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SDW Casts Pajama Game

By Michael Duquette

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop has announced the cast list for their 34th annual season, a production of *The Pajama Game*. The show, written by George Abbott and Richard Bissell and featuring music written by composer Richard Adler and lyricist Jerry Ross, is about a mismatched romance that blooms between the leaders of two rival groups – the workers of the Sleep-Tite Pajama Factory and the workers' union that demands a wage hike of seven and a half cents. *The Pajama Game* was made into a film in 1957 starring Doris Day.

The cast for the SPSDW production includes Adam Tamzoke (Sid Sorokin), Marianne McBride (Babe Williams), Darren Kaczowski (Hines), Jenna Zielinski (Gladys), Scott Rann (Prez), Jeff Seesselberg (Joe), Shawn Ferguson (Hasler), Susan Mott (Mabel), Chris Abbott (1st Helper), Vinnie Carubia (2nd Helper), Chris Duquette (Charlie), Natalia Tamzoke (Mac), Jessica Musolino (Brenda), Allyson Paterek (Poopsie) and Pat Cantarella (Salesman).

The Pajama Game also features Ryan Flanagan, Chris Seesselberg, Kendall Green, Erica Linick, Kathryn Paterek, Siobhan Nicole Barrington, (Continued on page 7)



South Plainfield Middle School Commencement Exercise graduates almost 300. See story and photos on pages 4 and 5.

Borough Council Adopts Two Ordinances

By Libby Barsky

An ordinance to include a \$10 an hour charge for the use of a police vehicle when patrolmen are on off-duty jobs was adopted by the Borough Council at its June 21 meeting.

According to Vincent Buttiglieri,

municipal clerk, the additional charge is to cover the expenses of running the borough's police car during the time the officers are working at an off-duty job which requires a car. When there is an event like the recent festival held at Our Lady of Czestochowa, off-duty patrolmen are hired to direct traffic and crowd control. Non-profit organizations like the church usually don't require a police vehicle Buttiglieri said. However, if a business was undergoing construction on a heavily traveled roadway - then a police vehicle would be needed and used by off-duty patrolmen he explained. The compensation for off duty police remains the same 1 and 1/2 times the hourly rate for Class B patrolmen (\$56) and a \$5 administration fee which is reduced to \$2 for non-profit

organizations.

The other ordinance established are procedures for public utility poles or underground facilities. Utilities will be required to notify the municipal engineer or code officer within 24

hours by fax or e-mail before they place, remove or replace a utility pole or underground utility in the borough. The utility is also given a specific time in which to complete the

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Cultural Arts Comm. to Present A Celebration of Greek Dance

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission will proudly present a "Celebration Of Greek Dance" by the Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey at the Senior Center on Maple Ave. on July 16 at 7 p.m. The free presentation will include a formal concert of music, song and dance followed by an informal workshop introducing the audience to Greek dance.

The Hellenic Dancers of New Jersey is a group of first and second generation Greek-Americans founded by Eleni Chakalos and dedicated to perpetuating their ancestral heritage through enthusiastic performances of the regional folk dances of Greece. Inseparable from this Greek national heritage is their music, song and dance, expressions of a joy of life embracing centuries of Greek history.

"To dance is to live....to live is to dance," a quote from Zorba the Greek, exemplifies the underlying spirit of the Greek culture that the dancers portray through the precision and enthusiasm that they bring to each performance.

They have performed at Presidential rallies and inaugurations, the NJ State Ethnic and Diversity Festival and they won first prize at the Garden State Arts Center intra-State Competition.

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

Highland Woods Preserve Observes Summer Solstice

Tuesday, June 21 brought forth a most favorable climate and clear skies, which permitted Alice Tempel and Marie Markey to facilitate a most fascinating and enlightening tour of Highland Avenue Woods during a Clean Communities Glitterbug Summer Solstice expedition. Along with over 40 participants, hikers were

welcomed by Alice and Marie to the woods and escorted to a picturesque meeting place near the periphery, where they were warmly greeted, and heartily welcomed for their willingness to join them in celebrating the longest day of the year.

Dr. Tempel, an environmental spe-

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IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following teachers and staff at Grant 5 & 6 Elementary School for helping my son Troy get through the fifth grade, which turned out to be a very difficult year. If it were not for these individuals I don't know if Troy would have done as well scholastically. The following people deserve a round of applause: Mrs. Chabrak, Ms. Mazzacco, Ms. Bender, Mrs. Kellerman, Mrs. Barnett, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Terelle, Mrs. Burkat, Ms. D'Adezzio, Mrs. Clyde, Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Nigro, Mrs. Hartmann, Mrs. Wallis, Mrs. Mandel and Mr. Young. These individuals and the other fifth grade teachers had to teach classes that were not in compliance with the New Jersey Special Education laws. Under the laws of Special Education there can only be six classified students in each classroom which has a Special Education teacher and a regular teacher. Once you get past six students, an aide must be put in the classroom. Most of the fifth grade classrooms had nine and ten special education students in there.

To remedy this situation, our superintendent, Dr. Rosado; Mr. Flamini, the head of Special Services and the Board decided to apply for a waiver from the New Jersey Special Education Department to exempt them from putting aides in the needed classrooms. Six weeks after school started, in Oct. of 2004, papers were sent to the State asking for a special waiver because the South Plainfield school district did not realize that grade five was still considered elementary status! You would think after all the years that grade five were in the elementary schools this would have been common knowledge to our District. Even though this was the second year grade five had at Grant, it seems nobody knew that it was still considered elementary according to State laws.

The Department of Education granted the waiver, saying that Grant 5 & 6 had to be in compliance by September, 2005. So the teachers and the fifth grade students had to deal with extra Special Education students in the classrooms because our district did not

To the Editor,

After reading the many articles on 'The removal of Mr. Tweed', I Brian Cole, felt that a photo dedication of the last concert directed by Mr. Tweed at the South Plainfield High School on June 8 was warranted. So in honor of his dedication, I am exhibiting a tribute to Mr. Tweed that can be viewed by all family and friends. The entire event can be viewed at www.olschool.net in the photo galleries section under concerts—my personal token of appreciation for his endless dedication to our musical artists.

**RESPECTFULLY,
BRIAN 'OLSCHOOL' COLE, OLSCHOOL PRODUCTIONS**



want to hire any aides. I watched with my son's teachers and staff with great amazement as they went over and above their duties and did whatever they possibly could to make things go smoothly. Their kindness, caring, patience, perseverance and love were constant throughout the school year. Not only did the Special Education students not get the education they deserved, but neither did the other students. They were deprived by not having that extra person in the classroom to help the teachers.

I would like to think that the Board of Education has made the necessary changes and that all grades will be in compliance with the Special Education laws. These laws were made to protect our children and were not enforced by either our district or the State of New Jersey. To waste a year in a child's education, especially a child that needs all the help they can get, is a horrible injustice. So, I applaud you teachers and staff of the fifth grade class and hope and pray this never happens again. Thank you for standing by me and giving me comfort, help, hope, direction and your time this past year. I truly appreciate everything you have all done for Troy and me. You all deserve a restful, relaxing and pleasant vacation after a year like this!

**SINCERELY,
GWENN KURILEW**

To the Editor,

As a member of the South Plainfield High School Marching Band from 1996-2000, I was section leader and

student director of music under the "direction" of Mark Tweed. Band was a passion in my freshman year. When I graduated though, my band friends and I were half serious when we joked, "Do we get our souls back when we turn in our instruments?"

I needed to write for the other contingent that was not represented in your letters to the editor June 24 edition. This contingent was belittled and verbally abused by Mark Tweed. These students gave 100% and in return got frustration, anger and tears. Nothing they did was good enough for this man. Upon graduation, they never wanted to visit the music department of SPHS again. The joy they had for band as freshmen was destroyed by Mark Tweed, now replaced with animosity and disgust. Tweed's agenda was to institute a system of nepotism and verbal abuse to the detriment of the students. He played favorites, made chauvinistic remarks and made students place band over their families. Tweed wasn't a teacher, but a bully.

Jeffrey Pauls said Tweed was a "father figure" to students. As a student, this so-called "father figure" told me a woman's place is in the home and the husband should make all of the important family decisions. I was appalled. I'm sure Mr. Pauls has never heard comments like this, or anything else other than the non-offensive persona Tweed displays for the parents. Rest assured, he assumes a much darker demeanor within the confines of his classroom.

In 1999, my grandfather who had lived with me my entire life fell gravely ill. I told Tweed I was going to have to miss the band concert to visit him in the hospital. He guilted me into not visiting my grandfather, saying I was letting him and the band down. Sadly, my grandfather died two weeks later. I've never been able to forgive Tweed for stealing part of the precious time I

had left with him.

I feel I've illustrated my point. South Plainfield has a right to know both sides to this story. The "minority," as Carol Provaire calls us, needed a voice. More appropriately call us the Silent Majority. Mine is just one story.

The administration should not be criticized for their actions, but for taking so long to act.

**SINCERELY,
JESSICA ARDIS, CLASS OF 2000**

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to those discussing this year's graduation ceremony. I think that the letters written were a bit dramatic. Along with the rest of my graduating class, I worked hard throughout high school. My hard work paid off as I will be attending a very good school in the fall, with a very good scholarship. By no means do I think that I wasted my time in high school because it rained on graduation day.

I would also like to add that the vast majority of the Senior class started cheering and applauding when Dr. May announced that the speeches were to be eliminated from the ceremony.

The comments mentioned in last week's paper about not being able to hear the graduates' names over the noise is a fact, however, if anyone has ever attended a previous graduation ceremony, they would know that this is the case every year. There are always several families much louder than others who use air horns and cheer for ten minutes after their graduate's name is called, making it impossible to hear other names.

When I threw my cap into the air and was greeted by my friends, it was not with tears about "not having graduated in a righteous manner," it was with laughter and comments about it being the best and shortest graduation ever.

If everyone was so upset over the rain, why then, did they all stay on the field cheering after the ceremony

Submit Letters to the Editor:

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

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ended? Last week's *Observer* depicted various members of the senior class all smiling in pictures taken both before and after the ceremony.

Lastly, I would like to add that Dr. May did not make a disaster out of Graduation, the weather did. And I could hardly call it a disaster. At 5 p.m. when I called the high school to find out where graduation would take place, the sun was shining and there wasn't a cloud in the sky. The clouds didn't start to move in until about half of the class had proceeded to their seats.

I graduated from high school on June 22 and I am proud of my accomplishment. Whether it had rained or not was not going to affect my achievements over the last four years. They were worthwhile, not a waste of time as a result of the rain. I am not going to dwell on the things I cannot change, especially because I had an awesome time at Graduation.

Lastly I offer this advice to the Senior class of 2005, "Life is too short to be anything but happy, one cannot change the events of the past, and it is better to live life in the present, rather than dwell on those of the past."

CHRISTINA A. MARTIN, SPHS GRADUATE

To the Editor,

I can only imagine the difficult responsibilities the Board of Education has to weigh; the knowledge of the professionals, the opinions of the students and their parents, and the man-

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American Legion Post #243 represented their Color Guard by marching in the American Legion Convention parade in Wildwood for the first time in 25 years. Marching were Mike Dalton, Commander Joe Penyak, Vice Commander Dave Piscitelli, Commander of Sons of American Legion Mark Seliz and Vice Commander Dick Frank.

Traffic Nightmare Has Begun

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) will host a second update on the Hamilton Boulevard Reconstruction Project on Thursday, July 14 at 9 a.m. at Sherban's Diner located at 222 Front St.

Councilman Charlie Butrico will join the borough engineer and police traffic safety division to present detailed information on the project. We also hope to have a representative from the general contractor as well.

Due to the high impact this project is having on traffic throughout the borough, we are opening this meeting to all South Plainfield businesses, regardless of their membership status with the SPBA.

NJ Property Taxes – Excessively High and Still Unchallenged by State Legislators

By Frank Mikorski

There has been considerable discussion on the issue of high property taxes for months and years, yet politicians who say they should be reduced are reluctant to render concrete suggestions in order to enact appropriate legislation for this essential need. The Assembly, including your representatives, voted for putting a constitutional convention on the ballot. So far all this convention will do is discuss revenues and you can guess what this adds up to...*more taxes!*

The Convention will not consider the real cause of the tax burden to taxpayers and that is simply *cost*. Every taxpayer should contact his State Senator and urge him to vote "No" at the Constitutional Convention.

Since legislators do not represent you properly by looking at ways to reduce spending, maybe they should face up to the following facts:

- The Supreme Court of New Jersey years ago interpreted the exact language of the Constitution to clarify "thorough and efficient education," thus determining that so-called Abbott districts (presently includes 31 districts out of 611), would receive State aid dollars so that they could spend as much per student as the wealthiest districts. The Supreme Court decision favoring the Abbott-Burke districts is nothing more than preferential treatment that discriminates against and penalizes students in the other 580 non-Abbott districts. Also included in the Abbott bill, in the year 2004, state aid for education was about \$6.5 billion and the students classified within the "special needs program" were appropriated \$3.5 billion. The other 580 districts receive the balance.

FROM THE Senior Men's FORUM

- The Borough of South Plainfield, 17% State Aid and the balance of the school budget, 74%, is paid by the taxpayers in their property taxes!

Contrast this with some of the Abbott districts. Trenton receives 92% State Aid while taxpayers pay only 8%; Perth Amboy receives 88% State Aid and taxpayers pay only 12%; New Brunswick receives 80% State Aid and local taxpayers pay 20%; Newark receives 90% State Aid and taxpayers only need to come up with 10% and Plainfield receives 85% State Aid and local taxpayers there fund 15%.

There are another 26 Abbott districts also receiving a disproportionate share of State Aid, literally requiring the other 580 non-Abbott districts to subsidize the clearly defined inequity. Is this fair? We say NO!

Consider the per student education cost in Trenton which is \$13,539; Perth Amboy, \$11,823; New Brunswick, \$13,539; Newark, \$14,515 and Asbury Park, \$16,184. The state average per student is \$10,403. It's

obvious that the Supreme Court decision was an abysmal failure. In subsequent decisions they gave these districts 100% funding, about \$6 billion, for school construction and provided free pre-schooling within the Abbott districts. Local newspapers have reported that the construction program for the Abbott district is out of control. (See page one of *The Star Ledger* June 14 issue, "Official: \$6B Not Enough to Finish School Construction.")

Some time ago the Superintendent of Schools in Newark was quoted as saying that he felt the special needs funding should not be divisive. Lo and behold...it is! Our questions lie in this area and they have been falling on deaf ears for far too long: "Why is our district not getting full funding for preschool education? Why does our district not receive 100% State funding for construction? Why do 31 districts out of 611 receive over 50% of State Education funding?"

In his column on Oct. 21, 2003, Paul Mulshine of *The Star Ledger* really made this issue of unfairness clear. He reported that the State Income Tax cost to Morris County taxpayers was \$575 million while the Morris County schools receive only \$143

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Spring Lake Park Prepares For Music In The Parks Series

During the months of July and August, as part of Middlesex County's 2005 Music in the Parks Series, Spring Lake Park will host weekly concerts every Sunday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the gazebo. All concerts are free to the public. The U.S. Recording Industry, in part, provides the instrumental music for these performances through the Music Performance Trust Funds, arranged by Local #204-#373 and Local #746, American Federation of Musicians.

The concerts are as follows:

- July 10: Fred Weshe's Billion Dollar Sound Band (Frank Wolfe, Conductor)
- July 17: The George Krauss Memorial Band (Barbara Santoro, Conductor)
- July 24: The Chet Varner Quartet (Chet Varner, Leader)
- July 31: The Bob Birch Quintet (Bob Birch, Leader)
- August 7: The Jimmy Ray Band (Ray Rothstein, Leader)
- August 14: The Big Band Express (Pat Mash, Conductor)
- August 21: Beacon Hill Jazz Band (Marty Eigen, Leader)
- August 28: The Associates (Art Smith, Leader)

Nominations Sought for Parade Grand Marshal

Labor day is just around the corner and the South Plainfield Celebration Committee is seeking nominations for the Honorary Grand Marshal of the 48th Annual Labor Day Parade to be held on Monday, Sept. 5. The theme of this year's parade is "Civic Groups are the Heart of South Plainfield." If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to South Plainfield, send a letter stating your reason why this person should be considered. Include candidate's name, address, phone number and accomplishments. Deadline for accepting nominations is July 26. Send nomination to: The Public Celebration Committee, John Sorentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

The Public Celebration Committee is also seeking nonprofit organizations interested in having a concession stand at the PAL. Send your concession stand applications to the Public Celebration Committee, Kim Gallagher,

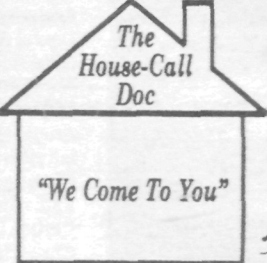
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In addition, parade marshals are also needed to assist in the organization of the parade line. Marshals must be at least 18 years old. Submit your parade marshal applications to the Public Celebration Committee, Joe Scudato, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Applications can also be submitted online by visiting: www.southplainfieldnj.com.

Special Children's Library Craft Program

The library will hold a special children's craft program Friday afternoons in July at 3 p.m. Programs feature a dinosaur-themed craft project and are for children ages 6-10. They'll be held on July 8, 15, 22 and 29. Pre-registration is required for each program.

For information about programs or Summer Reading, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for the children's department.



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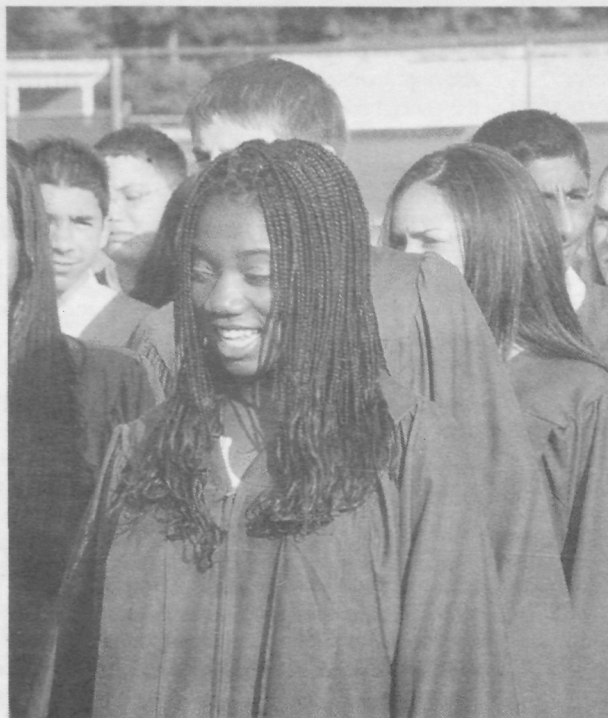
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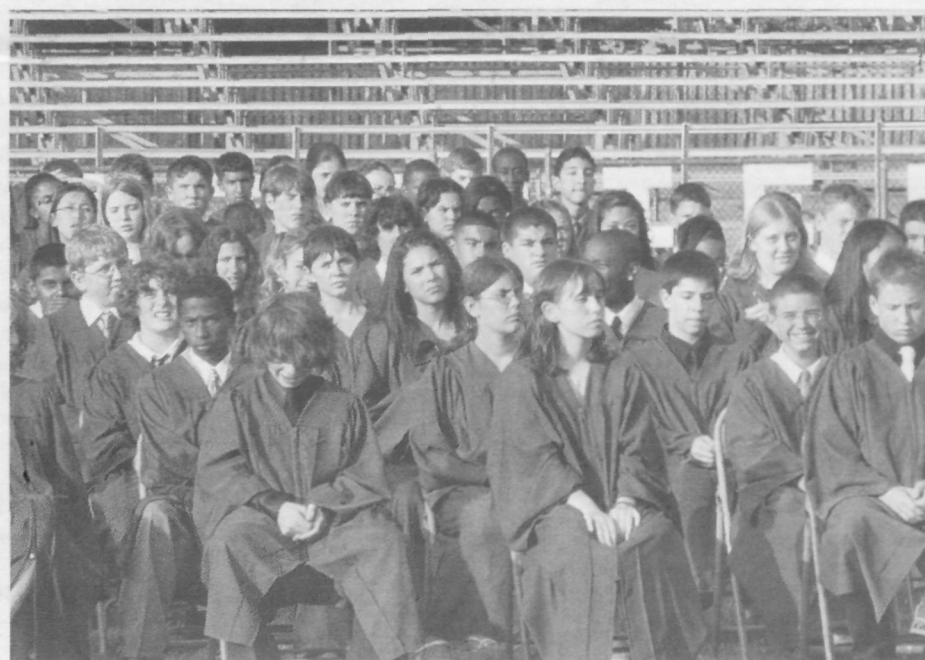
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South Plainfield Middle School Graduation



Summer's first evening was the setting for the forty-second annual Middle School Promotion Exercise on June 21 at Jost Field. Smiles adorned the faces of the 290 eighth graders waiting to make the final passage to high school. After greetings and introductions by Middle School Assistant Principal Phyllis Savage, the students, along with families and friends, were addressed by Kathryn Paterek, student council president; Catherine Krawiec, student representative; Gina Viola, student representative. Announcement of awards was presented by Phyllis Savage. Presentation of the class was by School Principal Allen Czech and acceptance of the class by Dr. Robert J. Rosado, superintendent of schools. Board of Education President Michael English offered greetings to the guests and graduates. Members of the Board of Education awarded certificates.

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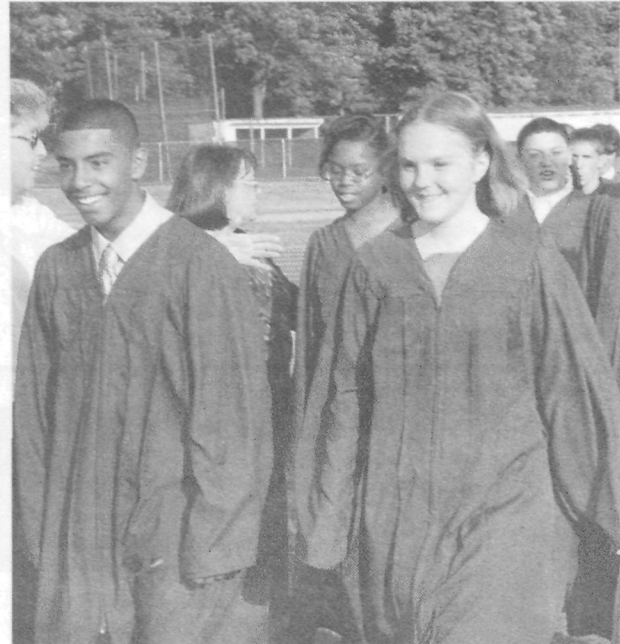
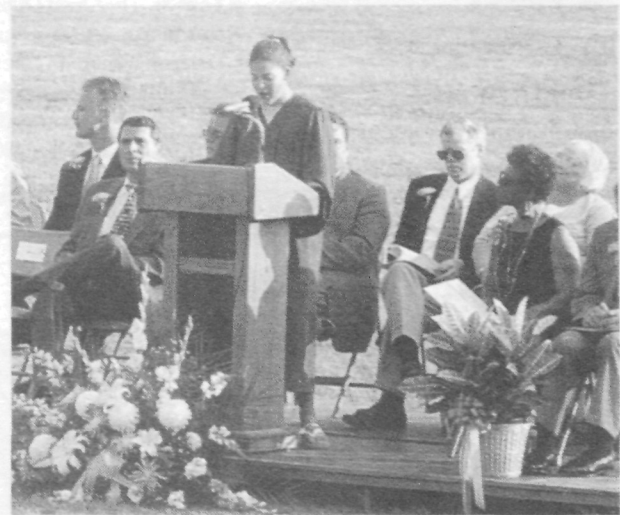
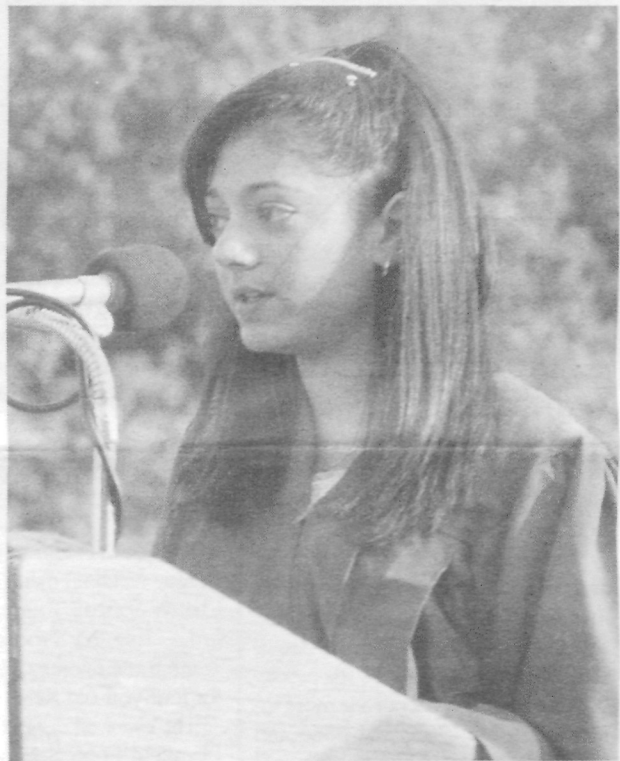
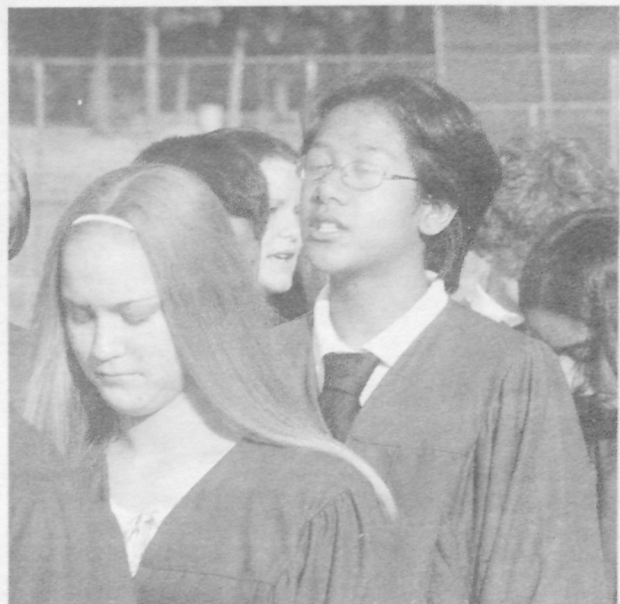
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Around Town

Scrapbooking to Benefit Breast Cancer

July 9

Resident Jackie Vill is training for AVON's Marathon for Breast Cancer which is to take place on Oct. 1 and 2. To help her raise funds, there will be an eight hour scrapbooking event on Saturday, July 9 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church.

The fee is \$28, of which \$20 will go toward breast cancer awareness. Event offers unlimited use of cropping tools, chances to win door prizes and raffles, scrapbook gift bags, make and takes, project demos and mini workshops and a thank you gift.

Contact Dayel Giammarino by July 6 at (908) 754-4255 or The8Cs@aol.com.

Library Craft Program

July 11

The South Plainfield Library will host a special adult craft program on Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m.

The program will be led by "Practical Crafting" instructor Ronda Wisniewski. Participants will paint a decorative flower pot or a six-inch pillar candle. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. A \$2 materials charge is payable upon registration.

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

Church Pierogi Sale

July 14

A pierogi sale will be held on Thursday, July 14 at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church on 400 Delmore Avenue.

Pierogi are \$4 per dozen, handmade and freshly cooked to order by parish members. Potato pierogi with cheese and sauerkraut pierogi will be offered. Order by Monday, July 11 for pickup on Thursday. To order or for more information, call (908) 561-6366 and leave your name, phone number and order. For information or questions contact Dorothy at (908) 756-7223.

Cultural Arts Presents Hellenic Dancers

July 16

Come Join the Circle of the Dance. The

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The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING EVENTS Cultural Arts Presents Hellenic Dancers, 7 p.m. Italian Night, Saturday, July 23 6 p.m. Cost \$3			Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am COMPUTER CLASS 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11am Senior Advisory Meeting 4:30 p.m.	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am	Exercise Club 8:30am Line Dancing 10am AARP Craft's 1pm Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm	Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available
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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

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

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

PAL Softball Tourn.

July 16

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

The event takes place at the South Plainfield High School ballfield on Lake St. The Open Division is limited to the first 16 teams and Charitable Division is limited to the first 10 teams.

Teams can register by contacting Det. Gary Cassio at (908) 226-7663, Det. Chris Colucci at (908) 226-7662 or at the PAL on Maple Ave. at (908) 226-7714. Rain date is July 23.

Pilgrim Covenant Open House

July 20

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

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

If unable to attend the open house, visit the Learning Center during its operating hours. For further information please call (908) 756-4879.

Cedarcroft Chapel Vacation Bible School

July 25-29

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, located at 1715 Kenyon Ave., is conducting its annual Vacation Bible School on July 25 through 29 from 6:45 to 9 p.m. for children entering Kindergarten through grade eight. The theme will be "Get Wild About God on the Serengeti Trek." Pre-register by calling (908) 756-8244 or by registering on the Chapel website - www.cedarcroft.org.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

July 30

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located on Oak Tree Road, will hold an Open House on Saturday, July 30 from 10 a.m. to noon.

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

You are also invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours. For directions and additional information, visit their website at rainbowacademy.com.

Stress Factory Comedy Club

August 21

The Stress Factory Comedy Club will present a fundraiser to benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad on Sunday, Aug. 21. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and show begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Feature performer will be Lenny Marcus. Reserve your tickets now. The Stress Factory is located on Church St. in New Brunswick.

For tickets call (732) 558-9076 or (908) 754-2324.

Senior Center EVENTS

Sons of the American Legion Super 50/50

September 5

There will be a Super 50/50 drawing sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #243 held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at American Legion on Oak Tree Ave. The cost is \$5 per ticket. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds go to benefit the various charities that SAL #243 support.

— Out of Town —

Watchung Arts Center Jazz Concert

July 8

The Watchung Arts Center on the Watchung Circle, 18 Stirling Road in Watchung will host a Jazz Concert on Friday, July 8 at 8 p.m. featuring Rick Moore on piano, John Messina on bass and Bill Chatin on drums.

Tickets are \$13 and can be reserved by phone at (908) 753-0190 or online at www.watchungarts.org. If calling outside of business hours, please leave your name, address, and phone number to hold a reservation.

Reserved tickets will be held at the door for pickup. Email WACenter@aol.com with any questions.

Middlesex East WOWs Dance

July 8

The Middlesex East Widows and Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold a dance on Friday, July 8 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at St. Demetrius Community Center on Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission is \$8 for members and \$9 for non-members.

The Middlesex East WOWs meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 at the Carteret Community center in Carteret.

For information call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 575-0515.

George Street Playhouse Presents

July 9-10

The Unlimited Potential Theater Company (UPTCo) announces performances of *New Voices New Visions*, original one-act plays by company members, at the George Street Play-

house in New Brunswick on Saturday, July 9 and Sunday, July 10. Performances will begin at 2 p.m. The July 9 performance will feature sign language interpretation and will be followed by a theater workshop for students ages 10 to 16.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students. For reservations, call (732) 745-3885, or info@vsanj.org.

Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

July 13

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will have a business meeting and social hour on Wednesday, July 13 at 7 p.m. in the Main Public Library, George Fredrick Plaza in Woodbridge. Light refreshments will be served. Call (732) 297-1775 for more information.

Morris and Essex Cat Club "Adopt a Cat"

July 16-17

Local shelters will have cats and kittens available for adoption. Special adoption gifts for the first five animals adopted from each shelter. Held in conjunction with the Garden State Cat Show, to be held July 16 and 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Garden State Exhibit and Convention Center in Somerset. Contact Kate McMahon at KMPurs22@aol.com for information.

Woodbridge WOWs Dance-Social

July 17

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will hold a member/guest Dance-Social on Sunday, July 17 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the Elks' Hall, 665 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. The cost is \$8. Live music by the Blue Notes and refreshments will be served. Call (732) 297-1775 for more information.

Tri-State Model Contest

July 18

Talent Unlimited has announced the Mister/Miss Tri-State Model 2005 Contest will be held on Friday, July 8 at the Radisson Hotel in Mount Laurel at 4 p.m.

For information, call (856) 931-1962.

Starlight Socials Picnic

July 16

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

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

Cruise and Seaside Heights Visit

August 27

Join People for Animals on Saturday, August 27 for a two-hour sight-seeing cruise on the "River Lady" including lunch onboard. Following the cruise will be a two-hour visit to the Seaside Heights Boardwalk. Motor coach leaves at 10 a.m. from the Jeanette Avenue Municipal Parking Lot in Union. Estimated time of return is 6:30 p.m. Free parking for the day is available in this lot.

A donation of \$69 per person is requested. Call Progressive Travel directly at (908) 688-8787 for reservations before July 22.

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Are You Excited about Litter? These Kids Are!

At a banquet in Red Bank hosted by the New Jersey Clean Communities Council, our very own South Plainfield Glitterbugs received an award for the program and the activities the group has performed so far. The Glitterbugs, started this past January, are children who want to live in a clean place and want to learn and do something about it. They have had nature hikes, cleanups, programs and more. They act as official town litter detectives who report on litter they find. The children attended an all-day seminar where they learned how litter affects everything, from water to the food chain and participated in hands-on experiments. Sandy Huber, executive director of the council, presented the award. The Glitterbugs present at the ceremony were Dion, Diamond and Diana Pender, Kathy and Danny Pecheco, Joshua Coupe, Joshua Siepmann, Zachary Henderson, Christopher and James Markey and Anthony Austin. The Glitterbugs Club would like to thank Dr. Rosado for his support of the program.

In addition to the Glitterbug Award, South Plainfield walked away with a few awards at this children's banquet. Cub Scouts of Wolverine Den Pack 207 Joshua Coupe and Christopher Markey, Wolf Den of

Summer Solstice

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cialist and head of the South Plainfield Clean Community Program well prepared the youngsters present of the notion that all ardent hikers follow the "Leave No Trace" belief in hiking, by reading the amusing, yet fascinating, tale, "The Wartville Wizard," by Dan Madden, which tells of a lovely old gentleman who, upon tiring of picking up his town's trash, finds the means to direct all trash tossed by it's owners, back to themselves. Miffed that they are embarrassed to their litter "glued" to their bodies, they realize, through his unusual efforts, that placing their trash in the correct locale not only makes them feel good, but keeps their trash from "gluing" to their bodies, makes them as clean as their town.

Once the tale was told, hikers took their flashlights, and, with the guidance of Naturalists Hazel England and Emile DeVito, took to the woods to learn and observe the wonders it provides. From identifying Cherry Tree and Sassafras leaves to hearing Wood Thrush birds and provoking Grey Horned owls, visitors were enlightened to nature in ways rarely experienced by the average hiker. While one might guess that a hike in local woods might be mundane and routine, it is clear that those who chose to explore found much to enjoy and query, again, and again, and again!

If you are one of those who want to make a difference in South Plainfield by working with children and teaching them how litter affects the environment, contact Marie Markey at (908) 755-3213.

Submitted by Rachel Henderson

SDW Casts Pajama Game

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Katie Mott, Davonna Approvato, Katie Noonan, Lauren O'Day, Cassandra Krajcik, Sarah Brooks, Chris Delaney, Joel Cortese, Jake Butyinski, Tristan More, Doug Porzio, Tim Ratti, Nora Stasio, Carla Scala, Brittany Penevolpe, Ellen Zinsky, Julia Zappi, Emily Orlandini, Nicole Rann, Noelle Aguilar, Kirsten Nuber, Huong Kim Tran, Natalie Madurski, Abby Petritsch, Alyssa Aiello and Faryn Evans.

The show will debut at South Plainfield High School on Aug. 4 and continue through Aug. 7.



The South Plainfield Glitterbugs Club.

Pack 224 Brandon Rickert, Anthony Santone, John Michael O'Sullivan and Wolf Den of Pack 207 James Markey, Frank Ferraro, Danny Pacheco and Zachary Henderson were recognized for the Recycling Fair held last November.

The Glitterbugs Club is always looking for new members; children ages 5-18 are welcome. Adults are encouraged to get involved as well.

Please call Alice Tempel for additional information at (908) 226-7621.

Council Adopts Ordinances

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work and bring the right of way to its previous condition. If not completed in time, there will be a fine of up to \$100 a day until the requirement is met.

In other business:

- The council approved the Temporary budget for FY2006 of \$7,816,664.58; total General Appropriations, \$1,042,600. Total Sewer Utility Appropriations and \$93,112 Total Pool Utility Appropriations approved the \$170,158.

- The bid of Top Line Construction—the lowest of three bids—to make culvert, curbs and sidewalk repairs on Church Street.

- Authorized as a "professional service" a \$42,300 contract with PMK

Group to perform a study of extending New Market Ave. to alleviate truck traffic to residential area of Borough.

- Authorized a \$15,000 contract with Straight Edge Striping to place markings on Borough roadways.

- Approved \$43,151.28 final payment to Stilo Excavating for sanitary sewer repairs on Murray, Park and Oak Tree avenues.

- The Borough made \$40,000 on auction it held of items no longer used by borough.

- With students out of school, drivers are being reminded with signs saying "Keep Kids Alive—Drive 25" to slow down when driving through town. There are signs with this message for homeowners to put on their lawns and can be obtained at Borough Hall, Police Chief John Ferraro added.

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Sports

Annual Muglia Annual Golf Outing Chalks Up Another Year of Success



The Muglia family at Art's Golf Outing.



The Jayne family participated at Art Muglia's golf outing.

The Second Annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing took place Friday, June 24 at Art's favorite course, Spooky Brook in Somerset.

Fifty-six golfers shared breakfast, an afternoon of golfing and dinner at Sherban's Diner, another favorite spot of Art's. All the participants spent the day sharing much camaraderie and fond memories of the man for whom this outing is named for.

Several golfing awards were distributed: Low Gross Awards went to Linda Silvia and Dr. Charles Smith. Low Net Awards were earned by Sue Buin and Ralph Cuono. Steven Muglia and Linda Silvia won the longest drive along with John "Chief" Cotone, who earned the senior's longest drive award for his second consecutive year and George Zailer earned closest to the pin honors.

The special "Art's Awards" went to Bernie Petrozello for fewest putts, Walter Youngmans for best dressed, Tom O'Connor for most loquacious and Sue Bain for leaving no stroke uncounted.

The committee who helped make this outing possible were: Bob Muglia, Jim Muglia, John "Chief" Cotone and "Coach" Pat Bottone. Members of the committee would like to extend their thanks on behalf of Art to all participants who helped support Art's favorite charity, the Matheny School for Physically Handicapped Young Adults. Thanks to the generosity of the golfers and friends of Art, Matheny will receive \$3,000 towards their Arts Department.

Thanks once again to all who participated and be sure to mark your calendars for next year's outing, which will be held on Friday, June 30, 2006.

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

Pornovets flattened Patti's Construction, 17-3, and moved into first place in the hotly-contested race in the American Division. Robert Pornovets earned medalist for his team with a 40, while Mike Behr was low-man for Patti's in posting a 41 in a lopsided, high-scoring match.

Plainfield Animal Hospital slipped into second place after dropping a 14-6 match to KC's Korner. Mike Sikanowicz had another fine round with a 36 for PAH and Keith Steele shot 39, but KC's showed too much firepower as Tony Cotone, Jr. and Dan Conti both had 37's and Mark Dugan came through with a 39.

Masters edged out Twin City, 11-9, as Al Szumski and Irish Danny Griffin has 39's to offset the fine round of 37 turned in by Twin City's Jay Coppola and the solid round of 38 from Guy Severini.

Phil Aiello, Jr. had his best night ever in league play as he posted a personal low score of 38, highlighted by a fabulous eagle on the 274-yard eighth hole. Aiello's majestic drive rolled onto the eighth green while the group ahead was still putting out. "I've never done that before," Aiello said. Even his VFW opponents were rooting for Aiello to sink his eight-foot putt for an eagle; and drain it he did. Teammates Ed Banach fired a 36 and Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer had a 38 as Aiello blasted the VFW 17-3 to maintain their hold on first place in the National

Division. Bob Besser showed some of his old form in posting a 41 to earn medalist honors for the VFW.

The South Plainfield Elks are playing very tough this year and moved into second place, just one game behind Aiello, by defeating Witty's

13-7. Dale Dube and Chris Nuzzo had 39's to lead the scoring for the Elks while Kevin Bickunas shot a 38 for Witty's in a losing effort.

The Hackers once again had to give away to many strokes and suffered another tough loss, this time dropping their match to Sport & Social, 13-7. Jeremy Szoc of the Hackers is now one of the hottest golfers in the league and tied the low-round of the season with a sparkling even-par 33. Bill Mann had an impressive 37 and Capt. Kevin Boyce shot 39 for the Hackers, but their solid play was just not enough to gain a victory. Dennis Bibby and Todd Gregory shared medalist honors for Sport & Social with scores of 40.

Tony Cotone, Jr. of KC's Korner won the weekly closest-to-the-pin competition on the third hole and Jeremy Szoc had the best tee shot on the fifth hole to win the KC's Korner luncheon-for-two award.

Low scores for the night: Jeremy Szoc, 33; Ed Banach, 36; Mike Sikanowicz, 36; Bill Mann, 37; Tony Cotone, Jr., 37; Dan Conti, 37 and Jay Coppola, 37.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Pornovets	5	3	1	Aiello	7	2	0
PAH	4	3	2	Elk's	6	3	0
KC's Korner	4	4	1	Witty's	6	3	0
Twin City	4	5	0	Sport & Social	5	2	2
Masters	3	5	0	Hackers	3	5	1
Patti's	1	8	0	VFW	1	7	1

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County's Fall Slo-Pitch Softball Leagues Forming

Teams are being sought for the Middlesex County Parks and Recreation Department's fall slo-pitch softball leagues. Men's single- and double-header game leagues and women's single-game leagues begin play in August and September.

"Fall ball continues to be popular with our residents," said Deputy Freeholder Director Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina, chairman of the county's Parks and Recreation Committee. "It's a great league for them to compete in fun, friendly games."



Rosters and payment are now being accepted. Up to five team members may be non-county residents.

Deadline for roster and payment is Aug. 5. Opening day is scheduled for late August and games are scheduled throughout Oct. or into Nov.

The Men's Single-Game League plays 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. The Men's Double-Header League starts at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Games are played at Thomas Edison Park in Edison or Warren Park in Woodbridge.

Entrance fee is \$330, with an additional \$75 forfeit fee. Umpire fees are \$18 per team, per game. Teams are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis and space is limited to eight teams.

For information and to join, call the Parks and Recreation Department at (732) 745-4222 or (732) 745-3900.

**Adult (50+) Computer Classes**
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Tiger Sharks Upset Kendall Park

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team upset the Willows Swim Team in Kendall Park with a win of 156-120, making it the second win of the season.

The boys began the meet with a dynamic start, taking first place in all the long freestyle events. Taking first place ribbons were: 10-and-under Anthony Gurrieri-100 meters, 11/12 Dylan McDermott-100 meters and 13-18 Calvin John Smiley-200 meters. Liam McDermott (10 and under) and Philip Luzny (13-18) placed second, while Zack Post (11/12) placed third showing the depth of the boys' team.

Gracie Piekarski placed first for the girls (10-and-under) in the 100 meter Individual Medley. In the 11/12 age group Chelsea Cullen placed second and Maggie Valentino placed third. Gracie's sister, Emily Piekarski finished the event with a second in the 13-18 200 meter Individual Medley.

In the breaststroke events, Liam McDermott placed first in the 9/10 age group, while his brother Aidan McDermott placed second in the eight-and-under age group. Zack Post (11/12) and Brian Green (15-18), also placed first in the event. Philip Luzny (15-18) finished second and Sean Cullen (11/12) placed third.

Kelly O'Brien (eight-and-under), Chelsea Cullen (11/12), and Katie Kaczka (15-18) placed first in the butterfly events. The depth of the girls' team was shown in this event. Gracie Piekarski (9/10) and Nina Byard (15-18) placed second, while Megan McDermott (eight-and-under), Taylor Aljian (9/10), Sarah Konops (11/12) and Theresa Gustafson (13/14) placed third.

In the girls' freestyle events, South Plainfield took four of the five first place ribbons. Swimmers were Kelly O'Brien (eight-and-under), Sarah Konops (11/12), Emily Piekarski (13/14) and Katie Kaczka (15-18). Second place ribbons went to Megan McDermott (eight- and-under), Maggie Valentino (11/12) and Nina Byard (15-18), while Taylor Aljian placed third for the 9/10 age group.

Backstroke events were won by Anthony Guerrieri (9/10), Dylan McDermott (11/12), and Calvin John Smiley (15-18) with first place ribbons. Joey Valentino (9/10) and Brian Green (15-18) each took second place and new swimmer James Singawald placed third in the eight-and-under age group.

First place winners in the boys 9-12 200 meter Free Relay were: Anthony Guerrieri, Liam McDermott, Dylan McDermott and Zack Post.

In the girls (9-12) 200 meter Medley Relay winning first place ribbons

were: Katie O'Brien, Taylor Aljian, Gracie Piekarski and Chelsea Cullen.

Finishing the meet and the securing the win were Nina Byard, Katie Kaczka, Emily Piekarski and Sarah Konops placing first and swimming the (13-18) 200 meter Medley Relay.

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team is coached by Laurie Post and her assistants are Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio and Mary Otlowski. All the assistant coaches have swum for the South Plainfield team since they were eight and have returned from their respective colleges to help with the Tiger Sharks' winning tradition. The Tiger Sharks have two home meets during the week of July 4.

At last week's meet held on June 25, Dylan McDermott broke two records at the community pool. He now holds the record for (11/12) 50 meter breaststroke with a time of 46:16 and the (11/12) 100 meter freestyle with a time of 1:15.45. We have many new swimmers as well as many veteran swimmers all of whom hope to break records; if not the pool record, than their own personal records.

Please support the Swim Team. Our biggest fund raiser will be the Odd Age Jubilee on July 17 at the community pool. Start time is about 7:40 a.m. Stop by and see what the swim team is all about.

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

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Kennedy Students Get Closer Look at The Blue Planet

By Jane Dornick

Planet Earth is the only planet known to man that is covered by liquid water. In a show called The Blue Planet presented by Michele Van Allen of Jack Branagan's Earth Matters, Kennedy Elementary School students learned how the oceans were formed, why they are salty and blue and that the food chain begins with tiny animals and plants. The program also stress how each of us must do out part to protect our "Blue Planet" and its inhabitants.

Van Allen played the part of an oceanographer and demonstrated scuba gear. She explained how the oceans were formed and explored the depths with an entertaining slide showing the diverse number of animals, fish, marine mammals, mollusks, reptiles and birds that the oceans are home to. Secrets of the deep were explored, as well as why the ocean is blue and the food chain.



Van Allen demonstrated shadow play using a screen, overhead projectors and the help of fourth grade students. She was able to create the illusion of underwater diving where some outrageous creatures from the deep were encountered.

South Plainfield Welcomes New Business at Middlesex Mall

By Michael Duquette

South Plainfield welcomed its newest business last Saturday morning as Sears Essentials opened in Middlesex Mall on Hadley Road, in the space previously occupied by K-Mart. Mayor Gallagher helped formally open the store, praising Sears Essentials as an example of local businesses that South Plainfield prides itself on. The store sells literally the essentials for families, from appliances and electronics to clothing, housewares and toys.

Many eager customers showed up ready to patronize the store as it opened at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

Members of South Plainfield High School's chorus, under the direction of Tracy Murray, were also on hand to provide a bit of early morning entertainment.

Also, members of Cub Scout Pack 106 from Our Lady of Fatima Church in Piscataway, under the leadership of Al Tuttle, were in attendance to present the American flag at the beginning of the ceremony.

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policereport

• On June 14 Jacob Lawrence Douglas, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for hindering apprehension, driving on a suspended license, being an unlicensed driver, following too closely and improper passing at a motor vehicle stop.

• BBB Leasing on Roosevelt Ave. reported the theft of a tractor which was later located in Plainfield.

• On June 16 an Oakmoor Ave. resident reported the theft of his bike that was unlocked in the rear of his neighbors house.

• An Oxford Ave. resident reported that their garage door had been dented.

• A Front St. resident reported that the driver side door of their vehicle had been keyed.

• On June 17 Shop Fair Supermarket on Clinton Ave. reported the theft of 20-25 milk crates from the rear of the building.

• On June 18 Melvin Johannes, 28, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• A Lane Ave. resident reported the theft of their unlocked bike from the bike rack at the community pool.

• On June 19 Lorraine Ann Brockman, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

• On June 20 a Baldwin St. resident reported the theft of 15-20 aluminum auto rims from his yard.

• Ken's Links on Hamilton Blvd. reported that someone had cut the screen to the rear door and footprints were found on the door. No entry was gained.

• Ion Networks on Corporate Blvd. reported the theft of a Compaq laptop, a power cord and port replicator from the front office.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported that the rear passenger door of their vehicle had been keyed.

• A-Tech on So. Clinton Ave. reported the lock had been cut off the rear door of their trailer and three weed whackers and two backpack blowers had been taken.

• On June 22 a Maple Ave. resident reported the theft of a 1994 Chrysler Town & Country van that was parked on Faye St. The vehicle was later recovered in Newark.

• On June 23 Lance G. Packwood, 40, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance, a fictitious inspection sticker and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

• On June 24 Raymond C. Bisogno, 23, of Metuchen was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving at a motor vehicle accident.

• A Bergen St. resident reported that a cinder block had been thrown through the rear window of her vehicle.

• A Clinton Ave. resident reported the theft of a locked 1999 Honda Civic that was parked on Ivy St. The vehicle was recovered on John St., but was missing the front bumper, a gauge unit on the dashboard and a license plate.

• A Zwolak Ct. resident reported that their mailbox had been pulled off its wooden post and thrown on the lawn.

• A Holiday Inn patron reported that his suit pants containing his wallet had been taken from his locked room.

• On June 27 a Piscataway resident reported the theft of a credit card from the top of the gas pump at Raceway Gas on W. 7th St.

• A Harrison Ave. resident reported that their car had been egged.

IN YOUR OPINION

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agement of the taxpayers' money.

In a letter to the Editor, a Board member wrote that at the June meeting the anger and concern of the audience was evident, but the anger and concern of the Board was not evident. She was right with one exception. The anger of the Board was visible. It was in their faces, in the tone of the responses and only a few members acknowledged the concerns of the students, alumni and their parents. To my recollection, no Board member had any questions. It seemed as if they represented the issues raised, or at least that is the impression conveyed.

As for the rumors, any change might foster rumors. People will speculate! I am sure this is not the first time, and equally sure it won't be the last time the Board has to deal with rumors.

It was stated in the letter, "The person involved could have requested that the Board hold an open hearing on the issue, and they would have been legally bound to do so!" I understand that all involuntary transfers are well within the rights of the Board of Education, so why would he want to aggravate the situation. That would only

make things worse. Wouldn't the teachers' association have advised him not to force a confrontation?

The Board should have been prepared for the audience reaction at the meeting. Members had previously been given copies of letters written by students, alumni and parents in support of the band director. Also, a parent asked Dr. Rosado for a meeting to present the concerns of the parents to the Board.

My husband and I attended the June meeting in support of the band director, as our daughter is a band alumnus. The Board voted to allow his transfer. It is done! You have won! I use the term won because there were many students and parents at the meeting who disagreed with your decision. Now allow the teachers involved to get on with their jobs and the students to adjust. They will come to terms with their disappointment and anger.

I know the former band director wants what is best for the students, which is for them to meet the challenge. He has accepted the Board's decision in a professional manner.

Win gracefully. Let it go now.
PATRICIA LESNIAK

Men's Forum

(Continued from page 3)

million per year for the 39 school districts. Compare this to the \$500 million received by Newark alone.

Recently, the commissioner of education recommended approximately thirteen districts be stricken from Abbott status to which we agree. Further we propose that state aid to education be allocated on a per capita basis or a fixed amount of dollars provided for each student regardless of where they live. Another approach would be to limit state aid for the Abbott districts to the State Average Cost per student and not adjusted to the wealthiest districts.

Other suggestions would, of course, include stopping the waste by the School Construction Corporation. I have made suggestions in light of these revelations. It is unfortunate that members of the Assembly and Senate who are elected to represent you are not doing their job in your best interest. Every one of the legislators knows of the spending problems, but appear to be most concerned in supporting private interest groups and not you. I wish you to remember this when you vote in November.

Submitted by Frank Mikorski, member, Senior Men's Forum of South Plainfield

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

This Monday, July 11, starts our Monday Night Craft's program for children six and older at 6:30 p.m. (these crafts are too difficult for younger children). This week will be photo frames. Registration is required and there is a \$1 fee for materials. In coming weeks the projects will include t-shirt painting and hat painting.

And starting this Friday Miss Danya will be doing a Dinosaur Craft Program for ages 6-10 at 3 p.m. Registration is required. This program will run for four consecutive Fridays (July 8, 15, 22 and 29).

Furthermore this is a good time to remind everyone of the various reading programs we have this summer. As usual we have the children's Summer Reading Program whose theme is "Be A Readerosaurus!" with the theme being dinosaurs. And this year we started a Young Adult Summer Reading Program (see Miss Linda for details) and we have an Adult Summer Reading Program run by myself. Adults must sign up for the reading program by stopping at the Circulation Desk. We will register you and you will be given a booklet to keep track of the titles (you can read print or listen to Book-on-Tape or CD). After the first five titles

you will receive a marker for each title you read (including the original five) to enter raffles for a variety of prizes (including two \$50 gift certificates from Flanagan's Restaurant). So now not only can you relax and read but potentially win prizes.

Moreover, we received so many phone calls about the scrapbooking class that we just had that we are bringing Dayel Giammarino back to do two more. One will be on Monday, July 18 at 7 p.m. and the other will be on Thursday, Aug. 18 at 10 a.m. Registration is required and there is a \$5 fee for materials. Mrs. Giammarino is a Creative Memories Scrapbook Instructor and this class is the perfect first exposure for the novice in this popular hobby and a great way to find advanced tips for the experienced scrapbooker.

We also still have our storytime/craft programs for children ages three and up every week with Miss Linda at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 1:15 on Thursday. Miss Danya presents storytimes for 2-3 year olds on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Monday at 1:30 p.m. There is also a Books'n'Babies program on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

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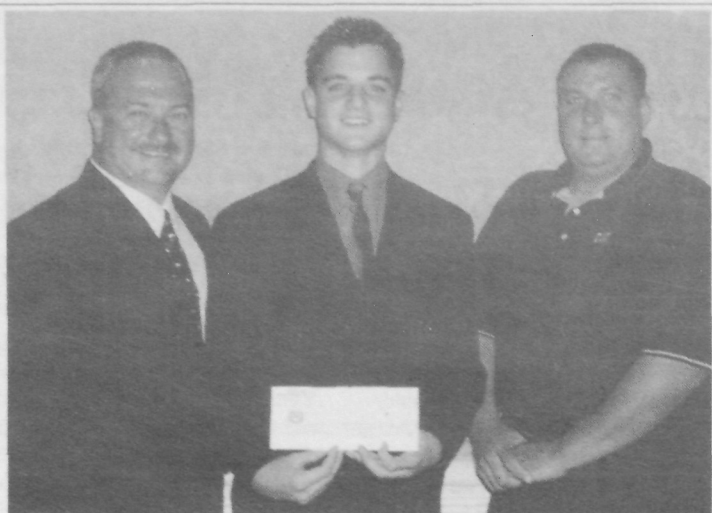
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Brian Murtagh (center) was awarded the NJ State PBA scholarship at Trump Plaza in Atlantic City on June 21. Proudly looking on are Brian's father, Sgt. Kevin Murtagh (left) and Brian Iarrapino, PBA Local #100 State delegate.

NOTES FROM The Senior Center

by Joann Graf, Director of Office on Aging

Do you have an hour per week to make a significant difference in the life of a homebound senior citizen? For those who are homebound and have little social contact, the perfect prescription can be a weekly visit from a "Friendly Visitor" program to address this very important and growing need in our community.

Our goal is to match our Friendly Visitor volunteers with homebound seniors who live in their neighborhoods or have similar interests. After our initial call to the Office on Aging you will be invited to the Senior Center for an interview with our Volunteer Coordinator so that we can find out about your interests and hobbies. In this way we can look for a good match for you.

Once you have been matched up with a senior, our coordinator will introduce you to your senior, come with you on your first visit, and continue to be available to assist with any questions or concerns that may arise.

We are hoping that our residents will respond and become volunteers. In fact, we are hoping that this program will become a family affair and the entire family will become involved. We know from experience that becoming a Senior Center volunteer will be a rewarding and enriching experience. *The life you change may be your own.* If you and/or other family members would like to become volunteers, please give Joann Graf a call at the Senior Center, (908) 754-1047.

SPSDW's Pajama Game Cast to Sing National Anthem

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

These talented students will be taking a break from rehearsing this classic musical to showcase their talents in front of the hometown Patriots crowd. Tickets are available from the SPSPDW for the game by calling (908) 756-0539 or contactus@spsdw.com.

The Pajama Game, featuring such songs as "Hey, There," "Hernando's Hideaway" and "Steam Heat" will run for four performances: Aug. 4, 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2 p.m. For more information on the show, call (908) 561-5255, or visit the SPSPDW website at: www.spsdw.com.

This year, the Aug. 6 and 7 performances will be interpreted in sign language for the hearing impaired.

Plan on coming out to enjoy a fine musical treat followed by an entertaining evening of Somerset Patriots baseball and other surprises. Call (908) 756-0539 for tickets or information.

Almost Famous Auditions

Almost Famous Players will hold auditions for the 2005 Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour on Saturday, July 9 from 3-6 and Sunday, July 10 from 3-7 at 2 Page Ct., off New Brunswick Ave. The audition is open to ages 14 and up. To schedule a time in advance or for more information call (908) 346-2290.



Members of the Knights of Columbus Charles P. Greco Assembly light candles remembering the Knights who have died this past year.

Knights of Columbus Hold Annual All-American Day

The Knights of Columbus Bishop Charles P. Greco Assembly #2147 and the South Plainfield Council #6203 held their Fourth Annual All-American Day recently.

This year's special guest were residents of the Menlo Park Veterans Home. Some were in wheel chairs, some walked with canes, but all wore their service medals with honor.

The event began with the presentation of colors conducted by Knights of Columbus Navigator Tony Moskal, Color Corps Commander Gene Buldowski, Comptroller Larry Makoski and Knight Steve Belanger. Also participating were Lt. Costello and 1st Sergeant Kacar from the Second Rhode Island Volunteers Company and Karen Kulago and Mike Daly from Company A 7th Volunteers.

The invocation was given by Father John Paul Avarado of Sacred Heart Church. A memorial service was held for Knights who have passed in the last year.

The Knights of Columbus P.J. Waters Award was presented to Father John Alvarado, Father Maciej Melaniuk and Daniel Spragbury. Sir Knight the Year was awarded to Thomas Elko, Color Corps of the Year to Larry Makoski and new Color Corps Man of the Year Steve Belanger. Awards were also presented to Gene Baker, Jerry Douglas, Gene Buldowski and Thomas Kelly.

After a delicious picnic lunch enjoyed by all of the guests, the Knights held a retirement flag ceremony for old, battered and used flags, aided by several boy scouts.

Obituaries

Amelia "Millie" Michaux, 81

Amelia "Millie" Michaux died on Wednesday, June 29 in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. Born in Irvington, she resided in South Plainfield for the past 58 years, raising her family and being a full time homemaker.

Millie was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield. She was involved in many church activities and participated in many of the church's committees, including the Feast of St. Anthony which the church runs every year. She was also a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Eugene, died in 1988. Surviving are her sons and daughters-in-law, Eugene T. and Christine Michaux of Hudson, Fla. and Gary M. and Janice Michaux of Port Richey, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Matilda Zych, of Budd Lake and a brother-in-law David Michaux and his wife Nancee of Edgewater, Fla. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Amedeo Bruno, 87

Amedeo Bruno died Friday, July 1 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Atlasburg, Pa., he resided in Canonsburg, Pa. before moving to South Plainfield in 1955. Mr. Bruno was employed with Harris Structural Steel in South Plainfield, retiring in 1979. He was also a coal miner in Pennsylvania and a shoemaker. He enjoyed his vegetable garden and was known for always wanting to do for others, helping in any way he could.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 63 years, Clara, who passed in 2001.

Surviving are his son, Anthony Bruno and his wife Rosemarie of Martinsville; a daughter, Rosemarie Moherek and her husband Philip of Jackson; three grandchildren, Richard Bruno, Beth Ann Kaner and her husband William and Michael Bruno; two great-grandchildren, William and Bradley Kaner; two sisters, Edividge Digasbarro and Olga Viola, both of South Plainfield and a special canine, Buttons.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Amedeo's name to the American Cancer Society, 846 Main Street, Fords, NJ 08863.

Michael L. Ettere, 40

Michael L. Ettere died Sunday, July 3 at his home.

Born in Plainfield, he resided in South Plainfield his entire life. Michael was employed with Riccardi's Tree Services in South Plainfield. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was a motorcycle enthusiast.

Surviving are his loving parents, Bernard Ettere Sr. of South Plainfield and Jeanette Ettere of Middlesex; a brother, Bernard (Sonny) Ettere, Jr. and his wife Karen of Whitehouse Station; two sisters, Deborah Encardone and her husband Michael of Manville and Sally Pornovets and her husband Robert of South Plainfield; four nieces whom he especially cherished, Dana, Amber, Amy, and Alexis and his dog Rocky.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the American

Heart Association, 50 Court Street - 306A, Brooklyn, NY 11201-4801.

Carmelo S. Siringo, 80

Carmelo S. Siringo died on Saturday, July 2 at his home in town.

Born in Brooklyn, he had resided in Brooklyn for most of his life, moving to Nutley 15 years ago. He resided there for ten years before settling to South Plainfield five years ago.

A veteran of World War II, he served in the United States Army as a medic.

A machinist by trade, he was em-

ployed in the fur industry with the former Garment Workers Union local #122 of Manhattan, retiring 15 years ago.

He loved to draw and was creative. He even built a model of the Twin Towers out of paper.

His grandson Al and his brother Morris have predeceased him.

He is survived by his children, Bernice, Janet, and John; a sister Connie and two brothers, Anthony and Salvatore. Also surviving are his grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

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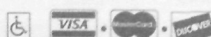
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