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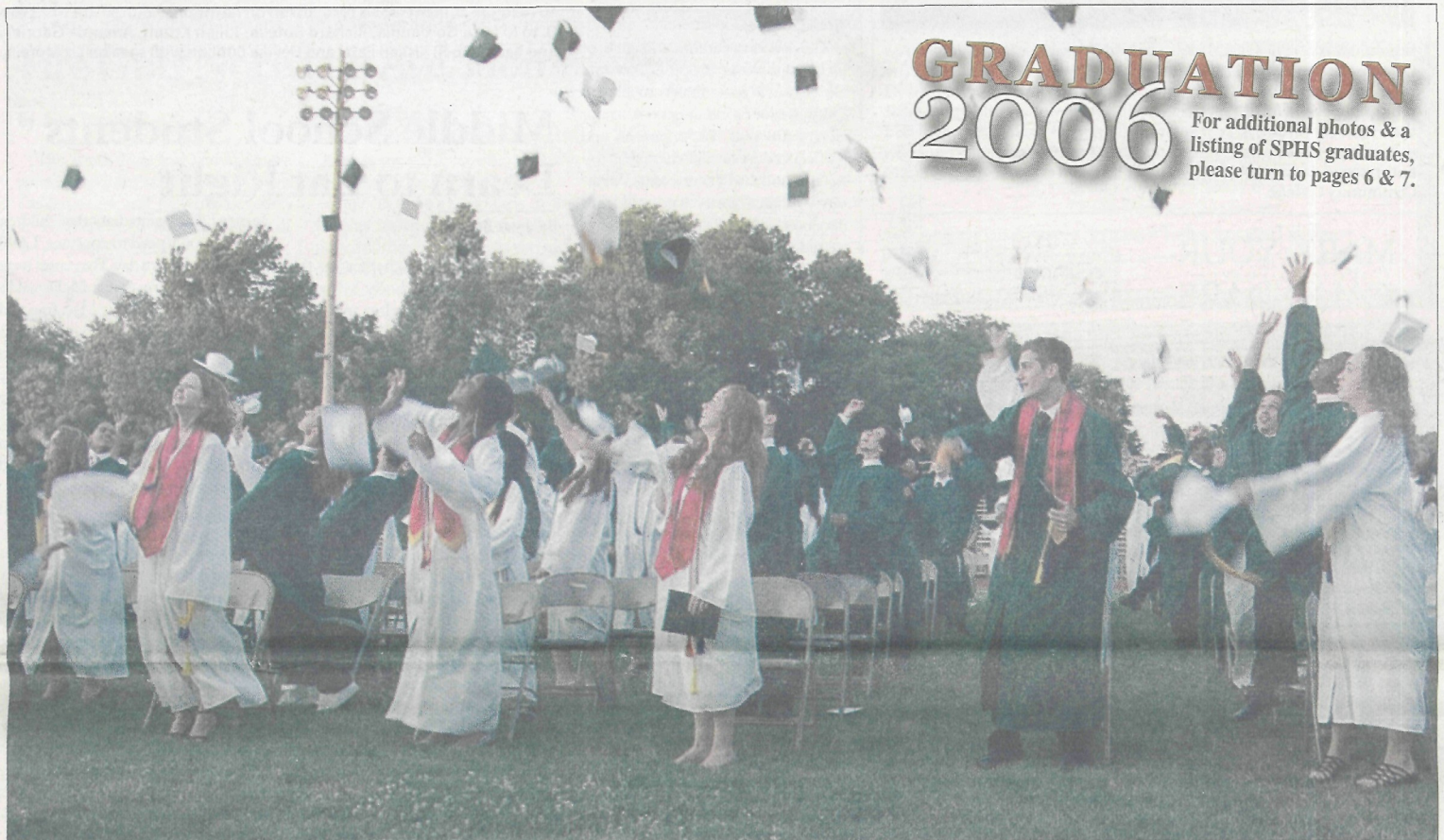
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Nine Join Borough CERTS

Nine volunteers were recognized at last month's council meeting for completing the nine week course which enabled them to join the Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT). The graduates received their diplomas and were congratulated by the Mayor, members of the council, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Coordinator Mike Zushma and Middlesex County Deputy OEM

Management Coordinator John Ferguson. These nine join the 31 residents who previously graduated.

CERT, run locally by the South Plainfield OEM, is under the direction of Mike Zushma. The CERT program came about after the events of Sept. 11 and is part of the Homeland Security Program.

During the nine week course, volunteers learned the many aspects

they need to know during an emergency. In case of an emergency, these volunteers will be expected to assist various agencies and trained personnel where needed.

Several CERT members have already volunteered to help out at this year's Labor Day Parade and during the recent track meets held at Jost Field. In addition, drills are held periodically

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Borough Bonds \$1.6M To Allow Extension of New Market Avenue

The Borough Council approved a \$1.6M bond ordinance at Tuesday's meeting. The money will be used to purchase three pieces of property on Hamilton Blvd. in order to extend

New Market Ave. The property to be purchased is located at 401, 403 and 405 Hamilton Blvd., all are residential.

The property will be demolished to allow New Market Ave. to continue across Hamilton Blvd. and then onto Spicer Ave., thus eliminating the zigzagging of trucks through that intersection.

During the reconstruction of Hamilton Blvd. trucks have been detoured onto South Clinton Ave., to New Market Ave., right on Hamilton Blvd. for one block and turning left onto Spicer Ave. to get onto Belmont Ave. Truck traffic has been banned from Hamilton Blvd. and Belmont Ave. during the construction. Councilman Charles Butrico has proposed a plan to keep trucks off of Hamilton Blvd. permanently. His plan calls for extending New Market Ave. through the Hamilton Industrial Site 9 (formerly Cornell Dubelier) and onto Spicer Ave. in two phases. The first phase is construction of a temporary road extending New Market to Spicer Ave. just a few blocks from Hamilton. Phase two would be the construction of a permanent road, which would come out on Spicer at the Department of Public Works building.

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Emergency Management Director Mike Zushma (far right) joins the borough's newest Certified Emergency Response Team members, Laura Aiello, Mary Altomare, John P. Anesh, Danielle Tamburro, Schanna Woodel, Carly Yulick, Timothy J. Harloran, Ronnie Lowich and William A. Meixner.



Sacred Heart teachers Miss Pietruski and Mrs. Getz with Governor Jon Corzine at ceremonies held in June at Drumthwacket in Princeton. The teachers were honored for their participation in the Celebrate NJ program. Several fourth grade students were winners and honored at their own ceremony. Teachers from all areas of New Jersey who had participated were invited to a reception with the Governor and musically entertained by a group of young actors/actresses from Somerset Community College.

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council meetings

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
August 8	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.
September 5	7:00 p.m.	8:00 p.m.

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

July 18*, Aug. 15*, Aug. 29*, Sept. 12, Sept. 26, Oct. 10
Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 12 and Dec. 26.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28,
Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 30* and Dec. 14.

board of education meetings

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

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To the Editor,

The leaders, parents and girls of Daisy Girl Scout Troop 883 would like to extend a big thanks to all who sponsored or made donations to our efforts this year. We organized and participated in several charitable collections and Girl Scout events. Without your generosity we would not have been able to do all the great things we did this year.

Thanks go out to the South Plainfield Elks, A&P, Stop & Shop, Jennifer from CVS, Spring Lake Florist, Lindsay Dawicki (Savon et Parfum Services), Mino and Michael from Country Squire Restaurant, James Belmonte from Homewood Suites and Mary Ellen from Dr. John Williams, DDS office.

Thanks also goes to Brownie Troop 323 for meeting with us and helping us complete our requirements so we may bridge to become Brownies.

If we have forgotten anyone, please understand that the oversight was not intentional and know that your kindness has been truly appreciated.

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Glitterbug Contest Deadline Reminder

The deadline for submitting entries to the Glitterbug logo design and poster and essay contest is July 17.

Please drop off all entries at Borough Hall, attention Alice Tempel. Winners will be notified by Aug. 1.

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Mr. Cefalo's seventh grade Science class are showing food items they used to read the content labels for a lesson on nutrition. Pictured are front row (L to R) Luca Goitiandia, Richard Rotella, Julian Krupit, Amanda Gabrielli and back (L to R) Kishan Patel and Devina Budhan with speaker Liz Morella.

Middle School Students Learn to Eat Right

By Jane Dornick

While studying a chapter on the human body and body systems, Middle School teacher Andrew Cefalo's seventh grade Science classes had a visit from their classmate Erin O'Connors' mom and certified personal trainer Liz Morella who gave them a lesson on health and nutrition.

Morella is the Kid Fit program director at The Club at Ricochet in South Plainfield and teaches in-line skating and exercise classes to children there, as well as being a yoga, sports and fitness and aquatics instructor. She's said, "My goal is to teach children why kids shouldn't eat certain foods. Obesity facing kids today is tremendous. It can lead to diabetes, high cholesterol and high blood pressure."

By reading the nutrition labels on various food products placed on their desks, students discovered which foods are high in fat, sugar or salt which are all health risks. "I am discussing with the class the way foods are processed and the way to eat correctly because kids don't understand," Morella commented. She pointed out that children their age only need to consume 1,600 to 2,200 calories a day. The classes were shocked to learn that a McDonald's meal consisting of a Big Mac, fries and soda total 1,400 calories, almost as much as their body requires per day in just one meal. At the same time they are getting 70 percent of their daily salt requirement and 200 percent of their fat requirement. It only takes an extra 3,600 calories to gain a pound of body weight, therefore keeping up this type of diet is putting their health at risk.

In order to stay healthy, Morella pointed out that certain foods in front of them such as canned soups and vegetables, oatmeal, juice and spaghetti were a better choice. Eating whole grain products and lots of fruits and vegetables are also a good source of fiber. She hopes that by teaching children to read the nutrition labels on foods they eat that they will become more aware of what they are putting into their bodies. Morella also had a son, James, who attends Grant Elementary School.

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A fire at 419 Norwood Ave. last Friday did extensive damage to the house.

Fire Guts Norwood Ave. Home

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Fire Dept. responded to a fire at the home of Brian DeGeronimo and Bethann Severino at 419 Norwood Ave. last Friday at approximately 12:30 p.m.

According to Fire Chief Larry DelNegro, the first floor sustained fire damage and the second level had smoke

and heat damage.

The Plainfield Fire Dept. was also called to the scene to assist with the Piscataway Fire Dept. on standby.

One firefighter was taken to the hospital suffering from heat exhaustion. No one was home at the time of the fire and a preliminary investigation shows the cause to be accidental.

Chase Bank Opening in Town

By Libby Barsky

The JP Morgan Chase Bank is planning to open a new South Plainfield branch in December at 5201 Stelton Rd. The bank received approval at the June 27 Planning Board meeting. Plans are to replace the existing building where the former Yardville National Bank was situated. The Yardville National Bank opened in the 2003 and was their first in Middlesex County. The bank has moved into a larger building on Stelton Rd. in Piscataway.

The new JP Morgan Chase Bank will be constructed as a brick-faced, one story 4,206 square foot building with a metal roof. Landscaping will include grass and low shrubbery, with taller evergreens and deciduous trees. Exterior signage will be installed on the façade and a stand alone pylon will be in the front.

Vice President of JP Morgan Chase retail branch of Central New Jersey Jason Zarabets said there will be nine employees staffing the new branch who will provide commercial and personal financial services.

Plans call for 31 parking spaces to be installed, eight more than the 23 that the ordinance calls for. The banking hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The entrance to the bank will be on Stelton Rd., with a rear approach available from the Target store located in back of the bank. There will be left turns allowed onto Stelton Rd. Plans are in the works by the Middlesex County Transportation Department, but not yet completed, to widen Stelton Rd. Chase Bank said it will dedicate a portion of its property for the widening.

Board is Still Looking for Sports Program Money

By Libby Barsky

The Board of Education held a special meeting last week to further discuss the impact of the \$1.2M budget reduction imposed by the Borough Council. By the end of the evening, there was still no money for a Middle School sports program.

Board President Jeff Seider reviewed the events leading up to the decision to cut the Middle School sports program. Funding for the sports program had been in the 2006-2007 school budget, but when voters defeated the budget, the need to replace the \$500,000 cut from the special education account by the Council arose when additional special education children entered the district. The Board decided to use the \$150,000 targeted for the sports program and move the money into the special education account.

Because of the unfavorable public reaction to eliminating the sports program, the Board decided to take a vote on the question of bringing back all Middle School sports at a cost of \$86,000. That amount was arrived at by eliminating sports at Grant School. The Board voted 4-3 with one abstention to not bring back the Middle School sports. Voting against the proposal were Carol Byrne, John Markham, Tim Morgan and Jeff Seider, who said they were concerned about where the money for the program would

come from. Voting yes to the sports program were Terri Alexa, Steve Bohn and Pio Pennisi, who were willing to start the program and if it ran into difficulty they would contact the borough council for help. Jim Giannakis abstained and Donna Rann was absent.

At an earlier meeting, the Board had considered the possibility of starting a Pay to Participate program which would affect all participants of sports and marching band in the district. The district would have collected a set fee ranging from \$50 to \$100 for every sport a student participated in.

A similar Pay to Participate program will start in East Brunswick this fall.

Their budget was defeated and \$1,001,992 was cut from their budget.

Initially the program was favorably received by those attending last month's regular school board meeting. According to Board President Seider, the program doesn't seem to be going anywhere, but he added that more information about the program has been given to board members.

An effort to find a way to support the Middle School sports program is underway by Debbie Boyle, who through the non-profit Boyle Foundation is brainstorming ways to raise money to enable the Middle School sports program to go forward.



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Residents in South Plainfield can be screened to reduce their risk of having a stroke. Life Line Screening Radiology will be at the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 on New Market Ave. on July 21. Appointments will begin at 9 a.m.

A stroke, also known as a "brain attack", is ranked as the third leading killer in the world, and the second among women.

Screenings are fast, painless and low cost. They involve the use of ultrasound technology and scan for potential health problems related to blocked arteries, aortic aneurysms and hardening of the arteries in the legs. Also offered is a bone density screening to assess their risk of osteoporosis.

Each screening requires ten minutes or less to complete. A complete vascular screening package, including the Stroke/Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm and Ankle Brachial Index (hardening of the arteries) screening is \$109. Sign up for a complete vascular package; include the osteoporosis screening for only \$129.

For more information regarding the screenings or to schedule an appointment, call 1-877-237-1344. Pre-registration is required.

First Baptist Vacation Bible School

Come and join us at investigating The Good News Clues VBS! It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield on Aug. 7-11, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Children ages five through the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 a child or no more than \$10 a family. Registrations accepted through July 30.

For information or to register call the church office at (908) 753-2382. First Baptist Church of South Plainfield is located at 201 Hamilton Blvd. Come and join us

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Level Zero Band Scheduled to Perform at The Stone Pony

Level Zero has become a familiar name in South Plainfield over the years. This young, local rock band has been playing live shows at various New Jersey clubs since 1999, when its members were the mere age of 14. Now, seven years later, the band has seen some changes and is ready to expand, starting with a show at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park on July 21.

In 2005, the band's bassist, Greg Garbowski, left Level Zero to pursue other musical interests. Since Garbowski's departure, the band hasn't played any live shows and has spent the year searching for his replacement.

"We were looking for someone we knew who would have dedication," said Danny Lammi, the band's drummer. "If we had dedication and commitment first, everything else would fall into place."

Level Zero found this dedication and commitment in Chris Bubnick, a 2003 graduate of South Plainfield High School who is now pursuing history and secondary education at Kean University.

Bubnick has never played the bass guitar before but feels confident in his playing and said he feels honored to be a part of the band.

"I feel very privileged that they gave me a chance and asked me to play with them," he said.

The next step in bringing Level Zero back into the limelight was to schedule some shows. The band's last show was in February 2005 at Seton Hall University, where they placed first in a battle of the bands contest. Now, the band is looking to show people they can and will go on, despite a few setbacks, according to Lammi.

"People have said it wouldn't be the same without Greg and the [Asbury Park] show will prove to people that it's not the same, but it's better," Lammi said.

Lammi said the band is excited about the upcoming show, not only because it's their first show in a year and a half, but because of the history that surrounds The Stone Pony.

"It's got a rich history," he said. "It's cool just to be a part of the history of that place because it's a very well-known venue."

Level Zero had played at The Stone Pony once before in 2003 for the Warped Tour After Party. In addition to The Stone Pony, the band has also played at Club Krome in South Amboy and Birch Hill in Old Bridge. They have recorded three demo CDs and will soon be working on its fourth.

Tickets for the show on July 21 are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Danny Lammi at mlammi1109@aol.com or (908) 531-7810.

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July 20

The South Plainfield Senior Center is planning a trip to the Claridge Casino in Atlantic City on Thursday, July 20. Bus departs the center at 9 a.m. and returns around 7 p.m. Cost is \$18 per person. Make your reservations at the senior center. Open to all.

Youth Scrapbooking Program at Library

July 22

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

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

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

Recreation Trip to Disney's "Tarzan"

July 23

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

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Trip

July 27

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

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

July 29

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

The tournament takes place Saturday, July 29 beginning at 8 a.m. at the high school ball fields located on Lake St. Rain date is Sunday, July 30.

The tournament will consist of two divisions: Open Division-men's slowpitch, double elimination, \$250 entry fee and Charitable Division-co-ed slowpitch, single elimination, limited homers, \$250 entry fee.

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

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IRA Seminar at Library

July 29

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

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

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

Disco Party Fundraiser

July 29

A Remembering The 70's Disco Party, which will raise money to replace the booth which burned to the ground at Jost Field, will take place on Saturday, July 29 from 7 to midnight at Studio 901 on Montrose Ave. Please support this fundraising event.

Tickets cost \$25 per person and include hors d'oeuvres and snacks. A cash bar will be available. The event is sponsored by the local Rotary and Lions Clubs. Call Mickey Wrublevski for tickets at (908) 754-4620, ext 306.

12th Annual South Plainfield Open

August 2

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

Baltimore Trip

September 30 to October 1

Join us for a weekend trip to Baltimore on Saturday, Sept. 30 through Sunday, Oct. 1.

Cost of trip is \$190 per person double, \$245 single and \$185 triple and includes transportation by motorcoach, overnight accommodations at Best Western, city sightseeing tour, dinner and show, hot buffet breakfast on Sunday. Free time on Sunday at Inner Harbor for sightseeing, shopping and lunch.

Only 44 seats. Reserve by Aug. 15. Call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047 for information.

What's happening in July



15 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. To purchase tickets call (215) 862-2041.

Middlesex East WOW All Welcome Dance

July 14

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, July 14, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Carteret. Live music and refreshments.

For more information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Starlight Socials for Singles 20/30's

July 15

Starlight Socials for Singles 20/30's is holding a hike for hiking singles on Saturday, July 15 at 11 a.m. at Harriman State Park, in Sloatsberg, N.Y. Wear proper footwear and bring water.

RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Summer Art Exhibit

July 15-August 4

A multi-media showcase of works by 21 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be the summer exhibit at Swain Galleries in Plainfield, July 15 through August 4.

Regular hours are Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more information call (908) 756-1707.

Starlight Socials for Singles 20s/30s

July 23

Starlight Socials for Single Professionals in their 20s /30s will host a Singles Meet & Greet on Sunday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. at Cafe Calaloo, 190 South Street in Morristown.

Enjoy tropical drinks and Caribbean delights with other singles. Meet at the bar area. No cost except whatever you order.

RSVP is required to (732) 764-9073 or MistyAngel22@aol.com.

mat at 1 p.m. and dinner at 6 p.m.

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

Car Show Benefits Allyssa Ricciardi

August 7

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

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

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The South Plainfield Historical Society History Center is open to the public every Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. The room, located in the Roosevelt Administration Building at 125 Jackson Ave., is chock-full of archival material including newspaper clippings, scrapbooks, vintage clothing, refer-

ence material, non-lending library books and photographs that illustrate the Borough's history.

The History Center is located on the lower level via the "boys" entrance on Jackson Ave. More information is available on the website: <http://geocities.com/sphistoricalsociety>.

Sen. Buono Accepting Food Donations

Senator Barbara Buono is sponsoring an ongoing community food drive in her district office. All items collected will benefit M.C.F.O.D.S., Middlesex County's Emergency Food Distribution Network. This organization serves over 60 local food pantries and soup kitchens and provides nutritious foods and necessities to

needy Middlesex County families and individuals.

Please bring non-perishable donations (no glass items, please) to Senator Buono's legislative office located at 100 Plainfield Ave., Suite 1 in Edison.

For more information, please call (732) 819-8141.

Missing Plainfield Man Found in NYC

South Plainfield Police and Fire Dept. aided the FBI, the NJ State Police and the Plainfield Police Dept. in the search for 80 year-old Herman Austin who was reported missing from his Plainfield home on July 2. He was spotted last week going toward Spring Lake Park by a resident who lives near the entrance.

FBI helicopters flew over that area last Friday and a search dog was used to comb the lake and sur-

rounding area.

On Monday Plainfield Police announced that Austin had been found at Queens Center Hospital in New York City. He had been taken there last Thursday by police when he was found on a park bench and thought to be homeless. His identity wasn't discovered until Monday when a hospital social worker used the Internet to piece together what little information he gave about himself.



South Plainfield Police and Fire Department assist in search of Spring Lake for missing Plainfield man.



Choir members from area churches help Sacred Heart Church celebrate 101st anniversary.

Sacred Heart Celebrates 101st Anniversary

Sacred Heart Church celebrated their 101st anniversary with special services, followed by a concert performed by approximately 45 choir members from various church choirs in the area. The choir was augmented by friends of Choir Director Daniel Mahoney from various parishes around the Diocese, including St. Matthew the Apostle in Edison and St. Bernadette's in Parlin. Also participating were former choir members and friends from Jersey City and High Bridge.

Helping Dan Mahoney organize and plan the concert were colleagues Chris Diebert, director of St. Mary's in South Amboy, Mahoney's home parish and William Atwood, director

of Music at Immaculate Conception Parish in Somerville. Atwood is also the organist for all major Cathedral and Diocesan Liturgies.

Sacred Heart accompanist, Jack Bender, arranged and directed the choir on one of their pieces. Bender has given up his position as music teacher at Bloomfield High school to pursue composing.

Among the choral arrangements were *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *This Is My Country*, *When the Saints Go Marching In*, *Amazing Grace* and *When I Behold the Wondrous Cross*.

At the concert's conclusion a reception was held for those who performed, as well as all who attended.



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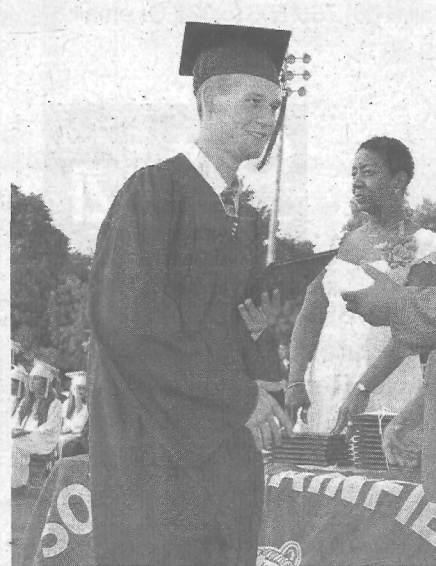
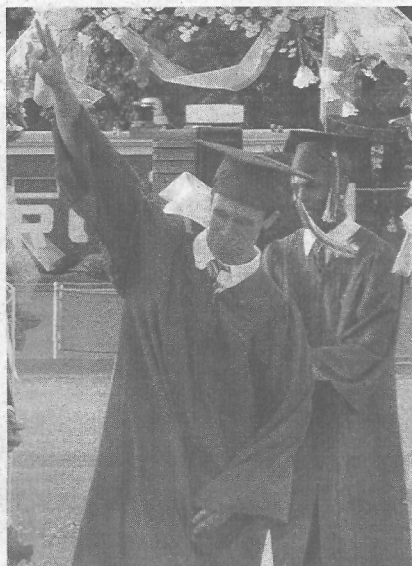
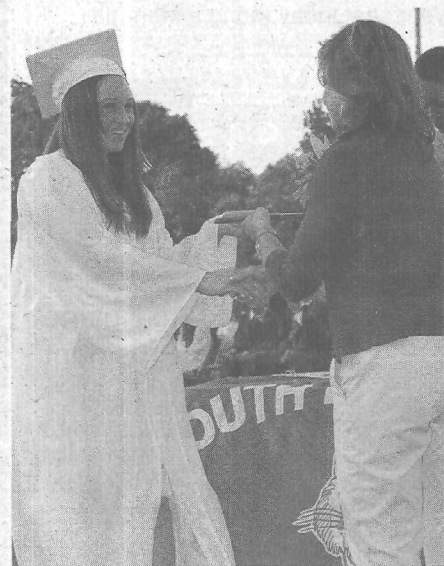
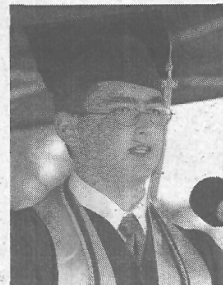
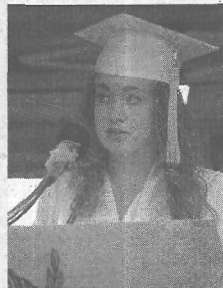
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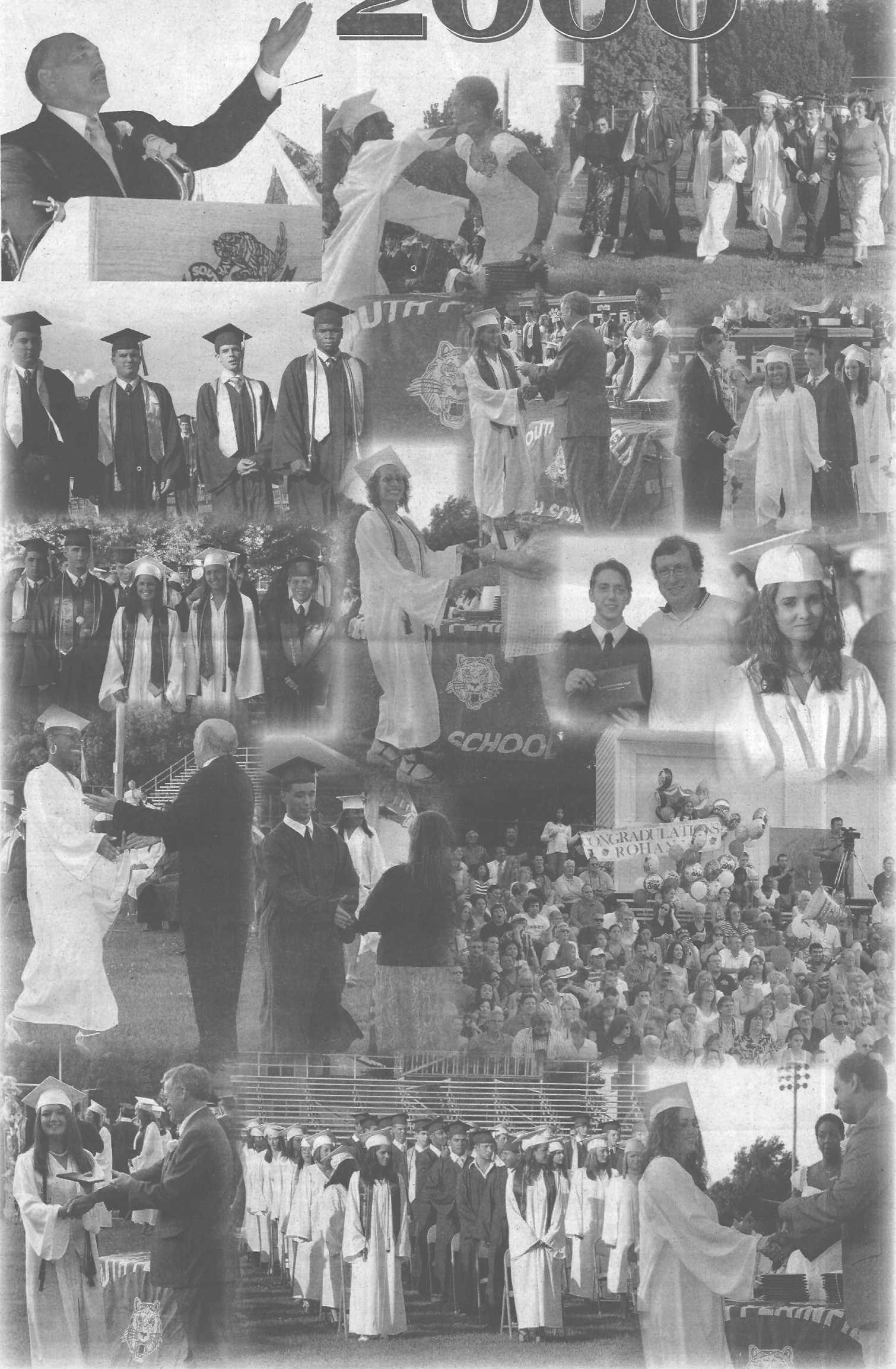
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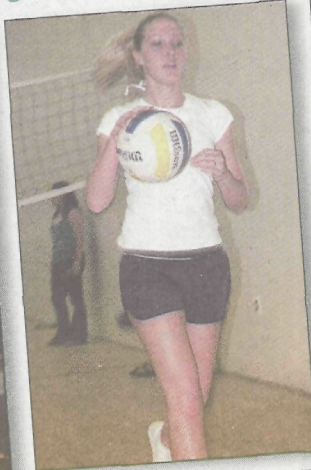
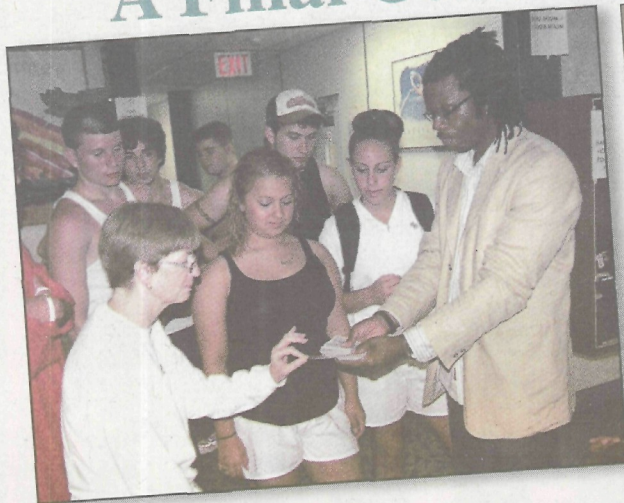


Class of 2006





A Final Celebration: Project Graduation



By Patricia Abbott

On June 20 nearly 100% of the SPHS 2006 graduates attended Project Graduation. The annual substance free party ran from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and offered something for everyone. The youths enjoyed volleyball, basketball, swimming, ping pong, a climbing wall, sumo wrestling and a DJ. They made music videos, had air brushed boxers created, temporary tattoos, a caricature artist, magician, Polaroid photos and more.

There was a never ending supply of food, including subs, fruit salad, candy, cold beverages, snacks, fruit, hamburgers and hotdogs. In the morning there was an assortment of breakfast fare available.

Project Graduation committee members worked in shifts throughout the night. The committee works year round raising funds for the annual celebration.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

The library is busy this summer with three reading clubs plus all the summer reading assignments for each grade in the South Plainfield School District. If we do not have a book you want to read, you may request it as an interlibrary loan at the reference desk or you may use your valid South Plainfield Public Library card at all the neighboring libraries. This is especially true for books on the school reading lists. The reading lists are different in each town so the book you have to read in South Plainfield may be sitting on the shelf in a neighboring library. You can give the neighboring library a telephone call or check out their web site on a computer to see if they have a book.

Reminder: The library is open on Saturdays during the summer from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed on Sundays until after Labor Day.

We still have books available for purchase from the library's on-going book sale. Stop by and find some bargains to take on vacation or to the beach. No need to return the books.

Special Program: On Monday, July 17 there will be a special program—"The World of Reptiles." Registration is required. It is also recommended that this program is for children six years and older. Children must be well behaved so as not to scare the reptiles who may then scare the children and adults.

Children's Programs are: 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays Storytime and crafts for three years and older; 1 p.m. for 2- and three-year-olds; Wednesday storytime for 2 and 3 year olds at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. for three years old and over; Thursday at 10:30 a.m. is Books-N-Babies for up to three years old, Storytime and crafts for three years old and over is at 1:15 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. is Reading with Ms Mija for ages six and over; Fridays at 10:30 a.m. is Books-N-Babies for children up to three years old and 3:30 p.m. is the Chess Club for children six and older. To keep all these programs straight, pick up a calendar from the rack outside the children's room door. Check out the window to see who has the most stars for reading the most books!

Expand your summer trips or just dream a trip from the comfort of your favorite reading chair. Here are some new books that might encourage you to get up and travel. Fodor's *The Da Vinci Code Companion: On the Trail of Dan Brown's Best Selling Novel*; Jeff Shaara's *Civil War Battlefields: Discovering America's Hallowed Ground*; *National Geographic Driving Guides to America*; *Adventure Guide to Bermuda*; *Courier Air Travel Handbook*; *Autumn Rambles: New England: An Explorers Guide*; and the *On The Trail* books—*On the Trail of Whales, Big Cats, Bears, Sea Turtles, Monkeys and Apes*. The library has books on treasure hunting, deep sea diving, mountain climbing, fossil hunting, etc. Come and tell us what you would like

to read about and we will see if we can make your wishes come true. We are lucky we live so close to so many adventurous and fun things to do.

Cautionary Warning to Parents of Small Children: Please do not allow children to play with the button for the handicapped door. Not only can repeated pressing of this button break it, but small children may get their fingers caught in the door when it closes. We do not want to see anyone injured and the library does not want the expense of having the door repaired. The door is for people with wheel chairs, crutches, canes, mothers with strollers, or adults with arms full of library books. It is not a toy for children to play with, especially when their parent or guardian is not watching them. Library patrons trying to read in the library do not appreciate the children screaming and fighting to see who is going to press the button. Parents may try encouraging children to open the door and be polite and hold it so others may enter and exit. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated by all.

Knights of Columbus Bring a Special Gift for Father John Skwara

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 made a surprise visit to former Pastor Father John Skwara of the Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield at his Assisted Living home in Somerset on June 24 with a special gift.

Back in April, Knights of Columbus member Ed Kubala and OLC Church parishioner Frank Mikorski found out that fellow Knight Father John Skwara was in dire need of a new wheelchair because his old one was broken down and unusable. The Knights presented Father John with a used wheelchair until they could buy a new one for him. Led by Past Grand Knight Joe Scrudato and Faithful Navigator Gene Buldowski, the officers from the Knights of Columbus purchased Father John a new wheelchair and delivered it to him.

Father John expressed his extreme gratitude for the support and help given to him from the South Plainfield council. The Knights would like to thank Mary Ann Hennigan from Delcrest Medical Services for all of her help in obtaining the wheelchair.



Father John with Past Grand Knight Joe Scrudato, Faithful Navigator Gene Buldowski and Knights member Ed Kubala. Not pictured is Frank Mikorski.

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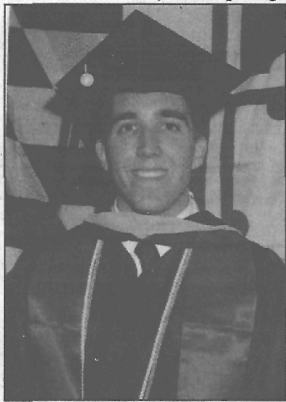
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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Sierzega Graduates With High Honors

Joseph Sierzega Jr. graduated with high honors and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the College of Health and Human Performance at the University of Maryland. He majored in Kinesiology with a minor in Community Health. His honors thesis was entitled "Association between Body Fat Response to Endurance Training and the Lipoprotein Lipase Pvu II Genotype." Joseph graduated cum laude with a G.P.A. of 3.79. He was also invited to join the prestige



Joseph Sierzega Jr.

Order of Omega, an honor society that is only open to the top 3% of the students that participate in Greek life.

Joseph will be attending Seton Hall University in the fall where he will be working towards a Masters Degree in athletic training.

He is a graduate of South Plainfield High School class of 2002, and the son of proud parents Joseph and Sandra Sierzega of South Plainfield.



Mayor Dan Gallagher presents a proclamation honoring Rev. Charles Mingle during last month's council meeting. Mingle received the John A. Price Award for Excellence in Chaplaincy from the International Conference of Police Chaplains.

Decker Attends Congressional Student Leadership Conference

Charles L. Decker III, a student at South Plainfield High School, attended the 2006 Congressional Student Leadership Conference, sponsored by LeadAmerica, at Fordham University in New York, NY. The CSLC is a college-accredited invitational leadership program for academically talented and promising young leaders from across the United States and internationally. Exceptional high school students with a record of academic achievement and extracurricular or community involvement are invited to participate. Charlie elected to study global business and entrepreneurship from June 16 to June 25 along with three hundred other student leaders from across the country.

Having just completed his junior year at SPHS, Charlie is actively involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including the Project Graduation Auction, the South Plainfield Education Foundation Telethon, the Junior Prom Committee, and the Tiger 24 Steering Committee. Charlie, a



D'Addezzio, Gil Exchange Marriage Vows

On Sunday, July 2, Grant School Art Teacher Jennifer D'Addezzio married Eric Gil at Sacred Heart Church. On hand to congratulate her were Grant School students Michele O'Sullivan and Alexis Cargill.

Danielle Aronowitz Named to Dean's List

Danielle Aronowitz, who has just completed her sophomore year at Ramapo College has achieved Dean's List status for Spring 2006 semester. Danielle had made the Dean's List each of her four semesters at Ramapo. She is a 2004 graduate of South

Plainfield High school. In order to achieve Dean's List status, a minimum GPA of 3.5 is required.

Danielle is the daughter of Phyllis and Eric Aronowitz of South Plainfield.



Gina Longo was All Around Champion in Fort Lauderdale

Longo Wins Gymnastics Competition

Gina Longo took first place all-around in the USAIGC National Gymnastics Competition held June 25-26 in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Gina is 11 years old and competes in the silver division.

The all around champion is determined by combining the total scores from the four individual events. Gina scored a 9.325 on Floor, 9.325 on Vault, 9.175 on Uneven Bars, and

9.225 on Balance Beam, for a first place total of 37.05. She earned a trip to the National Championships by competing in three levels of qualifying events including the USAIGC New Jersey State Championship.

Gina trains at Henderson's Gymnastics Academy in Edison, where she is coached by Victoria Taylor, Mark Henderson and Ida Wilborn.

Johanna's Creations Announces Library Drawing Winners

Johanna Salvemini of Johanna's Creations, Middlesex has announced the winners of the drawing held for free framing and framing products, for the May library display. The winners were Loan Tran and David Hikes, both of South Plainfield, and Anne Moretti of Plainfield. Tran won the \$50 gift certificate towards any framing project. Moretti won the solid brass decorative picture/plate wall hanger, and Hikes won a picture photo mat.

Club. Charlie is currently employed as a summer camp counselor at Camp Ricochet in South Plainfield and works the latchkey program during the school year. Charlie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Decker, Jr. of South Plainfield.

The drawing for free framing and framing products was an opportunity for library patrons to become acquainted with the art of picture framing, and reinforce the value of having their mementos framed by a professional.

Salvemini's framing studio is located in Middlesex and offers custom framing and matting with an emphasis in conservation framing, and can be reached at (732) 469-3210, or at jo@johannas.com.

Sports



The South Plainfield Ponytail 10U All Stars.

Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Nancy McMahon



The South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association hosted its Fifth Annual Fastpitch U10 Tournament earlier this month. What an exciting weekend for all. You might want to say it was a "Weekend Sizzler." The tournament consisted of eight teams including our South Plainfield U10 All-Stars. All teams played hard and had a lot of fun.

The fields were in great shape for every game thanks to the members of the Ponytail Association, township workers, and all of the parents who volunteered their time. The snack stand was a constant flow. Burgers, hotdogs, drinks, candy and ice cream were all big sellers. We also sold a tremendous amount of t-shirts that advertised all eight teams that participated in the tournament. All the girls really liked them. Also, the umpires did a fantastic job. They were fair in every call and it certainly looked like they all had a lot of fun. We had a terrific photographer, Courneilus Shaw from Sports Photography, who took pictures all weekend long. You can find those pictures at www.printroom.com/pro/courneilusshawphoto.

Manager Rick McMahon, along with his Head Coaches Bill McLaughlin and Dave Ratti couldn't be more proud of their girls. The U10 All-Stars entered the semi-finals with a record of four wins and no losses,

accumulating a total of 50 runs. Unfortunately, they lost to Central Jersey Lightning from East Brunswick, eight runs to two. The team had nothing to hang their heads about. The girls came together as a team and fought hard all the way. It was a terrific experience for all. The final two teams were CJ Lightning and the Hillsborough Hustle. The Hillsborough Hustle beat CJ Lightning three runs to one. It was a very exciting game.

The weekend was a wonderful success all around. It just seemed flawless. This is such a great program and remains such a great program because of all the people who devoted their time and energy. Take a bow, you all know who you are! We thank you!

Girls, you can achieve anything you want to if you set your mind to it and work hard but always remember to have fun too! Best of luck in your future games. Now play ball!



The South Plainfield 14U Ponytail All Stars took first place in North Edison's Firecracker tournament over the holiday weekend. The girls went undefeated winning all six games. Their explosive offense was complemented by a stingy defense scoring 58 runs and allowing only four runs. To date the girl's record is 12-0. The 14U All Stars are: Gina Curcio, Stephanie DiCindio, Jenny Disch, Jackie Kukuch, Brittany Musolino, Alyssa Sutherland, Kristie Crilley, Bianca DiDolce, Samantha Maiorino, Elizabeth Martin, Katie Muglia and Lauren Conrad.

World Cup Comes To New Jersey

USA (United Soccer Academy) has launched new exciting camp formats for 2006. World Cup camps (5-12 years) pushes the enjoyment factor with a fun packed week of playing vibrant soccer games. Campers join an international team for the week learning exciting skills from around the world, culminating in daily fun contests. Travel Academy camps (8-14 years) are for the serious travel player.

USA's popular Soccer Squirts camps for 3-5 year olds will again feature this summer. These new look soccer camps will run throughout the summer in New Jersey.

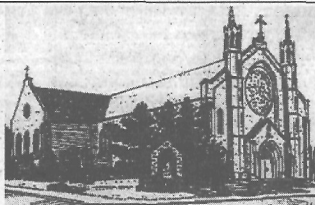
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Third Annual Art Muglia Golf Outing Raises \$3,300

The Third Annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf outing took place on June 30.

There were 56 golfers who came and supported "Art" and his favorite charity The Matheny school.

Golf winners were Charles Smith, men's low gross with a score of 74, men's low net; Carol Lardier, women's low gross with a score of 82 and Sue Buin, women's low net.

The most important winner was The Matheny School, who because of Art's friends, generosity donated \$3,300.

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Sports



The South Plainfield Americans Nine-Year-Old Traveling All-Star Baseball Team captured first place in the South Plainfield Inaugural Father's Day Classic Tournament. As a team, the Americans celebrated the championship after displaying solid pitching, defense and hitting. The South Plainfield Americans overcame gritty performances from Matawan, Hillsborough and the South Plainfield Nationals.

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Mike King of Buy Rite Liquors, who has been playing extremely well all season long, had his best round, a superb 1-under-par 32, to lead his team to an 11-9 upset victory over league-leading KC's Korner. Teammate Al Szumski came through with a 37 to aid in gaining the narrow win. KC's Korner did not play up to their usual standard as Mark Dugan was the medalist with a round of 40.

In a very well-played match, Eddie's Grinders narrowly got by Patti's Construction, 12-8. Eddie "Ever Steady" Banach fired a 35 and Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer and Chris Dillon both had 38's as the Grinders moved into sole possession of second place in the American Division. "Iron Mike" Behr is in a zone and posted another fine round, a two-over 35, for Patti's. Cappy "I'm So Happy" Capparelli is finding the fairways regularly now and had another solid round of 37. Just a few weeks ago, Cappy was considering wearing a safari hat and hiring a native guide to get around West Nine.

The amazing Sport & Social team finally won two in a row by downing 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 12-8, to move into a tie for second place in the National Division. What's amazing is that nobody is shooting lights out for Sport & Social, but they somehow manage to squeak by in some tough matches. Dennis Bibby and Todd Gregory tied for medalist honors for Sport & Social with rounds of 42, while Chris Nuzzo turned in the best round for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes with a 41.

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

Twin City maintained their hold on first place in the National Division by prevailing over Witty's Liquors, 14-6. Jay Coppola lead the way for Twin City with a 38. Kevin Bickunas carded a 38, and Howard Adler

shot a 39 for Witty's.

What appeared to be the best match-up of the night in cross-division action, second place Pornovets of the American Division vs. second place Hackers of the National Division, turned out to be a complete rout as the Hackers demolished Pornovets, 19-1. Kevin Boyce, Todd Sherman, and Bill Mann of the Hackers all had solid rounds of 38 for the Hackers but Marty Van De Vaerst was the only one to break 40 for Pornovets with a score of 38.

With this loss, Pornovets slipped into a three-way tie for third place in the American Division.

In the final match of the night, Plainfield Animal Hospital swept aside the VFW, 17-3 as Andy Oravec won the medal for PAH with his round of 39.

Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer won the weekly closest-to-the-pin competition on the third hole and Al Szumski hit a beautiful tee shot on the seventh hole to earn the KC's Korner luncheon-for-two prize.

Low Scores for the Night: Mike King, 32; Eddie Banach, 35; Mike Behr, 35; Cappy Capparelli, 37; Al Szumski, 37.

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 league. Men's single- and double-header game leagues and women's single-game leagues begin in August and September.

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

Deadline for roster and payment is Aug. 4. Opening day is scheduled for late August with games scheduled throughout October or into November, depending on rainouts and playoff schedules.

Men's single-games play at 6:45 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and limited to 16 teams.

Men's double-header games start at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with second games following immediately. The double-header league is limited to eight teams. All games are played at Thomas Edison Park in Edison or Warren Park in Woodbridge.

Entrance fee is \$330, with an additional \$76 refundable forfeit fee. Umpire fees are \$19 per team, per game.

The ladies' slo-pitch softball games start at 10:30 a.m. or 11:45 a.m. Sundays and are played in Warren Park.

Entrance fee is \$155, plus a \$76 refundable forfeit fee. Umpire fees are \$19 per team, per game.

For information or to join, call (732) 745-4222 or (732) 745-3900 or e-mail Eric.Carroll@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Golf Outing for Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care

Monday, Sept. 11 marks the 20th annual golf outing to benefit the Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care. We urge you to register early as the spots fill up quickly.

Cost is \$185 per person and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour and dinner at the Roselle Golf Club in Roselle. For information, call Larry Reagan at (732) 244-1044.

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AMERICAN DIVISION				NATIONAL DIVISION			
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1 KC's Korner	6	3	1	Twin City	6	3	1
2 Eddie's Grinders	6	4	0	Hackers	6	4	0
3 Pornovets	5	5	0	Sport & Social	6	4	0
4 2 Buds, 2 Dubes	5	5	0	Buy-Rite Liquors	5	4	1
5 Witty's	5	5	0	Patti's Const.	4	6	0
6 PAH	4	5	1	VFW	0	10	0

Sports

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Defeat Brookside

In their third meet of the season the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks defeated the Brookside Swim Club from Milltown, with a score of 154 to 122.

Taylor Aljian once again started the meet with a first place in the 10-and-under Individual Medley. Teammate Kaitlyn Faustini placed third. In the 11/12 age group Maggie Valentino placed third, while Emily Piekarski placed first and Chelsea Cullen placed second in the 13-18 age group.

The boys who placed first in all age groups for the longer freestyle events were Aidan McDermott (10-and-under), Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) and Philip Luzny (13-18). Enzo Butrico (10-and-under) and Liam McDermott (11/12) placed third in their age groups for the same events.

In the girls freestyle events Emily Piekarski (13-14) was the only South Plainfield swimmer to receive a first place win. The depth of team made a fine showing with second place going to Amy Zinsky (9/10), Gracie Piekarski (11/12) and Sarah Konops (13/14) while Kaitlyn Faustini (eight-and-under), Kelly McLaughlin (9/10), Teresa Gustafson (13/14) and Joanna Luzny (15-18) all placed third.

In the backstroke events the following boys secured four out of the five first place ribbons: Nick Gurrieri (eight-and-under), Charlie Butrico (9/10), Zack Post (11/12) and Philip Luzny (15-18). Joey Valentino (9/10), Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) and Michael Boyle (13/14) secured second place ribbons, and William McLaughlin (eight-and-under) and Matt Moates (15-18) secured the third place ribbons.

In the girls' butterfly events Taylor Aljian (9/10) and Chelsea Cullen (13/14) placed first. Kelly O'Brien (9/10), Maggie Valentino (11/12), Sarah Konops (13/14) and Kristin Dabrio (15-18) placed second. Amy Zinsky (9/10), Kelly McLaughlin (11/12), Ellen Zinsky (13/14) and Joanna Luzny (15-18) placed third. Eight-and-under boys breaststroke had the duo of Nicholas Guerrieri (first) and William McLaughlin (third). In the 9/10 age group Charlie Butrico, Aidan McDermott and Enzo Butrico swept the event with a first, second and third place, respectively. Liam McDermott and Zak Post (11/12) placed first and second. Joey Valentino swam a difficult 13/14 year old race and placed third, while veterans Alan Kasmer and Matt Moates placed second and third, respectively in the 15-18 age group.

The only boys free relay to place first was the 9-12 age group, which consists of Z. Post, C. Butrico, J. Valentino and A. Gurrieri. The girls 9-12 medley relay broke the pool record once again by six seconds from the record they broke at the first meet. Their time was 3:13.57. K. O'Brien, M. Valentino, T. Aljian and K. Faustini took the first place ribbon and record.

The only other first place win in relays was the 13-18 Medley Relay team of J. Luzny, C. Cullen, E. Piekarski and S. Konops.

The Tiger Sharks will have away meets for the next few weeks, swimming some of the more difficult swim clubs in the league. Under the direction of Head Coach Laurie Post and assistants, Sarah Blessing, Shannon Dabrio and Mary Otowski, the Tiger Sharks will try their best. They know even if they don't make the win, they surely have swum their personal best times.

Mishandling Pool Chemicals Can Prove to be Costly

Pool season has arrived! Its arrival brings concern for the safety of adults and children.

Recently, a caller in his 30's reached out to NJPIES' Hotline because he developed coughing and shortness of breath after performing routine pool maintenance. It was later discovered that he developed these symptoms after having opened one of the pool chemical containers in his shed.

Just a few days prior, two young children developed breathing problems when they unintentionally inhaled pool chemicals that were improperly stored. This highlights the need

for pool owners to practice safe handling and storage of pool chemicals. Dr. Bruce Ruck of The New Jersey Poison Center advises all pool owners and users that "all chemicals and pool maintenance supplies should be kept sealed in their original containers, stored, locked up and out of reach of children."

The Poison Control Center Hotline number, 1-800-222-1222, can be used for treatment advice for emergency poisonings as well as for non-emergency questions. The hotline is accessible 24 hours per day, everyday! Remember, help is just a phone call away!

Library Offering Kids Summer Programs

The South Plainfield Library will offer a special summer schedule of children's programming starting in July.

- "Storytime" programs, for children age three and over, will be held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15.

- "Time for 2's & 3's," for children age 2 & 3, will be held on Tuesday afternoons at 1 and Wednesday mornings at 10:30.

- "Books-N-Babies," for children under age three, will be held on Thursday and Friday mornings at 10:30.

- "Reading with Ms. Mija," for children age six and over, will be held on Thursday evenings at 6:30.

- The Library Chess Club for young players both beginning and advanced, will be held on Friday afternoons at 3:30.

Each program lasts about an hour and pre-registration is not required.

Also, the library will offer special children's Kidcraft programs on three Monday evenings in July (10, 24 and 31) and on the first two Monday evenings in Aug. (7 and 14). Presented in conjunction with the library's Summer Reading Club, these programs are for children ages six and over. Pre-registration is required; there is a \$1 materials fee for each program.

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

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Interested applicants are encouraged to contact Kurt Gruninger via e-mail at Kurt.P.Gruninger@irs.gov.



AARP Chapter 4144 of South Plainfield is pleased to announce the installation of a new slate of officers for the coming year. Left to right are: Ann North-Board member, Jerome Mendel-president, Melisande Brewer-secretary, Mary Stevens-treasurer. Absent when the photo was taken was Diane Plasse-vice president.

Obituaries

Frank "Kas" J. Kaspereen, Jr, 74

Frank "Kas" J. Kaspereen, Jr. died on Saturday, July 1 at his home in Dallas, Georgia.

A New Jersey native, Frank served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean Conflict. He retired from the N.J. Garden State Parkway in 1994.

Surviving are his wife Ursula (Costello) Kaspereen; three sons, Michael J. of Maine, Paul of Calhoun, Georgia and Walter S. of Newark, Delaware; a daughter, Theresa Mary of Dallas, Georgia; three grandchildren, Jacob, Madison and Hannah; a sister, Anna VonBischoffhausen of Rahway and several nieces and nephews.

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Nominations for Parade Grand Marshal Sought

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

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, please send us a letter stating your reason why this person should

be considered for Honorary Grand Marshal. Please include the candidate's name, address, phone number and accomplishments. The deadline for accepting nominations is July 28. Send your nomination to: The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

In addition, parade marshals are needed to assist in the organization of the parade line, followed by walking with their unit the length of the parade. All marshals must be 18 years or older. Please submit your parade marshal applications to: The Public Celebrations Committee, Joe Scrudato, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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

Borough Bonds \$1.6M

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According to Butrico, two of the buildings in the Hamilton Industrial Site are slated to be torn down this fall.

Republican Councilman Rob Bengivena, who was the lone no vote to the bond ordinance, said he wouldn't approve it because he did not receive the maps, appraisals and other information he had requested when it was introduced. He said he asked that the information be placed in his mail slot, but did not receive it.

Butrico said that as a councilman Bengivena should not have waited until the meeting, but instead either called him, the borough clerk or bor-

ough attorney when he did not receive the information.

Both Butrico and Bengivena are running for mayor in the fall.

Plans also call for widening the lanes at the corner of South Clinton and New Market avenues to help trucks traverse that intersection. A study is underway to assess the feasibility of putting up traffic lights at South Clinton and both St. Nicholas and Montrose Ave. In all the traffic plan could cost up to \$4.5M.

Last month the council approved two other bond ordinances—\$60,000 for improvements at the Community Pool, which will be paid for by the pool utility, and \$425,000 for the design of the proposed new library, which will be paid for by the library.

Music in the Park

The Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation is once again offering a summer concert series. The following is a schedule of concerts that will be held in Spring Lake Park Gazebo on Sundays from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

- July**
- 9 - The George Krauss Memorial Band (Barbara Santoro, Cond)
 - 16 - Fred Wesche's "Billion Dollar Sound" (Frank Wolfe, Cond)
 - 23 - The Beacon Hill Jazz Band (Marty Eigen, Leader)
 - 30 - The Bob Birch Quintet (Bob Birch, Leader)
- August**
- 6 - The Big Band Express (Pat Mash, Cond.)
 - 13 - The Jimmy Ray Band (Ray Rothstein, Leader)
 - 20 - The Bob Birch Quintet (Bob Birch, Leader)
 - 27 - The Live Sounds of "MAGIC" (Rich Aiello, Leader)

Nine Join Borough CERTS

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to evaluate responses to emergencies and if changes are needed in training.

Graduating from the third CERT class were Laura Aiello, Mary Altomare, John P. Anesh, Danielle Tamburro, Schanna Woodel, Carly Yulick, Timothy J. Harloran, Ronnie Lowich and William A. Meixner.

All volunteers received CERT ID cards and a duffel bag containing a vest, helmet, first aid kit and other

emergency items. ID cards are worn so that the volunteers can be identified by other emergency personnel.

If you would like more information on the CERT program, call (908) 226-7718 or email mzushma@southplainfieldnj.com.

The CERT graduation may be viewed by watching the borough council meeting which will air on Comcast Channel 74 on Tuesday, July 18 at 6 p.m.

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An appeal has been filed by Adrian W. Sinclair requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit 508. Fences or Walls. No wall, fence or hedge in a residential district shall be erected or altered so that said wall, fence or hedge shall be over four (4) feet in height and in the required principal front yard, nor more than six (6) feet in height in the required side, rear or secondary front yard starting at the rear of the structure. Front yard fences shall be restricted to open mesh material with no slats and are required to meet the provision of Section 508. Obstructions to Vision at Intersections. Fences in business and industrial zones shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height. No spite fences or walls shall be permitted. No material shall be used in any fence that would pose a safety hazard; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1300 Rush St. on Block 427.01, Lot 1.02 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 27, 2006 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

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