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NASA Visit to Local Schools Inspires Future Scientists

By Libby Barsky

Representatives of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Education and Public Outreach (EPO) program visited the district recently. Dr. Evelina Félicité-Maurice and Sarah E. Brown of the Heliophysics Projects Division visited

ly, and Tiffany Lucey will be attending workshops this summer. Principals Dr. Kenneth May and Althea Bowman-Williams have also attended the workshops. "We are the only school district in New Jersey involved in the EPO program," said Dr. May.

The goal of this NASA EPO program is to collaborate with teachers

their solar cars in the Junior Solar Sprint competition on May 12 at Edgar Middle School where Antoni Franczak placed first. (See page 9 for related story.) They went outside and saw a demonstration of the cars in the sunlight. It was a sunny day and the cars ran well in the sun. The guests toured the butterfly garden, located outside the classroom, and the greenhouse.

At Franklin School, Félicité-Maurice and Brown passed out special ultraviolet beads to the fourth grade students. The students settled into a hands-on project of stringing the special beads to make themselves a bracelet. "We took them outside and immediately the beads in the bracelets turned all sorts of colors. As soon as the beads turned color, the students looked for a shady spot to see if the beads would turn white again—and they did," said fourth grade teacher Janet Donnelly.

At the high school, NASA Observatory Manager Willie Blanco gave a presentation on the different heliophysics projects, including magnetic fields, radiation belts and the storm probes to understand how the sun affects the earth power systems, satellites, navigation, communications and astronaut safety.

Brown also talked about opportunities for high school students to receive summer internships in a NASA program. Future applications will be available at the Star Partners Web site.

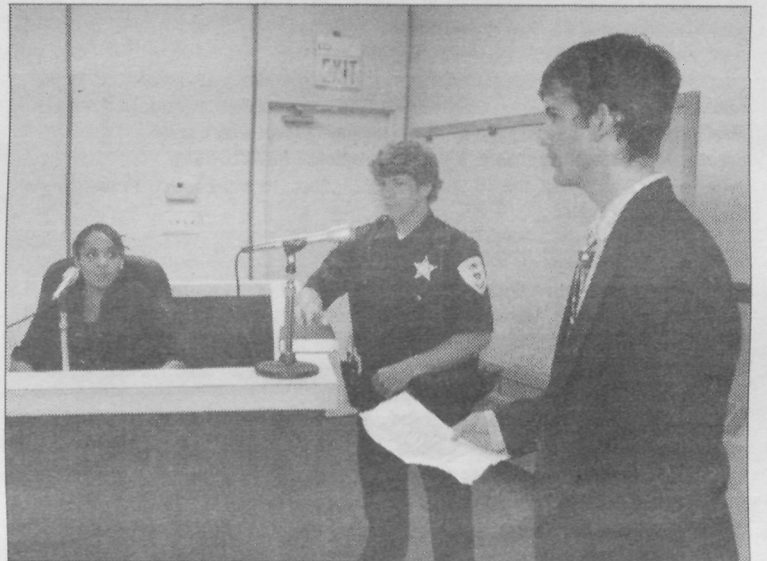
Senior Census Begins Saturday Dates Extended to Provide Accurate Results

The South Plainfield Office on Aging will be conducting a town-wide census in an effort to locate every senior citizen in the borough and to determine their specific individual needs. The goals of the Office on Aging's census are to help local seniors establish and maintain a connection with the community; to provide seniors with access to critical services by providing information, referrals, personal assistance and follow-up services; to promote an in-home, community-based care system to allow frail, at-risk elderly to continue independent living and avoid or delay placement in long-term care facilities; and to ensure that every senior is fully aware of tax relief programs, senior discount programs and other cost saving programs.

Originally set for this weekend, the time schedule has been extended to include the entire month of June and into July. The census begins Saturday, June 9 as originally announced.

The Office on Aging hopes that by changing the time frame more volunteers will be able to join in the effort and help reach every homeowner in the borough and identify every senior citizen in town.

In preparation for the census, the office is looking for volunteers to assist



The prosecutor (Joe Turrise) grills defendant Diana Joe (Derika Catalano) while the bailiff (Billy Ashnault) looks on.

The Verdict Is In! Mock Trial Held at Borough Hall

The verdict is in and the hard work of SPHS students in Patricia Porzio and Joe Cirigliano's classes has paid off. The mock trial conducted on May 31 in the courtroom at Borough Hall was a wonderful and exhilarating experience.

The trial began promptly at 9 a.m. with the prosecution's opening statement. Then the defense spoke on Diane Joe's behalf. Once the statements were heard, the calling of the witnesses began. The prosecution called their first witness, Middlesex County toxicologist, played by Amanda Harzula. Harzula confirmed that the drug found in the victim's blood poisoned him. Following were eight other character and expert witnesses

who argued evidence to prove Diane Joe was guilty of murder.

As soon as the prosecution had rested, the defense called their witnesses, many of whom were friends, family, as well as the family doctor. Their arguments were good, but to the jury and audience they didn't seem strong enough to acquit Mrs. Joe.

Finally, the prosecution and defense made their powerful closing statements. The prosecution made a rebuttal, then the charges against Diane Joe were stated.

Cirigliano, who played the part of the honorable judge, explained that Diane Joe was on trial for murder (death that was the result of murder or serious injury), a crime committed purposely and knowingly and not in the heat of passion. The bailiff, played by Billy Ashnault, escorted the jury to the deliberation room to decide Diane Joe's fate. The courtroom took a recess.

About an hour later, the jury arrived back in the courtroom to an anxious audience. Judge Cirigliano was handed the verdict and announced it out loud. The defendant was found... not guilty! Lawyers and the audience alike were in shock. Everyone then heard the real story behind what happened at the Joe house.

Every morning Mrs. Joe would make her husband a nutritional shake that he would drink when he came home for lunch. On the day of his death, he drank a shake that Diane poisoned with his carpal tunnel medication, Prednisone. She wanted to dispose of her husband so she could start her new life with her lover, the owner of the local diner where she is works as a waitress.

This trial was complex and tedious, but exciting. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. Special thanks to Porzio and Cirigliano for their help and guidance. A very special thank you to Borough Clerk Vincent Buttiglieri for offering the use of the courtroom to the classes for the big day. Great job forensic science and law experts!

—Submitted by Lauren Frazzano



NASA education specialists visited the district (left to right)—Dr. Evelina Félicité-Maurice, Program Planning Manager for the Heliophysics Projects Division; Willie Blanco Observatory Manager and Sarah E. Brown, Senior Outreach Coordinator Heliophysics Project Division.

the middle school and Franklin Elementary School on May 14 and the high school on May 15.

The EPO program offers workshops during the summer to administrators and teachers and internships for students with a goal of inspiring students by integrating science, technology, engineering and math across the curriculum. Five teachers from the district have been in summer workshops in the program, known as Star Partners. They are Kevin Hajduk, Gerry Heim, Gene Kern, Patty Porzio and Angela Raimondi. Janet Donnel-

and administrators, integrating the subjects of science and technology and to have students aspire to become scientists and engineers where there is a need to replace those presently working in NASA, but will be retiring.

Félicité-Maurice and Brown visited Gerry Heim's middle school science classroom and were treated to samples of root beer—the result of the student's fermentation lesson—making a carbonated beverage by using sugar, yeast and root beer flavoring extract.

They also met the five South Plainfield eighth graders who entered



A fire broke out at the home of Al and Yvonne Davisson at 6 Stacey Court last Friday at approximately 10:30 p.m. All the occupants got out safely. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.



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council meetings

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

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
June 26	7 p.m.	Immediately following
July 17	7 p.m.	Immediately following

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
June 12, July 10 and 24, Aug. 14 and 28,
Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25
Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.—June 14 (Thursday), July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 11, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12 and April 2.
Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.—June 27, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 28, Dec. 19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 19.

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11
July and August: No scheduled meeting

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

business advisory group

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

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

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Good Deeds Abound in South Plainfield

Kasi Joyner, a South Plainfield High School senior, recently orchestrated an attempt to fulfill the wish of a seven-year-old boy with cancer. Kasi's mom, Deneen Thompson, received an e-mail which contained the May newsletter from her scrap-booking club in which various events are listed. When Deneen told Kasi of the request of seven-year-old Shane Bernier of Lancaster, Ontario, Canada to set a world record for receiving the most birthday cards, Kasi set out to play an instrumental role in fulfilling the sick child's wish. Shane, whose birthday was May 30, had just one wish for his birthday, and it was not to receive toys or presents, but to receive 350 million birthday cards to set the world record.

Kasi immediately told as many of her friends, family, classmates, and co-workers about her intentions and within two weeks had collected 1,187 birthday cards to send to Shane in Canada. The bulk of cards, 866 to be exact, came from the high school, 265 were collected at the middle school, and 56 were from family and friends. Kasi mailed a package filled with the



Kasi Joyner displays some of the birthday cards she collected for Shane Bernier.

cards to Shane on May 24 via international air mail so that they would arrive on time for his eighth birthday in the hope of helping him to fulfill his birthday wish to set the world record for receiving more birthday

cards than anyone else ever has.

Kudos to Kasi for her kind deed and thanks to all who joined together to fulfill the wish of this little boy with cancer.

Submitted by Rosemary Petriello

IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

Dear Editor,

Recently the Observer ran an article outlining the costs for the alternate traffic route that re-routes trucks onto New Market Avenue. The article pegs the cost at about \$4.6 million, a figure that came from a recent council meeting.

That number is not realistic. Residents, many of whom are split on whether the route is the right solution for traffic, deserve to know the real cost. The price for purchasing land for the project already exceeds initial estimates. In addition, missing from the estimate is also any indication what reconstructing New Market Avenue will cost.

When asked about this at a council meeting, the mayor said reconstructing New Market Avenue is not part of the project. But does anyone really believe that road can handle full-time truck traffic much longer? It was not designed for trucks and is already starting to deteriorate. The road also lacks sidewalks, which creates a danger to children who walk along the street with trucks whizzing by.

Regardless of where they stand on this project, the people of South Plainfield deserve an honest answer about the cost, which they will be paying for years to come.

Residents also deserve a chance to vote on whether to fund the project. Democrats have made Democracy Day a campaign promise for many

years, including last year, but they've not held one in more than five years. They promised that voters would have the chance to voice their opinions whenever the town borrows more than \$1 million. Yet these same people are refusing to let voters have their say on one of the highest-cost projects in decades.

Residents deserve to know the real cost of the alternate route and they deserve to have their voices heard. It's time for the Democratic majority to stand by its promises.

**COUNCILMEN MATTHEW ANESH
AND ROB BENGIVENGA**

Dear Friends,

My friend Willie, who lives in Florida, has a problem and I want to help him. Willie has never had the extra money for dental insurance to afford a dentist and now finds himself in need of extensive dental work.

At this point, all that can be done is pulling the roots and getting a full set of dentures. The cost is expensive and he just cannot afford it. I have chosen

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to help him.

The Carousel Hair Salon will be running a fundraiser to defer some of those costs. With every \$20 haircut, you will receive a chance to win either a \$300 certificate towards any salon service at the Carousel Hair Salon or a one week stay at a condo in St. Pete Beach, Fla., 90 steps to the sand, which is valued at \$650. Drawing will be held on September 3, 2007. If you choose to just donate, you may do so.

For further information, call Marty at Carousel at (908) 561-2808.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE,
MARTY PAPA (THE TOOTH FAIRY)**

Eat at TGI Friday's and Help the New Library

On Tuesday, June 12, there will be a fundraiser at TGI Friday's to raise money for the building of a new library.

Pick up a flyer at the library, or download it from their Web page, southplainfield.lib.nj.us, and present it at TGI Friday's, 1315 Centennial

Ave. in Piscataway. Friday's will donate 20% of your purchase, including items from the bar, to the new library. Taxes and gratuity are not included. The flyer will be valid all day!

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

The library will hold a book sale on Saturday, June 16 from 9 a.m. until the last item is sold. The book sale will, in reality, include much more than books, as videos, audio books and a variety of materials will be on sale. This will be a perfect opportunity to stock up on beach books and videos for those days when it is too hot and muggy to leave the house. Our prices are always reasonable and the money goes towards a good cause, the library.

Another fundraiser, this time sponsored by the South Plainfield Public Library Foundation to raise money for the new library building, will be held all day Tuesday, June 12 at TGI Friday's in Piscataway on Centennial Boulevard. Bring the flyer that is available in the library to the restaurant and give it to the server and TGI Friday's will donate 20% of your purchase (including items from the bar) to the foundation. This is a very painless way to contribute to the new library building while actually enjoying some good food.

Also, registration for the children's Summer Reading Program, "Get a Clue at your Library," will begin on Monday, June 25. Modern American society has come to recognize the fact that reading is important and that just because the weather turns hot and people are outside does not mean that reading stops. In fact, you can read anywhere and anytime and that it is especially important that children do not stop reading when school is not in session. So summer reading programs for all ages are important reminders of the value of reading as well as an opportunity to be rewarded for doing something good. This year as

usual there will be prizes; t-shirts will be available for purchase, and parties at the beginning and end of the program.

The library has also begun stocking Playaways. These are marvelous little MP3 devices which contain an entire book. Titles are either young adult: "Just Listen" by Sarah Dessen or "Raven's Gate" by Anthony Horowitz; or adult: "Tenth Circle" by Jodi Picoult, "Dirty Blond" by Lisa Scottoline, "Dark Tort" by Diane Mott Davidson and "Marley & Me" by John Grogan. As you can see the titles are both fiction and non-fiction and are primarily in the bestseller category. When you check out the package you get the iPod size device, a pair of earphones (or you can use your own) and an extra battery. These are perfect for everything from working in the garden to walking in the park as the device can easily slip into the smallest pocket. We have many more of these devices than the titles listed above and we are constantly getting more in.

And as always, Miss Linda and Miss Mija will be having their usual story times with craft session following: three year olds and up, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m.; Time for 2s and 3s, Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and Books and Babies program for infants and children up to the age of three, Fridays at 10:30 a.m. These programs are all drop in and no registration is required. The only thing Miss Linda and Miss Mija ask is that you arrive before the program begins.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the library at (908) 754-7885 or stop in and visit us at 2484 Plainfield Ave.



Sacred Heart Church held their annual May crowning last month. Participating were children who had just received their first communion. Pictured with Father John Alvarado and Father Andrew Wieliczko are Sydney Christian (crown), Christian Butrico, Emily Mazellan, Stephanie LaCasalle, Rachel Aguiar, Samatha Pizano, Michaela Therattil, Katie Cole, Nora Bogart, Gina Bengivenga, Myrna Brynol, Patricia LaCasalle, Rodrigo Ramirez, Salvatore Dente and Johny Khalaf.

Residents Say They Don't Want Cell Tower in Their Neighborhood

By Libby Barsky

To ensure the integrity of its phone service, Omnipoint Communications, trading as T-Mobile, is seeking a use variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment to build an 80-foot flag pole with antennas and equipment cabinets on the site of an office building at 2509 Park Ave.

With the 80-foot pole, Omnipoint Communications will be able to close the gaps in its coverage of South

Plainfield, preventing dropped calls and spotty coverage.

Approximately 25 residents attended the zoning board hearing. Resident Kathy Newman asked why the site was selected to be in a residential area. The choice of the Park Avenue location was the result of a three year plus search answered Damien Ameen of ACC-Ameen Communications Co. of Princeton Junction.

Engineers for Omnipoint Communications developed a "ring

search," mapping where coverage was strongest and where it was weak, and circled areas that could accommodate a .5 mile distance between the two points necessary to provide more complete coverage. Using the guidelines developed in the ring search, Ameen said he began by driving on the roads in the "ring" area to find a possible site for the 80-foot pole and submitted a list of possible locations.

"The initial chosen site was the senior housing center on Morris Avenue. The Borough requested a monthly rental of \$4,500, or approximately four times the average lease.

Jost Field was another possible site Ameen attempted to lease. Although he made calls and sent a proposal letter to Board of Education members, he said he never received a reply.

Zoning Board Attorney James Clarkin asked Ameen whether other sites that were farther away from the residential area had been approached. "No they weren't," answered Ameen. The Board will continue the hearing on the application on Thursday, June 28.

Motor Vehicle Mobile Unit at Senior Center

The NJ Motor Vehicle Commission's Mobile Unit will visit the senior center on Thursday, June 21 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to issue photo driver's license renewals and as well as non-driver's picture ID cards. To qualify, your license must expire before the end of 2007. DMV will process two seniors every 10 minutes, servicing a total of 50 seniors. If interested, please

stop into the senior center and fill out a registration form and select an appointment time. No walk-ins will be accepted on June 21.

The senior center is also sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on July 12 to see "The Musical Time Machine." Tickets are \$62 and include transportation and lunch. Contact the senior center for reservations.



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There is still time to register for Camp Lou Henry Hoover, the summer resident camp of the Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council nestled in the woods of Sussex County.

For more than 50 summers, Camp Hoover has been delivering great times, great memories and great experiences and the summer of 2007 promises to be no different. The camp, open to girls entering grades 1-12 in Fall 2007, runs from July 8 to Aug. 18, mostly in one-week sessions.

At Camp Hoover, girls have the opportunity to explore the waterfront and spend time in the outdoors on the site's ropes course, as well as

its expansive play fields. They can also get in touch with their artistic side at "Creation Studio" and climb aboard horses while horseback riding. All campers experience camp-wide cook-outs and sing-alongs under the watchful eye of experienced and qualified counselors.

For the first time in recent history, Camp Hoover is open to girls entering first grade (as of the fall of 2007) with a three-day, two-night, "A Little Camp Fun" program being offered.

For more information on the camp or to sign up (based on availability), call (908) 232-3236, ext. 1213 or visit www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts or www.camphoover.org.

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Affordable Housing Agency Special Meeting

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Around Town

NHS Car Wash

June 9

A car wash will be held on Saturday, June 9 to raise money for the National Honor Society from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the middle school parking lot.

Historical Society/ Ellis Island Program

June 10

The South Plainfield Historical Society presents "Ellis Island: Myth and Reality" at the senior center beginning at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 10 with Speaker Nancy C. Carnevale of Montclair State University. Free of charge; no preregistration. For information, call (908) 754-7268.

SPHS Project Graduation Meeting

June 11

There is a Project Graduation chaperone meeting on Monday, June 11 at 7 p.m. in the SPHS teachers' cafeteria. Since chaperone responsibilities and plans for the 2007 Project Grad celebration will be discussed, it is important that all chaperones attend. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please arrange to send someone in your place who will be able to receive the necessary information and take notes on your behalf. This is the last meeting we will have before Project Graduation 2007.

Elks Flag Day Services

June 14

The South Plainfield Elks will hold their traditional Flag Day Services on Thursday, June 14 at Kennedy School beginning promptly at 7 p.m. This is a great chance to learn about the history of the great flag of our country. Bring the family for this special presentation of the flags. The Elks will also be awarding scholarships for this year's winners. Refreshments will be served following the festivities.

VFW Dinner

June 15

The South Plainfield VFW on Front Street is holding a stuffed cabbage dinner on Friday, June 15 from 5 to 8 p.m. Public welcome. Last dinner.

SPHS Class of 1982-25 Year Reunion

Save the date! Our 25 year reunion is set for Saturday April 5, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway from 7 p.m. to midnight. Overnight rooms will be available at a discount rate.

Register/update your contact information with classmates.com or contact me directly. Spread the word to other classmates that you may be in contact with. Please make every effort to attend. The 20 year reunion was great. More details to follow.

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Sacred Heart Concert

June 15

The Sacred Heart Parish Music Ministry will conclude their season on Friday, June 15 with The Feast of the Sacred Heart. Following the 7:30 p.m. liturgy, the choir will present many of their favorite anthems.

For further information, please contact Dan Mahoney at (908) 756-0633 or e-mail Dan410@aol.com.

SP Eagles Final Registration

June 19

The South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagles Football Club will be holding final registration for football players only on Tuesday, June 19 from 6-8 p.m. at the fieldhouse on Kenneth Avenue. Boys ages 5-14 as of July 31, 2007 are eligible. Visit our Web site for more info at www.speagles.com.

Family Fun Fair/BBQ

June 23

The South Plainfield Girl Scout community is holding a Family Fun Fair and BBQ Cook-Off on Saturday, June 23, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Veterans Park. Something for everyone: games, prizes, activities, shopping, hand-on art project, food, baked goods and craft vendors. Cook-off and craft fair vendors are needed. For cook-off, call Linda (908) 755-3841; vendors, call Jeanne (908) 543-8168, fun fair, call Diane (908) 561-3801.

Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing

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favorite charity, The Matheny School, will be held on Friday, June 29 at Heron Glen Golf Course in Ringoes. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8 a.m. Barbecue dinner to follow along with awards and prizes! Cost is \$125 per golfer; dinner only is \$40.

For more information and directions, please call Jim at (973) 227-4859 or (973) 667-2466.

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Trip

July 12

The senior center is planning a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Thursday, July 12 to see "The Musical Time Machine." Tickets are \$62 per person and include transportation and dinner. Menu includes fried shrimp and scallops, Yankee pot roast, cold salad platter, lemon pepper cod or lemon chicken with mushrooms. Stop in the senior center to reserve your tickets.

Trip to Savannah/Charleston

July 16-21

The recreation department is sponsoring a trip to Savannah, Ga. and Charleston, S.C. by White Star Tours. This is a six-day, five-night bus trip. \$770 per person double occupancy. Package includes: five nights lodging, breakfasts, full course dinners, guided tours of both cities, tour of Ft. Sumter, Antebellum home tour, Savannah Riverwalk, Magnolia Plantation, USS Hundley, Charleston harbor cruise, souvenir gift, luggage handling, all

taxes and standard gratuities and motor coach transportation. Cancellation insurance available upon request.

For information and reservations contact the recreation department at (908) 226-7714.

— Out of Town —

Singles Hike

June 9

Young Sierrans 20s/30s will hold a singles hike on Saturday, June 9 at 10 a.m. at the N.J. Botanical Gardens in Ringwood State Park. No cost. Wear good hiking shoes and bring water. RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073 or visit www.newjersey.sierraclub.org/YoungSierrans.

Single Professionals

June 15

N.J. Single Professionals 45+ happy hour will be held on Friday, June 15 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hilton Pyramid Hotel-Sports Edition Bar in East Brunswick. Private Group.

Reservation required by June 15 noontime to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Breakfast/Discussion at Willow Grove

June 16

All men and women are invited to a free pancake and sausage breakfast hosted by the Men's Group of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church on Saturday, June 16 from 8:30-10:30 a.m. Come learn more about cultivating energy from the inside out to become a more physically and emotion-

ally balanced self.

For more information or to make reservations, please call August at (908) 889-5948 or the church office at (908) 232-5678. Childcare will be available if requested in advance.

Trump National Golf Club Charity

June 20

The Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster will hold its inaugural charity golf and dinner outing on Wednesday, June 20 starting with lunch and pro golf tips at noon followed by 18-holes of competitive golf on a world-ranked course.

This outing is size limited. For more information, call (732) 708-9300.

St. Thomas More Society Dinner

June 21

The Diocese of Metuchen St. Thomas More Society will host their second annual dinner at Pierre's in Monmouth Junction on Thursday, June 21 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person. All are invited.

For reservations and information, call (732) 562-2461 or visit www.diometuchen.org.

Summer Carnival

June 20-24

The Eula Mae Amaker Family Life Center, Inc. will hold their second annual Summer Carnival Extravaganza, Wednesday, June 20 through Sunday, June 24 on the Plainfield High School Grounds, 950 Park Ave. in Plainfield.

Singles Night on the Boardwalk

June 23

Young Sierrans 20s/30s Singles Night on the Boardwalk will take place on Saturday, June 23 at 3 p.m. at Point Pleasant Beach Miniature Golf & Dinner. For information and meetup area, RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

1991 Class Reunion

Invitations have gone out for the 1991 South Plainfield High School class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Clarion Hotel and Towers in Edison. If you did not receive an invitation, contact Kristine (Newman) Craggan at kristinecraggan@yahoo.com or call (732) 983-1100.

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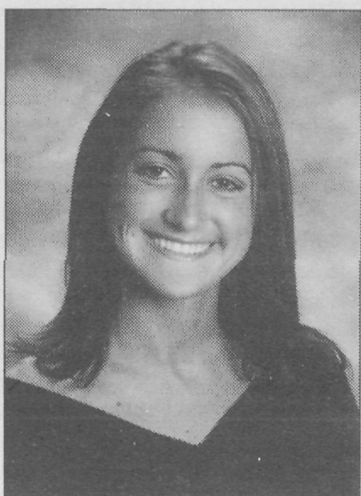
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southplainfieldpeople Milestones



Jessica Schwartz

Jessica Schwartz Named to Deans List at NYU

Jessica Schwartz of SPHS Class of 2006 was named to the Deans List at New York University. Jessica is currently a nutrition major at the Steinhardt School of Education. This June Jessica will be traveling to the U.S. Virgin Islands with other volunteer college students from the tri-state area to assist Habitat for Humanity in building a home for a needy family in St. Thomas.

Amanda Harzula Wins Essay Contest

South Plainfield High School library media specialist Pat Massey was honored recently when senior Amanda Harzula placed first in an essay competition sponsored by the New Jersey Association of School Librarians. The topic was "Why My School Library is Important to Me."

The contest was announced during English classes and Amanda picked up a copy of the essay contest form from the media center. She "was [so] inspired by the topic that [she] wrote it quickly and from the heart."

Amanda's essay begins, "The first time I stepped into a library, I thought my heart would stop. I was overcome by the sheer magnitude of books around me. The sense of awe I felt was indescribable." Later in her essay Amanda writes, "It is here in this place" (the media center) "that I have found refuge from the hectic chaos my life has become. What makes my media center or library even more special is its Library Media Specialist Pat Massey. Being a fellow left-hander, I have become friends with Mrs. Massey, who is always there to lend an ear

Kenneth Zushma Named "Innovative Technology Educator"

Sponsored by The Martinson Family Foundation, the 2007 "Innovative Technology Educator Award" honored Kenneth Zushma as one of six honorees for outstanding dedication and innovation in the field of technology education. This award, sponsored by The Martinson Family Foundation, recognizes extraordinary contributions and performance by educators with an unrestricted cash award of \$10,000 to

each honoree.

Kenneth Zushma was selected based on his classroom performance integrating intelligent design, manufacturing and electronics in his middle school technology education course at Heritage Middle School in Livingston and his contributions to TEANJ serving on the executive board as the treasurer and as the editor of their news magazine, *Interface*.

Danielle DeVizio Places Third in N.J. Gymnastics Championships



Danielle DeVizio

The New Jersey U.S. Gymnastics State Championships were held the weekend of May 19 and 20 at Washington Township High School in Sewell. This statewide meet concludes the end of the level 5 gymnastics competing season for 43 gyms throughout the State of N.J. for 2007.

La Gymnastique's Danielle DeVizio was one of the 10-year-olds competing that weekend. She received a medal in all four events placing eighth on bars with a 9.35, 10th on beam with a 9.125 and 2nd on vault with a 9.50. On her final event of the competition, she scored a 9.70 on floor, breaking the previous 2006 state record of 9.65.

Danielle's final all-around score placed her 3rd in the state with a 37.675. The La Gymnastique team received the 6th place team award at the conclusion of the long weekend. Danielle trains at Henderson's Gymnastics Academy and will continue to train throughout the summer for the next competing season advancing to level 7.

Congratulations, Danielle!

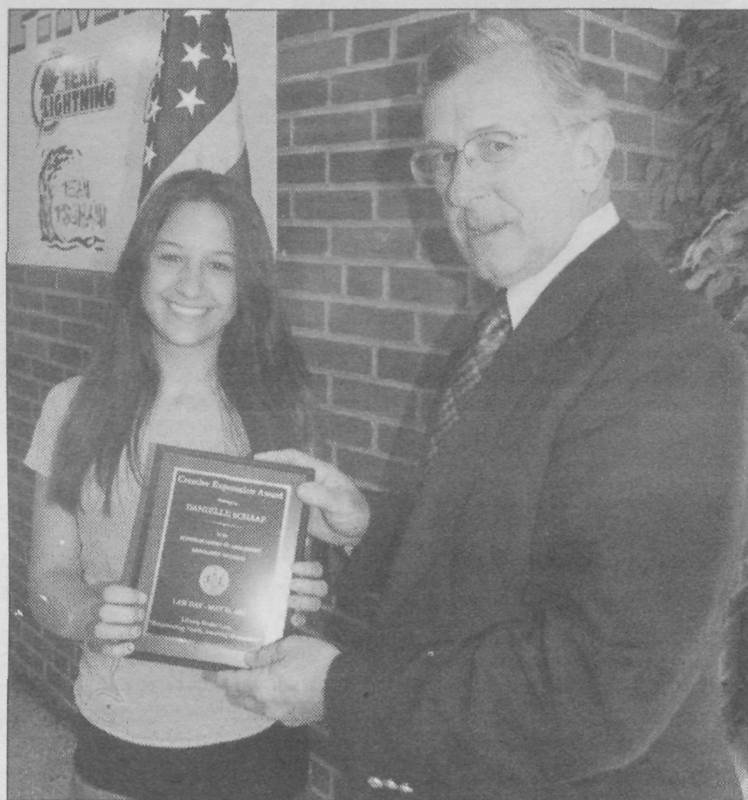
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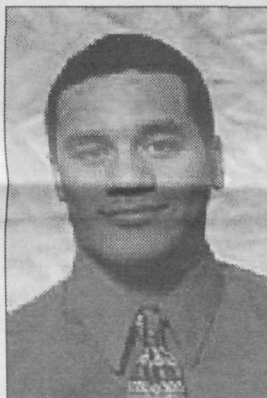
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South Plainfield Middle School student Danielle Schaaf won the Creative Expression Award from the Middlesex County Superior Court Law Day contest. Pictured with Principal Steve Novak, Danielle's winning essay was on democracy.

CalvinJohn Smiley Initiated into Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. at Lehigh



CalvinJohn Smiley

South Plainfield resident CalvinJohn Smiley was initiated into one of the oldest national African-American fraternities, Kappa Alpha Psi, Inc. He is a member and keeper of records for the Omicron Kappa Chapter, located at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

CalvinJohn will be a senior in the fall. He is double majoring in political science and Africana studies.

Kappa Alpha Psi was founded in 1911 by 10 African-American students on the campus of Indiana University. These 10 men founded the organization because during this time period African-Americans were excluded from college campus activities and organizations. The fundamental purpose of Kappa Alpha Psi is achievement.

Since 1911 there are over 600 chapters on three different continents that serve their communities in local philanthropic activities. Smiley was also elected president of the Black Student Union and serves on the Visiting Lecturers Committee, The Student Diversity Task Force and is a member of the swim team at Lehigh University.

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(L-R) Allen and Lamar McCloud, co-owners of Nemos Seafood located in the new Durham Plaza, are congratulated by Mayor Charles Butrico as Manager Seta Laurie looks on during their grand opening on May 19.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Davison Family who recently had a devastating fire at their home. The Grant and Kennedy School PTO's, Jr. Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary, SPSHS Student Leadership Program directed by MaryEllen Martko, and many families have sent donations in their time of need. For more information on making a donation, please contact your school PTO.

Here are a list of events at the schools in the coming weeks:

- **Franklin School:** June 14-fourth grade celebration, 7 p.m.
- **Kennedy School:** June 11-second grade picnic and T1 year-end celebration, June 12-T1 parent orientation at 7 p.m., June 13-third grade picnic, June 14-fourth grade picnic and June 18-fourth grade moving up at 6:30 p.m.
- **Riley School:** June 15-fourth grade breakfast, yearbook signing and farewell 7 p.m.
- **Roosevelt School:** June 11-fourth

grade moving up ceremony, June 15-breakfast, yearbook signing, spirit day, poem reading and moving up ceremony.

• **Grant School:** June 12-DARE picnic at the community pool, June 13-fourth grade parents orientation at 6 p.m. and yearbook distribution, June 14-sixth grade orientation at the middle school at 8:30 a.m.

The eight grade trip to Washington D.C. took place recently and was very educational for the students.

The GMC All-Star Softball game will take place on June 12 at 7 p.m. at Ponytail Park with SPSHS players Megan Boyle, Stephanie Falzarano and Lauren Fry.

The dunk tank at the Tiger 24 was filled by Fire Chief Larry DelNegro and was much appreciated.

Logon to myspace.com/helenstreet project for some history of the much needed truck route. There is also a place to blog your complaints about traffic by creating an account using an e-mail address. So blog away!

Recycling Center Now Accepting Consumer Electronic Items

The South Plainfield Recycling drop-off center has been expanded to include a consumer electronics drop-off program. The hours of operation are Tuesdays noon until 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Only residential materials such as personal computers, monitors and printers will be accepted. No TV's will be accepted. Please note that you must see a recycling attendant to log your times first.

The paint recycling day will be held on Saturday, June 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

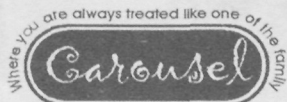
Also, residents can now log on to the borough Web site southplainfieldnj.com and fill out a public works

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Grant School Announces Honor Roll

High Honor Roll

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Adam Daubert, John Gilbert DeLaCruz, Cody Decker, Jesse Deffler, Michael DelGenio, Joseph Demico, Taylor Donato, Alex Dornick, Jacqueline Dvorak, Catherine Emery, Kaitlyn Faustini, Talia Ferrigno, Kristin Forbes, Maria Funes, Antonio Garcia, Nicholas Graves, Jonathan Grennier and Andrea Guerrero.

Joseph Hart, Troy Heilmann, Sabrina Hemming, Jasmin Hernandez, Lauren Hill, Alec Hing, Haley Hlavka, Zoya Hodge, Nicholas Huber, Christy Itwaru, Rohan Iyengar, Natasha Jani, Ania Januszko, Veronika Jastrzebski, Raymond Jazikoff, Jenalee Jenkin, Gabriella Jimenez, Rowena Kanj, Michelle Keane and Nicole Kopchak.

Jordan Lackey, David Landy, Marie Lanza, Thoa (Theresa) Le, Michelle Lesniak, Emily Lubach, Collin Lynch, Marah Angelica Magpile, Victoria Maino, Joanna Marston, Jesse Masters, Jade McDonnough, John McDonough, Maggie McLean, Shannon McMahon, Meghna Mendu, Yasmeen Mighty, Melissa Molano, Kyle Moroney and Holly Nhan.

Michael Olano, Brittney Papa, Donovan Parker, Anjali Patel, Harsh Patel, Raj Patel, Tanvi Patel, Samuel Persad, Heidi Pilla, Danielle Pisano, Michael Polizzano, Maggie Quintanilla, Hiren Rana, Alison Ratti, Emily Reineke, Austin Rivera, Hayley Robjohns and Lizbeth Romo.

Dominick Scalera, Gerianne Scarpetto, Paul Seyffart, Brandon Shaw, Shannon Sheedy, Ashley Shumaker, Joshua Siepmann, Avinash Singh, Gabrielle Smith, Monica Spooner, Gregory Sutton, Ryan Temple, Steven Timmerman, Jennifer Tran, Dakota Uhl, Jessica Uhl, Steven Vincent, Connor Wallace, Wahid Walli, William Walsh, Jennifer Wolak, Kristen Wong, Amy Zinsky and David Zychlinski.

Honor Roll

Ramsey Abdeljaber, Sara Abdel-

jaber, Bryant Acosta, Alyssa Adamson, Joseph Affinito, James Agee, Jared Agee, Brianna Aponte, Melissa Arguello, Juan Arrubla, Anthony Ashnault, Josselin Barahona, Nina Bavosa, Otonye Benjamin, Nicole Benwell, Robert Benwell, Colin Berry, Jessica Bishop, Jamie Bohn, Kaitlyn Bonanno, Alexandra Bosse, Kyle Brady, Christopher Brechka, Nicholas Brinks, Nora Bruno, Kristel Buschan, Samuel Butler and Christopher Butrico.

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Leanna Dass, Mitchell Dean, Megan Deba, Xavier Deida, Cinthya Diaz, John Didolce, Ashley Dispenziere, Alexa Douras, Amanda Driscoll, James DuHamel, Shenne Dugdong, Richard Duong, Tatiana Duran, Robert Eggert, Erik Elsmann, Taylor Estevez, Nicholas Fasullo, Sean Flanagan, Matthew Frank, Nathanael Ganthier, Zachary George, Thomas Ginda, Justin Glover, Alyssa Gomez, Allison Gorman, Matthew Gruver and Subham Guha.

Taylor Hagy, Christopher Harrell, Ryan Harris, Meghan Heim, Glenn Hollaway, Erika Holtermann, Peter Horvath, Jenna Howarth, Kaitlyn Hughes, Shannon Hughes, Samantha Hunterton, Sarah Hunterton, Matthew Hurst, Kelvin Islas, Shawn Itwaru, Tara Jackson, Kevin Jakaria, Taylor Jankoski, Jarad Jirari and Sarah Johnson.

Christina Kasmer, Malcolm Keith, Alyssa Kelly, Razeno Khan, Samuel Knight, Nicholas Lacasale, Mai Lam, Paula Lasota, Loi Le, Alyssa Liszewski, Xin Geng Liu, Bianca Lobosco,

Brian Lopez, Gina Louise, Rian Lukacs, Deirdre Macchia, Meredith Malara, Justin Marks, Nicholas Marrone, Brian McCarthy, Aidan McDermott, Liam McDermott, Kate McLaughlin, Tyler McVeigh, Mamta Mehta, Ernest Mejias, Steven (Tucker) Merkler, Christopher Miller, Nicole Miller, Malina Mohtadi, Rebecca Moskal, Sarah Mott, Samantha Murtagh, Crystal Myles, Christina Naphor, Kenny Neto, Imano Nettleford, Chloe Ng, Cody O'Connor, James O'Connor, Timothy O'Leary, Steven Oehler and Kelly Outeiral.

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police report

• On May 29, Sukianto Lay, 30, of South Plainfield was arrested for speeding, improper passing and an outstanding warrant.

• Lawrence Anderson, 40, of Edison was arrested for robbing a cab driver of \$50.

• Blue Ridge Landscaping reported the theft of a Max weed eater, gas blower and hedge trimmer worth \$900 from the rear of their truck

parked on Hamilton Boulevard.

• On June 1, Elijah Clark, 19, of Plainfield was arrested for speeding and two outstanding warrants.

• On June 2, Chris Peersen, 19, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• Carrie Lorvanis, 22, of Hillside was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

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South Plainfield Golf League

Oak Tree Buy-Rite bounced right back after last week's loss to Witty's Liquors and soundly whipped 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 16-4, to maintain sole possession of first place in the American Division. Danny Griffin's lucky green golf cap again provided some inspiration as Griffin posted another fine round, a 2-over-25, to spark Oak Tree Buy-Rite to a convincing victory. Teammate John Gavin made a nice contribution with a solid round of 38.

The Twin City-Eddie's Grinders pairing was expected to be a tough, close match. But Twin City brought their A-game and rose to the occasion and pulverized the Grinders, 19-1. Jay Dillar's 37 and Jay Coppola's 38 led the way for Twin City, while Ed Banach fired a 37 and Chris Dillon had a 38 for the losing Grinders.

Last week, the Hackers topped Plainfield Animal Hospital, which at that time was the only undefeated team in the league. This week they took on KC's Korner and put on an impressive display of power to overwhelm the two-time defending champions, 18-2. John Cacciatore turned in a superlative 1-over-34, the low round of the night, to lead the way for the

Submitted By Bob Nilan

talented Hackers, who now seem ready to take on anyone in the league after a disastrous 0-4 start. Todd Sherman chipped in with a 38 for the victors, while no one on the struggling KC's Korner managed to break 40.

Over in the National Division, Plainfield Animal Hospital remained in first place despite dropping its second match in a row. The Roughriders pulled off a 13-7 upset victory led by sub, Efrain Solis, who earned medalist honors with a round of 40. Andy Oravec's 39 was the low score for PAH, who earnestly hope that Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar will return in top form from his golf holiday in Phoenix.

In a match filled with lots of bogeys, Sport & Social edged out Witty's Liquors, 11-9. And, in the final match of the night where again the question was, 'Can anybody around here make a par?' Pornovets and Patti's Construction hacked their way to a 10-10 tie. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaarst of Pornovets was the only golfer to find the fairways with any consistency as he registered a very respectable 37.

Low scores for the night: John Cacciatore, 34; Danny Griffin, 35; Ed Banach, 37; Joe Dillar, 37; Marty Van De Vaarst, 37; Jay Coppola, 38; Chris Dillon, 38; John Gavin, 38; Todd Sherman, 38 and Andy Oravec, 39.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
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Oak Tree Buy-Rite	5	1	0	PAH*	4	2	0
Twin City	4	2	0	Pornovets	3	2	1
Eddie's Grinders	3	3	0	Patti's Constr.	3	2	1
2 Bud's 2 Dubes	3	3	0	Roughriders	3	3	0
Hackers	2	4	0	Witty's	2	4	0
KC's Korner	1	5	0	Sport & Social	2	4	0

Sign Up and Save for Summer Recreation Sports Camp

A summer recreation camp for all sports will be held at the Basketball Shooting Academy in Edison, just 10 minutes from South Plainfield. Children attending the camp will have supervised fun during the hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at a cost of only \$150 per child, additional siblings pay just \$125. To make the camp even more enticing, they are offering an early sign up discount (prior to and including Sunday, June 10) of 20% off the

whole total for as many weeks as a family chooses to attend! Summer camp is a great opportunity for working parents, who want their children to do more than sit around the house during summer vacation.

A summer camp brochure with more information can be found at www.thebasketballshootingacademy.com. You can also enter for a free drawing good for four people for a week of summer camp at that site.



SPJBC 11 year-old Memorial Day champions. Front row L-R): Cody O'Connor, Matt Hurst, Danny Ruiz, Ray Jazikoff and Matt Ward. Second row: Robert Eggert, Mike Polizzano, AJ Celentano, Joel Curran, Sean Cullen, Aidan McDermott, Justin Marks and Coach Eggert. Back row: Coaches Polizzano, Jazikoff and Cullen.

11 Year-Old All-Stars Capture North Edison Memorial Day Championship

The SPJBC 11 Year-old All-Stars kicked off the 2007 season with a bang by defeating the Hazlet All-Stars 15-1 to win the North Edison Memorial Day Tournament.

This victory capped a Memorial Day doubleheader where the second seeded SPJBC all-stars ran away from the competition. In the playoff round, the SPJBC all-stars outscored the competition 28-3. Joel Curran was the winning pitcher in both games of the championship doubleheader. Joel Curran, Cody O'Connor and AJ Celentano pitched a combined 12 innings and allowed just one walk during the championship on Monday. The SPJBC hurlers were tremendous

throughout the tournament and also received pitching contributions from Sean Cullen, Robert Eggert, Raymond Jazikoff and Mike Polizzano.

The SPJBC hitting onslaught was led by Joel Curran who hit 714 and scored nine runs during the weekend and AJ Celentano who had 12 RBIs and scored five runs. Aidan McDermott also contributed with five RBIs and Sean Cullen and Robert Eggert each scored six runs. Justin Marks and Sean Cullen put the icing on the cake in the championship blow-out by both homering to right field.

The all-stars received timely hitting and fielding throughout the tournament.

The 11-year-olds will play next in the Clark Tournament during Father's Day Weekend.



By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

This weekend's field duty assignment on Saturday, June 9 at 7 a.m. are SFB Phillies, SFB Astros and SFB Cubs. On Sunday, June 10 at 8 a.m. the field duty assignments are SFC Pirates and SFC Tigers.

The SPJBC will be hosting the Second Annual Father's Day Classic on June 16 through 19. Age groups for the Father's Day Classic are 8 and under, 9 and under and 10 and under.

Tiger Sharks Are Practicing

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team has started practicing for the season at the community pool on Maple Avenue. If you missed the meet and greet a couple of weeks ago, don't be discouraged. Swimmers ages 5 to 18 are still welcomed to join.

Until June 21, practices are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 to 7 p.m. You only need to attend two practices per week. All information will be given out at the practices. See you in the pool!

TRAVELING SOCCER

Barry Can't Even Stop Arsenal

What started out as a beautiful day on Sunday, sure didn't end like one. That didn't stop the boys U-8 traveling soccer team. They played two games and one was right in the middle of Tropical Storm Barry.

The first game was played early in the morning in Delaware Valley. The weather was nice and the players were anxious to play after a long morning drive. Arsenal played another great game and beat Del Val Storm 4-2. Goals were scored by Ricky Pellegrino, Daniel Haus, Jake Giordano and Jake Hoffman.

During the second game of the day, the weather wasn't as cooperative. Tropical Storm Barry was beating

down on the team, but that only made Arsenal fight harder for their win against the Branchburg Titans. South Plainfield won once again with a score of 3-1. Goals were scored by Jake Hoffman and Ricky Pellegrino.

In net were Alec Paez, Tyler Curtis, and Nicholas Plate. Offense and defense were played by Jason Cieszkiewicz, Jose Arrubla, Jake Smith and Samardhi Jeedigunta.

The boys have one game left on Saturday against Monroe. Let's see if they can make their record 10-0. Go Arsenal!



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PUBLIC NOTICE

TAX SALE NOTICE

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

Public notice is hereby given that I, Richard Lorentzen, Collector of Taxes of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, will sell at public auction on, **Thursday, June 21, 2007** at the South Plainfield Municipal Complex, Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, at **10:00 am** or at such later time and place to which said sale may then be adjourned, all of the several lots and parcels of land assessed to the respective persons whose names are set opposite each respective parcel as the owner thereof for the total amount of municipal liens chargeable against said lands respectively, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:5-1, et seq. as computed to the 21st day of June, 2007.

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

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

TAX SALE LIST

BLOCK	LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT	BLOCK	LOT/QUAL	OWNER NAME	AMOUNT
2	8	CARELL, GLADYS C/O C. CARELL	\$345.77	146	23	FLANNERY,JOSEPH F.& NANCY W.	\$4,135.19	281	6	NATELLI, KENNETH J	\$1,868.93
2	11	ROBERTS, GERALD S(V)& MYRNA M.	\$171.88	147	1	FRITZE, JEFFREY & LORI-ANN	\$171.88	282	7	KOWALSKI, LEON A & DIANE C	\$1,452.17
3	4	CHARLES, ENOCK & JOSEPHINE	\$171.88	147	5	FOX, JENNIFER & RUIZ, ANDREW	\$315.01	282	52	ROSE, CECIL & LEIBOWITZ, MARIA ROSE	\$1,130.08
3	18	ARAGON, BERFLA A	\$3,332.43	147	12	NELSON, JAHMAL B & GENEVIEVE J	\$3,917.37	282	82	LOPEZ, ANGEL B. & GLORIA C.	\$1,752.22
3	21	ALSTON, LESSIE M.	\$171.88	148	12	RAMOS, L. & R & S & CRUZ, G I	\$171.88	284	5	PORCHETTA BROTHERS	\$5,924.89
6	4	DAVIS, WILLIAM R. & KARINE	\$946.29	148	18	SOTO, JUAN	\$1,108.22	284	28	JOON SOOK LLC	\$2,081.90
7	4	NGUYEN, JIMMY T	\$1,110.82	149	1	LAMMI, ANN R.	\$4,942.31	294	5	DIAL REALTY ENTERPRISES, INC	\$1,557.14
7	16.02	STANLEY, JIMMY & CAROLYN	\$171.88	150	4	FASOLO,PAUL J. & LYNN E.	\$3,627.06	295	6	CHARLESTON, MELVIN SR. & JACQUELINE	\$315.01
7	22	GITTENS, GREGORY & CAROL	\$1,175.22	151	12	SMITH, GARY & LISA	\$315.01	295	8	CAMPBELL, CLEATIS & MAJETTE	\$948.53
7	34	FONTANA, GREGORY & YVONNE	\$4,243.43	152	50	KONE, LACINA & CISSE, AWA	\$315.01	296	1	IRENE MAJETTE CAMPBELL	\$3,140.07
7	65	MILLER, WILLIAM D(V)& DORIS	\$1,401.90	152	112	EJIOCHI, GABRIEL E. & MARY ROSE	\$171.88	298	1	JA & JM ASSOC., L.L.C.	\$8,428.14
8	2	MCCRAY, RONALD & MICHELE	\$2,511.03	157	34	VALDES, EDGARDO & ALEXIS A	\$1,592.27	302	1/C0005	LEO, ROBERT & ELIZABETH	\$717.01
8	4	BAEZ, NELSON (V) & MAGDA	\$1,292.79	159	18	BANK OF NEW YORK-TRUSTEE	\$315.01	304	4	HOFFMAN, JR., GUSTAVE J. & JOYCE E.	\$7,082.26
8	5	MALLQUI, MIGUEL A	\$303.75	164	3	MADALONE, JAMES T	\$1,941.84	306	2	COLVIN, HELEN	\$6,872.02
8	7	AMAYA, HECTOR	\$2,434.00	164	9	CASSANO, TERESE M.	\$101.23	306	3	COLVIN, HELEN	\$261.13
8	8	MALLQUI, MIGUEL A	\$1,068.52	164	27	HOLT, DANIEL & ROSEMARY	\$171.88	306	4	COLVIN, HELEN	\$703.39
8	10	WILLADOM, ABIGAIL	\$171.88	165	13	HOFFMAN, GREGORY R. & NANCY J.	\$315.01	307	1	COLVIN, HELEN	\$592.83
9	7	STAYNINGS, ANTHONY & MARY	\$315.01	165	18	LINDSTROM, J.O. & EJ (C/OSEMANCHIK)	\$1,190.85	307	2	COLVIN, HELEN	\$1,515.90
9	16	CORRALES, ROBERTO & PIEDAD	\$2,719.77	166	11	DEHORTA, JOSE C	\$1,141.72	308	44	GREEN, JR, EUGENE & MIHALIK, SUSANNE	\$590.00
9	24	BROWN, SUZANNE P	\$171.88	167	11	MAINO, KENNETH A. & LAURA F.	\$315.01	308	51/C0001	SMITH,CHRISTOPHER & CRAIG,MECHELE	\$315.01
9	28	SCALERA, BRUCE W.	\$2,278.16	169	20	ANTOCICCO, RAYMOND & ELAINE	\$2,588.76	310	27/C0001	BENOWITZ, MARK & CARMELA M	\$171.88
10	4	TAYLOR, BETTY M.	\$1,049.10	170	25	MARULLI, MICHAEL S. & MIRIAM M.	\$4,371.38	311	47	PREDKO, EUGENIE	\$315.01
10	7	OFFIONG, ANIEKAN E.	\$3,270.05	170	34.01	CONTRERAS, ROBERT & WENDY	\$315.01	311	50	BARRERA, RICARDO & JULIO & GEORGINA	\$3,054.62
10	21	ROMANO, MICHAEL & LINDA	\$2,870.30	170	37.01	AGUIRRE, TINA	\$2,761.45	311	51	BRELAND, STEPHEN & ALLISON N.	\$171.88
11	1	POTEAU, CHARLES	\$2,596.32	171	11	BENITEZ, JOSE & MAYRA	\$1,270.13	313	3	RINGEL, RANDOLPH B. & AMANDA	\$4,058.68
12	21	HENSBERGER, THOMAS & DEBRA	\$315.01	171	31	EDDICE, MARY	\$4,971.84	313	8	TOCA, GERMAN R	\$1,188.01
12	45	OGBEVOEN, NUGGET & SUNDAY	\$315.01	172	29	SWEIGART,LYN A. & BARBARA A.	\$171.88	313	10	ELDRIDGE, TERANCE J	\$776.82
13	4.04	MOREL, JENNY E	\$4,008.34	173	2	SMITH, LAWRENCE W. & LAURA C.	\$171.88	313	14	PENA, ANA A	\$315.01
14	30	DE STAFANO, THOMAS JR & JOSEPHINE	\$164.81	174	22	ADDARIO,ANTHONY J & KELLY A	\$315.01	314	12.03	CHO, YONG-UN & HYONSUR	\$1,366.18
14	31	DE STEFANO, THOMAS JR & JOSEPHINE	\$1,325.31	174	55	MACKIE,HELEN	\$892.19	315	10	STAPLETON, DONALD K. & STEPHANIE I.	\$171.88
14	39	IACULLO, LUCILLE	\$423.69	175	10	JOHNSON, RUNETTE	\$315.01	315	31	SIMKO, GEORGE & JUDY	\$79.41
15	2	GHIGLIOTTY,MIGUEL A. & BARBARA L.	\$315.01	175	12	GRANJA,CECILIA&MARIA I&CASTILLO,M T	\$171.88	315	33	SIMKO, GEORGE AND JUDY	\$80.51
15	26	MONROE, MICHAEL J. & JOAN M.	\$153.94	176	2	DI MARIA, DANIEL J. & DOREEN L.	\$1,451.88	315.01	5/C0001	HANDA, BHUPESH & REKHA	\$2,840.93
16	3	HUFFSMITH, GARY L	\$900.09	177	8	SMITHLINE, CRAIG A. & JENNIFER A	\$171.88	318	1	COLEMAN,CHUNCEY L.R.	\$1,352.17
16	30	BLACKER,EILEEN & OLIVER,RANDALL & R	\$1,257.97	177	8.01	QUINN, MARIBETH & SULEWSKI, STEPHEN	\$171.88	319	11.02	CISSON, GREGORY J.	\$1,295.83
16	31	LICCIARDONE,CAROLE A.&DOMINICK&LOUIS	\$315.01	180	8	TAMBUUR, EDWARD J	\$315.01	322	2.01	NATT, SHELAH & FREEMAN, VELMON	\$315.01
17	10	CIFUENTES, JUAN C & RAMOS, ANGELA	\$315.01	180	9	KELLERMAN, CHRISTINE (PALECKI)	\$1,970.73	324	3	BENSON, HAROLD & ALETA	\$2,413.36
18	7	MORENO, JOSE & LAURA	\$995.43	184	19	CZUBA, CHRISTOPHER & JUDITH M	\$315.01	325	5	REEDY,WILLIAM T.J.R. & EILEEN M.	\$2,003.82
22	4	BROWN, THEODORE C. & ROBIN L.	\$315.01	188	9	FIOR, ARTHUR	\$3,646.32	328	15	DE ROSE, JASON	\$171.88
24	7	HUNTER, DAVID M. & TERESA A.	\$167.06	188	27.01	LEONARD, WALTER C. & GARTHA M.	\$2,657.78	331	1	POLISH NATIONAL HOME	\$4,566.62
24	18	WILLIS, RODNEY & SHEILA	\$1,104.48	188	53.02	PLATE, PATRICK F. & ALBINA M.	\$171.88	335	11	CLARK, EARL E. & MARGRALL	\$315.01
24	38	GENTILE, ELLEN M. & ROBERT J.	\$315.01	188	60	STELLAKIS,JOHN & EILEEN	\$2,219.99	337	13	RUIZ, JULIO C. & IRIS	\$590.00
25	13	NOLTY, RICHARD F SR & CAROL N	\$315.01	188	63	HARRY-SCOTT,VICKY & SCOTT, DAVID	\$171.88	342	4	FASANO, LOUIS J. & SELMA	\$1,700.71
25	18	SANTIAGO, RICHARD & TONYA L	\$1,299.81	189	4	ANDERSON, DAVIONNE	\$171.88	345	3	GALARZA, ADA	\$1,032.28
25	20	FITZGERALD, JAMES P	\$315.01	190	1	ARGUETA, ANA C. & VARGAS, JESUS	\$1,705.24	348	17	STRAZ, HENRY & BEVERLY	\$2,771.66
26	3	RIDDLES, ANNE E. & REED, DEBORA A.	\$4,185.09	193	19	WATKINS, GEORGE L. & JANICE A	\$377.45	349	2	CHURCH- OUR LADY CZESTOCHOWA	\$214.27
29	1	CALLES, CARLOS	\$1,146.12	194	9	SUMMERS, LARRY & ANN	\$4,011.65	350	3	ST JOHN'S COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$1,403.04
29	2	KRASKY, LISA M.	\$315.01	194	11	HALL, ROGER & LENORA	\$1,302.52	353	3.06	FASANO, LOUIS	\$258.97
32	6	GNOCALVES, PG. & MCGUINNESS, L.A.	\$315.01	195	11	FOWLKES, ERIC M	\$171.88	363	8	BARKALOW,MARK S. & EVA L.	\$1,797.93
33	2	BARNEY, ELAINE C	\$1,528.10	195	26	HEILMAN, JAMES L. & BARBARA A.	\$2,161.93	365	1.10	FLEMING, MARJORIE	\$3,235.75
35	14	STARK, GARY W. & STARK, DENISE	\$171.88	196	9	CONNORS, THOMAS	\$2,938.06	365	14	GARRY, MICHAEL & ROBERTA	\$946.78
38	5	THORN, WILLIAM N. & DIANE E.	\$315.01	198	4	ROVAYO MANUEL & IVETTE	\$258.76	368	6.03	GARCIA, LUIS & BARRANTES, ALBA M B	\$2,833.90
39	3	GLYNN, WILLIAM & ANGELA	\$171.88	198	8	CHIN, DEBBIE	\$315.01	399	6.04	SAHASRABUDHE, ACHYUT & VENU	\$2,429.73
41	2	VELEZ, JOHN A	\$171.88	199	7	MALONEY, DENIS P	\$171.88	404.03	35	MEISENBACHER HOMES LLC	\$234.62
41	6	BAZSIKA, MARGARET J. (JOS. & MARG(LE)	\$806.22	200	8	GONZALEZ, FRANK & MARIA	\$315.01	406.02	1	TURNER, WAYNE & RAYCENE SMITH TURNER	\$171.88
42	17	ROSS, KENNETH & JO ANNE	\$315.01	200	10	ROSSI,ALBERT R&PATRICIA K	\$1,024.47	406.02	16	PREMIER FORECLOSURE COMPANY LLC	\$2,739.65
43	2	MEMBRENO, MARIA	\$3,112.99	200	17	LEON, CARLOS T. & CECILIA	\$171.88	406.02	35	AGNEW, DAVID L.	\$315.01
46	9	LONDINO, EDWARD	\$315.01	201	3	TANZOLA, JOHN & KATHERINE M	\$900.51	406.03	2	GARCIA, LIGIA	\$315.01
46	13	VAN NAME, MARK & HARRIET	\$315.01	201	4	MCKAY, LISA	\$1,368.55	414	10	ASHBY, GINA L. & CICELY I	\$255.40
50	4	HILLIARD, WILLIAM H. & ARCHER LEE	\$101.91	201	55	BUCKELEW, JAMES F. & ANNE	\$315.01	415	10	RODRIGUEZ, MANUEL & NORA	\$940.62
51	3	NAVARRETE, YVONNE & RIVERA, ANTONIA	\$2,117.81	202	1	NOTTE, BRUCE	\$1,671.25	415	13	AREND, FREDERICK G. & DIANE B.	\$968.63
52	1	CIANFROCCA, NADINE	\$2,668.63	202	7	CONROY, THOMAS J. & DIANE S.	\$315.01	418	1	BECHTOLDT, SCOTT & JENNIFER	\$171.88
54	4	SANCHEZ, ROSARIO B. & RENE	\$1,120.50	204	11	WIETRZYKOWSKI, PAUL & CARLSON, ELLEN	\$171.88	420	3	HILL, EVELYN	\$5,322.23
56	3	ORELLANA, GRACIANO	\$171.88	205	14	PERSAD, SAMUEL M. & KIMBERLY R	\$184.50	420	4	CARROLL, DARREN	\$171.88
61	33	RUSSELL, JAMES & DONNA	\$315.01	206	4	GREENSTEIN, LINDA S.	\$171.88	420	9	LORCO TOOL & EQUIPMENT CORP	\$306.58
62	2	SKVAROVA, VALENTINA	\$171.88	207	8	BLACKFORD, PAUL S. & KAREN	\$171.88	425	5	F & M DECORATORS, INC. A NJ CORP.	\$6,190.75
64	5	CUMMINGS, JAMES K. & EDNA	\$2,502.21	208	3	ARBELAEZ, BERNARDO & CONTRERAS, JORGE	\$243.44	427	4.02	KORKOWSKI, DENNIS B	\$1,424.25
70	4	LEHMAN, EDWARD E.	\$2,051.19	213	3	MONT,HENRY & CINTHYA	\$315.01	427	19/C0001	FIOR, MICHAEL & LINDA	\$1,340.49
70	8	CESAREO, EDWARD & LAURIE	\$315.01	215	3	COLVIN, FRANK	\$315.01	427.01	1.06/C0002	JADALLAH, AMER	\$315.01
71	2	BARNES, DAVID N. & LILLIAN M	\$315.01	218	9	SMITH, JANE C.	\$4,727.17				

Middle School Student Takes First Place in Solar Sprint

On May 12 South Plainfield Middle School student Antoni Franczak took first place in the Junior Solar Sprint, a race of solar-powered cars designed and built by students. The race was held at Edgar Middle School

in Metuchen and coordinated by science teacher Ed Ronk.

Winning the race qualifies Antoni to compete in the regional race which be held in Springfield, Mass. next month.



Antoni Franczak took first place in the Junior Solar Sprint. Also pictured are Austin Jenkins, David Persaud, and Daniel Lyew, who also entered cars, but didn't win because their car wheels were out of alignment, and Richard Rotella, a reporter for The Tiger's Claw.

Red Cross Offers CPR Courses

- Adult CPR/AED, Child CPR/AED, Infant CPR and First Aid will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The course will be held at the American Red Cross office at 16 Jefferson Ave. in Elizabeth.

- CPR/AED and Standard First Aid will be held on Wednesday, June 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., also on Jefferson Avenue.

- Adult CPR/AED Child CPR/AED, Infant CPR and First Aid will be held on Saturday June 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The course will be held at the American Red Cross

office on West Front Street in Plainfield.

- Adult CPR/AED Child CPR/AED, Infant CPR and First Aid will be held on Saturday, June 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Spanish. The course will be held at the office on West Front Street in Plainfield.

- CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer will be held on Saturday, June 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The course will be held at the American Red Cross office on Jefferson Avenue.

Please call (908) 756-6414, ext. 10 to register or for more information.

Pick up Litter and Make South Plainfield Glitter. Keep your Borough Beautiful.

Obituaries

Harold J. O'Brien, 71

Harold J. O'Brien died on Friday, June 1 at JFK Hartwyck-Oak Tree Care Center in Edison.

Born in Lyndhurst, Harold resided in Oakridge for many years before settling to Plainfield in 1999.

Harold served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict.

He had a love for construction and renovations. Being employed for a number of years with Sears Home Improvements, he did various renovations and store projects. He also had been self employed in the same manor for a few years. Some of his hobbies included renovating or building many cars, R.V's, and boats.

Harold was also a devout and religious man. He was a 27-year member of the People of Hope Christ the King Community and the Koinonia Academy. In addition, he is a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, Betty (James) O'Brien; a daughter, Barbara and husband Paul Karvois; a son, William Bartholomew and wife Marian of Monroe, Ga., a sister, Olive Seward and two brothers, Bill and Jim O'Brien. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Michael, Marc, Brittney, Kristie and two great grandchildren, Travis and Aaron.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Albert J. Giunta, 92

Albert J. Giunta died on Saturday, June 2 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Haven Hospice Unit in Plainfield.

Born in South Plainfield, Al was a lifelong resident of the community.

An Army veteran of WWII, Al was deployed from Fort Dix in July of 1941. During his tour he was a half

track driver and served in the Philippines, Rome and other areas of Italy before being honorably discharged in 1945.

Al had been a hairdresser locally for many years, working with his family and later for Chelsea Fan and Blower in Plainfield and then Northeastern Products in South Plainfield until his retirement.

A life member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763, where he served as the house chairman and helped with the construction of the building. Al was an avid bingo player, a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens, the South Plainfield B.P.O.E. Elks and the South Plainfield Italian American Club. Most importantly, he was an active and devoted grandfather. He was involved in many of his grandchildren's activities, being supportive and giving guidance.

He was predeceased by six sisters, Josephine Casserino, Catherine La Rosa, Minnie Catanese, Santa Capparelli, Rose Spinelli and Anna Giunta and a brother, Rynie Giunta.

Surviving are his wife of 60 years Eleanor (D'Amico); two daughters, Donna Cannis and husband Jay of Piscataway and Alberta Martino of South Plainfield and three grandchildren, Raymond Marsh, Elizabeth Marsh and Jennifer Walker.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to Haven Hospice, c/o 65 James Street, Edison NJ or the National Kidney Foundation of Greater New York, Inc., 30 East 33rd Street, 3rd Floor, New York, New York 10016-5337.

Ed Slicner, 90

Ed Slicner, of South Plainfield died on Thursday, May 31 at Muhlenberg Hospital in Plainfield.

Ed was 90 years old on January 25. Born in Perth Amboy, he graduated from vocational school and entered the Army during WWII. He was happily married for 66 years to his wife, Mary, formerly Stankowitz, also from Perth Amboy.

Ed had a rich and rewarding life. As a painter, he painted large New York City bridges and buildings. He even traveled to Greenland to paint a radar dome. A consummate joke teller, he usually had the crowd in stitches with his jokes and stories. His home-grown audience included his daughters, Carol Slicner Dripps of West Chester, Pa., Nancy Slicner of Deltona, Fla. and Keith Edward Slicner of South Plainfield.

Ed was also distinguished as a 32nd degree Mason affiliated with the Theodore Roosevelt Lodge in Carteret. He was a long time member of St. John the Baptist Eastern Orthodox Church in Perth Amboy and served as a deacon for many years.

Other survivors include Carol Slicner's husband, Robert Drupps, and their three children, Carol Lea Houck, Carin Burkhardt and Michael Dripps all of Pennsylvania. Grandchildren in Pennsylvania consist of Kelly Burkhardt, Lauren Burkhardt, James Martin and Tyler and Devon Martin. Keith Slicner's wife, Irina, their daughter, Natalie and a grandson, Aleks, live in South Plainfield. Nancy Slicner and husband Rollie Dudik reside in Florida.

Ed thoughtfully donated his body to Rutgers University School of Medicine.

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1786

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ord. 1786 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CH. 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED: "SEWERS"

was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Monday, June 4, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$25.65 June 8, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

WHEREAS the Borough is in need of legal representation with regards to labor grievances; and WHEREAS the Borough solicited Requests for Qualifications pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. and the following replies were received:

Buttafuoco, Arce & Price LLC

WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator to award a contract for said legal services to Buttafuoco, Arce & Price LLC at an hourly rate of \$120.00 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000.00; and

WHEREAS this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS funds for said contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the SFY2007 Legal Budget, account #7-01-20-155-000-221.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a Professional Services contract with Buttafuoco, Arce & Price, LLC for legal services associated with the labor grievances at a fee of \$120.00 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000.00.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized said agreement.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$49.40 June 8, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Michael Mackenzie requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed inground pool. 1) Pool lacks 30' required front setback from Lake Street; 6' proposed. 2) Lacks 5' rear setback; 4' being proposed, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2031 So. Central Avenue, Block 128, Lot 1 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 28, 2007 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 June 8, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Tara Voelkel requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed addition. Proposed addition exceeds lot coverage by 190 sq. ft. or 3.2%, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 516 Melrose Avenue, Block 23, Lot 15 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 28, 2007 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 8:00 p.m.

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Silver, Bronze Awards Presented to 35

On May 4, the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community honored 35 young women for achieving the Girl Scout Silver and Girl Scout Bronze awards. These awards are the highest awards achievable by girls in that level of scouting. The ceremony was held at Wesley Methodist Church. The girls received award pins and patches from Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council. Councilman Dennis Cerami also presented each girl with a congratulatory letter from both Mayor Charlie Butrico and Governor Jon Corzine.

Both the Silver and the Bronze Award process contains several prerequisite steps that must be completed before actually planning and carrying out the award project. These steps include multiple badges, performance of service hours and leadership hours and various other requirements. All award projects must be planned, organized and carried out by the girls, with minimal guidance from their leaders.

Cadette Troops 314 and 232 were honored for receiving their Silver Awards. The Girl Scout Silver Award represents a girl's accomplishments in girl scouting and her community as she grows and works to improve her life and the lives of others. The first four requirements of the Silver Award help girls build skills, explore careers, gain leadership skills, and make a commitment to self-improvement. A Silver Award Project can be undertaken only when the first four requirements are completed, either as an individual or with a group. The process of earning a Silver Award takes between one and two years.

Troop 314 leaders Christine Clawans and Lisa Hahn presented Silver Awards to Heather Strolloff, Nora Stasio, Allison Clawans, Emily Orlandini, Keri Gould and Kirsten Nuber, all sophomores at SPHS.

Allison Clawans and Emily Orlandini chose a project that would create a better learning environment for pre-school students from low income families at the YMCA Child Care Center at the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Perth Amboy. They cleaned and painted a classroom and organized the center's closets and bookshelves.

Because of their interest in 4H, Keri, Kirsten and Heather selected a project to beautify the Middlesex County 4H Youth Center Building in East Brunswick. Keri and Kirsten painted the interior walls of the building, while Heather's project involved sanding and re-finishing all of its doors.

Nora leveraged her artistic talent to help create a more inviting teen class room at the Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, where she is active in the youth group. Nora decided to brighten up the plain white walls of the class room by designing and painting a beautiful mural.

Troop 232 leaders Gerri Novak and Sue Rusk awarded Silver Awards to Alexandra Fee, Victoria Gaydos, Sarah Rusk, Adrienne Novak, Caresse Simmonds, Iris Ivaniuc and Nicole Stoeckel.

The girls designed and ran the outdoor cooking event at the South Plainfield Girl Scout Encampment this past fall at Camp Hoover. Over 100 scouts rotated through the outdoor cooking event during encampment. The girls split into three groups, with each group focusing on a different aspect of outdoor camp cooking. One group designed a program which taught fire safety, types of wood, building different types of fires and outdoor emergency preparedness. A second group designed and built box ovens out of regular household items. They then researched the different kinds of foods that could be cooked in a box oven and selected cookies as their sample product. At encampment, they taught the scouts how box ovens work, the type of fire that needed to be used in a box oven and helped each scout bake some cookies in their box oven. The third group of girls made vagabond stoves from #10 cans and sterno pots, from tuna fish cans, wax

and cardboard, to keep the stoves going. They taught the girls how to cook anything from scrambled eggs, to grilled cheese to hot dogs on a vagabond stove.

Junior Troops 410, 475 and 493 were honored for receiving their Bronze Award, which requires girls to learn the leadership and planning skills necessary to follow through on a project that makes a positive impact on her community. Working towards this award demonstrates her commitment to helping others, improving her community and the world and becoming the best she can be. All of the requirements for the Bronze Award must be met before leaving Junior Girl Scouts. The Bronze award takes an average of one to two years to earn.

Bronze Troop 410 leaders Christa Reineke and Tina Spadavecchia presented Bronze Awards to Emily Reineke, Angela Spadavecchia, Christina Kasmer, Kristin Forbes, Samantha Hunterton, Nicole Jones and Bianca Lobasco.

Troop 410 focused on healthy relationships and personal care. The girls learned about skin and hair care, as well as dental hygiene. The girls collected personal hygiene items from multiple sources; elementary schools, the girl scout community, the church community, as well as family dentists

and hair stylists. Seventy-five personal hygiene kits were created for a women's shelter, each kit contained 10 items. The shelter also accepted six boxes of "extra" items to use at their discretion.

Troop 493 leaders Abra Hodge presented the Bronze Award to Samantha Christilles, Jenna Clemente, Shannah Conway, Tara Dunn, Catherine Emery, Zoya Hodge, Michelle Lesniak and Gabrielle Smith.

Junior Girl Scout Troop 493 ran a project entitled Bundles, Blankets and Bears Oh My. They made bears at Build-A-Bear and handmade blankets and donated these items to the police to give to children who may be scared or frightened after a car crash or a fight between their parents. The troop also collected baby items from donations boxes placed at the elementary schools in town as well as at Grant school. They organized the items collected into baskets to make baby bundles. They distributed the baby bundles to the Plainfield Health Center, the Food Bank of Somerset County and a pregnancy agency for mothers and babies who are in need.

Troop 475 leaders Stephanie Wolak and Kathie Pittenger presented the Bronze Award to Taylor Aljian, Janet Kelly, Amber Mullens, Emily Pittenger, Kira Schoen and Jennifer Wolak.



To kick off the Feast of St. Anthony at Our Lady of Czeszochowa, Grand Knight Tony Moskal, Past Faithful Navigator Gene Buldowski and OLC Pastor Father Mackej Melaniuk led a procession carrying the statue of St. Anthony to the grounds of the fair.

Feast of Saint Anthony Ends Saturday

Our Lady of Czeszochowa R.C. Church's annual Feast of Saint Anthony continues until Saturday, June 9. The fair opens on Friday at 6 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m. On Saturday the fair opens at 1 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m.

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Carleen Tedeschi Retiring From Strings Music Program

By Libby Barsky

Thirty-three years ago Carleen Tedeschi started building a new strings music program in the district. The program introduced youngsters to learn to play the violin, viola, cello or bass in the third grade. She will be retiring at the end of the school year.

"Leonard Tobias, then superintendent of schools, wanted to start a string



Carleen Tedeschi

program. I was hired to teach in all the elementary schools in 1974, Kennedy, Roosevelt, Riley, Franklin and Grant, which at the time were all K-6," said Tedeschi.

In her second year, Tedeschi started the middle school strings program. "I was teaching in six schools and that meant six Christmas and six spring concerts. Robert Escott, the fine arts coordinator, knew I played clarinet and asked me to conduct the band for him at Roosevelt School, a position I held for four or five years," added Tedeschi.

"There were times while I was at Roosevelt School that I would conduct the strings, then the band would come out and I would conduct them and then play the piano for the chorus," Tedeschi recalled.

Additional help was added as the program grew and now Tedeschi teaches at three schools: Kennedy, Riley and the Middle School. Bruce Mikolon is the high school orchestra teacher and also teaches strings at Franklin and Roosevelt. Tobie Baldwin teaches strings at Grant School.

Last year Tedeschi brought her middle school orchestra to a competition held at Dorney Park, Pa. and the students won first place. This year on May 18, students from the middle school in orchestra, wind ensemble and Gems competed again and won superior ratings.

Tedeschi also played for the high school student musicals when she first came to the district as Carleen Cunningham. These days as a mom, Tedeschi spends her available time chauffeuring daughter Jennifer to fig-

ure skating practices and some of her students have taken her place in the orchestra pit.

"My kids played in some of the high school shows, "Wizard of Oz" and "Cinderella" and in the Summer Drama's "Carousel" last summer. It's a good musical experience for them," she said.

In May, Tedeschi gave what she called her "farewell concerts." The last concert was on May 23 at the middle school. The program included the classical music of Bach's Brandenburg Concerto and a new piece called "Rosin Eating Zombies from Outer Space," with a resident zombie—a musical take off on the 50's and 60's horror films.

"When I teach them, I want them to have a good time and have a good sense of humor," she explained.

These were almost "farewell concerts" in more ways than one, because with Tedeschi retiring, the music teacher position was initially cut from the 2007-2008 school budget. However, at a budget workshop held on March 5, board member Carol Byrne made a motion seconded by John Giannakis to restore the position and the board unanimously agreed.

Tedeschi's musical training started in public school. "Basically I'm a pianist. I started when I was eight years old with private lessons. I learned clarinet in fifth grade and in sixth grade I learned to play the violin. I didn't have private lessons. I played in the band and in the orchestra and took four years of music classes. That's when I fell in love with music, tried out and played in regional and all state orchestra.

She went on to Trenton State College, graduating in 1972 with a double major of piano and violin and didn't start teaching until 1974, after receiving her masters there.

Although Tedeschi is retiring and plans to move to Manning, South Carolina, it won't be an immediate move. Daughter Jennifer still needs to complete her senior year at East Brunswick High School, where her husband teaches in the music department.

Currently Tedeschi sings at the Calvary Episcopal Church in Flemington. "It's different for me to sing alto in the choir. I stay in the background. It's nice to have people getting together making music. I've been fortunate to do that all my life. It's a wonderful gift to have. I really enjoy it, it keeps me young," she said.

Tedeschi is looking forward to doing some community work, giving private music lessons and building her new home in Manning in a few years.

"I won't miss doing the grades and lesson plans, but I will miss the kids," she said.



Middle School Spring Concert

By Patricia Abbott

On May 23 the South Plainfield Middle School held their annual Spring Choir and Orchestra Concert. The event featured the String, Symphony and Chamber Orchestras conducted by Carleen Tedeschi, the Gems and Concert Choir conducted by Donna Markiewicz. Accompanist was Frank Jacobson.

The spring concert was the last for retiring teacher Carleen Tedeschi. To commemorate her final concert, 11 former students from South Plainfield High School were on hand to play with the orchestra, Nathanael Udell, Kathy Gorman, Taylor Kurilew, Tim Ratti, Destiny Jazikoff, Quynhnhu Doan, Victoria Tran, Ai Phi Nguyen and Elan Sims playing violin, Rob Moreira, cello and Spencer Stubbs, viola.



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