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Senator Barbara Buono with "What My State Means to Me" essay contest winner Hannah Abrego, her parents, Tom and Denise, and sisters Sarah and Emily.

Fourth Grader Takes Top Prize In "What My State Means to Me" Essay Contest

By Jane Dornick

John E. Riley Elementary School student Hannah Abrego is this year's winner of the fourth annual "What My State Means to Me" essay contest sponsored by Senator Barbara

Buono of the 18th Legislative District. The contest is open to all fourth grade students within Buono's district, which includes East Brunswick, Edison, Helmetta, Metuchen, South Plainfield, South River and Spotswood.

Students submit an essay of 300 words or less with each town electing a panel of judges. The essays are given to the judges without the names of the authors. Each town chooses a winner and Buono pays a visit to the school to present them

with a citation and gift certificate to Simon Malls. The judges for this year's contest were Assistant Superintendent Kaye Crown, Staff Developer MaryEllen Martko and Grant School Principal Leo Whalen.

Former S.P.P.D. Lieutenant Dies

Ronald Yurinko, 67, South Plainfield resident and former South Plainfield police lieutenant, died on Tuesday, June 19 after crashing his 1991 Toyota 4-Runner into a home at 812 Maple Ave.

Yurinko's vehicle was trav-

eling westbound on Maple Avenue near Grove Street when it left the road and struck the home.

Yurinko was found unresponsive and not breathing and was transported to Muhlenberg Hospital where he died. Yurinko apparently

suffered a medical emergency prior to the crash.

The residence suffered damage to the exterior front wall and steps.

Yurinko retired from the police department in 1987.

The crash is being investigated by Lt. Kevin Murtagh

of the Traffic Safety Unit.

Funeral services will be held in McCrisky-Gustafson Home For Funerals on Saturday, June 22. Visitation will be held on Friday, June 21 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

For complete obituary, please turn to page 12.

Middle School Sports Program Restored for 2007-08

By Libby Barsky

South Plainfield Middle School students will have the opportunity to play a team sport during the 2007-2008 school year.

Initially removed from the 2007-2008 school budget, the \$110,000 amount needed for the program was restored by the Board of Education at the June 14 Committee of the Whole meeting.

With the retirement of 17 teachers and administrators, some at the top of

the salary scale (their combined service in the district totaled over 250 years), the "breakage"—difference between their salaries and the amount of money needed to replace them enabled the board to restore the sports program.

It is the second time that the program has been restored. Last year the middle school sports program was cut from the budget. When the budget was defeated, the council made \$1.2M in cuts. Funds to restore the program came through a grant from the office of State Senator Barbara Buono.

During this year's budget hearings, when cuts made in the budget eliminated middle school sports, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado proposed using the breakage to fund the middle school sports program and requested those who might retire to make their decision as early as possible before the end of the school year.

At the board meeting, plaques acknowledging their service to the district were given to retiring teachers Anthony Barca, Connie Barca, William Beegle, Janina Bielski, John

Rosado to Retire

By Libby Barsky

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, who is at the end of a four-year contract, will officially retire effective Jan. 1, 2008. His resignation was approved by the Board of Education at its Committee of the Whole meeting on June 14.

Rosado came to the district in February 2003, after serving as Verona superintendent of schools for 10 years.

During his tenure in Verona, the high school received the New Jersey Star School Award in 1995-96 and NJ Best Practices Award for Citizen/Tolerance for prejudice reduction in 1997-98.

"I came to South Plainfield for the challenge. It's expanding and growing and has more than one and a half times the number of students that

Verona has. The goal was to make a wonderful school district better—to push it even further," he said after his appointment in December 2002. It's an academic goal Rosado has met.

While Rosado was superintendent here, the district's standardized test scores went from not being totally in compliance to all schools meeting full state performance standards in math and language arts literacy.

"There is no silver bullet," Rosado repeated again and again after the results of the district's improved test scores in 2004. "It was simply due to the hard work of the staff in all subject areas. They spent countless hours outside of the classroom, raising the bar, and figuring out ways to pull your children over that bar," he wrote in the August 2004 Board of Education newsletter.

Elks Celebrate Flag Day

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #2298 held their annual Flag Day ceremony at Kennedy School last Thursday.

The program offered a short history of Flag Day. "Patriotism has characterized the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America since the early days of the organization. Allegiance to the flag of our country is a requirement of every member. In 1907, the BPO Elks Grand Lodge designated by resolution, June 14 as Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry Truman, himself a member of the Elks, made the proclamation that hereafter June 14 would be a day of

national observance for the symbol of our country."

Exalted Ruler Debra Czech led the ceremony, with the assistance of Elk members, Cub Scouts and Boy Scout Troop 309. A brief, but poignant ceremony, presented eight flags: Pine Tree Flag-1775, Snake Flag-1776/1777, the Continental Colors or The Grand Union, Flag of 13 Stars-1777, Stars and Stripes-1795, 48 Star Flag-1818 to 1959, 50 Star Flag-1959 to present day and a POW-MIA flag.

The South Plainfield Elks Lodge always welcome new members. For information, call (908) 668-9750 or speak to any officer or member.

For more Flag Day photos, turn to page 9.



Cub Scouts participate in Flag Day ceremonies at Elks Lodge #2298.



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councilmeetings

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.

planningboard

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

zoningboardofadjustment

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

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.—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.

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

siteplansub-committee

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

recreationcommission

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
Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11
July and August: No scheduled meeting

environmentalcommission

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

businessadvisorygroup

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

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

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

boardofeducationcurriculum/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.



Fr. John Alvarado, Sacred Heart Church pastor, and Barbara Lucas, middle school science teacher, view science projects that were displayed at the Annual Science/Art Fair at Sacred Heart School on May 23.

IN MY OPINION

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

To the Editor;

On May 8 South Plainfield High School held a ceremony to dedicate the guidance center in memory of former guidance counselor and director, Michael A. DeCarlo.

We want to thank everyone who made this dedication possible, including the South Plainfield Board of Education, high school principal Dr. Ken May, administrators and staff of South Plainfield High School, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and Mayor Charlie Butrico.

Thanks to their fine efforts, the Michael A. DeCarlo Guidance Center now stands as a memorial to Mike's 35 years of dedicated service to the students of South Plainfield.

**SINCERELY,
ANTHONY COTOIA AND
TULLIO CAPPARELLI**

To the Editor:

I am a parent of a sixth grader at Grant Elementary School. After hearing the story from my son about the sixth grade pool party held at the PAL last week I think we should all commend Mr. Richkus on his swift and heroic actions.

Apparently a child was having problems in the water and Mr. Richkus immediately jumped in and saved him. He was wearing his street clothes and had both his cell phone and walkie talkie on him.

My son commented that his actions showed how much Mr. Richkus really cares about his students. I think that his quick and selfless reaction to the situation deserves mention and shows what an asset he is to his students and our community!

**SINCERELY,
DENISE SPINELLA**

Dear Editor:

Who has the answer? Why do some of the elementary schools in South Plainfield have air conditioned classrooms? Why aren't all four schools equal?

Some schools have free standing units (a pilot program I've been told), some have window units (if the units were installed before a particular year then they can remain, but window units are not allowed anymore.

Power strips were installed awhile ago to support air conditioning which

was approved and promised. How long does it take? Where is it?

When it reaches 95 degrees outside, what is the temperature in those classrooms without air? Unbearable I am sure. My children have complained of being so hot, so thirsty and have even had headaches.

Should those schools/classrooms without air conditioning be dismissed early? Would that be the answer?

Children can't learn and teachers can't teach under those circumstances.

So, some children and some teachers are entitled to a comfortable quality of education and too bad it is too late for the rest of you. Find another answer or find the money elsewhere.

I understand that even prisoners have the "right" to air conditioned cells.

"Shame on you" for sending inquiring minds through an obstacle course to try to find the solution.

JOAN ROCHOTTE

To the Editor:

Under the headline, "NJEA Chief Responds to Readers," in the June 10 *Star-Ledger* posted questions by readers concerning the public education in New Jersey and answers given by Joyce Powell, the head of the New Jersey teacher's union.

Here was my question for Ms. Powell:

A teacher's tenure means a job for life, irrespective of performance. It means that tenured teachers have no incentive whatsoever to put in any effort because their salary or employment does not depend on it. The NJEA says this is not true; that teachers can be removed for non-performance.

In the last 10 years, how many teachers were removed from the ranks for:

- criminal behavior, and
- lack of effort?

Please compare these numbers (percentages) with those in private industry for the same period.

What is the average cost to taxpayers for a tenured teacher's removal?

Below is Powell's non-answer:

"You might be surprised to find out that tenure does not guarantee a job for life. In fact, tenure simply guarantees that teachers in New Jersey cannot be arbitrarily fired without sufficient cause. Frankly, that is no less than

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every worker should be able to expect. Before tenure laws were passed, teachers could be fired on a whim, and school district jobs were patronage plums for elected school board members and other politicians who wanted to reward friends and political allies. That is not something New Jersey needs in its public schools.

Every teacher in New Jersey goes through a three-year period before earning tenure. During that time, administrators have the opportunity to observe and determine whether that teacher is effective. After earning tenure, teachers are still regularly observed and must continue to perform at a high level. If a district determines a teacher is not effective, it can bring tenure charges, which the teacher has a legal right to challenge. The process is important to safeguard the rights of capable teachers and to protect the integrity of our public schools."

Here is my comment to the above.

The average combined (verbal and math) SAT scores of all USA high school students is 1016 (out of 1600 points), when the average SAT of students attending teacher's college is 964. This means that the teachers—when they were students—knew less than the students they will be teaching!

That's one of the reasons that the teacher's colleges subject their students, after 12 years of public schools, to tests of reading and comprehension.

I can think of no better argument for the same requirement of teachers—to periodically test tenured teachers' reading and comprehension—than Powell's reply to my question.

**SINCERELY,
BOGDAN FRYSZCZYN**

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for the latest news from the South Plainfield Library.

First of all, the library is now closed on Sundays for the rest of the summer. Sunday hours will resume after Labor Day.

At present, we still have some items left over from our book sale last Saturday. They're still available at Saturday's sale prices, but they won't last long. Please stop by and check on them before they're sold off.

We're also planning on having another big book sale in the fall; we'll pass along the details when they've been determined. (But that's no reason to pass up our current bargains.)

Monday is the last day of availability for the current group of Circuit DVDs. Get 'em before they're gone.

We'll be hosting a couple of scrapbooking classes this month. The first one, for adults, is set for Monday evening at 7 and the second one, for children ages eight and over, is set for Saturday, June 30, at 10 a.m. Both classes will present basic scrapbooking techniques, and will be taught by Dayel Giammarino of Creative Memories. Pre-registration is required and there's a participation fee for both classes (\$5 for the adult program, \$10 for the children's program) payable upon registration. Participants in the adult class should bring three photos to make a short story card.

We'll be following a revised and abbreviated schedule of children's programming next week. That means the following: "Storytime" for children ages three and over will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three, will be held on Wednesday morning and Thursday morning at 10:30. And

"Books & Babies," for children ages three and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour; no pre-registration is required. For more information, call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

We've some more children's programming news. First, registration for the Summer Reading Club begins on Monday. Well, actually that should be clubs, actually, since we have two. The children's club ("Get a Clue @ Your Library") and the young adult club ("YNK @ Your Library") will be running simultaneously. You can get more information about them at the Circulation Desk. Second, in place of the Wednesday evening "Storytime," we'll be welcoming back Mr. Kurt for another appearance. His latest sing-along program is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 6:30. It's for children up to age seven; no pre-registration required.

We've got room for an advisory this week. With our new computer system in place, patrons are now permitted to save information on their own media (floppy discs, CD-ROM discs, flash drives, etc.). As a result, we have re-set the system so that saving information on the computer's hard drive is no longer possible. If you try to do so, the computer will put up a warning advising you of the situation. So, in order to make sure you don't lose your information, please have a disc available to save it on. If you don't have a disc handy, we can provide you with a floppy or CD-ROM disc for \$1 a piece.

That's about it for this week. As always, we're very interested in your comments and requests. Just call us at (908) 754-7885. For more information, you can check out our Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next Friday.

Scotch Plains Music Center Holding Recital Gala Weekend

Scotch Plains Music Center, operating for nearly 40 years, is again very proud to announce the annual Recital Gala Weekend.

This year the recitals will be held on Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24. Recitals begin at noon and run throughout the day on both days. Students have been working all year long, preparing for their "moment in the sun." Scotch Plains Music Center is extremely proud of all who perform and have practiced diligently on their

instruments to arrive at this point. These recitals are completely voluntary and participating are students who range in age from five years old to adult. Owners Greg and Mare Ellen Natic will also present a recital of advanced students on Sunday, June 24 at 4 p.m.

Thank you and congratulations to all who have worked so hard to make these recitals happen once again in 2007. Enjoy the beautiful music!

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Lions Club Recycles Eye Glasses

The month of May was proclaimed "Lions Eyeglass Recycling Month" by the Legislature in New Jersey (SJR-41). The South Plainfield Lions Club is proud to have been a part of this program. The Lions have collected 5,220 pairs of used eyeglasses that have been sent to the recycling center in Trenton.

The center is located at Katzenback School for the Deaf. The glasses are processed by cleaning and labeling each pair with the prescription. They are then sent to other countries throughout the world. The requests for glasses come from eye doctors and Lions clubs. Lions clubs are located in 200 countries of the world. They have 1,295,583 members in 45,105 clubs.

Drop off locations in South Plainfield are the post office, Borough Hall, the senior center and several other retail locations in town.



Council Chairman Al Brewer and Brian Capparelli, South Plainfield's treasurer, load a van with donated glasses to deliver to the eye center.

For more information about Lions clubs or the need for eyeglasses, call Mike Zushma at (908) 561-5726,

Larry Massaro at (908) 753-3850 or ask any member of the South Plainfield Lions Club.

Diane Kardos Salkeld, Art Teacher, Retiring

By Libby Barsky

Diane Kardos Salkeld has the single distinction of teaching art in the same school and the same room for 32 years. "My whole teaching career has been in this room in the middle school," she said.

After graduating from Trenton State College in May 1974, the former Diane Bradford was interviewed by Superintendent of Schools Len Tobias and Middle School Principal Koziel and hired to teach art in the South Plainfield Middle School.

As Diane Kardos, she taught grades six, seven and eight, always in the same room. The only opportunity she may have had to move out of Room 31 was in 2003 when Principal James Dogget asked her to join him in transferring to the new Grant school to teach art. She chose to remain and teach in the middle school.

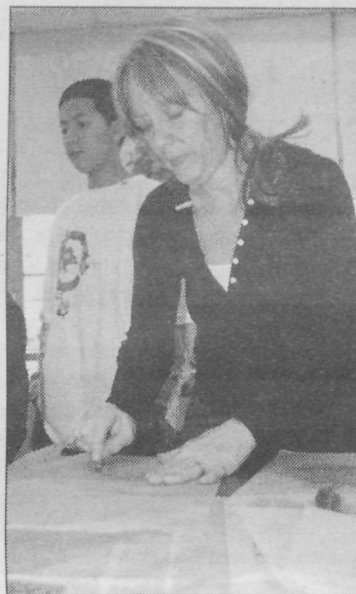
Two years ago she remarried and her name changed to Diane Salkeld.

Salkeld teaches eighth graders a nine-week art program of five, 47-minute periods a week for one marking period. The upgraded curriculum guide she helped revise stresses student exposure to "a wide range of media, techniques, styles and artists."

"We do painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, sculpture and a little bit of everything. The ceramics and sculpture is what kids like the most," she said.

The students have also engaged in special events, including a Halloween window painting contest with Steve Kunicky, imagescape art, school concert decorations, yearbook art and art displays and workshops held at the Teen Arts Festival at Middlesex County College.

Soon after receiving tenure, Salkeld brought student teachers into her program. "I received a student teacher



Diane Kardos Salkeld

from Rutgers and then one from Kean University. I have had one almost every year and I love working with them and will miss that," she said.

Printmaking was another program

she initiated and one she will continue to do in retirement.

"One of my favorite areas in art is printmaking. I contacted the Print Council of New Jersey and applied for grants to have Roving Press come into my classes. The program, which consists of having a professional printer come and demonstrates printmaking techniques, continues each year," she said.

"I plan to work as a member of the Print Council and visit various schools teaching the art of printmaking, especially the painterly method of printing," she said.

Other plans for her retirement include moving to Tuckerton, planning a garden and getting involved with the art gallery at the Tuckerton Seaport teaching art, drawing or painting.

In retirement she is also planning to do her own art work and is "looking forward to spending time working out with weights at the gym, perhaps teaching at the gym, boating and traveling."

Panzarella and Timber Creek Renew Adopt-A-Spot Contracts

Two members of the South Plainfield Clean Business Association have renewed their Adopt-A-Spot agreements with the CBA. Timber Creek Landscaping has been clearing litter and trimming weeds on the Clinton Avenue Extension since 1993. Panzarella Contracting, Inc. has been maintaining the landscaping in Monument Park since its construction in 2004.

Brian Mazellan and his brother Don are founding members of the

Adopt-A-Spot program. Paul Panzarella, a relative newcomer, joined the program when he donated the services of his company to install landscaping at the new park. Both companies exemplify community spirit, and the commitment and enthusiasm that make South Plainfield such a great place to live.

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Around Town

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.

GOP Meeting

June 28

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Thursday, June 28 at Sherban's. The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Any interested residents are invited to attend and discuss town issues and concerns.

Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing

June 29

The fourth annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing, to benefit Art's 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.

VFW Dinner

June 29

The South Plainfield VFW on Front Street is holding a stuffed cabbage dinner on Friday, June 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. Public welcome. Final dinner until September. For information call (908) 668-9751.

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.

What's happening at the South Plainfield SENIOR CENTER

JUNE

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hunterdon Hills Trip - July 12
"The Musical Time Machine"

Program on Memory - July 12
"I Remember BINGO"

Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am
Yoga 10:30-11:30am
Art Class 11:30am

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Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social Group 10am

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Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1pm
Line Dancing 10am
Crocheting 1pm
Tai Chi 2pm

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Shopping 9am
Practical Crafts 10am
Computer Class 10am, 11am, 1pm
Exercise Class 1:15pm
DMV Licensing 9am-1pm

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Bingo 10am-2pm

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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

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.

Recreation Trip to Camden Yards

July 29

Recreation has announced a trip to see the Yankees vs. Orioles at Camden Yards in Baltimore, Md. on Sunday, July 29. Tickets on sale at the PAL Building.

Wesley Vacation Bible School

July 29-Aug. 2

Wesley United Methodist Church invites all children to become sky scouts at their summer Vacation Bible School, Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God. The action begins July 29 and ends Aug. 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

This program offers fun, interactive

activities that combine the world of hot air ballooning with the discovery of how to reach new heights with God. Each lesson will be supported by Bible stories, science activities, songs, crafts, games and snacks. The program is open to children ages four through 12. Registration fee is \$10 per child, not to exceed \$20 per family. Please register by July 22.

Meet us at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., July 29. Sign in will begin at 6 p.m. For information, call (908) 757-2838.

Car Club Fundraiser for Alyssa Ricciardi

July 31

The Street Dreams Car Club will be hosting a "Cruising for Alyssa Ricciardi" car show on Tuesday, July 31 at Fuddrucker's, Route 22 West in Bridgewater from 6 to 9 p.m. As many people know, Alyssa suffers from neuroblastoma. We are raffling a Weber Grill valued at \$900 (donated by Jaeger Lumber). There will also be two monetary prizes. For info and raffle tickets, call Ron at (908) 482-0008. Come out and see some classis cars while helping Alyssa and her family.

— Out of Town —

Ryans Run 5K Race

June 23

The fourth annual Ryan's Run will be held at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 23. Roads close at 8:30 a.m. Entry fee \$25; kids run \$10. Fresh fruit provided for 5K runners and healthy snack bags for kids' runners.

For more information, visit www.ryansrun.org or call Andy Kaiser at (888) 664-9522.

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 meet up area, RSVP to MistyAngel22@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Art Without Borders

June 24

The Edison Arts Society is pleased to present the opening of their statewide juried exhibit "Art Without Borders" on Sunday, June 24 from 3-5 p.m. at the Sheraton Edison Hotel in Raritan Center, 125 Raritan Center Parkway in Edison. Twenty-six artists from New Jersey will have their works on exhibit through October.

For information, call (908) 753-2787, email edisonarts@aol.com, or visit www.edisonarts.org.

Adoption Support

June 25

On Monday, June 25 from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. at Watchung Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield, CHATS will be featuring "Second Language Development and the Internationally Adopted Child," presented by Deborah Jill Chitester, M.S., CCC/SLP. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments.

For more information, call Alyce at

(732) 227-0607 or visit the Web site at www.wapc.net.

Psychologist to Give Talk on Depression

June 27

On Wednesday, June 27, the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature Catherine Bianchi, Ph.D., who is a Clinical Psychologist that sees children and adults in psychodynamically oriented psychotherapy. For information, call (973) 994-1143.

Singles Dinner

June 30

The NJ Single Professionals Group will hold a Japanese cuisine singles dinner at Sushi Yokohama, 164 W. Main St. in Somerville on Saturday, June 30 at 6 p.m. Cost is what you order plus 25% for tax and tips. Private group. RSVP to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

Feeney Golf Classic

July 30

The 2007 John T. Feeney Memorial GMS Golf Classic will be held at the Plainfield Country Club in Plainfield on Monday, July 30. All proceeds will directly benefit patients with advanced illness and their families at the Saint Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center. The John T. Feeney Memorial GMS Golf Classic is an annual sellout event. For information or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please call (973) 322-4863.

Phantom Concert at Blairstown Theatre

June 30

The "Phantom" will visit the 94-year-old landmark theater, Roy's Hall, in Blairstown at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, when the Blairstown Theater Festival presents, "Music of the Night," a concert of Broadway and pop classics (including the Beatles) sung in the hauntingly beautiful voice of Broadway performer Cris Groenendaal, who has performed the role of the Phantom in Phantom of the Opera more than 860 times.

General admission is \$27.50. Purchased online with no service charge at www.blairstowntheaterfestival.com.

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— SPHS Reunions —

1987 Class Reunion

November 23

A 20-year reunion for SPHS Class of 1987 has been planned for Friday, November 23. The reunion committee is still in need of addresses for members of the graduating class. The invitations will all details will be sent in early July. Send your contact information (name, address, phone and email address) to michele.raber@ey.com or call 908-226-0909 for information.

1991 Class Reunion

November 24

Invitations have gone out for the 1991 South Plainfield High School class reunion on Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Clarion Hotel in Edison. If you did not receive an invitation, contact

Kristine (Newman) Craggan at kristinecraggan@yahoo.com or call (732) 983-1100.

1982-25 Year Reunion

April 5, 2008

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.

Contact Rosanne Demico-Illardo 11735 Dartmoor Ct., Jacksonville, Fla. 32256, (904) 565-8334 or email jrilardo@roverusa.com.

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Future Stars Campout Indoors

Future Stars classes participated in some indoor stargazing with a campfire and toasting marshmallows, courtesy of the traveling Raritan Valley Community College Planetarium "Star Lab." The large inflatable dome is used to teach students of all ages about the solar system.

Curves Participates in the NJ Festival Of Ballooning

The largest summertime hot air balloon and music festival in North America is coming to Readington on July 27-29. For the first time, the event will feature a Curves hot air balloon.

The two-day premier family entertainment attraction will take place at the Solberg Airport. Visitors will be able to see ascensions of up to 125 special shape and sport hot air balloons in addition to crafters, food vendors, an evening "balloon glow" and musical attractions featuring such groups as Credence Clearwater Revival.

Tickets for this event are sold on line and at your local Quik Chek. For special Curves rates, stop into Curves at 27 South Plainfield Ave. for instruc-

tion as to how to access their discounted tickets and enter a raffle for a free balloon ride in the Curves balloon. Visit the purple Curves tent at the event and enter to win a special prize. The event takes place on Friday, July 27 from 1 to 10 p.m., Saturday, July 28 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday, July 29 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. All ascensions take place at 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., weather permitting.

Curves is an exercise facility especially designed for women featuring a 30 minute strength training and aerobic workout that is fun, fast and safe. It is located at 27 South Plainfield Ave. in South Plainfield. The phone number is (908) 757-4422.

Children's Bereavement Day Camp Announced

The Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care Bereavement & Grief Counseling Center will be holding its annual children's Bereavement Day Camp July 16-20 and 23-27 at the Grief and Bereavement Center in Scotch Plains.

Camp Starbright offers children who have experienced the death of a loved one a wide range of activities, including arts and crafts, music, gardening, sports and games, as well as quiet time for sharing and expressing individual losses. It is a bereavement camp of fun and healing experiences for children and teenagers. They learn

that they can still have fun, laugh and play. They seem to find a safe place to express themselves and learn that they are not alone in their grief.

Camp Starbright is staffed by licensed social workers, professional grief and spiritual counselors, recreation and art therapists, trained hospice workers and volunteers. The camp is free, thanks to grants from the Moyer Foundation and The Tom Burnett Family Campership Endowment and other donations.

For information on how to register, call Kerry Schardien at the Center For Hope at (908)-288-9121.

First-Ever Bird List for Middlesex

The Edison Wetlands Association (EWA) has released a report on "The Birds of Middlesex County," the first time a full inventory of bird species has been compiled for this area. EWA's report reveals that 308 species of birds have been sighted in Middlesex County, including a number of rarities that are usually more at home in tropical regions hundreds or even thousands of miles from New Jersey.

"Middlesex County has an incredible range of birds in a very small area—everything from bald eagles and peregrine falcons to pileated woodpeckers and ruby-throated hummingbirds," said EWA Director of Operations David Wheeler, who produced the report with assistance from Angela Gorczyca and Diana Morgan. "Now for the first time, there is a single source allowing birders and everyone interested in nature to find out what's right in their backyard."

EWA's report notes a number of locations throughout Middlesex County, from South Amboy's Raritan Bayfront and the Dismal Swamp Conservation Area in South Plainfield and Edison, to the Plainsboro Preserve and Cheesequake State Park in Old Bridge. Beyond the birding hotspots, rarities have been found just about everywhere thanks to the county's location along a major migration path. South River and Sayreville each had sightings of the Wood Stork, and Cranbury had a sighting of American White Pelicans. "For one of the most densely populated areas in the entire United States, the amount of bird life we have here is staggering," said Wheeler. "By comparison, Yellowstone National Park has roughly the same amount of bird species—in an area 10 times as large. Even with all our development and industry, Central New Jersey remains a place for families to experience the wonders of nature."

The report is available through EWA's Web site at www.edisonwetlands.org, or by calling (732) 287-5111. In compiling the report, EWA relied on previous local counts, as well as feedback from birding enthusiasts throughout the state. Town checklists of bird species have been produced by a number of municipalities in Middlesex County, particularly East Brunswick and Highland Park. Likewise, a number of bird checklists have covered the state—yet there had never been a countywide bird count until now.



Members of the Cancer Awareness Club at the middle school raised \$300 for nine month-old Matthew Hannon. Pictured are club members Ryan Lind, Natalie Madurski, Erin O'Connor, Ellen Zinsky, baby Matthew and his mother Keri.

Middle School Cancer Awareness Club Raises \$300

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield Middle School students formed a Cancer Awareness Club that raised \$300 for nine month old Matthew Hannon. The infant was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a very aggressive cancer and has been undergoing chemotherapy, as well as blood transfusions.

Students sold "inspirational bracelets," rubber wristbands with messages embedded on them, over the last few weeks at \$2 a piece.

Matthew's ailment was brought to the attention of the school by lunch aide Renee Eggert, who is a cousin of Chris and Keri Hannon, his parents, who reside in South Plainfield. The money raised will be used to offset the cost of Matthew's medical care.

The Cancer Awareness Club is supervised by teachers Cheryl Hughes, Rosemarie Fiorello and Mary Anne Mia. The students in the club are Ryan Lind, Natalie Madurski, Erin O'Connor, Ellen Zinsky and Richard Rotella.

Freeholders to Supply Homeland Security Devices for Ambulances

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders voted Thursday night to use \$45,000 in federal grants to equip ambulances throughout the county with ignition cut-off devices in an effort to secure the emergency vehicles.

Freeholder Christopher D. Rafano, chairman of the County's Law and Public Safety Committee, said the county is purchasing 200 units to be installed in every paid and volunteer rescue squad ambulance that is not already equipped with a cutoff device.

Rafano said terrorists have been known to steal ambulances and other emergency vehicles to gain access to

sensitive sites.

"These ignition devices stop them before they can start," Rafano said. "Prevention is key in our work to keep our county residents safe. We have taken a number of steps to detect, deter and prevent mass emergencies of all kinds. This is the latest tool we're employing to safeguard our residents."

The units will be paid for with 2005 Federal Homeland Security Grant funds.

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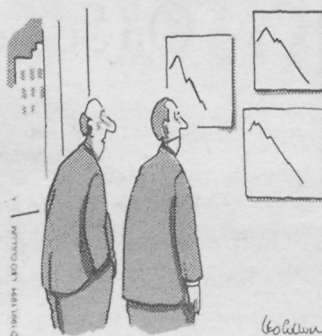
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South Plainfield Adult High School 30th Annual Commencement Exercise

The South Plainfield Adult School held their 30th annual graduation ceremony on June 12. This year 41 students received their high school diplomas. Also receiving certificates for their efforts were students from the English as a Second Language classes.

Students from all walks of life and all ages attend adult school to earn a high school diploma. Most of this year's graduating class plan to attend college or institution of higher learning to further their education. It takes determination and dedication for these students to return to school and complete their high school education. Many have full time jobs and family responsibilities, along with homework and studies.

This year's speakers included Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert J. Rosado; Sophia Domogala, director of Adult Education; State Sen. Barbara Buono, Barry Semple, state director of adult education (retired) and a member of the state council for adult literacy. Each speaker commended the students extraordinary effort to return to school and better themselves.

Three students from the graduating class were also guest speakers. They were Gina Butrico, Lourdes Guardado and Shannon Renee Kertes.

The 2007 graduates: Jason T. Alves, Lina Samantha Toca Aparicio, Al Barrie, Benjamin Bowens, Kendall T. Brown, Ramond W. Burden, Ginamarie Butrico, Doris N. Calix, Anthony Michael Crincoli, Monkia Hannelore Czeuscinski, Richard D'Amico, Samantha Katherine Erdman, Oscar O. Escobar, Kevin Adrian Fraser, Shetara Jazzmen Govan, Jessica Danielle Garcia, Lourdes Carolina Guardado, Denise Harrington, Hesham Ismail, Lamar W. Jackson, Lasha Kartloshvili, Raymond S. Kearney, Shannon Renee Kertes, Jay C. Leahy, Jr., Anthony Marian, Dora Martin, Ann M. McCormack, Anna Maria Narvaez, Michael Daniel Padilla, Mauri Ann Pierce, Christopher Paul Pine, Charelle Powell, Frank Rivera, Jr., Bernadine Prince Sanchez, Maritz Sanchez, Kristy Rose Seifred, Robert L. Shallo, Jr., Chelsea Anna Smith, Jennifer Soriano, Jessica Sweatt and Pamela Warner.



WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

The middle school sixth grade orientation will take place on Aug. 30 for parents and students and will include a tour of the school. A supply list, along with locker and class assignments, will be also be given out. All students will be required to dress for gym class in the solid colors of dark green, grey or black shorts and t-shirts. Shorts must be long.

Grant Elementary School locker camp will take place on Aug. 23 between the hours of 6 and 7:30 p.m. for students and parents. Class and locker assignments will be given at that time as well as a list of school supplies.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kennedy School teacher Michele Fidler for a speedy recovery.

Some of the summer recreation

sports camps still have openings. Sign-up anytime for the free school recreation programs. Call the PAL at (908) 226-7713 for more information.

The SBJBC summer baseball camp will take place the week of June 25. Call the club at (908) 754-2090 for more information. The Bishop Ahr Baseball Camp will take place the week of July 16 at the school in Edison.

Congratulations to high school teachers Marla Vandermark on the birth of her son and John Greco on the birth of his daughter.

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club Senior Letter Winner Dinner took place on June 14 at the North Plainfield Italian/American Club. Close to 230 guests attended and Principal Steve Novak was the emcee.

police report

• On June 12, D & D Auto Center on Park Ave. reported their front window had been cracked.

• On June 13, Rickhann L. Devaughn, 30, of Edison was arrested for driving without a license, registration and insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• On June 14, Marie Arias Palacio, 23, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no registration and an outstanding warrant.

• A Lucy Ct. resident reported that his "For Sale by Owner" sign has been repeatedly stolen over the last few weeks.

• On June 17, Jason A. Miller, 24, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and improper parking.

• On June 18, Janelle Cecilia Hall, 27, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

Girl Scouts Summer Day Camps

The Girl Scouts of Washington Rock Council are all set to operate Summer Day Camps for girls entering grades 1-8 (as of the fall of 2007) in Scotch Plains and Elizabeth. The camps will take place at the Jerseyland Park Community Center on Jerusalem Road in one-week sessions commencing on July 9 and concluding on August 3 in Scotch Plains. The council will also hold four weeks of day camp at Westminster Academy in Elizabeth.

The camp day at both sites runs from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$125 per session. A four-session discount,

available to those registering for all four sessions and paying in full by June 29, is offered at \$475.

To request more information including a camp brochure call (908) 232-3236 or consult www.westfieldnj.com/girlscouts.

GSWRC is in the midst of its 50th anniversary celebration. The council provides the optimal Girl Scout experience to over 11,000 girls and adults in its 24-community jurisdiction. The council service center and adjoining full service shop are conveniently located in Westfield.

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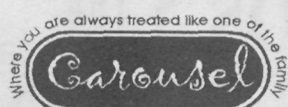
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Grant Spring Concert

Grant Elementary School showcased their musical talents at their annual spring concert held in the high school auditorium on May 24.

The concert began with the orchestra conducted by Tobie Baldwin and played "Arirang," "Dabbling in the Dew," "Anasazi and Shadow Dance." Mark Tweed directed the sixth grand band in playing "Correlation Rock," "Pennsylvania 6-5000," "Simple Gifts," "Play Elvis," "Celebration Overture" and "25 or 6 to 4." The fifth and sixth

grade jazz band members played "All About the Blues," "Sing, Sing, Sing," "Baggy Pants Blues" and "Grovin' Hard." The fifth grade band was led by Joan Stasio who played "Drums Up Front March," "A Mozart Mix," "The Magic Forest," "This Land is Your Land" and "Hey Jude." The evening ended with the chorus, also conducted by Stasio and accompanied by Marc Stasio, who sang "Wingin' With the Saints," "Side by Side," "What a Wonderful World" and "We're All in This Together."



Students from Summit, Dunellen and Hillsborough who participated in Fitness Fest 2007, hosted by South Plainfield Middle School. Pictured are the teams that participated.

Middle School Hosts Fitness Fest 2007

By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Middle School hosted Fitness Fest 2007 on June 6 with students from Summit, Dunellen and Hillsborough middle schools. The concept was for students from different schools to compete together instead of against each other to work on improving their physical fitness.

In order to participate, the seventh grade students were tested in six events: arm-hang, sit and reach, shuttle run, curl-ups, pull-ups and the mile run. Standards were established to assess a composite score on each child. The top six girls and boys

were chosen from the four schools. The 48 students were placed on six teams, each of which had two students from each school—with four boys and four girls.

Each student received t-shirts representing their team. Warm-ups were conducted by the middle school gym teachers. Eighth grade students were assigned as coaches for each team to keep teams together, create enthusiasm and record the results.

The Fitness Fest included the same events students had previously been tested in. Afterwards, all of the students were treated to a pizza lunch provided by the middle school while the scores were being tallied. Partici-

pants received certificates of participation and a Fitness Fest t-shirt. The top three winners in each event received a first, second or third place certificate. The team that accumulated the most points also received a first place award.

Seventh grade students who participated were Gina Longo, Alexis Alba, Kelly Walsh, Ashanti Bishop, Jamie Glavasich, Jenna Cianfrocca, Mark Tomei, Joe Skwiat, Dan Swatschka, Matt Valencia, Ryan Riccardi and Albert Vill. Eighth grade coaches were Kyle Pompilio, Kelly Pauls, Connor Gillis, Pat Landy, Alyssa Villa and Taylor Adorna.

Students Invited to Eco-Adventures at Earth Center

Middlesex County students entering fifth through seventh grades are invited to attend a new program through the County's Extension office called, "Eco-Adventures at the Earth Center." The program will be held Aug. 28, 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Earth Center in

Davidson's Mill Pond Park in South Brunswick.

The program focuses on environmental stewardship and will have a different theme for each day, including Resource Conservation (highlighting our Rain Garden), Don't Trash Our Planet (featuring our compost demonstration area) and Ecological Issues (making use of the beautiful open space that surrounds the Earth center). Most days will begin with an exercise in teambuilding skills to help students get acquainted and work well

with one another. Arrangements can be made for kids with special needs. The program will include outdoor activities, games experiments and group work.

The cost of the program is \$70 and includes program materials, a peanut free snack, beverages, and a certificate of completion. Attendees are expected to bring their own brown bag lunch. The registration deadline for Eco-Adventures at the Earth Center is Aug. 15.

If you are interested in more information on Eco-Adventures or to register, please contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 398-5261. To learn more about Middlesex County's Extensions Service Department visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us/extensionservices.

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Future Stars Preschool Holds Graduation



BLUE ROOM—Tuesday/Thursday A.M.



Congratulations 2007 Future Stars Preschool Graduates....

BLUE ROOM

Tuesday/Thursday A.M.

Teachers: Colleen Laza,
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Nicholas A. Atehortua
Heaven Scent Rudi Batson
Amanda Bermo
Krista Nicole Chempiel
Tammy M. Doan
Lukas Jack Famula
Chloe Marie Ferrigno
Zoë Alexis Lambert
Abigail Lapp
Isabella Mastroianni
Kevin Lam Nguyen
Megan Nicole Palmer
Alyssa Palmeri
Nidhi Dharmendra Patel
Christopher A. Rodriguez
Jaelin Evan Storms
John Tran
Joseph Vargas
Alexx Jean White

Yellow Room

Monday/Wednesday/
Friday A.M.

Teachers: Sue Butrico,
Janet Errico, Gail Klama
Jordyn Aleksandrowicz
Faith Marie Cantamessa
Liesl Christine Co
Hailey Elizabeth Crino
Danielle Frances DeCarlo
Alexa Madison Diamant
Dominic Faustini
Julianne Rose Ferraro
Robby Ginda
Joseph Juzefyk Jr.
Anthony Massaro
Keita L. McFarlane
Jovanni David Mendez
Sarah Elisabeth Middlesteadt
Andy V. Nguyen
Adam Spenser Noble
Anthony Penyak
Justin Plate
Sebastian C. Rohrer
Samantha M. Zelek

Yellow Room

Monday/Wednesday/
Friday P.M.

Teachers: Sue Butrico,
Janet Errico, Gail Klama
Harrison Anesh
Joseph Anesh
Brandon Cangialosi
Frankie Patrick Cocozza
Giovanni Dente
Jenna Elmasry
Anthony Laudani
Jonathan Wayne Mohan
Gabriel Mont
Samantha M. Morris
April Nguyen
Arinze Obadike
Shikha Patel
Michael Joseph Poggio Jr.
Upashna Purohit
Christina Nicole Romano
Gianna Kristina Ruzicka
Mikayla Rae M. Santiago
Devam S. Shah
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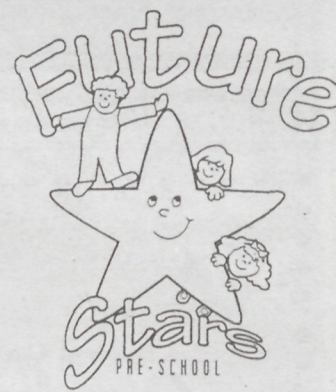
Monday-Friday P.M.

Teachers: Elyne Fuscolo,
Patti Waters
Tiffany Rose Ebel
Kathleen D. Eghelshi
Rafael Estrella
Ryan Christopher Frontz
Sean Michael Heine
Emily Marina Martinez
Victoria Isabel Meono
Veronica Naranjo
Joshua Stephen Adusei Odoro
Angie Sonali Perez
Fizi Rizvi
Brianna Rose Scherer
Emrehan Seferoglu
Victoria A. Velásquez
Samantha Zarazua

Rainbow Room

Monday-Friday P.M.

Teachers: Janice Early,
Debbie Miller, Patty Remsing
Michael Borto
Zachary Stephen Brown
Danielle Bythell
Sebastian Cordoba
Braedon Dobrynio
Jessica Lauren Forbes
Halyna Ho
Noah Robert Karch
Jessica Lily LaCross
Keith Philip Lehman
Thorr Calvin Nelson
Briana Gabriella Notino
David Pelech
Stephen P. Ritter, IV



Yellow Room—Monday/Wednesday/Friday A.M.



Rainbow Room—Monday-Friday P.M.



Celebrating the American Flag

Flag Day Ceremonies were held at two local schools. Pictured above at Kennedy School are, in the front row (L-R): Loyal Knight-Sharon Reuter, Exalted Ruler-Debra Czech and Central District Vice President-Peter Smith, PER/Trustee. In the back row: Councilman Joseph Scudato, Chaplain Celeste Ginder, Lecturing Knight William Reuter, Treasurer Sandra Smith, Lodge Esquire and District Americanism Chairman-Daniel Uken, PER; Council President Dennis Cerami and Leading Knight-Debra Shuleski.

At Riley School's annual ceremony (below) Mrs. Gurske and Mrs. Campagna led the students in patriotic songs. Bill Ball raised the American Flag on the flag pole in front of the school while the students sang songs and waved the flags they had made in class. The readers were Darus Mullens, Laianna Correa, Patrick Guerreau and Jalil Palms.



Scooby Doo Author Teaches Story Writing to Grant School Students

By Jane Dornick

James Gelsey, author of "Scooby-Doo! Mysteries" chapter books published by Scholastic, Inc., gave one of his Write Now! creative writing programs at Grant School recently.

He showed students the basic "building blocks" of his stories; villains, heroes, the mystery, clues, suspects, the solution, setting and details. Using these writing fundamentals, Gelsey had the classes use their imagination and come up with a mystery story of their own.

Gelsey explained to the students that over the past nine years, he helped develop the Scooby-Doo! & You: Collect the Clues Mysteries, has written Nick Zone chapter books featuring "SpongeBob SquarePants," adapted "What's New, Scooby-Doo?" television cartoons for the "Scooby-Doo, Junior" chapter book series and created chapter-book adaptations of the animated series Dragon Booster seen on the children's TV series JETIX. Many of his Scooby-Doo! titles have been translated into Spanish and French. He recently completed his first novel for young readers, "Caper Gets



"Scooby-Doo! Mysteries" author James Gelsey with fifth grade students Brittany Titus, Paul Cano, Raj Patel, Brianna Swenson and Marie Lanza.

Even," and is currently at work on a second.

When not working on original stories or new adventures for Scooby and the gang, James regularly visits schools across the country and his Write Now programs inspire students to use their imaginations as they unravel the mysteries of the creative writing process.

Before devoting himself full-time to writing, James worked as a teacher,

principal and coordinator of national education conferences. He is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and is University of Pennsylvania graduate. He resides with his wife and two daughters in northern New Jersey, where he served for five years as a trustee (two of which as president) of his town's municipal library. He is currently working on a new series for Scholastic called the *Scooby-Doo! Case Files*.

Mr. Kurt Returns to Sing Along with Kids

The children's program, "Sing Along with Mr. Kurt" will be held on Wednesday, June 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Library.

A longtime favorite of library audiences, Mr. Kurt will perform his trademark silly songs, as well as many old favorites. In addition, informa-

tion about the library's Summer Reading Club will be available. The program is suggested for children up to age seven. It's being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required.

The library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex at

2484 Plainfield Ave.

For more information, please call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. You can also visit Mr. Kurt's Web site at www.kurtgallagher.com.

Celebrations Committee Seeks Grand Marshal Nominations

The Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for Labor Day parade honorary grand marshal. This year's theme is "Celebrating 50 Years." If you know of an individual who has contributed outstanding service to the borough, send the committee a letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered. Include candidate's name, address, evening phone number and accomplishments. Deadline is July 28. Send nomination to The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Any business or organization interested in having a concession or informational table at the PAL grounds at the conclusion of the parade should complete an application located in Borough Hall or online at www.southplainfieldnj.com. Send application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Kim Gallagher, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Also needed are energetic volunteers who would like to participate in the parade as a cartoon character.

For more information, please contact Matt Anesh at matthew_anesh@verizon.net.

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Sacred Heart School 2007 Graduation

The Sacred Heart Class of 2007 received their diplomas on Sunday, June 10 at a prayer service in the church.

Fr. John Alvarado, Pastor; Fr. Andrew, Associate Pastor and Sr. Kathleen Rooney, Pastoral Associate presented and congratulated each graduate as they came forth for their diplomas.

Scholarships were awarded to the following students continuing their education at a Catholic high school:

Caresse Simmonds
Joseph Landry
Sabrina Douge
Damian Franklin
Juan Edney

Awards were presented for school spirit and loyalty to those students who met the criteria.



NEWS FROM THE Suburban Woman's Club



The newly installed Suburban Woman's Club officers.

The June Installation Banquet featured a delicious lunch and reports from Cathy Wells, constitution/by laws chairman and Natalie Bergen, finance and fundraising chairman.

Among the many accomplishments for which we are proud are the awarding of the scholarship in the memory of our Past President Sonia Berentsen to Nicole Benak of SPHS, from whom we have already received a gracious thank you letter.

Because of the support from our friends and our various projects, we were able to give donations to Muhlenberg Hospital Hospice, the American Legion Post, South Plainfield Res-

cue Squad, South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, Woman Aware, South Plainfield Library, the Parkinson Fund and the Kidney and Urology Fund of Middlesex County.

New officers for the South Plainfield Suburban Club were installed at the banquet. Pictured above are (L-R): Treasurer Lucy Hudson, Secretary Frieda Walker, Recording Secretary Rose Cucurello, Vice President Marge Reidy and President Mary Ann Iannitto. Deen J. Meloro, past state president, conducted the installation. This banquet officially closed a most successful 2006-2007 year.

—Gloria M. Breuning, publicity chairman

Future Stars Summer Program Returning

By Libby Barsky

The district's popular preschool program held during the regular school year will conduct a Future Stars Preschool Fun Program this summer. The half day program will be held at the Roosevelt Administration Building in Room 102 for three- and four-year-olds from June 25 through July 27.

Before the Board of Education Administration Building, located on Cromwell Ave., was converted in 2000 into Grant School for students in fifth and sixth grades, the building had been the site of the Tiger Day Camp, for students who had been in the Latch Key program. There was also a Future Stars summer program for pre-school children. But when the conversion took place, there wasn't room to continue both programs according to Future Stars teacher aide Pat Waters.

"The program will be all new ideas and theme based. I'm planning to have a water table, sand table and a sprinkler outside so children can wear their bathing suits and go under it. We'll have story time, craft time and a small snack, all based around a particular theme each week," said Waters.

Waters will be teaching with pre-

school teacher Elyne Fuscolo and aide Patty Petronko. Although just approved by the board on June 14, most of the children are already registered for two, three or five days.

There are still openings available for the five-day preschool program for four year olds next fall. The program, Early Launch to Learning Initiative (ELLI), was initiated and sponsored by a grant from New Jersey Department of Education. Eligibility for the free program depends on income and household size.

Fuscolo has been teaching the class since it began three years ago. All of the preschool teachers underwent training for three days to learn the "Tools of the Mind" curriculum.

"It's a program designed for children to work at their own speed and abilities. They learn to challenge them-

selves by selecting centers built on a theme. The centers have materials for them to play, interact and be responsible for themselves in an independent, yet social, environment with teachers monitoring them.

"It's a great opportunity for those families in town who can not afford preschool. They are enrolled in our regular school district as preschoolers and they follow the school calendar. Because the children are able to come every day, it gives them continuity and prepares them for kindergarten. Children who came here barely speaking—even if English was their second language are now fluent in English," she said.

Both the Future Stars and the ELLI program are offered through the Adult School.

For information, call Sophia Domogala at (908) 754-4620 ext. 385.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the South Plainfield Free Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the South Plainfield Public Library. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the interior design and furnishings for the proposed new public library.

There will be no public participation at the Special Meeting.

Formal action may be taken at this meeting
ERIC M. ARONOWITZ
President, Board of Trustees

\$25.00 June 22, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice hereby is given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting on June 12, 2007:

A. Case #07-03-Minor—Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Block 350; Lot 8.01, Harvard Avenue. The applicant's request for minor sub division approval with bulk variances was hereby DENIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$20.50 June 22, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY Notice of Public Hearing

TO PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 200 FEET OF PROPERTY AFFECTED BY APPLICATION TO THE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Public Hearing is scheduled before the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment on Thursday, July 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey to hear the request for an interpretation filed by Pinto Brothers Disposal, LLC, relating to property located at Lorraine Avenue and designated as Lot 3, Block 361 on the Tax Map of Borough of South Plainfield. The interpretation requests the ability to store equipment used in a solid waste business out-of-doors, a use not otherwise permitted in the M-3 Zone in which the property is located.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are on file at the Office of the Zoning Board of Adjustment, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, and shall be available for public inspection weekdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Any interested party may appear at the Hearing and present any objections to the granting of the relief requested.

John A. Gonnella
Attorney for Applicant
Pinto Bros. Disposal, LLC
287 Bloomfield Avenue
Caldwell, New Jersey 07006
(973) 226-0027

\$45.60 June 22, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on July 2, 2007 at 10 A.M. prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

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Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours 8 A.M.-5 P.M. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.) the New Jersey prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works N.J.S.A. 10:2, EOE, ADA.

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Sports

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

The Hackers dropped their opening match of the season to

Eddie's Grinders, 13-7, and then proceeded to lose their next three matches as well and found themselves in last place in the American Division with a 0-4 record, the worst in the league. Then they faced Plainfield Animal Hospital who, at that time, was undefeated and held first place in the National Division.

The Hackers came to life that night, defeated PAH and sent them into a tailspin, and have been on a roll ever since.

In their rematch against Eddie's Grinders, Todd Sherman and his tanks rolled over the Grinders 16-4 and improved their record to an even .500 and are now ready to make a run for the title. Sherman had a superlative 1-over 34 to earn medallist honors for the Hackers while teammate John Cacciatore contributed another nice round of 39.

The Grinders got some respectable scores from Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer who had a 37 and Eddie Banach who posted 39, but those scores were not good enough. Opponents will need to bring their A-games when they tee it up against the red-hot Hackers.

Some of the magical power in Danny Griffin's lucky green golf cap was somehow transferred to John Gavin who fired a marvelous 1-over 34 to lead Oak Tree Buy-Rite to a surprisingly easy win over Twin City Pharmacy, 16-4. Al Szumski hit some impressive drives for Buy-Rite on his way to a 39. Jay Coppola's 36 and Guy Severini's 37 were only able to gain a handful of points for Twin City.

With this victory, Oak Tree Buy-Rite maintained its one-game lead atop the American Division.

Any faint hope two-time defending

Submitted By Bob Nilan

champions KC's Korner had of pulling off a three-peat were shattered when they went down to defeat for the sixth week in a row. Jim Gash and Chris Nuzzo shot a pair of 38's to spark 2 Buds, 2 Dubs to a 14-6 victory. KC's Korner did not play poorly—Dan Conti had a solid round of 36 and Richard Steele and Greg Kilmer shot a pair of 38's but that just was not enough to overcome the handicap differential.

Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaerst helped Pornovets continue to hold its first-place position in the National Division by carding a 38 to lead his team to a 15-5 triumph over a Sport & Social team that continues to have some problems practically every week.

After being blown out of the water by Witty's 20-0, Plainfield Animal Hospital bounced back, thanks to the fine play of Steve Schock who had a 36 and Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar's 38, to gain a 14-6 win over Patti's Construction. Matt Ward, aka Joe Veal, had a 38 for Patti's in a losing effort and did not tell a single amusing anecdote all night.

After getting off to a slow start this season, Howard "Awesome" Adler has found his groove: last week he had a beautiful even-par 33 and this week he had only one little glitch, a bogey on the third hole, as he posted another terrific round, a one-over 34, to lead Witty's to a 13-7 victory over the Roughriders. Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas contributed a 37 as Witty's won for the second week in a row to even their record at 4-4.

The newest twosome in the league, Andy Hayward and Frank Weingart, of Roughriders played well in a losing cause. "The Florida Feather" Hayward had a nifty 36 and Weingart had a 37.

Low scores for the night: Howard Adler, 34; John Gavin, 34; Todd Sherman, 34; Steve Schock, 36; Jay Coppola, 36; Andy Hayward, 36; Dan Conti, 36; Frank Weingart, 37; Guy Severini, 37; Fred Kirchofer, 37.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Oak Tree Buy-Rite	6	2	0	Pornovets	5	2	1
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	5	3	0	PAH	5	3	0
Hackers	4	4	0	Patti's Corner	4	3	1
Twin city	4	4	0	Witty's	4	4	0
Eddie's Grinders	3	4	1	Roughriders	3	5	0
KC's Korner	1	6	1	Sport & Social	2	6	0

TBSA Announces All Day, All Summer Recreation Camps

TBSA, The Basketball Shooting Academy in nearby Edison, has announced that they are hosting an All Sports and Recreation Camp for the Summer of 2007.

Mike Allocco, a South Plainfield resident and owner of TBSA, says that his camp is unique in that it is among the most parent and family friendly camps in the country! "Our drop off and pick up hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. are tailor made with the working parents in mind! Parents can drop off their children in the morning and feel comfortable that they are in a nice, safe environment and will be participating in recreational activities throughout the day!"

At TBSA the children participate in basketball, wiffle ball, soccer, lacrosse, badminton, volleyball, etc., as well as other recreational games. "We have been operating since August of 2006 as a basketball teaching facility and have developed an excellent reputation in a short time. We have offered camps throughout the year when schools were not in session and the response was terrific. Our Summer Sports and Recreation camp is a natural extension

to what we already provide! When people see and hear about our programs, they can't believe that we are able to offer this fantastic product at such a low cost."

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Children may bring their lunch or TBSA will provide a bag lunch at a minimal cost and pizza is on sale everyday. Two snacks a day are provided at no charge. Parents are encouraged to visit the facility at their leisure and to see what TBSA offers in the way of sports and recreation. Weekend hours are noon until 5 p.m. and the facility is open all day during the summer. Summer camp starts this week and continues throughout the summer.

Additional information can be found at www.tbsan.com or interested parties may call (732) 650-1224.



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Pony B Champion Mets (L to R) Alex Lundy, Asst. Coach Jim Lundy, Zach Mitchell, Joey Cornelius, Mark Tomei, Justin Harris, Joey Skwiat, Jeff Praul, Manager Bob Bors and Matt Valencia. Kneeling, Ryan Bors and Chris Neal. Not pictured are Ken Kaczka, Stephen Petriello and Shawn Gorman.



The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club eight-year-old travel all-star team.

Eight-Year-Olds Take Second Place

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club eight-year-old travel all-star team took second place in the annual Father's Day Classic tournament held this past weekend at their home complex on Kenneth Ave. For the second year in a row, they finished runner-up to the Monroe Purple team in what has become a friendly rivalry.

The weekend started off strong with a solid performance against the Green Brook American team. Every player from the South squad had at least one hit and scored at least one run in the 14-9 win. The next game was a nail-biter, but South was able to hold on and scratch out a well-played 7-6 victory against a tough Hazlet team.

Sunday morning's match-up against the Green Brook National team was dominated by South, resulting in an 18-2 triumph. By the time Sunday night's tilt against Monroe came around, the South boys were tired and came out flat, losing 18-3. This set up the rematch for Monday night's title game. South came out strong in the championship game, building a 4-2 lead after 3½ innings, before Monroe rallied back to make the final score 14-6 to win the tournament.

All of the members of the South team contributed to their success during the tournament. The team is led by five athletes returning from last year's squad, when they played at the age of seven years old. The returnees

are Brian Cullen, Dillon Harris, Mike Lampasona, Jared Marks and Mason Resende. The newcomers to this year's group are Kyle Bythell, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Dylan O'Connor, Ricky Pellegrino, George Pettinger, Nick Plate and Nick Scalera. The coaches

are Gary Lampasona, Mark Resende, Andy Bythell and George Pettinger. South will look to continue their winning ways when they travel to Monroe for the districts beginning on Saturday, June 23.

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DEVON LANE	3	HARRISON AVENUE	1	MARSH AVENUE	2	POMPONIO AVENUE	4	(Maple Ave to	
DEY STREET	1	HARVARD AVENUE	4	MARTIN DRIVE	1	PUHA ROAD	3	Delores Ave)	3
DIANA DRIVE	3	HELEN STREET	5	MATIS STREET	5	PULASKI STREET	4	TEXAS AVENUE	5
DELORES AVENUE	3	HERBERT PLACE	5	MAY AVENUE	3	PUTNAM AVENUE	3	THOMAS STREET	2
DOMINICK COURT	5	HIDDEN COURT	3	McCARTHY COURT	1	RACE PLACE	5	THORNTON COURT	1
DORSET DRIVE	3	HIGHLAND AVENUE	4	MCDONOUGH STREET	1	RAHWAY AVENUE	2	TOMPKINS AVENUE	1
DOVER PLACE	4	HILLSIDE AVENUE	5	McKINLEY STREET	5	RAILROAD AVENUE	5	TOOZ PLACE	1
DOYLE PLACE	4	HILL HOLLOW ROAD	1	MEADOW TERRACE	1	RALPH AVENUE	1	TREMONT AVENUE	4
DUFFY PLACE	5	HOGAN DRIVE	5	MEISTER STREET	1	RANDOLPH AVENUE	3	TRENT PLACE	2
DUMAS AVENUE	1	HOLLY AVENUE		MELLON STREET	2	RANGER STREET	1	TRIANGLE PLACE	2
DUMONT AVENUE	1	(from Maple Ave		MELROSE AVENUE	1	RAUER COURT	1	TRINITY STREET	1
DUNHAM AVENUE	1	to Redding Ave)	2	MERCER STREET	5	REDDING AVENUE	2	TYLER PLACE	4
DURHAM AVENUE	5	HOLLY AVENUE (from		MERCHANTS AVENUE	2	REGENCY PLACE	5	UNIVERSAL AVENUE	5
EAST CRESCENT PKWY	3	Maple Ave towards		METUCHEN ROAD	5	REIFFEL STREET	1	VAIL COURT	3
EAST ELMWOOD DRIVE	3	Edison)	3	MICHAEL STREET	3	REVERE ROAD	3	VAKARICH PLACE	3
EAST FAIRVIEW AVENUE	3	HOLLY PARK DRIVE	3	MIDDLESEX AVENUE	4	RICHARD PLACE	2	VALLEY STREET	4
EAST GOLF AVENUE	2	HOLLYWOOD AVENUE	5	MILDRED STREET	2	RIO STREET	4	VAN FLEET AVENUE	2
EAST HENDRICKS BLVD	2	HOPKINSON STREET	5	MILL STREET	1	RISOLI TERRACE	2	VICTORY AVENUE	1
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ELIZA COURT	3	JACOBUS STREET	1	MORETTI LANE	5	RUSH STREET	4	WALTER STREET	2
ELIZABETH AVENUE	4	JAMES PLACE	4	MORRILL DRIVE	3	RUSTAY COURT	5	WARD PLACE	3
ELIZABETHTOWN COURT	1	JANKOSKI COURT	5	MORTIS AVENUE	2	RYAN STREET	5	WARREN STREET	2
ELLIS PLACE	1	JEROME AVENUE	3	MORTON AVENUE	1	SACRED HEART DRIVE	3	WAVELY PLACE	3
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ELSIE AVENUE	4	JOHN STREET	5	NEW BROOKLYN ROAD	5	SAMPTON AVENUE	1	WEST AVENUE	4
ENGLISH COURT	5	JOSEPH COURT	1	NEW BRUNSWICK		SCALERA STREET	5	WEST CLARKE AVENUE	3
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FACTORY STREET	4	KENWOOD AVENUE	2	NEW YORK AVENUE	4	Maple Ave towards		WEST END AVENUE	5
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FRANCESCA COURT	3	LEONARD AVENUE	3	(from Maple Ave to		SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE2		(Maple Ave to	
FRANK COURT	5	LEONARD STREET	2	Sprague Ave)	2	SOUTH CLINTON AVENUE4		Plainfield border)	2
FRANK PLACE	4	LEWIS PLACE	2	OXFORD AVENUE		SOUTH MADISON DRIVE	2	WOODLAND AVENUE	
FRANKLIN AVENUE	1	LEWIS AVENUE	1	(from Maple Ave to		SOUTH PLAINFIELD		(Maple Ave to	
FRASE STREET	1	LEWISTON PLACE	1	Clark Ave)	3	AVENUE	3	Oak Tree Ave)	3
FRED ALLEN DRIVE	1	LExINGTON AVENUE	4	PAGE COURT	1	SPICER AVENUE	4	WOOLWORTH AVENUE	4
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FRONT STREET	3					SPRING AVENUE	2	YURGEL DRIVE	5
								ZWOLAK COURT	5

Obituaries

and Dolores Tymonko of Colonia. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, Cristofer, Drew, Lee, Jonathan, Stacy, Todd, Nicole and James and eight great-grandchildren.

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

If you prefer, donations in Mary's name may be made to the charity of choice.

Melania A. Boyer

Melania Barclay Boyer, better known as Sister Boyer and Mother B, who was born April 21, 1912 in Grenada, Wisc. died on Tuesday, June 12.

She traveled to Guyana as a child with her parents, brother and four sisters. Mother B grew up in the Catholic Church and attended Catholic schools. She was married twice and became a widow twice.

In 1964, Melania accepted Jesus Christ as her personal savior and became a born again Christian. She lived up to that Christian life until her departing. She was a member of the Central Assembly of God Church in Georgetown, serving God in the church and community. She was the president of the Women's Missionary for three years and supervised the Communion Ministry. Melania was always giving and showing love to others. She took great joy in feeding the poor at her home.

Melania traveled to America with her daughters in 1968 and became a citizen. The first church she attended in Brooklyn was The Church of God. She moved to New Jersey with her daughter, Gloria and son-in-law, John Lacon and became a resident of South Plainfield. She was a member of the Plainfield Assembly of God in Plainfield.

Melania was a skilled seamstress and designed beautiful clothes for her daughters. She laughed away fears with her faith, built hope with wisdom and pursued her future with courage. She taught her family how to serve and have faith in the Lord.

She is survived by three daughters, Gloria Lacon, Hazel Boyer and Colette Houston; a sister, Edna Davis in Guyana; two sons-in-law, John Lacon and Lloyd Houston; two granddaughters-in-law, Camille Foster and Dr. Simone Manigault-Laon;

seven grandchildren, Dexter Foster, Damian Lewis, Paul Lacon, Joanne Lacon (deceased), Chad Lacon, Tonza Houston, Gavin Houston and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

Edward C. Pein, 75

Edward C. Pein died on Saturday, June 16 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Brooklyn, Ed had resided in Brooklyn until February of 1963 when he and his family settled in South Plainfield.

Serving in the U.S. Air Force as a staff sergeant with the military police,

Ed served during the Korean War from 1951 until his honorable discharge in 1955.

Employed with New York Bell Telephone for a number of years, Ed worked as a foreman before taking an early retirement in 1988. His hobbies included fishing, gardening and Nascar.

He is predeceased by his grandson, Eric and his parents Albert and Madeline.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Joyce (Clark); six children, Wayne and wife Susan of N.C., Joy Pyne and husband Jim of Columbia, Douglas and wife Diane of Piscataway, Jill Mannix and husband Michael of S.C., Greg and wife Sabrina of Pa. and Glenn of South Plainfield; a brother, Albert and seven grandchildren, Gary, Jenna,

James, Corey, Adrianna, Connor and Daniella.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave., South Plainfield.

Karen L. (Christensen) Loffredo, 52

Karen L. (Christensen) Loffredo died suddenly on Monday, June 18 at her home.

Born and raised in Staten Island, Karen moved to Edison in 1993 and settled in Metuchen 10 years ago.

She was a loving wife and mother. She especially adored her two grandchildren and was very proud of the birth of her third grandchild just a few months ago.

Her father, Albert, died in 2004.

She is survived by her husband, James; two sons, David Chatel and wife Amy and Brian Chatel and fiancé, Denise; her mother, Estelle (Rohrig) Christensen; a brother, Ken Christensen and three grandchildren, David, Jr., Ashleigh and Sean.

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High School Presents a Disney Concert

By Patricia Abbott

Anyone who loves Disney movies has a favorite song or two. Disney fans had a chance to hear some of those much loved tunes on May 30 when the South Plainfield High School Combined Mixed Chorus presented a "Music of Walt Disney" concert.

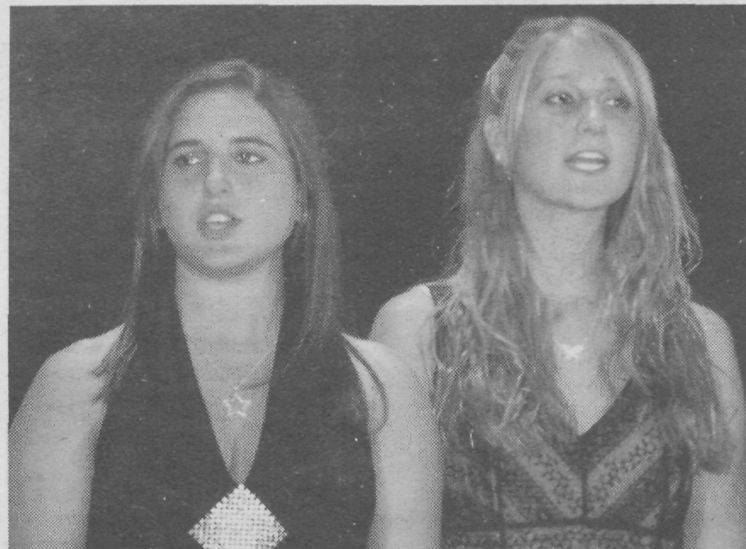
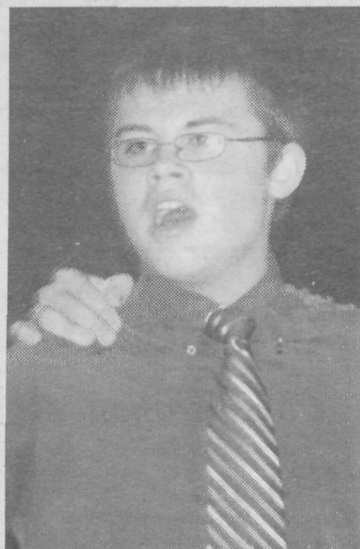
The evening featured more than 21 songs, ranging from newer Disney works such as "Just Around the Riverbed" from "Mulan" and "Zero to

Hero" from "Hercules" to classics like "He's a Tramp" from "Lady and the Tramp" and "Spoonful of Sugar" from "Mary Poppins."

There were medleys from "Beauty and the Beast," "Aladdin," "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and "The Lion King." The Jades, Emeralds, numerous soloists and chorus members' efforts rekindled many favorite childhood memories of afternoons at the movie theater watching a Disney tale unfold.

Soloists included Nicole Scott, Nora Stasio, Katie Noonan, Darren Kaczowski, Desirae Davis, Susan Mott, Taylor Kurilew, Ashleigh Gray, Matt Emery, Diana Naser, Samantha Smith and many others.

This special concert presented by choral director Tracy Murray is a favorite with chorus members, as well as parents and alumni. It is a rare treat for Disney lovers because it is only performed once every four years.



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Professional Dancers Highlight Senior Prom

Seniors Take Opportunity to Help Others; Advisors Surprise Prom Goers With Dance Lessons



By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield High School Senior Class held their prom on June 1 at the Radisson Hotel in Piscataway. The Class of 2007 found the perfect prom theme in "007" James Bond films. Tables were decorated with 007 signs or names of various Bond films. More than 250 students and their dates attended the event.

Senior Class Advisors Diana Joffe and Michele Fugazzi surprised the students with a special appearance of professional dancers from New York Express dance company. The four dancers brought a glamorous touch of "Dancing with the Stars" to the event. Diana said, "I have been doing proms for more than 20 years. After a few hours into the evening, they begin to drag a bit, so I thought we needed to do something different, something that the kids would really enjoy... something that has not been done anywhere else. This was an event that they will always remember, something that made their prom stand out from all other proms. We kept it a secret from the students so that they would be surprised, and they were! The only student who knew about it was the president of the senior class, Michael George. The class of 2007 is a group of very special group of young women and men, so we wanted to do something equally special for them."

In lieu of favors the class chose to donate money to two charities. In honor of Ashley Williams, they donated \$500 to Beth Israel Hospital, Children's Oncology, and in honor of Thomas McCullen, \$500 was donated to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, local camp sponsorship. Diana noted, "The class of 2007 is the first class in the history of SPSHS to forego their own personal party favors two years in a row, for a more altruistic purpose."



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