather permitting) rides. (There's still space available for the pony rides, but it's limited. You must register in advance.) As with the storytime, Judy Fischer can provide more information. One request from Judy, please bring in shoeboxes and rectangular tissue boxes. We need them for upcoming craft activities.

The same day as the Summer Reading kick-off, the Friends of the Library are having a special book sale. To put it another way, we're having an overstock sale. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m. books, both paperbacks and hardcover, go for \$1.00 a bag. Stop in and take advantage of this bargain while we are crazy enough to offer it.

Also, we'd like to announce the return of the monarch caterpillars (soon to be monarch butterflies).

You can see them in the Children's Room.

The circuit compact discs are not available at this time, as we're getting ready to send along our present group. The new group will be ready in early July. Meanwhile, the circuit videos will be around until June 27 and the circuit books-on-tape will be available until the end of the month.

Last issue we announced some new additions to our video collection and said that more were on the way. Well, here they are! Some of the added tapes in the adult section include, "My Best Friend's Wedding", "Air Force One", "The English Patient" and the original "Little Shop of Horrors". Over in the juvenile section, we now have a couple new Mary Kate & Ashley tapes, Disney's "Hercules" and "The Bugs Bunny/Road Runner Movie", among others. Coming attractions include "Men in Black", "Absolute Power" and two more "Rugrats" tapes. We'll keep you informed.

Finally, our display for this month is a collection area for the Red Cross. South Plainfield Girl Scout Allison Buttrico has put it together for her Silver Award project. There's a collection box, a list of needed items and information pamphlets. Please stop by and give what you can.

Well, we hope you enjoyed that short break. Thanks for your attention. We'll have more news come July.

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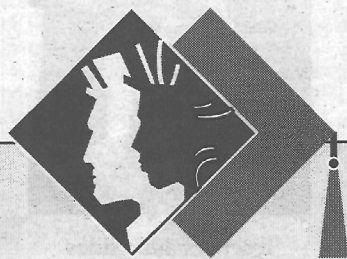
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Future Stars Preschool held their 18th annual graduation ceremony in the high school auditorium to the delight of their parents, grandparents and friends. The Future Stars sang songs and recited poems. Each student then crossed a bridge to kindergarten and received a diploma. Following are the Future Stars graduates.

Green Room

Mon-Wed-Fri Morning

Kimberly Ann Bosse, Joseph Edward Cornelius, Angela Marie DeSantis, Manyah El, Sarah



Fischbein, Billy Hafner, Charles Joseph Huber, Jesse Lee Kline, Michael Krusinowski, Stephanie Ann Lewis, Sarah Anna McCarthy, Lindsay Rae McMahon, Megan C. McMahon, Zachary Ralph Mitchell, Nancy Pham, Jason Ramnath, Katelynn Joan Scarinci and Katharine Anne Wilchek.

Green Room

Tues-Thurs Morning

Alyssa Aiello, Gina Marie Albunio, Rachel Michelle Alexa, Vincent Christopher Appello, Mattea Marie Ardizzone, Marisa Francesca Bartone, Colleen M. Broderick, Nicole Margaret Chesek, Jaclyn Nicole DeCillis, Jennifer Marie Dillon, Joseph Koby Ifrach, Matthew Meleo, Anthony Michael Pisano, Nicholas Matthew Ross, Nicholas John Savoca, Caroline E. Schkepper, Jeremy Tyler Strausser, Huyen D. Tran and Stephanie Vill.

Yellow Room

Mon-Wed-Fri Afternoon

Taylor Ashley Adorna, Ryan Joseph Billich, Heather Lynn Calderone, Marvin De La Cruz, Alyssa DeLuca, Jessica L. Eroglu, Joseph Nicholas Fugazzi, Peter John Hlavka, Namarta Kalia, Brigitte Kelly, Julian Thomas Krupit, Nicole Marie Lyons, Sean Michael McDede, Courtney Newman, Marissa Ann Petro, Kyle Michael Pompilio, Jessica Catherine Scarpitto, Dayna Lynn Smith and Katherine Stilo.

Yellow Room

Tues-Thurs Afternoon

Ryan Michael Albanese, Nikos Silvio Amick, Taylor Leigh Bullard, Olivia Jayne Butler, Kenneth J. Calderoni, Lara Cribb, Michaela Grayce Fore, Ashley Ann Gentile, Taylor Nicole Jarema, Jamie Parello, Samantha Jo Pukash, Sarah Marie Roibal, Amanda Marie Steger and Francis Xavier Suarez.

Blue Room

Mon-Wed-Fri Afternoon

Jeffrey Joseph Conroy, Nicole Marie Disch, Louis Esposito, Ryan James Hutchison, Iris Nicole Ivaniuc, Kathleen Lok and Madison L. Lopez.

Blue Room

Tues-Thurs Afternoon

Duncan Baird, Adam James Buck, Amanda Calvi, Jessica

Frank, Eric Lake, Priscilla Peishe Lo, Griffin Andrew Lynch, Megan McCarthy, E.J. Niemeyer, Nicholas Lester Okosko, Karly Sanko, Danielle E. Zelasko, Michael J. Zelasko and Samantha C. Zelasko.

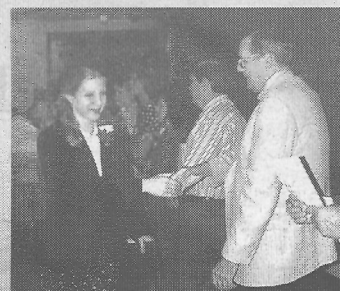


Teachers and Aides

Green Room—Sue Butrico, Janet Errico and Gael Klamm; **Yellow Room**—Dorothy Ewing, Sue Butrico, Elyne Foscolo, June Ward, Gail Klamm and Patricia Guarraci; **Blue Room**—Janet Errico, Patricia Guarraci, Gail Merlo, Patricia Waters and Loretta Hall.

Adult School Holds 21st Commencement Exercises

The South Plainfield Adult School held Commencement Ceremonies on Wednesday, June 3. The English as a Second Language (ESL) students were awarded Effort Certificates at the same ceremony.



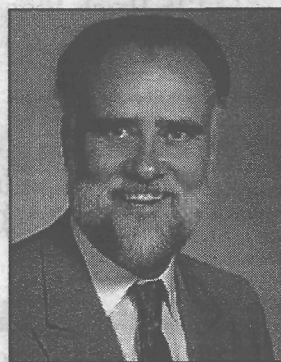
The 1998 Adult High School graduates are Cecilia Alvarez, Stephanie Barthel, Karen Durfee, Justin Flankne, Tara Gavin, Nicholas Gega, Maggie Ghanem, Issa Ghanim, Robert Hartje, Diane Heilman, Justin Hines, Christina Tuliano, Michael Kopp, Michelle Laboy, Barbara Legace, Frank Makowski, Tanika McQueen, Alice Mendes, Kimberly Messenger, Kay Omelczenko, Christopher Persells, James Persells, Andre Pleasant, Michael Schmidt, Adrienne Tiethof, Maria Valentin, Alejandro Vargas, Natalie Vydelingum, Richard Williams and Ifra Yasin.

The graduates attended school evenings and Saturdays to earn their high school diplomas. Some of the students needed only one year to earn the required number of credits, while others attended for years. Most students have jobs, children and other commitments, but still succeeded in earning their high school diploma. Some intend to pursue a college education in the fall.



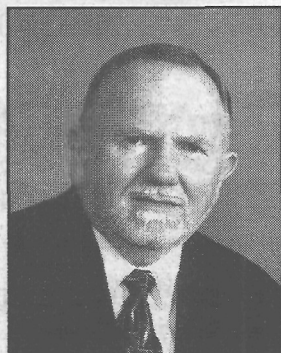
Pictured above the ESL (English as a Second Language) students who earned Certificates during the Adult School Commencement Ceremonies. When they entered the class they spoke little or no English.

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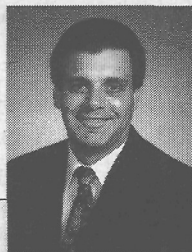
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President's Award for Educational Excellence

The President's Award for Educational Excellence recognizes educational excellence. As America prepares to enter a new millennium of unlimited possibilities, it is important to provide incentives for students to achieve and encourage them to aspire to the highest educational standards possible.

To be eligible for the President's Award for Educational Excellence, students at each award level (elementary, middle or high school) must meet the following requirements:

- **Grade point average:** Students must earn a grade point average of 90 on a 100 point scale (an A on a letter scale or a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale). When computing grade point averages at the respective award level, only the years at that level are to be included through the fall semester of the exiting grade.
- **School criteria/standards:** Standards of achievement for the award are to be established by each school that reflect standards of excellence equivalent to a 90 percent level or higher on the traditional grading scale.
- **Standardized achievement test:** Achieve in the 85th percentile or higher in math or reading. (High school seniors may use college admissions examinations such as the SAT or ACT.)
- **Recommendation from a teacher plus one other staff member:** One recommendation so to reflect outstanding achievement in one or more areas such as English, mathematics, science, history, geography, art, foreign language and any other courses that reflect a school core curriculum. This judgement is to be supported by tangible evidence that is comprised of either results on teacher-made tests, portfolio assessment, or special projects.

President's Award for Educational Improvement

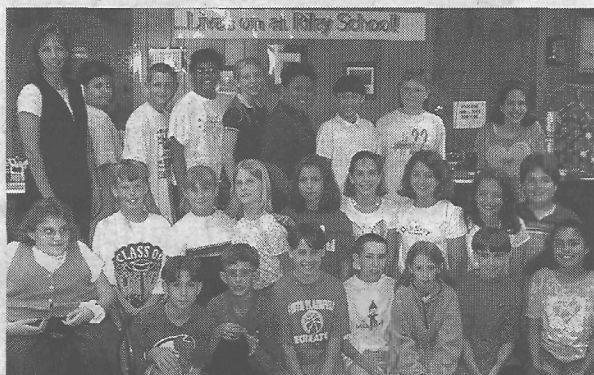
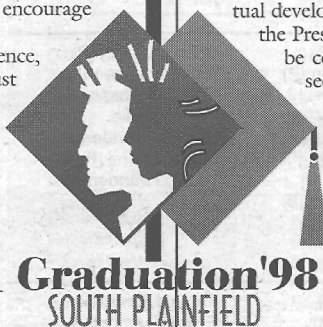
The President's Award for Educational Improvement recognizes students who show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment or intellectual development in their academic subjects but do not meet the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence. This award should not be compared to the President's Award for Educational Excellence or seen as a second tier award, for it recognizes a different type of academic achievement. It is meant to encourage and reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school, in many cases in the face of special obstacles to their learning.

This award is given at the principal's discretion based on the criteria developed at the school. The criteria should reflect the purpose of the award and must be applied fairly to all students.

The following are examples of criteria for which the President's Award for Educational Improvements were presented in the past:

- Students who show tremendous growth and improvement but do not meet the criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence.

- Unusual commitment to learning and improvement despite various obstacles.
- A school record that would have met the school's selection criteria for the President's Award for Educational Excellence but illness, personal crisis or special needs prevented the student from maintaining such high standards during the year despite hard work.
- Students with excellent school records who do not meet the criterion for the President's Award for Educational Excellence.



John E. Riley School Fifth Grade Graduates

Mrs. Elsters Class

Tina Aboosamara	Christina DiFrancesco (P)	Michelle Kalman (P)	Krystal Morales (I)
Amanda Bhiri	Karen Estonactoc (P)	Thomas Kiczula (P)	Daniel Piwowar (P)
Fred Cummings III	Sarah Gagliano	Robert Kitlasz (I)	Wasim Shiliwala (P)
Louana DeLos Santos (I)	John George (P)	Veronica Konya	Jennifer Vasquez (I)
Crystal DeSantis	Joseph Hafner	Victoria Malone (I)	Kelly Whitney
Douglas Dietzold (P)	Nicholas Jefferys	Christopher Moore (I)	Robert Yuill

Mrs. Gaffney's Class

Patrick Barletta (I)	Stacey Diana (P)	Erica Mapa (P)	Michael Puzzello
Ellen Bradley	Carolina Gomez (I)	Ashley Martin (P)	Patrick Reedy (P)
Manuel Bravo	Tanya Graves	Lissette Mercado	Mayra Robles
Trisha Capparelli	Brent Hunt	William Merkler (P)	David Sanchez
Kristin Coffey (P)	Colleen Kamen (P)	Jacqueline Muglia (I)	Joseph Teller
Delvin Colon	Kevin Lahey (P)	Purav Patel (P)	Kelly Thomas (P)
	Jarrett Linczyk		Jeffrey Toolan

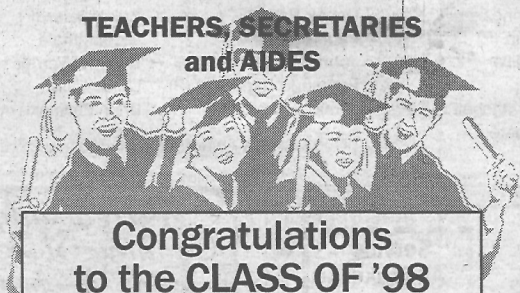
Mrs. Mariani's Class

Carlos Aguilar	Lauren Darr (P)	Peter Kelly (P)	Huan Nguyen (I)
Adam Bianchi (P)	Vincent Donato	Jessica Kizmann (P)	William Padula (I)
Shannon Celentano	David Eichler (I)	Kyle Luthman	Nicole Randazzo (P)
Anthony Costante	Heather Flood	Aimee Maiorino (I)	Stephanie Stellakis (P)
	Emily Harkins	Alyssa Maiorino (P)	Nicole Sutherland
		Jessica Manning (P)	Joseph Teller
		Stefanie Miller (P)	Michael Wilson
		Rosanna Mootoo (P)	Philip Zazzara (P)

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Roosevelt School Fifth Grade Graduates

Mrs. Allen's Class

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Danielle Anthenelli
Felicia Bacchus
Rose Benak
Shakera Beverley (I)
Vijay Budhan (P)
James Charneco (P)
Peter DeAndrea (P)
Claude Douglas
Stephen Fox
Joy Freeman
Christopher Jones (P)
Linda Lee (P)
Jonathan Liebl (I)
Thomas Manolio
Michael Medici (I)
Gary Mizner
Jessica Musolino (P)
Virginia Pais (P)
Dip Patel (I)
Michael Pedersen
Quincy Pronker
Matthew Rasmussen (P)
Rajiv Sewdal (I)
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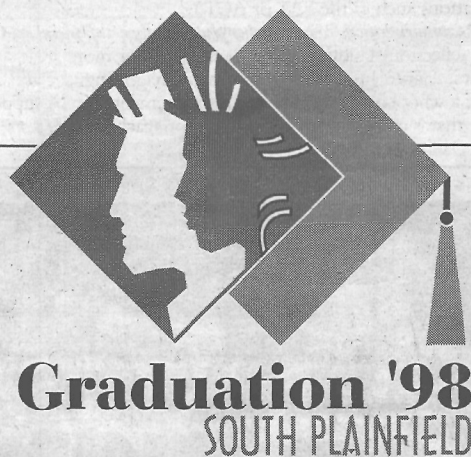
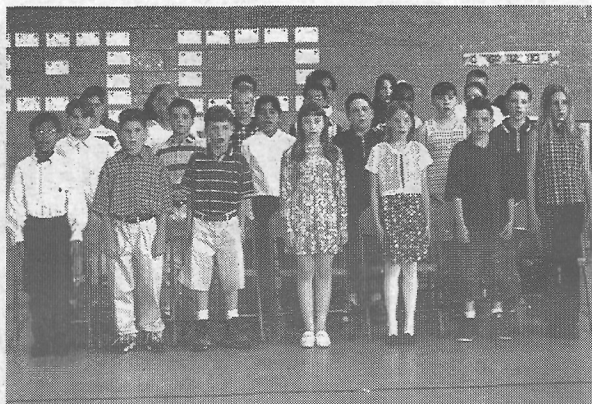
Mrs. Frederickson's Class

Kyle Baker	Erin Gyurisn (P)	Brian Murtagh (P)
Christian Camacho	La-Toya Johnson (P)	Eigil Pantaleon (P)
Brian Cantor (P)	George Kleinknecht (I)	Danielle Plasse
Michael Capella (I)	Kevin Krajniak	Jeffrey Pollin
Jesse Cribb	Nicole Mack	Joshua Prendergast (I)
Cassandra D'Urso (P)	Robert Maistickle (I)	Jessica Senz (P)
Lori Dranchak	Dane Miyasato (P)	Jessica Vanderhoof
Caitlin English (I)	Kathleen Morgan (P)	
David Gerena	Gregory Morris (I)	

Miss McGrath's Class

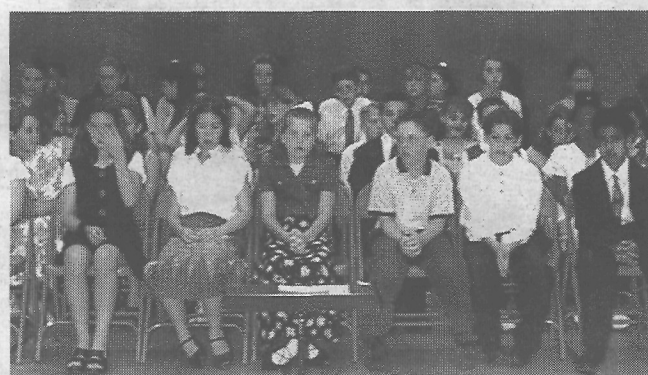
Jonathan Ascencio	Jose Francia (P)	Pamela Janiszak
Kristin Badolato	Michael Ghiigliotty	Edward Johnston
Karen Barrientos (I)	Nicholas Grego (P)	Kurtis Maglaque (P)
Michael Benak (P)	Jason Grieb	Charles Martinez (I)
Laura Boldo	Lauren Haus (P)	Alicia Miranda (I)
Nicki Carney (P)	Crystal Holloway	Michael Richard (P)
Heather DiBella	Phu Duong Huynh (P)	Nicholas Sbordone (I)
Amanda Domzalski (I)	Jamie Jakubik (P)	Amber Walden
Jeffrey Eng (P)		

(P) Presidents Awards for Educational Excellence



Franklin School Fifth Grade Graduates

Joseph Agrillo
Jecsam Acuirre
Kyle Alligier
Christopher Borjarski (P)
Matthew Boley (P)
Jason Bosse
Kyle Bostick
Jennifer Braco (P)
Gerry Butrico
Nina Byard (P)
Pasquale Cantarella
Kevin Carney
Cyle Casey
Toni Ciccica (P)
Paul Corrado
Rachel Cupido
Nicholas Curcio (P)
Jessica Dabrio (P)
Alisa Davis
LaSheryl Davis
Allison DiMeglio (P)
Jonathan Donahue (P)
Michael Downes (P)
Michael Duquette (P)
Shawn Ferguson
Jenna Fiore
Christopher Forsythe
Melanie Foscolo
Kimberly Gaub
John Geczy
Usama Ghanem
Jeffrey Grubesch (P)
Eva Humber
Jennifer Jackson



Verne Johnson	Katie Mott	Brian Sheldon
Katherine Kelliher	Annie Nguyen	Jaret Shelton (P)
Ryan Kenny	Debra Outeiral	Justin Shelton
Jonathan Lopez	Christopher Patti	Alicia Silas
Jason Lowe	Kristen Penkunas	Derek Smith
Alexa Lyszczasz	Christopher Pine	Dominic Sobers
Christopher McKnight (P)	Carlos Pineda	Alisha Stasenko
Krista Malecki	Lisa Primavera	Melissa Sticco
Christine Manfredo	Amanda Prybella (P)	Sara Sukenik
Danny Manning	Patrick Pryor (P)	Harold Tate
Jenny Maronon	Alexandra Ramos (P)	Ashlen Udell
David Martinez	Danny Ramos	Erik Vesper (P)
Jayne Merlo (P)	Paul Ritchey	Nicola Vitale
Matthew Miller	John Roesch	Kristine Werner
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Leonard Cursi

Jacklyn DeLillo
Keenan Gaynor (P)
Allia Ghanim
Grant Gianneschi
Kristy Glavasich (P)
Kendall Green

Sara Grillo
Justin Heffernan
Jon Jeglinski
Andrew Miller
KayLeigh McGovern
Shannen Rivers

Julia Russell
Ryan Suleski
Michele Waingraw
Thomas Whalen

Mr. Miller

Danielle Arndt
Erika Blaszak
Fabian Casteblanco
Katie Crilley
Jenna DePalma

Kaitlynn Disch (P)
Stacy Feloucas
Elyse Kanaley
Phi Lai
Michael Martin

Allan Mazurak
Storm McDonald
Jesse Nietzer
Connor O'Brien
Abby Papa

Justin Reid
Todd Rivers
Alison Schmidt
Rutva Shukla
Ryan Woods

Mr. Montemurro

Nicole Aguilar
Christopher Bakazan (P)
Nicholas Cesare
Mallory Christ (P)
Robert Cusick

Melissa Hansen
Joseph Helgesen
Joseph Jaghab
Destiny Jazifoff
Jaclynn Johnson

Craig Kulic
Jessica Miller
Cynthia Nguyen
Allyce Rettberg
Anoop Shah (P)

Leslie Sweeney
MaryBeth Tran
Viet Vo

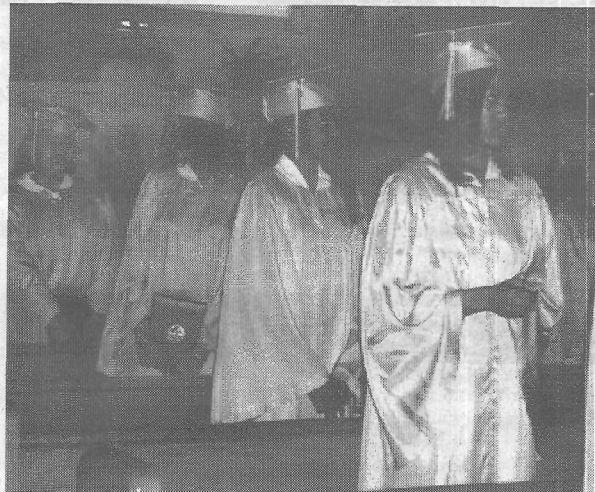


Sacred Heart School Holds Graduation

Pomp and Circumstance on the organ echoed through Sacred Heart Church, as the

class of 1998 marched slowly down the aisle to begin the graduation ceremony. Family, friends and parishioners were in attendance on Friday June 5, 1998 at 7:30 p.m., for the Mass was celebrated by Pastor, Fr. Michael McGuire and the graduation festivities which followed.

The 1998 eighth grade graduates, as presented by their teachers Mrs. Judith Blumquist and Mr. Robert Harrison were: Maria Acosta, Nicole Barko, Jenise Beaman, James Bender, George Blair IV, Dana Boyer, Lauren Campos, Joseph Cerami, Melody Clark, Blessing Eziaghighala, Ruby Feliciano, Lauren Forteau, Brennard Gamboa, John Glavasich, Jennifer Gold, Laila Gonzalez, Tiffany Jeffers, Nicole Lakatos, Adam Lewandowski,



Tiffany Lewis, Lola Marsh, Marlene Maullon, Louis McBride, Christopher Mitchell, Andrew Pellerano, Heather Pezzello, Katherine Pierik-Page, Victoria Pierik-Page, Kaila Randolph, Lauren Reed, Lisa Revolinski, Laura Rivera, Crystal Robinson, Crystal Rodriguez, Jasmine Rodriguez-Carrano, Nicolas Sacco, Chauncy Scott, Kristin Semmon, Michael Sikanowicz, Adrienne Slaten, Paul Spisso, Anna Straut, Stacy Theofilos, Philip Thomas and Danielle Todman.

The winners of awards were: General Excellence - Lauren Campos, Excellence - Dana Boyer and Lauren Campos, Distinguished

Achievements - Jenise Beaman and Louis McBride, Religious Studies - Brennard Gamboa and Michael Sikanowicz, Christian Service - Nicole Barko, Lisa Revolinski and Danielle Todman, Leadership - Lauren Campos and Anna Straut, Citizenship - Dana Boyer and Anna Straut, Centurion Award - Jennifer Gold and Nicolas Sacco.

Sacred Heart School gratefully acknowledges the following donors: Very Reverend Michael A. McGuire, Sacred Heart Centurion Fund, Sacred Heart Holy Name Society, Sacred Heart Home-School Association, Sacred Heart Rosary-Altar Society, VFW Memorial Post #6763 and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

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Attention Graduates

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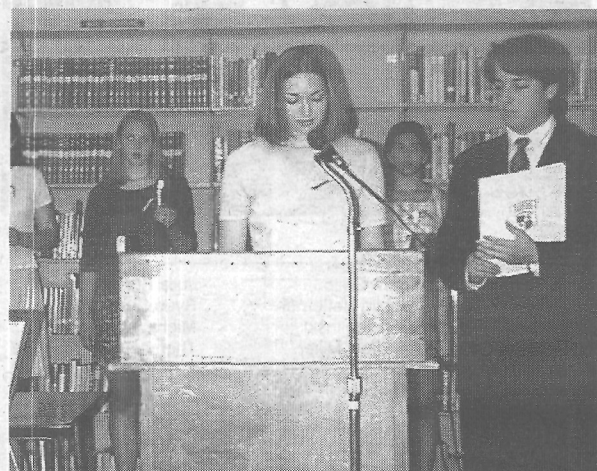
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Language and Arts Students Inducted into National Honor Society



On June 2 foreign language and fine arts high school students were inducted into the French, German, Spanish and Fine Arts National Honor Societies.

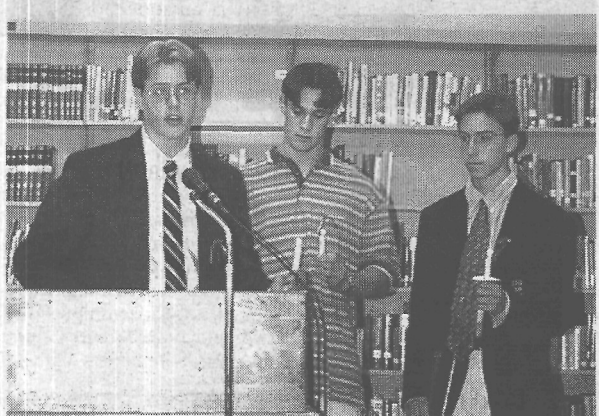
Fine Arts students inducted into the National Art Honor Society are seniors Desha Abe and Vincent Dinizo, juniors Rochelle Dimacje, Chiemeka Ejiochi, Jarel Foster, Megan Harth, Mike Maina, Dina Pasco and Candice Romascindo. Their teacher is Denise Timinski.

The 1998 French Honor Society inductees were Fatima Ahmad, Nicole Luthman, Brenda Mendez, Alison Tietjen and Veronica Zappi. The French Society demands a high level of scholarship and achievement in French studies and seeks to promote interest and enthusiasm in the study of French culture and civilization. The South Plainfield Chapter was founded in 1980.

The 1998 German Honor Society inductees were Michael DeMatos and Brad Tierney. The German Honor Society is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German. The purpose of this organization is to recognize high scholastic achievements in the study of the German language, literature, culture and civilization. The South Plainfield Chapter, Alpha Pi, was founded in 1979.

The 1998 Spanish Honor Society inductees were David Alles, Gloria Anthony, Cindy Carlson, Sheryl Cwiekalo, Melanie Carmon, Brian Donnelly, Jarel Foster, Lynda Hepburn, Rebecca Horn, Eric Jackson, Melinda Lawson, Lisa Mocerino, Joseph Monahan, Dimple Patel, Rebecca Perez, Lisa Sepkowski, Elizabeth Serago, Kaminee Sewdat, David Stoeckel, Karla Vasquez, Erin Walter, Laura Walter, Risa Ysla and Lenora Zerbian. The South Plainfield Chapter was founded in 1960. The honor society demands a high level of scholarship in Spanish studies and entitles members to apply for study and travel scholarships.

Department of Foreign Languages faculty members are Barbara Boyer, Susan Goldey (Team Leader), Barbara Kafka, Carolyn Lineback, Aurora Matula, Perry Nicola and Alan VanZantwyk.



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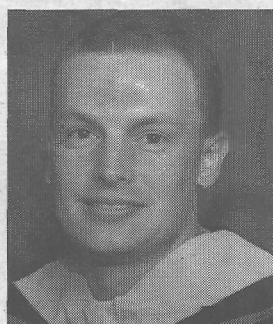
Graduation '98 SOUTH PLAINFIELD

David M. Krausse, D.P.M. has graduated from New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

David is a graduate of South

Plainfield.

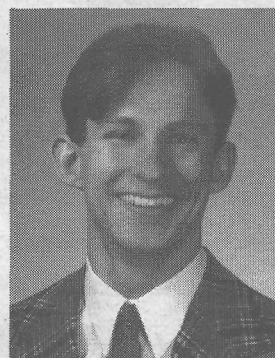
Demian J. McGarry, a 1994 graduate of South Plainfield High School has graduated Cum Laude from Washington and Lee University with a B.A. from the Williams School of Commerce, Economics and Politics. David is the recipient of the Pellegrini Scholarship from the Swiss Benevolent Society and a member for the Pi Sigma Alpha honor society. McGarry is a brother of the



David M. Krausse

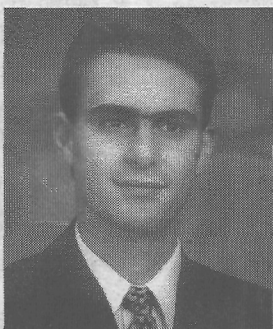
Plainfield High School and Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. He will begin his residency program starting in July at Metropolitan Hospital, New York City.

Christopher A. Di Biase has graduated Cum Laude from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Pa., with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemical Engineering. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, a National Engineering Honor Society, and the American



Demian J. McGarry

Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. **Michael T. Bianchini** has graduated with a B.A. Degree from the University of Central



Christopher A. DiBiase

Institute of Chemical Engineers. A 1994 graduate of South Plainfield High School, Chris is currently employed as a Process Design Engineer with A.B.B. Lummus Global. He is the son of John and Barbara Di Biase of



Michael T. Bianchini

Florida in Orlando. He received his degree in film with a major in animation and a minor in computers and plans to work as an animation artist in New York. Michael is a 1994 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

Private Schools Graduate Residents

Local private schools will graduate many South Plainfield residents this spring. Bishop Ahr's Valedictorian, Cheoma Julien, calls South Plainfield home, along with the class's salutatorian, Anh Thu Dang.

Mount Saint Mary's graduates several residents, including Dana Abrams, who will call Monmouth University home in the fall. Graduate Nicole Moretti will attend University of Scranton and Gabrielle Varry will attend Rochester Institute of Technology. The students strutted to "Pomp and Circumstance" on June 6 in the school's chapel.

Saint Joseph's High School graduates residents Jonathan Andes, who will be attending the College of New Jersey. John Gutierrez will attend Illinois Institute of Technology and Jeffery Naberezny will travel to Boston's Bentley College. The ceremony was on May 29 at Saint Frances Cathedral in Metuchen.

Timothy Christian School produced several graduates, including Keith Christopher who will attend the Word of Life Bible Institute,

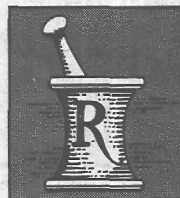
and James Donoruma. Graduate Jessica Holt will attend Monmouth University.

Union Catholic Regional High School graduated three residents on June 6, including Jamie DiCarlo who will attend Ursinus College, Kathryn Wood will travel to the University of Delaware, and Lucy Aladeselu will attend Rutgers Uni-

versity.

Wardlaw-Hartridge School graduated George Dapper, who will attend the University of Miami. Kelly Dowdy will attend the Laboratory Institute of Merchandising and Christopher Fielder will attend the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford.

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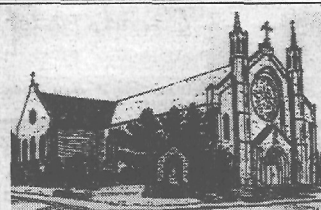
Very Rev. Michael A. McGuire, Pastor

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Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)
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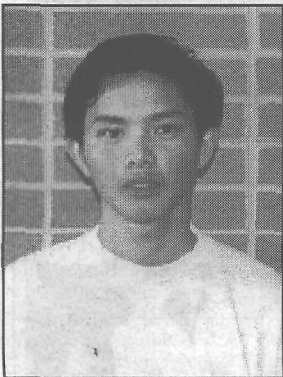
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ESL Student First to be Awarded Scholarship

Hai Nguyen, recipient of the New Jersey Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages/NJ Bilingual Ed. Inc. Scholarship was honored at a reception, Thursday, May 21 at the Hilton Hotel in New Brunswick. Hai is a senior who will be attending Steven's Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ and aspires to becoming a medical doctor. Hai is a member of the SPSHS Math Team, Computer Club and Chess Club. He is a spokesperson and tutor to his Vietnamese peers. As a member of R.A.R.E. he strives to bring love and respect to students of all cultures. Hai is the first South Plainfield High School recipient of the NJTESOL/NJBE award.



Hai Nguyen



Pictured top row left to right are Principal Anthony Massaro; Diane Ringel, CE Student of the Year; Dr. William Carone; Mrs. Dee Falato, CE Coordinator. Bottom row recipients of The Outstanding Achievement Award were left to right, Heather Van Kleef, Kristen Basilone, Cheri Lynn Tanzola, Stephanie Cupo.

Cooperative Education Awards Announced

The 1998 Cooperative Education Awards were announced by CE Coordinator Dee Falato and Applied Technologies Team Leader John Lartaud. The criteria for selection involves grades, teacher and employer recommendations, community service, sports and extracurricular activities.

The highest award, CE Student of the Year, was won by Diane Ringel, daughter of Randolph and Amanda Ringel of Elsie Ave. Diane's current CE on-the-job training is at Carone's Chiropractic and Holistic Center on South Plainfield Ave. She will be attend-

ing Northeastern University in Boston as an international business major concentrating in labor relations.

Four Outstanding Achievement Awards went to seniors Stephanie Cupo, Kristen Basilone, Heather Van Kleef and Cheri Lynn Tanzola. The final award was the 1998 All American Student Vocational Award sponsored by Servistar Coast-to-Coast, and General Electric. This award includes a \$100 savings bond and is presented to David Butler, son of Thelma Hunlock of Raritan and Robert Butler of Franklin Ave., South Plainfield.

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum
and Eric Tillman



Well awhrightnow! There really are headscratches out there working on the trivia questions. This is an exercise in using internet searches for research, and I'm glad it's paying off for some of you. "So come on with the answers" I'm being told! Okay, Einstein, we've got only six questions so let's see how you did.

Q1: What are Mizaru, Kikazaru, and Iwazaru? A: They are the names of the three monkeys in the Tendai sect of Buddhism who manifest the three truths: See no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil. You really didn't think they were Japanese tugboat names did you? Q2: What and where are the "Wa-Benzi"? A: In Nairobi, Kenya, the Wa-Benzi are a class of people who own and drive expensive automobiles. Not too different from "Yuppies" here! And for that issue's last question, how did you feel when you discovered that last night's delicious meal of "bamboo chicken" that your waiter served up in your favorite restaurant in Belize turned out to be "roasted iguana"? Now for the second three questions from our last issue: Q4: What if you put a "tanga" on, or took one off of a "garota"? What did you get? A: (hopefully not a slap!) A "tanga" is one of those backless, string bikinis (easy there guys) originally seen being worn typically by a shapely young woman on the beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema in Brazil. Oh yeah, that young woman is often called a "garota!" Similar to a "babe," I think. Q5: The farthest point on Earth from the center of our planet is not Mt. Everest at 29,028ft., but rather it is Mt. Chimborazo at 20,561ft. in the Ecuadorian Andes. (Did you remember the Earth's considerable "bulge" at the equator?). Q6: When the Battleship New Jersey is brought through the Panama Canal from the Pacific, it will travel toward the Northwest from the Southeast and enter the Caribbean Sea. But then again, you knew that too, right? And for answer to the loudly unasked question: Of course I knew these answers, I just wanted to see if you did!

TIP: If you are new to Windows95 and miss your familiar "file manager" from Win3.x, you can have it back if you'd like. Click on the Start button, select RUN, type in "winfile" (no quotations), and click OK. This utility is provided in Windows95 just for you and it is still there in Win95 even if you've deleted your old win3.x files. Remember way back when we learned that the World Wide Web was only a part of the Internet and that older internet utilities like "Veronica" still exist and have been around for a long time? How about "Gopher?" This is an oldie, but still a very goodie. Does anyone know the origin of the name "gopher?" (That's this week's trivia Q1) Remember, VERONICA came from Very Easy Rodent Oriented, yada yada yada? Not so with GOPHER, and that's the hint. GOPHER sites or servers are menu-based internet search vehicles and are very helpful information gathering tools with which to become familiar. I will say this too, considering the rate at which education, training, and commerce are moving to the internet, everyone is well advised to get comfortable with these tools now, while we're still ahead of the curve. Tomorrow it will be different!

TIP: For new MS Word users and slow learners who accidentally delete documents they are working on, click on Tool, select Options, click on the SAVE tab and be sure you have checked the box to automatically create backup copy. Also select Save Autorecovery for every (user define) minutes. This will allow you to very quickly recovery from "accidents" and continue on your way. This is an incredibly handy feature you don't want to overlook.

And now for your two last trivia questions for this week: Q2: (this one's easy) Ever been to San Francisco? On what body of water does North Beach front? Since it's Summertime and we're "researching beaches, Q3: How many beaches are mentioned in the Beach Boys immortal song Surfin' USA? Okay, here's one for extra credit, Q4: Disregarding Sunset Beach and North Beach from previous questions because they have two words in their names, there is only one town in America named Beach! Where is it? Good luck.

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Police Department Conducting "Community Survey"

The South Plainfield Police Department, with the support of Mayor Daniel Gallagher and the Borough Council, strives to provide our community with the highest quality law enforcement services possible. In order to meet this goal, it is important for us to know the opinions of those we serve. Please help us by taking the time to complete the "Community Survey" and returning it to us. If questions require a written response, please reply in the space provided. If more space is needed, please record your response on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this survey.

You may mail your response to the address below or you may e-mail your response by accessing our website at www.southplainfieldnj.com.

You may respond to this survey anonymously or you may include your name, address, phone number and/or your e-mail address, if you desire.

We would like to thank you for our input.

1. Are you a resident of South Plainfield? Yes _____ No _____
2. Have you had any contact within the last two years with any member of our agency? Yes _____ No _____
If so, describe the nature of the contact: _____

For questions (3-12) please use the scale below and write the number which most accurately describes your opinion of each sentence: 1-Excellent 2-Good 3-Average 4-Fair 5-Poor 6-Don't Know

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| 3. How would you rate the manner in which your complaint/problem was handled by the communications operator (dispatcher)? _____ | 8. How would you rate the competence of any other agency employee you had contact with? (i.e., detective, records personnel, etc.) _____ |
| 4. If a police unit was dispatched as a result of your call, how would you rate the response time? _____ | 9. How would you rate the officer's attitude and behavior toward you? _____ |
| 5. How would you rate the manner in which your complaint/problem was handled by the officer? _____ | 10. How would you rate the level of safety and security within the Borough of South Plainfield? _____ |
| 6. How would you rate the competence of the communications operator (dispatcher)? _____ | 11. How would you rate the level of safety and security within your neighborhood? _____ |
| 7. How would you rate the competence of the officer? _____ | 12. How would you rate the overall performance of the Police Department? _____ |

13. What do you feel is the most significant problem in our community that can further be addressed by the South Plainfield Police Department? _____
14. What do you feel is the most significant problem in your neighborhood that can further be addressed by the South Plainfield Police Department? _____
15. What is your suggestion to solve the problem? _____
16. Please share any recommendations and suggestions for improvements you may have that would help us serve you better. _____

Mail this response to:

Chief Steven A. Merkle, South Plainfield Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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The Alternative View

By Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C.



Dear Dr. DeCosta: There seems to be a growing interest in herbs and Herbal preparations these days. What exactly are herbs and how do they work? - D. E.

Dear D.E.:

Herbal medicine is the most ancient form of health care known to humankind. The word drug comes from the old Dutch word *drogge* meaning "to dry," as pharmacists, physicians, and ancient healers often dried plants for use as Medicines. The World Health Organization notes that of 119 plant-derived pharmaceutical medicines, about 74 percent are used in modern medicine in ways that correlated directly with their traditional uses as plant medicines by native cultures.

Yet for the most part, traditional medicine has veered from the use of pure herbs in its treatment of disease and other health disorders. One of the reasons for this is economic. Herbs, by their very nature, cannot be patented. Since herbs cannot be patented and drug companies cannot hold the exclusive right to sell a particular herb, they are not motivated to invest any money in that herb's testing or promotion. The collection and preparation of herbal medicine cannot be as easily controlled as the manufacture of synthetic drugs, making its profits less dependable. In addition, many of these medicinal plants grow only in the Amazonian rain forest or other politically and economically unstable places, which also affects the supply of the herb. Most importantly, the demand for herbal medicine has decreased in the United States because Americans have been conditioned to rely on synthetic, commercial drugs to provide quick relief, regardless of side effects.

Yet, as you mention in your question, there seems to be a growing interest and changing viewpoint regarding herbs and herbal medicine. This is due to the growing concern of the, general public about the side affects of pharmaceutical drugs, the impersonal and often demeaning experience of modern health care practices, as well as a renewed recognition of the unique medicinal value of herbal medicine.

The word herb as used in herbal medicine (also known as botanical medicine), means a plant or plant part that is used to make medicine, food flavors (spices), or aromatic oils for soaps and fragrances. An herb can be a leaf, a flower, a stem, a seed, a root, a fruit, bark or any other plant part used for medicinal, food flavoring, or fragrant property.

In general, herbal medicines work in much the same way as do conventional pharmaceutical drugs, that is, via their chemical makeup. Herbs contain a large number of naturally occurring chemicals that have biological activity.

According to Andrew Weil, M.D. of Tucson, Arizona, because herbs and plants use an indirect route to the bloodstream and target organs, their effects are usually slower in onset and less dramatic than those of purified drugs administered by more direct routes. "Doctors and patients accustomed to the rapid, intense effects of synthetic medicines may become impatient with botanicals for this reason," Dr. Weil states.

Herbal medicine has most to offer when used to facilitate healing in chronic ongoing problems. By skillful selection of herbs for the patient, a profound transformation in health can be effected with less danger of the side effects inherent in drug-based medicine. However, the common assumption that herbs act slowly and mildly is not necessarily true. Adverse effects can occur if an inadequate dose, a low-quality herb or wrong herb is prescribed for the patient.

Questions for The Alternative View should be addressed to: The Alternative View, c/o Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C., 129 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Franklin School is Transformed into Franklin Institute for the Day

By Patricia Abbot

Franklin School was recently transformed into the famous FRANKLIN INSTITUTE. Students milled about the huge aquarium room, formerly known as the gym. Displays depicting the sea and all its treasures and secrets were filled with students demonstrating their knowledge to intrigued family and friends. A step outside the door invited you to visit other areas of the "museum." True to the museum experience, the various rooms of the museum were multi-media, ranging from still displays, videos, live action and interaction.

In one classroom fourth grade students were performing a skit about Ellis Island, European immigrants and their arrival in America. Another classroom



Franklin students demonstrate how an oil spill in the ocean is cleaned up.

boasted electrical inventions. You could step back in time and meet George and Martha Washington, or travel further back and visit the land of dinosaurs. The successful event was held on Friday, June 5.

More than 30 Participate in Cemetery Walk

The Environmental Commission held a repeat History Walk on June 6. More than 30 people showed up at the Samptown Cemetery on New Market Ave. The graves of many people who were prominent to this area's history was discussed. The location of the cemetery was once the churchyard of the Samptown Baptist Church. Larry Randolph, local historian and chairman of the Environmental Commission led the walk.

Recreation Summer Sports Camps Starting

The South Plainfield Recreation Summer Sports Camps are accepting applications for Summer Sports Camps.

The following Camps are to be held: Soccer-July 20-24; Field Hockey-June 29-July 2, Baseball-July 6-10; Wrestling-July 13-17, Basketball-June 29-July 2 and Softball-July-17.

To get more information on the dates, times and costs by stopping by the Recreation Office located on Maple Ave. or you can call (908) 226-7713.



Riley School T1 students performed a magic show for their parents and other school students. Magic wands, water glasses and cards were just some of the props they used to make things appear and disappear. Participating in the show were Megan Brady, Jake Butynski, Robert Dietrick, William Doyle, Alexander Green (who served as master of ceremonies), Lea Hafner, Gregory Herbster, Alyia Hollis, Conner Keane, Nicholas Lanza, Shawn McKay, Esther Mendoza, Amanda Ray, Tereek Watkins and Timothy Yuill. Teachers are Martha Klink, Language Therapist; Linda Svoboda, T1 Teacher; Linda Meixner, Teachers Aid.

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Traffic Safety Advisory

Please be advised that the Middlesex County Road Department will be milling and resurfacing Hamilton Blvd. between Belmont Ave. and Ryan St. This project has been scheduled to be conducted on the following dates: June 19-milling; June 25-paving; June 29-stripping.

The roadway will remain open during construction. Motorists are warned to expect delays and encouraged to find alternate routes.

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South Plainfield Baseball Notes...

All Star Weekend

In a game played equally well by both teams, the 9-year-old all-star game was won by the American League 12-6. With a two and a half hour time limit, the teams played eight full innings. The American League had 14 hits and the National League had 11.

The club has been holding traveling all-star tryouts the past couple weeks and the teams have now been selected. As a result of the high number of players trying out, the club was able to field multiple teams in the 9, 10 and 11 year-old age divisions. These all-stars will travel to neighboring towns and compete for trophies and bragging rights. In addition, each team will participate in the SPJBC Invitational Tournament, scheduled to begin the first week in July.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

Pony A	Wins	Losses	Marlins	7	5
Marlins	10	1	Diamond Backs	5	5
Diamond Backs	5	3	Yankees	3	8
Devil Rays	3	5	Mets	1	10
Mariners	3	5			
Mets		47	SEB	Wins	Losses
Yankees	3	8	American League		
			Athletics	9	2
Pony B	Wins	Losses	White Sox	8	4
Yankees	12	0	Yankees	5	7
Devil Rays	8	4	Mariners	3	9
Diamond Backs	4	6	Devil Rays	1	11
Marlins	4	10			
Mets	3	11	NATIONAL LEAGUE		
SFA	Wins	Losses	Marlins	8	3
Devil Rays	9	2	Braves	8	4
Braves	7	4	Dodgers	6	5
Mariners	6	4	Mets	5	6
			Diamond Backs	5	7

Local Resident Finishes Second in Las Vegas Shootout

South Plainfield resident Mike Lanza finished second in the Wilson International Shootout held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas May 30 - 31. In the individual category, Lanza shot 88 out of a possible 100 points. Mike, along with his brother, Bob Lanza, also finished second in the National Team Division Shooting Contest.

The Lanza Team shot a 91 score to finish behind Ed Roman, Sr. and Ed Roman, Jr. of Somerset, Pa. who scored a 94. The Wilson Shootout is a National Competition that has All-State Champions competing in Las Vegas. Twenty thousand people enter the competition. 210 finalists representing 46 states were in Las Vegas while attending the event.



Mike Lanza (L) and Bob Lanza (R)

Mike Lanza was also elected to the Advisory Panel of Shooting Instructors, a nationally recognized panel of basketball shooting instructors. Lanza will direct the Regional Wilson Shootout competition next year.

Swim Program Designed to Make Learning to Swim Fun!

The National Safety Council Learn to Swim program is an innovative approach for enabling individuals of all ages to learn swimming and water safety skills. The program objective is to provide a positive opportunity to learn skills that will increase water safety and provide lifelong aquatic enjoyment.

Exploration Series: Designed for children ages 24-48 months; water safety instruction is the core emphasis. In addition, developmentally appropriate water activities are introduced so that the adult may safely enjoy the water with his/her child.

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Voyager series: Designed for the

older child (ages 8 and up) to learn water safety and to swim. Two different levels move at a faster pace for the more mature child.

Challenge Series: Designed for older children, this series presents three "challenges". Stroke and Safety, Fitness and Sprint. Emphasis is placed on improving performance on an individual basis, based on the challenge selected.

Four sessions are scheduled. Classes meet Tuesday through Friday. Session one is June 30 to July 10; session two is July 14 to July 24; session three is July 28 to Aug. 7 and session four is Aug. 11 to Aug. 21.

Register at the Recreation office located in the PAL building. Classes meet eight times and are 40 minutes long. The fee for a pool member is \$30 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child in a family. Non Members are \$60 for the first child and \$45 for each additional child in a family.

Recreation Summer Fun Programs!

Don't spend your summer in front of the TV! Make new friends, play fun games, be a sport, become an artist, become a sculptor, be a jewelry maker, learn tennis. The South Plainfield Recreation Department's Summer Program is free.

Summer Parks Programs (Supervised Activities) Riley, Roosevelt, and Franklin Schools 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m. Rain or Shine June 29-August 14

Free Tennis Program in Spring Lake Park Ages 6-9 9:00-10:30 a.m. June 29-August 14 (Participants must wear sneakers and bring their own tennis racket, plus one unopened can of tennis balls to first class.)

Pre-register at the Recreation Office located inside the PAL building, or register at the site you want to participate at on the first day you attend. Proof of residency and parents signature required. For more information please call the Recreation Office at 908-226-7713 during office hours (M-F, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.). There is an additional fee for Arts & Crafts activities.

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Obituaries

HENRY E. APGAR, 91

Henry E. Apgar died on Monday, June 1, at the Woodlands Genesis Care Center in Plainfield.

He was born in South Plainfield and had been a lifelong borough resident.

He was employed as a district supervisor of the building and construction departments for the State of New Jersey for 23 years before his retirement in 1977.

Mr. Apgar was the "Voice of Hadley Airport" for 17 years beginning in 1935. He was the public address announcer for many old time air shows and flying demonstrations during the 1930's & 1940's. He piloted small planes while learning how to fly during the same era.

He actively promoted the establishment of a museum of airport memorabilia at Hadley. He was elected to the Aviation Hall of Fame.

Mr. Apgar had served as a Democratic South Plainfield Borough Councilman from 1946-1952. He was instrumental in establishing the "Youth Guidance" council and the "Industrial Commission." Mr. Apgar had served as Mayor of the Borough from 1952-1956. In 1959 he again joined the Youth Guidance Council until 1962. From 1963-1968 he served as a State Representative of the South Plainfield Redevelopment Agency. Mr. Apgar had also served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, director of the South Plainfield Community Fund, Middlesex County Mental Health Board, and a member of the Westminster Historical Society.

More recently, Mr. Apgar has served as vice-president of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens in 1979 and president of the South

Plainfield Senior Citizens Club in 1980. In 1984 he was appointed by then Mayor Richard Kennedy to serve on the steering committee of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens Center. He also has been a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Council of the "Mayors Feasibility Study" committee on Senior Housing from 1977-78. Mr. Apgar was chosen as "Outstanding Senior Citizen" of the year 1979 by the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203. He was also chosen as "Honorary Grand Marshall" in 1979 of the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade. He has also served as president of the South Plainfield Historical Society in 1983 and chairman of the South Plainfield Senior Citizen Housing Finance Committee from 1983-1985. He has also served as vice president of the Tri-County Sr. Citizens Center from 1985-1986. He was a member and also served as president of the Apgar Association, which is a nationwide Family Organization. He had spearheaded the issuing of the Virginia Apgar postage stamp. Virginia Apgar and Henry Apgar were second cousins, and the stamp was presented to Mr. Apgar in October 1994. Mr. Apgar has appeared before the United States Senate Select Committee on Senior Citizens and presented a program which congressman have taken under advisement as a possible resolution of transportation problems. He was a member of the Trinity Reformed Church in North Plainfield.

His sister, Mary H. Apgar, predeceased him in death.

Surviving are his wife, Ruth E. (Lawrence) Apgar; two daughters, Darlene Sidie of Collegeville, Pa. and Virginia Henry of Neptune City; a son, Henry Apgar, Jr. of Thousand Oaks, Ca.; a sister, Mary H. Apgar of Harwick, Mass. and a brother, Robert H. Apgar of Deland, Fla. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

ARTHUR F. PITTUS JR., 82

Arthur F. Pittus Jr. died on Friday, June 5 at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

He was born in Elizabeth and has been a resident of South Plainfield for the last 43 years.

Mr. Pittus was a Air Traffic Controller at Newark International Airport in Newark for 39 years retiring in 1976. He was a member and former officer of the Air Traffic Control Association and the Society of Airway Pioneers. He was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

He served in the US Navy from 1935 to 1939 and was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

He received his BS in Business Management from Fairleigh Dickinson University in 1977. He is survived by his wife, Helen Edgee Pittus; two sons, Arthur

Pittus Jr. of Princeton and Richard of Sparta; four daughters, Patricia Pittus of South Plainfield; Kathleen Sullivan of Milford; Nancy Vodopia of Ringoes and Christine Innes of Philadelphia, Pa.; a sister, Lillian Kessinger of St. Petersburg, Fla. and 22 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, 3400 Spruce St., Philadelphia, PA 19104.

LONNIE MARK NAGAN, 42

Lonnie Mark Nagan died on Wednesday, June 3, at Long Beach (Calif.) Memorial Hospital.

Born in Newark, Mr. Nagan had lived in North Plainfield before moving to California in 1980.

He owned PTM Enterprises in Redondo Beach, Calif.

His sister, Patricia Loth Parker, died in 1985.

Surviving are his stepmother, Jean Sabino of South Plainfield; two sisters, Carol Stella and Barbara Loth, both of South Plainfield and two brothers, Allen Nagan of San Diego, Calif., and Gary of North Plainfield.

Private arrangements were by Pacific Crest Funeral Home in Redondo Beach, Calif.

ALFRED C. LOWRIE, 76

Alfred C. Lowrie died on Sunday, June 7, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Lowrie was born in Plainfield and has resided in South Plainfield since 1952.

He had been partners with his brother Douglas and together they had operated the Lowrie Auto Body in Bernardsville for 25 years.

He later became a freelance Insurance Claims Adjustor and had worked with the State Farm Insurance Co. in So. Plainfield and with the Willard Appraisal Co. of Plainfield. He retired 11 years ago.

Mr. Lowrie was a veteran of WW II, having served with the US Marines. At the time of his discharge, he held the rank of corporal. During his tour of duty with Marine Division, he had been stationed in the Pacific and had numerous combat battle engagements.

He was an avid bowler and had formerly bowled in the Senior Citizens Thursday morning league and he had also bowled in the Stelton Lanes Misfits League.

He was predeceased by a sister, Doris M. Clements.

Surviving are his wife Helen A. (Walter) Lowrie, three daughters, Carol A. Kilgannon of Brick Township, Patricia G. Bergold of Dunellen and Linda M. Gable of Manville; a son, Alfred L. Lowrie of Middlesex; a brother, Douglas Lowrie of Manahawkin; eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

MARY ANNE MOLLIKA MADJESKI, 37

Mary Anne Mollica Madjeski died on Sunday, May 31, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center following a long illness.

She was born in Elizabeth and had resided as a child in Clark. She then lived in the Seawarren section of Woodbridge before moving back to Clark four years ago.

She was a 1978 graduate of Johnson Regional High School in Clark. She then attended Union County Vo-Tech in Scotch Plains.

She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Mark S. Madjeski; two daughters, Kristin A. and Morgan F. Madjeski; and a son, Mark F. Madjeski, all at home and two stepchildren, Heather L. Madjeski and Kevin M. Madjeski, both of Beachwood; her mother, Lillian M. (Powderly) Mollica of Clark; three sisters, Lillian M. Mollica of Elizabeth, Jennifer Pollen of Forked River and Clarellen Branca of Dunellen and a brother, Frederick A. Mollica of Port Reading. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

ROY A. HUFFSMITH, 75

Roy A. Huffsmith died on Wednesday, June 3, in John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Scranton, Pa., Mr. Huffsmith had resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1946.

He was employed as an electrician for eight years for Egan Machinery of Somerville retiring in 1982. Previously, he was employed as an electrician for Laten Dorf Conveying Corp. of Kenilworth, and the Caton Industries of Clark.

He has served in the United States Army Air Force during WW II, serving as a corporal.

His two brothers, Earl and Charles Huffsmith, predeceased him.

Surviving are his wife, Frances (Bjorklund) Huffsmith; a daughter, Karen Bickunas of South Plainfield; two sons, Roy of Slattington, Pa. and Gary of South Plainfield.

Also surviving are five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

IRENE C. (BANTA) BRADSHAW, 76

Irene C. (Banta) Bradshaw died on Saturday, June 6, at Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center in New Brunswick.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Bradshaw had resided in Newark before settling in South Plainfield in 1956.

She was employed as a legal secretary for the Vincent J. Dotoli Law Office in South Plainfield for more than twenty years before her semi-retirement in the mid 1980's.

She was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Metuchen, where she sang in the church choir, was active at the church craft shows, as well as all of the other life ministries of the church.

Mrs. Bradshaw was honored by the Bishop of the New Jersey Diocese of the Episcopal Church to the St. Dunstons Guild for her long time commitment to the church choir.

Mrs. Bradshaw was also a member of the South Plainfield Chapter of AARP, where she was the editor of their newsletter.

She is predeceased by her brother, Ernest Banta, who died in 1992. Surviving are her husband of 53

years, Mitchell A. Bradshaw; a daughter, Linda Kahrman of Monmouth Junction; a son, Dennis M. Bradshaw of Lancaster, South Carolina and a brother, Richard Banta of Carteret.

Also surviving are six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations in her memory may be made to the St. Luke's Church fund or the American Cancer Society.

LEO J. KOLACKI, 74

Leo J. Kolacki died on June 4, at Veterans Administration Medical Center, Lyons.

Born in Brooklyn, Mr. Kolacki had resided in Perth Amboy and Metuchen for 20 years before moving to South Plainfield in 1988.

Mr. Kolacki was a WW II veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where he served as a sergeant before being discharged from Camp Lejeune, NC in February 1946.

He had been employed as a cabinet maker for Bennett Cabinet Co. of Edison and then later employed by the Cottage Creation Cabinet Company of Manville before his retirement 20 years ago.

Mr. Kolacki had been a professional musician where he played the bass guitar and sang vocals with famous musicians, such as Dick Bell and the recently deceased Eddie Rabbitt. He had also played various clubs in the New Jersey area and frequently appeared at Bud's Hut on Route 41 in Avenel.

He was a member American Federation of Musicians local #204-373, a member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763, and the American Legion Post #119 of Dunellen, the JJ Gardner Detachment of the US Marine Corps League of South Plainfield and the Military Order of the Devil Dogs pound #236 of Dunellen.

He is predeceased by his wife, Gladys Kolacki, who died in 1994. Surviving are a son, Ronald L. Kolacki of Edison; a daughter, Karen Kolacki and his grandsons, Ryan and Tyler Kolacki, both of Edison; his sisters, Stella Zawacki and Betty Kaznoch and his brothers, John and Tony Kolacki.

Funeral services were held at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnetown, NJ. Visitation was held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

DIANA D. (SMITH) DAWES

Diana D. (Smith) Dawes died on Monday, June 1 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Born in Richmond, NC, the daughter of the late Alexander and Ida Shepard Smith, she had resided for over 50 years in Princeton before settling in South Plainfield two years ago.

She had been employed by WHWH Radio of Princeton during the 1970's as a radio personality performing various duties such as broadcasting, announcing football games for women and advertising.

She later was employed by Caliper Management Inc. of Princeton before her retirement in the early 1980's.

Surviving are three nieces, Claudine Shepard Brock of Raeford, NC, Jean Stone Ratley and Elizabeth Stone Webb, both of Hope Mills, NC. Also surviving are several great nieces and nephews.

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Jekyll & Hyde Star, Jaramillo McLeod, Visits Middle School



Story and Photo by Patricia Abbott

Raymond Jaramillo McLeod is a charismatic singer from *Jekyll & Hyde* who left behind many students starry-eyed when he departed from his visit to the Middle School on Friday, June 5. The actor who portrays Mr. Stride in the Broadway hit play, *Jekyll & Hyde*, was invited to visit the Sixth Grade Singers and the Concert Choir by Middle School Vocal Music Teacher, Mrs. Doris Younken.

He spoke with them of career opportunities in the music field and of his work on Broadway. He had a successful career as an opera singer before he came to Broadway. He has numerous film and TV credits and has worked with everyone from Domingo to Streisand.

His portrayal of Juan Perone in the Papermill Playhouse production of *Evita*, won him critical acclaim. He appears on the Broadway *Jekyll & Hyde* CD and will soon release an CD entitled *Jaramello*.

He serenaded the delighted young audience with "Some Enchanted Evening" from *South Pacific* as well as a song from *Jekyll & Hyde*. The chorus members returned the favor by performing two songs from their spring concert for Mr. McLeod. He signed many autographs before students moved on to their next class. His visit presented students with the chance to meet a successful professional singer and actor and hopefully inspired some young minds to pursue their dreams and set lofty but attainable goals.

BOROUGH NEWS

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◆ A maintenance contract was awarded to Cerulean Tech for computer equipment used by the Police Department in the amount of \$5,500.

◆ The following have been hired as Swim Instructors for the 1998 season: Stacey Ackerman, Mario Bruno, Michael Clery, Jr., Jennifer Orlowski, Matthew Flannery and Bradley Lawrence.

◆ A tax lien was authorized in the amount of \$477.56 for abatement of public health on property located at 127 Koskiusko Ave. owned by Bernard and Joan Koziel.

◆ Ray Petronko announced that the post holes have been dug for the playground equipment to be erected at Putnam Park. Work should be completed on or before July 4.

◆ New Jersey DEP has agreed to pickup dead deer from local roads, but not on private property. This means if a deer is struck

and lands in your yard, the DEP will not remove it.

◆ Mayor Gallagher said he will attend the June 29 Board of Adjustments meeting to oppose the construction of a new drug store proposed for Park Ave. and Oak Tree Ave.

◆ The mayor also reported that an ordinance does exist on leasing a dog.

Planning Board

◆ Recycle, Inc. located on Harmich Rd. was granted permission to install a thermal oxidizer system to treat odors generated during existing process operations. The unit will be approximately 20 x 40 and have a stack 50 feet high. It will reduce and destroy odors emitted from the processing plant. Residents living near the plant have been complaining since last year about the offensive odors the plant emits. Recycle Inc. has been fined numerous times re-

garding the odor problem and believes this unit will alleviate the problem. Stack testing will be done by DEP.

◆ At the June 30 meeting the hearing on the proposed apartment complex to be built on Durham Ave. is will be continued. The public will be invited to speak at this time.

Board of Adjustments

◆ S&L Cursi Construction Co., Inc was granted a bulk variance to construct a single family residential home on Spring St. A portion of the property line is in Edison so the applicant will have to go in front of the Edison Board of Adjustments as well.

◆ J. Anthony Equipment Co. on South Clinton Ave. was granted a variance to use the existing building for a proposed contractor's storage yard and office with several conditions.

◆ Philip Campagna was granted two variances to erect a single family dwelling. Mr. Campagna agreed to install sidewalks and curbs and bring the street up to Borough standards, as per the Borough engineer. Maria Campagna, vice chairman excused herself from hearing this case.

◆ Gregory McGarry of Florence Place was granted permission to build a wooden deck.

◆ Plainfield Animal Hospital on Park Ave. was granted permission to erect a 4 x 6 pylon sign five feet from the property line.

◆ Omnipoint Communications, Inc. is requesting to use the existing water tower at 333 Hamilton Blvd. to mount wireless communications. The applicant is seeking a height variance since the location of the antennas will be at 100 feet above ground level on the existing 140 foot water tank. This case has been continued until the July 7 meeting.

POLICE REPORT

• A car reportedly stolen from Amboy Ave. was located driving on Plainfield Ave. a little while later. Police stopped the car in front of Police Headquarters and the driver turned out to be a cousin of the person who reported the theft. He did not have permission to drive the car but the complainant refused to pursue any charges. However, the suspect was found to have a \$29,255.70 non-support warrant from Middlesex County and a \$500 warrant from New Brunswick. He was then arrested and while being searched police found a white powder substance, believed to be cocaine in his pocket. He was charged with possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS), driving while suspended, possession of drugs in a motor vehicle and held on \$29,855.70 bail.

• Someone entered an open garage on Tooz Place and stole a mountain bike. A neighbor saw the incident taking place and yelled out but the suspect fled with the bike.

• Police responded to the report of a car fire on Hadley Blvd. last Sunday. When police arrived the car was fully engulfed. Witnesses said they saw a brown 1985 Olds, or similar vehicle

speed away from the scene when they arrived. The Fire Department was called and put out the fire. Chief Abbruzzese determined the fire was of suspicious origin. When police attempted to notify the registered owner, he was on the phone to report the cars theft.

• Dietrich Bradnax was stopped for a motor vehicle violation and a summons was issued. A check of the records found he had four outstanding warrants from Newark, Middlesex and Piscataway. He was processed and released on \$913 bail.

• A resident living on Wooden Ave. reported that her mailbox was damaged. This happened at the same time a neighbor had several flower pots damaged. Police are investigating.

• A rubber transmission hose was cut on a vehicle parked in the lot of the Middle School causing the fluid to leak out and seize the engine. The victim's mechanic stated it could not have been caused by wear and tear. The damage to the vehicle was \$1,700.

• Resnick Distributing on Park Ave. has signed a complaint against Southside Deli located in Edison for writing two bad checks totaling \$3,004. Both checks were returned for insufficient funds. After trying for several months to recover the money, only \$450 has been repaid.

• An employee of the Fashion Bug on Oak Tree Ave. heard a noise and opened the lock shattered on the front door of the store.

• Liquid Assets located on New Market Ave. called police and reported an altercation was taking place. A fight by several patrons was broken up and one man was sent to the hospital. Charges are pending further investigation.

• Million Dollar Video called police after they received a UPS COD delivery for \$175. When they opened the package they found ten pornographic films, which they had not ordered. After the UPS driver refused to refund the money, police intervened and UPS agreed to make the refund. Police tried to get the phone number from the manufacturer of the merchandise but the address is non-existent.

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Parents Beware — Prevent Childhood Drowning

Children aren't waterproof — especially when it comes to backyard pools. More than 300 children under five years old drown each year from accidentally falling into residential pools. Another estimated 2,000 will nearly drown. Most were missing from sight for five minutes or less.

In addition, most of the children were being supervised by one or both parents. With only a temporary lapse in supervision, a child can slip from a parent's sight, reach the pool, and accidentally fall in. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), almost 70 percent of small children were not expected to be at or in the pool, yet they were found in the water.

Barriers can restrict your child's access to a pool if momentarily unsupervised. By limiting a child's ability to reach the pool, parents gain time to locate a child who strays from sight. The following are examples of safety barriers around pools, hot tubs and spas:

- * Install a fence or other barrier, such as a wall, completely around the pool. The barrier should be at least four feet high, with no foot/handholds that could help a young child to climb it.

- * Fence gates should be self-closing and self-latching. The gate should be well maintained to close and latch easily. The latch should be out of a child's reach.

- * If the house forms one side of the barrier, the doors leading from the house to the pool should be protected with an alarm that is triggered when the door is opened unexpectedly.

- * Power safety covers over the pool may be used as an alternative to door alarms. It must also allow for quick removal of water from the cover — a young child can drown in just inches of water.

"The most important thing to

remember is 'constant supervision' under all circumstances," stated Michael Bonk, health officer for the South Plainfield Health Department. "Unfortunately, a child can drown in the time it takes to answer a phone."

These pool rules help safeguard young children around pools:

- * Appoint a "designated watcher" — if there's a party. Schedule adults who will be responsible for guarding the pool

for a specified time period.

- * Do not consider children "drown proof" because they have had swimming lessons. Never use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision.

- * Remove toys from the pool area when it is not in use — toys can attract young children to the pool.

- * If a child is missing, go to the pool first.

- * Learn CPR.



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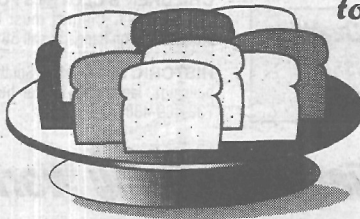
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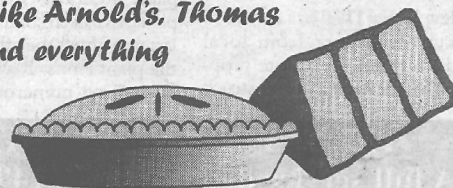
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