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Softball Tournament to Benefit Cammarata

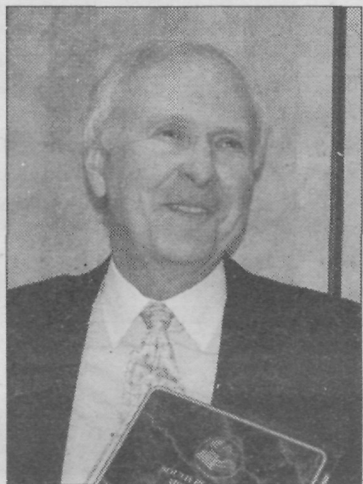
The South Plainfield Police Athletic League will host its annual charity softball tournament at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 21 at SPHS ball fields, to benefit Jamie Cammarata, who passed away last month due to complications from Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML).

Jamie, a 14-year resident of South Plainfield, graduated from SPHS in 1998; in October of 2005 Jamie was diagnosed with AML. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to offset Jamie's medical expenses. The remainder of the profits will be donated in

Jamie's honor to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Northern NJ Chapter in Westfield.

The tournament will have a co-ed and men's league division competition. Food and drinks will be for sale during the tournament.

Too many of South Plainfield's young people have been afflicted with some form of cancer—come out and show your support! Donations can also be made to the South Plainfield PAL, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080, Attn: Detective Chris Colucci.



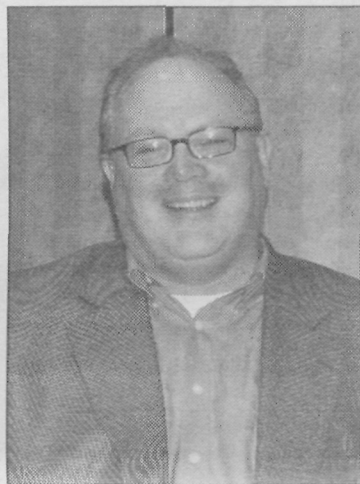
Ronald Kuboski



Bill Seesselberg



Cheryl Austein Casnoff



Michael Price

Four Inducted into SPHS Hall of Fame

Four former graduates of South Plainfield High School were recently inducted into the High School Hall of Fame. The inductees were honored at a luncheon and later spoke at the scholastic awards assembly at SPHS. Plaques in their honor will be hung on the "Wall of Fame" at the entrance of SPHS, where they will join previous inductees.

The first Hall of Fame inductees were named in 1995. Since then between two and four graduates have joined their classmates on the prestigious wall each year. The faces on the plaques watch over the students as they pass through the lobby and serve as role models, reminding students daily that they, too, can make a difference.

Hall of Fame inductees are selected by a committee consisting of one or more Board of Education members, two high school administrators, one or more high school faculty members, one PTA member and four community members.

To be eligible, nominees must have graduated from SPHS or the designated school at least 15 years prior to nomination. Candidates must have achieved a prominent position with significant contribution in the listed criteria of academia, business, community participation, service to humanity or unique accomplishments.

This year, four inductees were added to the Hall of Fame: Cheryl Austein Casnoff, Ronald Kuboski, Michael Price and William Seesselberg.

Cheryl Austein Casnoff, a 1970 graduate, attended Northwestern University where she majored in biological science and minored in pre-med. She graduated in 1970 and went on to Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Public Health,

where she graduated in 1976. She and her husband live in Maryland.

Cheryl is currently a senior health policy executive with a distinguished 30-year public service career in the U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services in public health, health financing and health information technology. She is the associate administrator for health information technology, where she provides leadership for the development and

national implementation of health. Cheryl created and implemented the \$40B State Children's Health Insurance Program, which provides health insurance to about six million children in all 50 states.

Cheryl served on President Clinton's Task Force for Health Care Reform and served as a legislative fellow in the U.S. Senate for Senator David Durenberger. She received numerous awards and recognition, including the Public Health Service Honor Roll from the Association of Yale Alumni in Public Health; the Director's Citation from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; the Secretary's Award for Distinguished Service and the White House Certificate of Appreciation for Health Reform.

July 28 Deadline for Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal Nominations

The deadline for nominations for this year's Labor Day parade grand marshal is fast approaching. This year's theme is "Celebrating 50 Years." If you know of an individual who has con-

tributed 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 accom-

plishments.

Nominations should be sent no later than July 28 to The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

South Plainfield
Cultural Arts Commission

'Dinosaur' Gives Kids Something To Talk About

By Patricia Abbott

The lazy days of summer often run one into another with nothing special to set them apart and nothing to report on when kids return the first week of school and teachers ask, "What did you do this summer?"

But the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission recently offered a temporary cure for those summertime blues with their presentation of Jim West's Dinosaurs at the Edison Valley Playhouse.

West and fellow puppeteer, John Rochette, captured kids' attention in a matter of seconds. "Dinosaurs," a puppet show, offered its audience humor and history as hand puppets ruled the show. The welcome of the puppeteers before the puppets had the youths on the edge of their seats waiting for the 'actors' to make an appearance.

Not a second was wasted as West and Rochette launched into the show, introducing a blue dino named Fossil. Learning was fun and the audience giggled and ogled while they learned about various dinosaurs. A non-historical nor scientific fact the audience discovered was that puppeteers wear all black—including black hoods—to keep the focus on the puppets and not the humans behind them.

The children were offered a brief lesson on how to make one of the huge dinosaurs out of a cardboard box and other simple materials. The show progressed with shadow hand puppets and more lessons on the extinct creatures, all the while keeping the audience enthralled. The program for the show included an insert showing how to create a large box puppet and a variety of paper bag puppets.

For the past 20 years, puppeteer Jim West has performed nationally for thousands of children. He developed and performed the shadow puppets from the Metropolitan Opera production of "Manon," and has appeared on Mister Rogers Neighborhood, showing children the art of shadow puppets. Jim and award-winning puppeteer Marsha Izen co-authored "Why the Willow Weeps," a Doubleday picture book and recently won the Parents Choice Award for the Dog Who Sang at the Opera, a picture book for Harry Abrams Publishers. West and Izen created the Dinosaurs show.

Puppeteer John Rochette is a Rutgers graduate, and due to last minute changes to his bio, that was omitted from the program.

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission presents programs for people of all ages throughout the year.

Girl Scout Amelia Lyte assisted the commission with the production to help earn her Silver Award.



Puppeteer Jim West and a dinosaur puppet made from cardboard and paper. Inset: Puppeteer John Rochette.



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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
August 7	7 p.m.	Immediately following
September 4	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 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
July 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.—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.—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.
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.



Riley School students enjoy a day-long carnival before the end of the school year.

Riley School Holds Year-Ending Carnival

For the first time in Riley School history, school principal Al Czech and the PTSO decided to have one gigantic carnival day as an alternative to individual class trips. It was an enormous success.

The fun-filled day was chaired by Kelly Dunn and could not have been possible without the help of over 40 parents who put on a day of enjoyment that will always be remembered.

The carnival ran from 10 a.m. with non-stop activities until 2 p.m. There were blow-up rides, games, jousting

with the Almost Famous Players' Chris Abbott, face-painting, tattoos, volleyball, tug of war, potato-sac races, cotton-candy, popcorn, pizza and hot dogs. The day wouldn't have been so magnificent without all of the surprise guests. The biggest surprise of all was watching the South Plainfield High School Marching Band walking through the streets to Riley School to perform for the kids.

Just when they thought they had enough, Sparky the Dog from the Somerset Patriots arrived on the scene.

Sparky stayed long enough to walk around the carnival and take as many pictures with the kids as needed. He even stayed for hot dogs and pizza.

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with this memorable day, especially all of the donations that came from Jonathon Murano, Michelle McCormick, Jul McCormick, Mrs. De Nassy and last but not least, Mrs. Czech, for getting us the public address system that let music blast throughout the whole playground.
—Submitted by PTSO VP Stacey Pace

IN MY OPINION

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

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Please be advised that the Observer does not publish anonymous letters.

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To the Editor:

The South Plainfield American Legion Post 243 Auxiliary, 243 Oak

Tree Ave., would like to thank everyone who attended and donated to the Psychic Fair held on May 19 for the benefit of Alyssa Riccardi and her family. It was a great success. We would especially like to thank all of the following businesses in the area that donated gifts for the silent-auction held during this event: Carmen's Trattoria, Oak Tree Farms, Modern Nails, KC's Korner, Flanagan's Restaurant, Lowe's Home Improvement, Pepe's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria, Our Town Deli, Pizza Stop, Dunkin' Donuts, Café Everest, Regal Cinemas, Ferraro's

Food, Luigi's Pizzeria, South Side Salon, Pro Nails, Macy's and American Legion (door prizes).

The auxiliary and everyone that contributed wish the best for Alyssa and her family, and hope this will help relieve some of their burden.

THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

To the Editor:

Thank you Councilman Bengivena for keeping the residents of South Plainfield informed with your letters to the Observer. The time you take to get information out to the public, that might otherwise not be known, is appreciated by me and, most likely, many others. I've yet to see any other council members refute your facts, but that would be something that the voters could benefit from year round; not just during election season. Please keep it up!

Also, thank you to Richard V. Petrone of the Senior Men's Forum. Your time and dedication is appreciated and valuable to those of us that can't make it to the council meetings on a regular basis.

MAUREEN TERHUNE, REGISTERED INDEPENDENT

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Plainfield Animal Hospital and Board of Health Partner to Enhance Pet Safety

Plainfield Animal Hospital, in conjunction with the South Plainfield Board of Health, have begun a new program to help pet owners recover lost pets using state-of-the-art microchip technology. Beginning this month, the Borough will be equipped with a universal scanner that allows town employees to identify lost pets whose owners have implanted them with a special microchip.

According to Dr. Anthony Loomis, a veterinarian at the hospital, the microchip is encoded with data about the animal and is painlessly implanted by a private veterinarian. If a microchip-protected pet becomes lost and is recovered by the town, information about the animal and its owner's identity can be obtained by waving the scanner over the pet. The scanner reveals a code, and then the user calls an 800 number to get the owner's identification and contact information.

The scanner is available thanks to the efforts of Dr. Loomis and Councilman Robert Bengivenga, Jr., both of whom serve on the borough's Board of Health. Bengivenga approached Loomis after local resident Cookie Figler suggested the idea. Loomis immediately agreed to donate the scanner, which is called a "Microchip-Plus Reader." The reader recognizes all microchips, not just those of the manufacturer and it is programmed to read microchips that will be developed in the future.

"I want to thank Dr. Loomis and



Dr. Anthony Loomis (left) and Dr. Scott Linick (center) of Plainfield Animal Hospital present Councilman Robert Bengivenga Jr. with a Microchip-Plus Reader. The equipment helps reunite lost pets with their owners by reading a microchip implanted in the pet's skin. Waving the wand over the pet reveals a code that can be used to obtain the owner's identification and contact information.

the Plainfield Animal Hospital for their generosity," said Bengivenga. "Due to their efforts, pet owners will be spared the anxiety of wondering whether their lost pet will ever make it back home."

According to Dr. Loomis, microchipping is a great tool to help owners reunite with a lost pet. "I was happy to get involved with this project when Councilman Bengivenga approached me. It's a great way to increase pet safety for the residents in town."

While the borough does not im-

plant the microchips, the procedure is available from local veterinarians. Microchips are designed to last the lifetime of a pet—a chip typically lasts at least 25 years. Chips do not need replacing. Once the microchip is implanted, it will remain there and active for the life of the pet.

Spring Lake Jazz Concert This Sunday

The Beacon Hill Jazz Band will perform at the Spring Lake gazebo on Sunday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. under conductor Marty Eigen.

The jazz group began December 2004 with Al Rienzo sax, Dan Brady trombone, Vin Mazolo bass, Guy Ranone guitar and Mitch Germanski drums, who is returning Sunday to perform for Mike Walter. Dave De-Rienzo is also substituting on trumpet for original member, Paul Nagle. Singer Nancy Nelson will also perform.

The concert is part of the Music in the Parks series held in July and August through the Middlesex County Department of Parks and Recreation.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

Kenneth Morgan

Well, it must be a bit tedious waiting in line for your copy of the last Harry Potter book right now. (Like it was waiting for "Jedi" back in 1983.) So, may I suggest something to pass the time? How about the latest news from the South Plainfield Library?

We'll start with the children's activities. We're following our normal program schedule next week. Storytime for children ages three and over will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. Time for 2's & 3's, for children age two and three, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And Books 'n Babies, for children ages three and under, will be held on Friday morning at (you guessed it!) 10:30. You don't have to register for these programs.

In addition, there will be another summer Kidcraft program for children ages five and over, on Monday evening at 6:30. Participants will be designing their own wood photo block. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required; there is a \$1 materials fee, payable upon registration. In addition, the children's Chess Club, for players ages six and over, will meet on Tuesday afternoon at 3:30. Players are welcome to bring their own chess sets; pre-registration is requested, but not required. Also, there's the children's musical program with Robert the Guitar Guy on Thursday evening at 6:30. That's for children ages three and over; pre-registration is requested. If you have any questions about these programs, please call us and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija. (Read ahead for the phone number.)

Not to be left out, there's also a program for young adults next week. It's a "Mystery Game" for young adults in grades 5-12. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. Refreshments will be served. To find out more, please call and ask for Miss Jaimie.

Meanwhile, all three of our summer reading clubs (children, young adult and adult) are open for registra-

tion. Stop by the children's room to sign up for the kids' club, and the Circulation desk for the other two.

On the A/V Circuit front, we're between groups on the Audiobook Circuit; the next group should be available in a few days. Meanwhile, new groups from the DVD and CD Circuits are now ready for circulation. Stop by the circulation desk to check on what's here.

We have space this week to address a question that came up recently. Regarding overdue charges, fines are meant as an incentive to return items on time so that others may enjoy them. Library policy is that fines should not exceed the price of the item. This is done because we don't believe it's fair to say, charge someone \$50 in fines for a \$2.95 paperback. However, this is not meant to imply that paying that amount means you've bought that overdue item.

Truth be told, we'd prefer to have our item back in good condition, rather than your cash. This is because, in some cases, items are out of print or otherwise unavailable and, thus, cannot be replaced. (This is particularly true of Disney videos, which regularly are placed on moratorium.) Also, our budget is rather tight and additional funds are usually diverted to purchase new items rather than replace old ones, no matter how popular. And, most importantly, it's just common courtesy to pay your fines and return the library materials you borrowed, rather than deprive another citizen of that item. (Besides, if you want to buy it, you're better off getting it cheap from Wal-Mart or Target.) So, next time you borrow, say, "Fantasia" and you keep it too long, just return it and pay your fine. It's a momentary hassle, but the next patron who wants it will thank you.

That's about all for today. For more details, please call (908) 754-7885 or visit our Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. See you next Friday.

And don't give away what happens to Harry. Most people prefer to avoid spoilers.

Volunteers Sought to Clean Up Walnut Street Park Stream

There will be a neighborhood litter/trash cleanup along the stream that runs through Walnut Street Park on two upcoming Saturdays. Anyone interested in helping can come to Walnut Street Park at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 28 and Saturday, Aug. 4.

The stream has become clogged with branches that trap litter and create dams. The severe flooding in April highlighted this problem. While borough officials are working to obtain the necessary state permits for a complete stream cleaning, local neighbors have been taking matters into their own hands, pulling out snags and trash. More hands would be helpful.

Trash bags and gloves will be provided. Please bring any useful tools, such as rakes or pitchforks. Rubber boots are highly recommended. For more information, contact R. Callanan at (908) 561-1373.

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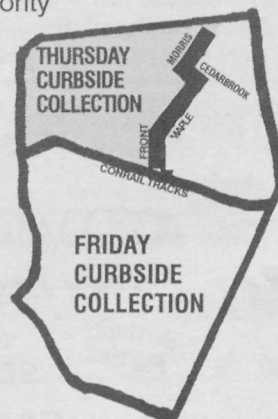
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	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	
July	5	19	6	20
August	2	16	3	17
September	13	27	14	28
October	11	25	12	26
November	8	24*	9	23
December	6	20	7	21

*Holiday change to Saturday pickup

Call MCIA at (800) 488-6242 for information.



The Borough's **RECYCLING CENTER** on Kenneth Avenue - Open Year-Round Tuesday noon-7 pm, Friday 8 am-3 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm - accepts all the above recyclables from residents and businesses, except that motor oil is from residents only. Other materials, accepted from residents only: computers, metal appliances, paint and batteries.

Used Paint Drop-off: 3rd Saturday of each month, 8 am-2 pm
Household Batteries: bring to Recycling Center or Public Library

The Borough's **YARD WASTE SITE** at the end of Kenneth Avenue - Open Spring/Summer (March 16 - September 30): Tuesday noon-7 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm
Open Fall/Winter (October 1 - March 15): Saturday 8 am-3 pm

Open to Borough residents only for leaves and brush. The Road Department collects leaves at the curb in the fall. (Residents may also bring grass clippings to the drop-off. Grass is not a mandatory recyclable. We suggest Cut-It-And-Leave-It instead of bagging.) Your vehicle must have a current Yard Waste Decal mounted to enter the site.

Holiday Closings (closed on Borough holidays and any Tuesday following a Monday holiday):
7/4, 9/4, 10/9, 11/13, 11/22-23, 12/25

Call the Recycling Hotline at (908) 226-7620 for more information.

Around Town

Recreation Trip to Camden Yards

July 29

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

Wesley Methodist Vacation Bible School

July 29-Aug. 2

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., invites all children to become sky scouts at summer Vacation Bible School, Lift Off! Soaring to New Heights with God, July 29 to Aug. 2, 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. Open to children ages four through 12. \$10 per child; not to exceed \$20 per family. Register by July 22.

Questions? Call (908)757-2838.

Free Vacation Bible School at Cedarcroft

July 30-August 3

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel is offering a free, fun-packed week for young people entering first through eighth grades, July 30-Aug. 3, 6:30-9 p.m.

Awesome activities, marvelous music, flavorful food, special features, prizes, quizzes and more will make this week a week to remember! The Cedarcroft Pals Puppets will also be there.

"B Vitamins from the Bible" is the theme for the week. Five parables will be retold with Powerpoint pictures using "Nebbishes."

There will also be a program for ninth through twelfth grades from 9-10 p.m. at the chapel. Discussions will focus on "Does God Pay Any Attention to Me When I Talk to Him?"

For mothers who would like to stay for the evening, a special mothers' class will be offered. For information, call Liz Marder at (908) 757-7598.

To pre-register, or for information,

What's happening at the South Plainfield

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JULY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING EVENTS Program on Memory - July 23 "I Remember BINGO" ... Atlantic City Trips Taj Mahal August 5 & Claridge August 16				Bingo 10am-2pm 20
Knitting/Crocheting 9:30am-11:30am 23 Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am Memory Program 1pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 24 Ladies Social Group 10am	Aerobics 8:45 am 25 Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1pm Line Dancing 10am Crocheting 1pm Tai Chi 2pm	Shopping 9am 26 Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 10am, 11am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm	Bingo 10am-2pm 27
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.				

go to www.cedarcroft.org, click on "Sign up for VBS" and then click again on "Register For VBS Now." Or call Bonnie Ward at (908) 754-3081 or Kingsley Baehr at (908) 757-7598.

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel is located at 1715 Kenyon Ave.

St. Stephen Church Benefit Piano Recital

August 3

A Lutheran World Hunger benefit piano recital featuring Rev. Richard A. Mathisen will be hosted by St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. on Friday, Aug. 3. The concert with commentary will begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$7. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call (908) 757-4474. All proceeds to benefit Lutheran World Hunger campaign of the ELCA Lutheran Church.

First Baptist Vacation Bible School

August 6-10

Come and join us at "Children are Important in God's World" Vacation Bible School. It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Aug. 6-10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Children ages five through entering

the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 a child or no more than \$10 a family. Register through July 30.

For information or to register, call the church office at (908) 753-2382.

Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School

August 13-16

Children ages 4-10 (grades: completed Pre-K to fourth grade) are invited to register for this special program sponsored by the Office of Religious Education. "Water Works Park," where kids ride the wave of God's love, will meet Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities will take place at Sacred Heart Church in the church or outdoors (weather permitting). Dress for the week is casual and comfortable. Children will be welcomed/dismissed each day in the church sanctuary.

Fee is \$10 per child. Questions? Call (908) 756-0633. Non-parishioners welcome! Deadline to register is July 27. Late registration is \$5 more per child.

— Out of Town —

NJPAC Summer Concert Series

Through September 21

The NJPAC will be holding the Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of NJ Summer Concert series through Sept. 21. Tickets range from \$15-\$125 and may be purchased by telephone at 1-888-GO-NJPAC (1-888-466-5722), at the NJPAC Box Office at One Center Street in Newark, or by visiting the NJPAC Web site at www.njpac.org.

Adoption Support

July 23

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) will feature a book discussion on "The Waiting Child" by Cindy Champnella on Monday, July 23 from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. 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.

Mood Disorders And Addiction Talk

July 25

On Wednesday, July 25, the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature speaker Laurence M. Westreich, M.D. at 7:45 p.m. at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship in Morristown. The public is invited to attend.

For information, call (973) 994-1143 or (800) 367-6274.

Blackrose to Perform

July 27

Blackrose, the band playing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will be performing at Tim Kerwins Pub, Rt. 28 in Middlesex on Friday, July 27 at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

Sierra Club Slideshow

July 28

The Sierra Club will hold a free special slideshow presentation and speaker on the N.J. Highlands situation in Meeting Room C at Somerset County Library in Bridgewater on Saturday, July 28 at 3:30 p.m.

RSVP to Angel Butterfly37@aol.com or call (732) 764-9073.

Singles Bowling

July 28

The NJ Young Sierrans Singles (18-29) will hold a bowling event at Strike 'N Spare Lanes in Green Brook on Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. Cost: \$5 per game, plus \$4.75 for shoes.

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

Sierra Singles Dinner

July 28

The Sierra Club Singles will hold a dinner and game night at The Office Restaurant in Bound Brook on Saturday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. Cost is what you order plus 25% tax and tips. RSVP to AngelButterfly37@aol.com or (732) 764-9073.

— SPHS Reunions —

SPHS Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion

Save the date! Our 30-year reunion is set for Saturday, October 27 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 Maureen Readie at (908) 754-3455 or email gveinott@comcast.net, or contact Francine Martinkovic at (818) 990-6843 or email kit961@earthlink.net. Hope to see you there!

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 South Plainfield Columbiettes • South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop
 And all those who attended this year's festival

Al Musmanno and Don Jackson
And Father Maciej Melaniuk, Pastor

IN MY OPINION

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To the Editor

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Women's Auxiliary recently held a three-day fundraising event at Gabrielle's on Centennial Ave. in Piscataway. The event was created to raise money for nine-month old Matthew Hannon, who has been diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, an aggressive form of cancer.

Gabrielle's graciously donated 10% of each patron's bill on June 23, 24 and 25. The total for the three days was \$500, but Gabrielle's did something amazing—they matched that amount and gave Matthew Hannon a check for \$1,000. Extraordinary!

The owner of Gabrielle's, Anthony Gabrielle, and manager Debbie Page are truly amazing people! I can't begin to thank everyone who participated—you know who you are—but I can publicly and proudly thank Gabrielle's. Your generosity is most appreciated and for that, the family of Matthew Hannon and the SJPBC Women's Auxiliary are truly grateful.

**TREE OLANO AND LORI CULLEN,
CO-PRESIDENTS OF
SPJBC WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**

Library Music Program for Kids

The South Plainfield Library will host a children's music program on Thursday, July 26 at 6:30 p.m.

The program will feature Connecticut-based performer Robert the Guitar Guy in his first appearance at the library. The program is for children ages three and over. There's no charge for this performance; pre-registration is requested.

The library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex on Plainfield Avenue.

For information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit the library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. For more information about Robert the Guitar Guy, please visit his Web site at www.roberttheguitarguy.com.

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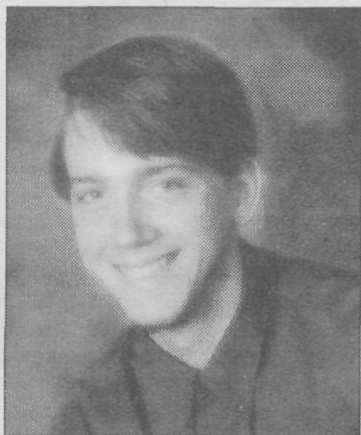
Brigitte Nowicki-Yefko
Licensed Realtor for 20 Years
NAR Circle of Excellence Award Winner

Seesselberg Named to Dean's List at Hofstra University

Jeffrey Seesselberg, a 2006 graduate of South Plainfield High School, has been named to the dean's list at Hofstra University for the Spring 2007 semester.

Jeffrey is majoring in film studies and production, with a minor in psychology. He has also completed the training necessary to join the staff of the campus radio station, WRHU-FM and is a member of other organizations, including Drastic Measures, a male a capella singing group on campus, and the Hofstra Filmmakers' Club.

Hofstra University is located in Hempstead, N.Y.



Jeffrey Seesselberg

Toth Named to Dean's List at Ramapo College

Adam Toth has been named to the Dean's list for the Spring 2007 semester at Ramapo College of New Jersey. He is working towards a B.S. in biochemistry and a minor in music. He has finished his junior year and will be taking his MCATS this August.

Adam had also been inducted into Sigma Xi, the scientific research society. Currently he is doing an internship on cancer research at Strong Children's Research Center at the University of Rochester Medical Center.

southplainfieldpeople Milestones



(L-R): Drexel University President Constantine Papadakis with South Plainfield resident and Drexel graduate, Ravi A. Patel, and honorary degree recipient Donna Shalala, the longest-serving U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Patel Graduates from Drexel University

Ravi A. Patel graduated from Drexel University with a perfect 4.0 GPA. More than 4,000 students received degrees from Drexel this year—the largest graduation class in the University's 116-year history.

Ravi graduated from Drexel's College of Arts and Sciences. He was congratulated by Drexel President Constantine Papadakis and College of Arts and Sciences Dean Donna Murasko.

The son of Geetia and Arvind Patel, Ravi attended South Plainfield High School.

Donna Shalala, the longest-serving U.S. Secretary of Health and Human

Services, from 1993-2001, and professor political science and president of the University of Miami, received a Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*.

Founded in 1891, Drexel is ranked by the U.S. News & World Report among the 2007 Best National Universities—Top Schools in "America's Best Colleges."

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LEGAL NOTICE

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

RENEE McCOY, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

HEALTH NET, INC., HEALTH NET OF THE NORTHEAST, INC. and HEALTH NET OF NEW JERSEY, INC.,

Defendants.

Civ. Docket No. 03-1801
Hon. Faith S. Hochberg, U.S.D.J.

ZEV and LINDA WACHTEL, individually and on behalf of their minor children, TORY, JESSE and BRETT WACHTEL, and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

HEALTH NET, INC., HEALTH NET OF THE NORTHEAST, INC. and HEALTH NET OF NEW JERSEY, INC.,

Defendants.

Civ. Docket No. 01-4183
Hon. Faith S. Hochberg, U.S.D.J.

ORDER

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TO: ALL PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE, OR WERE, FROM APRIL 1, 1997 TO AUGUST 31, 2004 SUBSCRIBERS OR BENEFICIARIES IN ANY LARGE OR SMALL EMPLOYER PLAN, OTHER THAN IN A NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER PLAN, WHO RECEIVED MEDICAL SERVICES OR SUPPLIES (INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, SURGERY, ANESTHESIA, AND THE LIKE) FROM AN OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDER AND FOR WHOM DEFENDANTS MADE REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS LESS THAN THE PROVIDERS' ACTUAL CHARGE (THE MCCOY CLASS); AND

ALL PERSONS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO ARE, OR WERE, FROM JULY 1, 1995 TO AUGUST 31, 2004 SUBSCRIBERS OR BENEFICIARIES OF ANY NEW JERSEY SMALL EMPLOYER PLAN, WHO RECEIVED MEDICAL SERVICES FROM AN OUT-OF-NETWORK PROVIDER AND FOR WHOM DEFENDANTS MADE REIMBURSEMENT DETERMINATIONS LESS THAN THE PROVIDERS' ACTUAL CHARGE (THE "WACHTEL CLASS").

This Notice is provided to you pursuant to Rule 23(c) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and by Order of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey. A Notice of Pendency of Class Actions has been mailed to all persons believed to be members of the Wachtel and McCoy classes informing such members of the certification of two consolidated class action lawsuits, now pending in the District of New Jersey, that have been brought on behalf of the two classes described above. The class action complaints name as defendants Health Net Inc., Health Net of the Northeast, Inc., and Health Net of New Jersey, Inc. ("Defendants").

If you are a member of either the Wachtel or McCoy classes identified above, your rights may be affected by these consolidated actions. You have, among other things, the right to exclude yourself from these class actions by submitting a written request for exclusion postmarked no later than September 10, 2007, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice of Pendency of Class Actions. If you believe that you are a member of either the Wachtel or McCoy classes and have not received a copy of the Notice of Pendency of Class Actions, you should obtain this notice by contacting the Claims Administrator by mail at: Health Net Class Action Litigation, c/o Berdon Claims Administration LLC, PO Box 9014, Jericho, New York 11753-8914; by fax at: (516) 931-0810; by phone at: (800) 766-3330; or via the website at www.berdonclaims.com.

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Dated: July 20, 2007

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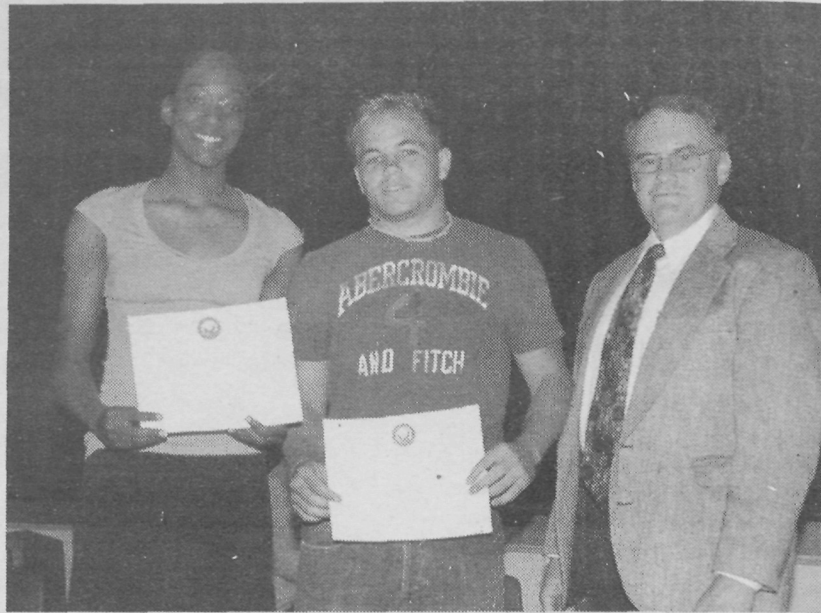
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Boyle Memorial Foundation in Memory of James and Doris Boyle—Michael Stallone, Tiffany Smith, Daniel McCreesh, Michael Jakubik, Katie Hardy, Delaquan Hardin, Stephanie Falzarano and Kelly



U.S. Navy Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award—Mike Jakubik and Asia Hollis.



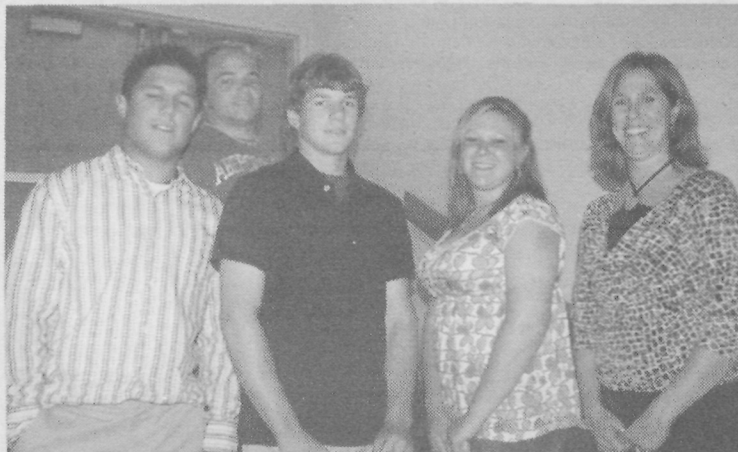
U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award Program—Samuel Martin, Megan Boyle.



Sons of American Legion—Katheryn Noonan and Kyle Corrado.



Roosevelt School PTA—Lauren Frazzano.



South Plainfield Football Eagles—Nicholas Dorey, Michael Jakubik, Billy Ashnault and Caitlyn Brindley.

(Continued from last week's Observer)

• **Loretta Cooper Memorial Scholarship**—(\$500) Katie Hardy.

• **U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar/Athlete Award Program**—Samuel Martin and Megan Boyle.

• **South Plainfield Soccer Club Scholarship**—(\$500 each) Jackie Miller and Nicholas Baldassarre.

• **Sons of American Legion**—(\$500 each) Katheryn Noonan and Kyle Corrado.

• **Roosevelt School PTA**—(\$750) Lauren Frazzano.

• **South Plainfield Football Eagles**—(\$500 each) Nicholas Dorey, Michael Jakubik, Billy Ashnault and Caitlyn Brindley.

• **South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association**—(\$500 each) Megan Boyle, Katie Hardy and Jackie Miller.

• **South Plainfield High School Field Hockey Association**—(\$500 each) Brittany Hollis, Ai Phi Nguyen; (\$250 each) Nicole Benak, Julianne Bosse, Susan Mott and Selene Rayho.

• **Rotary Club Adele deLeeuw Scholarship**—Lauren Frazzano, Nicholas Baldassarre, Matthew Gigantino and Sean Walsh.

• **South Plainfield Golf Association**—(\$500 each) William Padula, Charles Decker, Daniel Hubner, Samuel Martin and Daniel McCreesh.

• **The Club at Ricochet**—(\$1,000) Cassandra Hoffman.

• **South Plainfield Wrestling Club**—(\$500 each) Nick Dorey, Bryan Hunt, Billy Ashnault, Mike Jakubik, Sam Martin and Cassandra Hoffman.



The Club at Ricochet—Cassandra Hoffman.

• **South Plainfield High School Boosters of the Musical Arts**

• **Spisso Award for overall musical achievement**—(\$1,000) Taylor Mandel.

• **D'Alessio Award for Achievement in the Company Front**—(\$500) Kathleen Eder.

• **SPHS Boosters of the Musical Arts Scholarships**—(\$500 each) Justin Pauls, Andrew Keraga; (\$250 each) Tara O'Keefe, Katheryn Noonan, Cassandra Hoffman and Kate Elizabeth Reichert.

• **South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Edward J. Devine Memorial Scholarship**—(\$2,000 each) Daniel McCreesh and Daniel Hubner.

• **South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company Joseph Delaney Memorial Scholarship**—(\$2,000) Travis Noll.

• **South Plainfield Education Foundation Scholarship**—(\$1,000/year for 4 years) Melissa Budhan.

• **Emil Leporino Memorial Scholarship**—(\$1,000) Amanda Harzula.

• **Robustelli Family Foundation**—(\$3,000) Samantha Granski.

• **P.D. Foundation**—(\$300) Rony Urtecho.

• **Jeannette Smalley Memorial Scholarship**—(\$750) Sara Holbrook.

• **Michael DeCarlo Memorial Scholarship**—(\$1,000) Sean Walsh.

• **South Plainfield High School PTA**—(\$1,000 each) Jacquelyn Miller, Christine Lanza; (\$500 each) Meghan Hartmann, Jennifer Little, Christopher Stallone, Ashley Little and Daniel Hubner.

• **South Plainfield Tiger Shark Dive Team Scholarship**—(\$250) Megan Boyle.

• **South Plainfield Tiger Shark Swim Team Scholarship**—(\$250) Ryan Egan.

• **Betty McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship**—(\$300) Ryan Egan.

• **Franklin School PTO Thomas B. Lenahan Memorial Scholarship**—(\$1,000) Brittanie Wong.

• **Chad Cook Memorial Scholarship**—(\$500) Erick Gonzalez.

• **Boyle Memorial Foundation in Memory of James and Doris Boyle**—(\$3,000 each) Michael Stallone, Tiffany Smith, Daniel McCreesh, Michael Jakubik, Katie Hardy, Delaquan Hardin, Stephanie Falzarano and Kelly Downes.

• **U.S. Navy Outstanding Scholar Athlete Award**—Mike Jakubik and Asia Hollis.

• **Academic Team**—Tony Joe, John Carigma, Wael Kanj and Christopher Burke.

• **Scholastic Honor Society**—Michelle Alcantara, Kimberly Arki, Paul Assad, Cathryn Avery, Karylaine Baker, Nicholas Baldassarre, Nicole Benak, Tina Bijlani, Dorian Bishop, Julianne Bosse, Caitlyn Brindley, Kiran Budhan, Melissa Budhan, Christopher Burke, Dana Cacciatore, John Carigma, Amit Chandler, Ying Chen, Kristen Ciandella, Jeffrey Cianfrocca, Samantha Cihanowyz, Zakiya Clark, Jonathan Clary, Kyle Corrado, Ryan Curtis, Dianna Dimayuga, Kelly Downes, Stephen Dvorak, Kathleen Eder, Matthew Emery, Matthew Fabino, Alexandra Fodor, Melissa Franzson, Lauren Frazzano, Lauren Fry, Kimberly Galinsky, Ashleigh Gaspari, Jerold Geczy, Garrett Gianneschi, Matthew Gigantino, Samantha Granski, Katie Hardy, Meghan Hartmann, Amanda Harzula, Jessica Hill, Sara Holbrook, Asia Hollis, Brittany Hollis, Brianna Howarth, Daniel Hubner, Trucly Huynh, Lalchan Jainarine, Tony Joe, Cassandra Hoffman, Gauri Joshi, Wael Kanj, Devin Kile, Christine Lanza, Phuong Le, Ashley Little, Jennifer Little, Charles Loiacono, Taylor Mandel, Stephanie Mazurak, Daria McCall, Daniel McCreesh, Erin McGill, Nicole Miglis, Jacquelyn Miller, Jennifer Mocerino, Chintan Mody, Carrie Moore, Anthony Moretti, Susan Mott, Katheryn Noonan, Tara O'Keefe, Jennifer Okuski, Ricardo Ortiz Modesto, Stephen Parelo, Nicholas Pasquale, Aarti Patel, Meshva Patel, Sonali Patel, Ai Phi Nguyen, Kelly Piwowar, Christopher Pollin, Jessica Pryor, Thomas Pryor, Leslie Quichua, Trevor Rastelli, Selene Rayho, Kate Reichert, Karla Reyes, James Rivas, Anarish Rivera, Kimberly Russell, Daniel Sambat, Joseph Scarpitto, Christina Schuetz, Lori Sepkowski, Christopher Stallone, Michael Stallone, Ceaphas Stubbs, Geovana Toca, Steven Tran, Michael Troia, Joseph Turrise, Rony Urtecho, Jessica Vasquez, Alexandra Viscosi, Sean Walsh, Brian Wieckowski, Brittanie Wong and You Zhu Wang.

• **ESL Department Awards, Most Improved Student in ESL**—Yuka Moritaka and Angie Cruz.

• **World Language Department Award: Spanish**—Karla Reyes; **French**—Tina Bijlani.

• **English Department Awards: English**—Kathleen Eder; **Journalism**—Nicole Scott.

• **Physical Education Department Award**—Sarah Brooks and Jeffrey Cianfrocca.



Loretta Cooper Memorial Scholarship—Katie Hardy.

• **Mathematics Department Award**—Christopher Burke.

• **Social Studies Department Award**—Tony Joe and Sean Walsh.

• **Science Department Award: Environmental Science**—Jacquelyn Miller; **Physics**—Ying Chen; **Chemistry**—Meshva Patel; **Biology**—Tina Bijlani.

• **Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame**

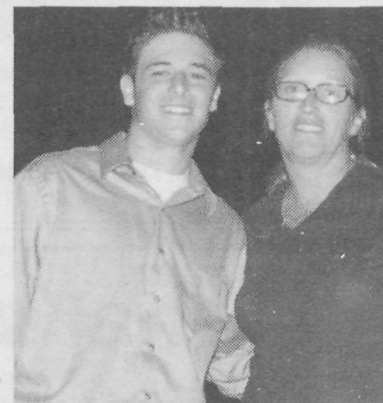
• **Outstanding Achievement in Art**—Carrie Moore and C.J. Stubbs.

• **Vocal Music**—Darren Kaczowski.

• **Drama**—Darren Kaczowski and Katie Noonan.

• **Instrumental Music**—Taylor Mandel.

• **President's Award for Education Achievement**—Trevor Rastelli, Karla Reyes, Christine Lanza, John Carigma, Matthew Emery, Tony Joe, Zakiya Clarke, Sara Holbrook, Meghan Hartmann, Katheryn Noonan, Taylor Mandel, Dondray Hardin, Ai Phi Nguyen, Charles Loiacono, Alexandra Viscosi, Jeffrey Cianfrocca, Lauren Frazzano, Tina Bijlani, Kate Reichert, Christopher Stallone, Sean Walsh, Jacquelyn Miller, Brittanie Wong, Lori Sepkowski, Cassandra Hoffman, Gauri Joshi, Michael Stallone, Matthew Gigantino, Robert Parelo and You Zhu Wang.



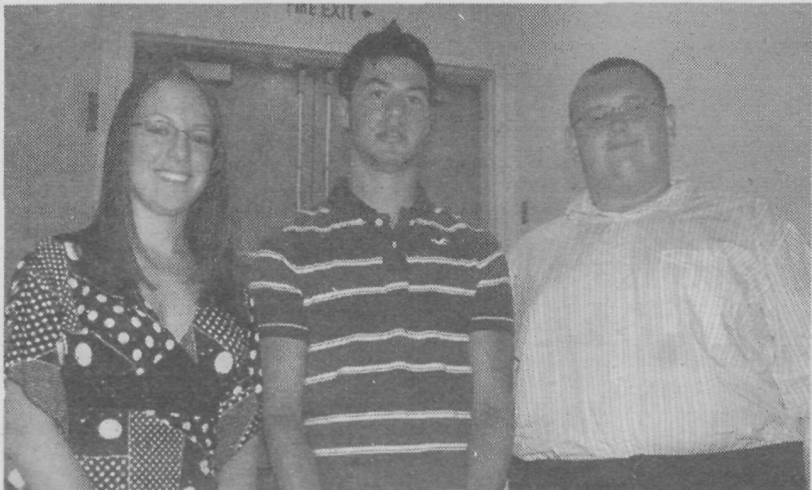
South Plainfield Tiger Shark Swim Team Scholarship—Ryan Egan.

• **South Plainfield High School Leadership Program**—William Ashnault, Cathryn Avery, Nicole Benak, Tina Bijlani, Dorian Bishop, Megan Boyle, Dorothy Cameron, Samantha Cihanowyz, Katelyn Conrad, Samantha Corvelyn, Charles Decker, Nicholas Dorey, Matthew Fabino, Lauren Fry, Ashleigh Gaspari, Michael J. George, Nicholas Giannakis, Delaquan Hardin, Katie Hardy, Asia Hollis, Brittany Hollis, Daniel Hubner, Kate Reichert, Christopher Stallone, Tiffany N. Smith, Jessica Vasquez, Brittanie Wong, Bryan Hunt, Michael Jakubik, Briana Jennings, Darren Kaczowski, Wael Kanj, Hannah Levine, Ashley Little, Jennifer

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Little, Maria Lopez, Amanda Makowski, Taylor Mandel, Samuel Martin, Daria McCall, Daniel McCreesh, Nicole Miglis, Jacquelyn Miller, Susan Mott, Otheo Muse, Ai Phi Nguyen, Kathryn Noonan, Sonali Patel, Leslie Quichua, Tiffany M. Smith, Michael Stallone, Geraldine Valladaress and Alexandra Viscosi.

South Plainfield Elks Lodge No. 2298 Gery Fantazir and Rose Napoliello Memorial Scholarships—(\$1000 each) Tiffany M. Smith and Charles Decker III.

Prodigal Foundation—Nicole Benak and Daniel McCreesh.

South Plainfield Education Association—(\$1500) Michael J. George.

Fabricland of North Plainfield—Fabricland Textile and Design Award—(\$300 Gift Certificate)—Yasmin Munoz.

Italian American Club Scholarship—(\$500 each) William Ashnault, Ashleigh Gaspari and Michael Jakubik.

Wellesley College Book Award—Gauri Joshi.

South Plainfield High School Guidance Department—(\$250 each) Ryan Curtis and Desirae Davis.

Junior Woman's Club of South Plainfield, Maryanne Helfrich Memorial Scholarship—(\$500) Zakiya Clarke.

Middlesex County School Boards Association Student Recognition Award—Meghan Hartmann.

Scholar-Athlete Awards

• **ETS-NJSIAA Scholar (Athlete Award)**—Daniel Hubner and Lauren Fry.

• **GMC Scholar (Athlete Award)**—Christopher Stallone and Brittany Hollis.

• **NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Award**—Jacquelyn Miller

President's Award for Educational Excellence—Amit Chandler, Daniel Hubner, Samantha Granski, Kimberly Galinsky, Christopher Burke, Meshva Patel, Wael Kanj and Ying Chen.

Principal's Award For Educational Improvement—Andrew Keraga and Stephanie Hansen.

Middlesex County Principals and Supervisors Association Outstanding Student Award—Michael J. George.

Rotary Club Senior of the Year—Dondray Hardin.

Academic Letters—(student who have been on the Honor Roll for three out of four marking periods in one academic year)—Jessica Flood, Kyla Rouse, Yuka Moritaka, Hannah Levine, Amanda Morales, Amy Haus and Amonda Jenkin.

First Honor Roll Pin—(On the honor roll three out of four marking periods each year)—Ryan

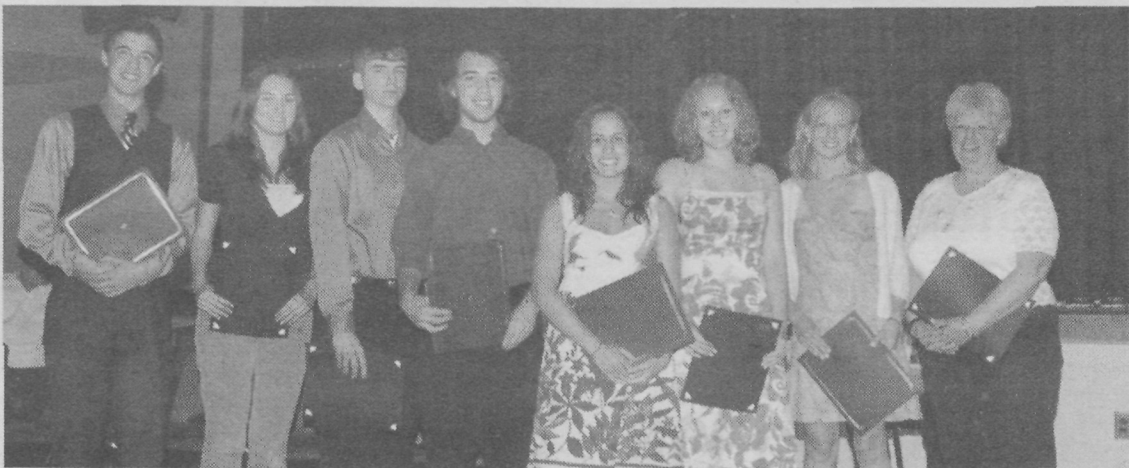


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Second Honor Roll Pin—Lauren Frazzano, Lori Sepkowski, Meghan Hartmann, Nicole Miglis, Sean Walsh, Tara O'Keefe, Zakiya Clarke, Andrew Keraga, Courtney Brelend, Derika Catalano, Jewel Catlyn, Lauren Fry, Maria Lopez, Michael Jakubik, Padmani Itwaru, Stephen Dvorak, Tony Joe, Amanda Makowski, Brittany Marino, Dana Cacciatore and Harrison Donahue.

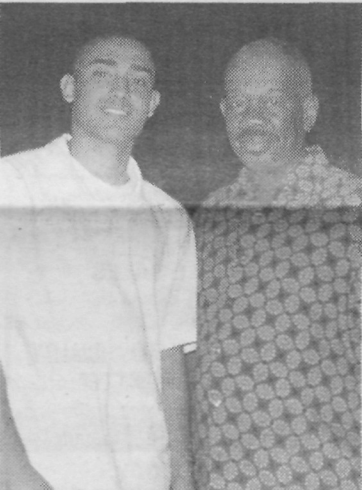
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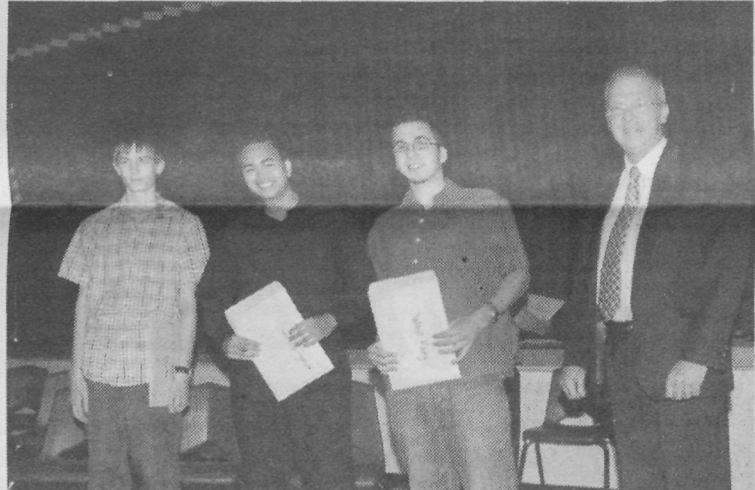
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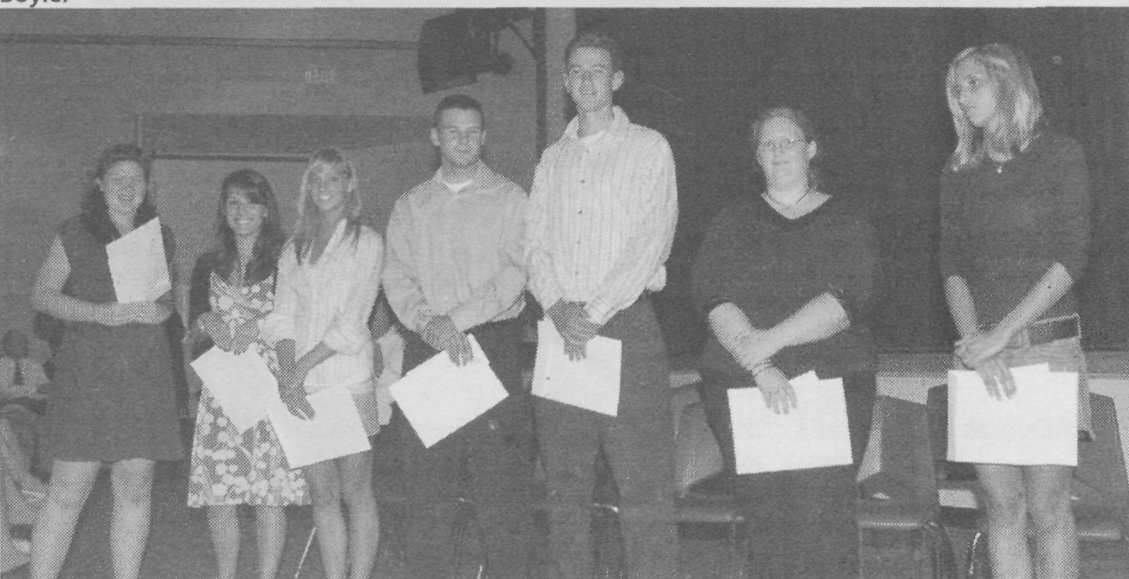
Academic Team—Tony Joe, John Carigma, Wael Kanj and Christopher Burke.



South Plainfield Tiger Shark Dive Team Scholarship—Megan Boyle.



South Plainfield Golf Association—William Padula, Charles Decker, Daniel Hubner, Samuel Martin and Daniel McCreesh.



South Plainfield High School PTA—Jacquelyn Miller, Christine Lanza, Meghan Hartmann, Jennifer Little, Christopher Stallone, Ashley Little and Daniel Hubner.

Sports

Ponytail Softball Hosts All Star U14 Tournament

The Parents Ponytail Association hosted their Sixth Annual U14 Summer Sluggers Tournament recently and what a beautiful weekend it was for softball.

The weather was perfect, the snack stand was flowing with pork roll and cheese sandwiches, fresh fruit cups, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, ice-cream and candy.

Twelve teams participated in the tournament. South Plainfield played Iselin Friday night and won 7-1. They came back on Saturday to beat the Abington Angels 8-1 and the Jackson Renegades 5-4. With hard work and dedication they went undefeated and were third in preparation for the big games on Sunday.

Sunday afternoon they went up against the Flemington Flames, who were ready to play. South Plainfield was determined to win this game and what an exciting game it was to see. The defense and offense was awesome. At the bottom of the seventh inning, both teams were tied at 10, and went into an international tie-breaker. The Flemington Flames scored two runs in the top of the eighth, making the score 12-10. But with the determination of team manager James Bishop, coach Tom Gratta and the girls (who would not give up and played with their hearts and souls), the all stars returned to the plate scoring three more

runs, winning 13 to 12 and making it to the semi-finals.

Next they had to face team Iselin Insanity. What a day for the all-stars. Their defense and offense were ready and willing to play to their fullest potential. By the bottom of the seventh inning, both teams found themselves tied 4-4 and had to play yet another international tie breaker to stay in the tournament and compete in the finals. Iselin Insanity scored three more runs, making the score 7-4. The South Plainfield girls knew they had to play hard, but unfortunately came up short scoring only two more runs in the bottom eighth, losing the game 6-7. What a heartbreaker. The girls walked away with their heads held high and proud of their accomplishments.

The teams who made it to the finals were the Jackson Renegades and Iselin Insanity. Jackson took first place, beating Iselin 11-1.

Next up are tournaments in Bergenfield and Monroe.

Many thanks to those who made the tournament yet another success story. First, thanks to the teams that participated, to the umpires who worked hard and called the plays and most of all, the parents who volunteered their time and energy. Without them, this tournament wouldn't have been possible.

Dive Team Competes Against Cedar Hill

The Tiger Sharks Dive Team competed against Cedar Hill on June 25. The 8 and unders did very well. Ashli Bell received a score of 36.05 and a second place ribbon. Catherine Vill earned a score of 31.65 and a third place ribbon. Claudia Aljain's score was 23.00; Brianna Spadavecchia's score was 30.40; Grace Hageman's score was 28.10 and Danielle Bythell's score was 13.50. They all earned a participant ribbon.

Ben Sheaffer earned a score of 40.45 and a second place ribbon. Cliff Adkins received a score of 27.90 and a third place ribbon. Dominick Faustini's score was 10.00; Danny O'Shaunessy's score was 22.90; Ryan Boettcher's score was 23.30; and Jack O'Shaunessy's score was 26.55. They earned participant ribbons.

The 9/10's were amazing. The girls took the top three. Kyrsten Grabinsky received a score of 82.70 and a first place ribbon. Nicole Sortiriu had a score of 72.15 and a second place ribbon.

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Nicole Bythell earned a score of 65.90 and a third place ribbon. Moriah Garcia's score was 53.80; Madison Faustini's score was 43.90; and Stephanie Bohn's score of 18.90. They each earned a participant ribbon. There was only one boy competing in this age group, Nicholas Spadavecchia, who received a score of 41.90.

The 11/12 year old girls all received great scores. Jena Cianfrocca's score of 93.05 earned her a first place ribbon. Miranda Garcia's score was 70.00; Jamie Bohn's score was 64.20; Kimmy Petronko's score was 52.50; Shannah Conway's score was 47.45 and Catherine Vill's score was 45.15.

Jack Green received a score of 89.25

and earned a first place ribbon. The 13/14's did marvelous and received spectacular scores. Laura Biggs earned a score of 109.30 and a fourth place ribbon. Allison Wagner earned a score of 103.75 and a fifth place ribbon. Jessica Bohn earned a score of 80.10 and a sixth place ribbon.

The 15+'s ended the first meet of the season Julia Zappi earned a score of 100.45 and a third place ribbon. Alexandra Petronko earned a score of 90.40 and a fourth place ribbon. The boys took the top four. Stephen Wagner received a score of 139.60 and a first place ribbon. Michael Boyle received a score of 135.20 and a second place ribbon. George Graves earned a score of 124.30 and a third place ribbon. Logan Green earned a score of 77.85 and a fourth place ribbon.

We are so proud of everyone. Stop by the pool to check out our "board" and see when our meets are and come cheer us on.

Submitted by Alexandra Petronko

Swim Team Loses to East Brunswick by Six

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks hosted a meet against East Brunswick last week. It was difficult to declare the winning team until the very last relay. South Plainfield lost first place in the last relay and also lost the meet with a score of 158 to 152.

East Brunswick is one of the most difficult teams in the league to beat, and the South Plainfield swimmers

almost did it.

The meet began with Enzo Butrico (10 and under) taking first place in the Individual Medley. Third place wins were captured by Liam McDermott (11/12) and Matt Moates (13-18) in the same event.

In the longer freestyle events, Emily Piekarski (13-18) was South Plainfield's only first place winner. Kelly O'Brien (10 and under) and Gracie Piekarski (11/12) took second in their freestyle events.

The boys were able to capture four first place ribbons in the butterfly events. They were Nick Gurrieri (8 and under), Aidan McDermott (9/10), Zak Post (13-14) and Philip Luzny (15-18). Greg Bellizzi and Alan Kasmer took second and third place wins for the 15-18 year olds, making it a clean sweep. Marcel Green (9-10) and Anthony Gurrieri (11/12) placed second, while John Dean (13/14) placed third in the same event.

For the breaststroke, Megan McDermott (8 and under) and Madison Faustini (9/10) both took home first place blue ribbons. Kate O'Brien (13/14) scored a second place win and Cristina Butrico (11/12) and Brenna Dean (15-18) placed third.

The boys also took four out of five first place wins with the freestyle events. Nick Gurrieri (8 and under),

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Aidan McDermott (9/10), Anthony Gurrieri (11-12) and Philip Luzny (15-18) were the blue ribbon winners. Taking home red second place ribbons were Enzo Butrico (9/10), Brian Babinetz (13/14) and Greg Bellizzi (15-18). Zak Post (13/14) and Matt Moates (15-18) took home the white third place ribbons.

The girls swam backstroke, and Gracie Piekarski was the only South Plainfield swimmer to capture first place in the 11/12 age group. Taking second place wins in backstroke were Megan McDermott (8 and under), Kelly O'Brien (9/10), Taylor Aljian (11/12) and Emily Piekarski (15-18). Chelsea Cullen placed third in the 13/14 age group and prevented East Brunswick from making a sweep.

The boys swam the medley relays. In the 8 and under age group first place ribbons went to Nick Gurrieri, Miles Green, Cristian Butrico and Nick Pezzolla. Second place ribbons went to Donovan Carter, Kyle Bythell, Michael Stanczak and Ben Sheaffer.

First place ribbons were awarded to the 9-12 boys. They were Aidan McDermott, Liam McDermott, Anthony Gurrieri and Enzo Butrico. The boys in the 13-18 age group also placed first. Zak Post, Philip Luzny, Brian Babinetz, and Matt Moates were the

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Joanne Rosato requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit construction of a two-family house, a variance for lot width and mean lot width and for any other variances that may be required, said property being located at 158 Teeple Place, Block 254, Lot 17 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, August 23, 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

July 20, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

July 13, 2007-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its' meeting held on July 12, 2007.

A. Case #01-06/Bifurcated-Federal Metals & Alloys Co., Inc. Block 467.01; Lot 31; 1416 South Clinton Avenue. The applicant's request for administrative approval to substitute an underground detention basin for a previously approved above ground detention basin was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #23-07-Robert and Tara Voelkel. Block 23; Lot 15; 516 Melrose Avenue. The applicant's request for a lot coverage variance in order to erect a (1) story addition and lot over coverage was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #24-07-Jeffrey T. Plum. Block 39; Lot 4; 1509 Kenyon Avenue. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance from Fifth Street to allow an existing (1) story deck to remain was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.

D. Case #26-07-Michael Mackenzie. Block 128, Lot 1; 2031 South Central Avenue. The applicant's request for front and rear yard setback variances to locate a pool in his rear yard was hereby DENIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary, Board of Adjustment

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July 20, 2007

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Regardless of the type HVAC system you have, you can save money and increase your comfort by properly maintaining and upgrading your equipment. However, you must use the whole-house approach, which includes high energy-efficient equipment, proper maintenance and upgrades with appropriate insulation, air sealing and thermostat settings.

Heating and Cooling Tips:

- Set your thermostat as high as comfortable in summer and as low as comfortable in the winter.
- In the summer, keep window coverings closed during the day to prevent solar gain.
- In the winter, keep window coverings open in the day so the sunlight can enter your home, and closed at night to reduce the chill.
- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed. Make sure they are not blocked by furniture, carpeting or drapes.
- Replace or clean filters on furnace once a month or as needed.
- Have a professional bleed trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season.
- Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between the radiators and exterior walls.
- Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done.

Long-Term Savings Tips:

- When you buy a new heating and cooling system select the energy-efficient products. Your HVAC contractor should measure your home to insure the system is adequate for your needs and should give you energy fact sheets for different types, models and designs to help you compare energy usage. For furnaces, look for high Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) ratings. The national minimum is 78% AFUE, but there are energy star models on the market that exceed 90% AFUE.
- For air conditioners, look for a high Seasonal Energy Efficiency Ratio (SEER). In January 2006, the requirement for central air conditioning increased to 13 SEER. The energy star models are 12 SEER or more. The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy lists the energy performance of the most energy-efficient furnaces, boilers, AC units and heat pumps on its Web site: www.aceee.org.
- Work with a reputable HVAC contractor so your duct systems and equipment is installed at the highest efficiency.

Submitted by Lee Tran, Edison Heating & Cooling, Inc.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

July 9, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on June 28, 2007.

- A. Case #57-05/Bifurcated—Auto Salvage of South Plainfield, Block 477; Lot 1; 138 Ryan Street. The applicant's request to withdraw this application without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.
- B. Case #18-07—Anthony P. Klett, Block 323; Lot 3; 806 Bergen Street. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to erect a 1st level deck was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.
- C. Case #19-07/TU—PTC Therapeutics, Block 258; Lot 46.24; 100-200 Corporate Court. The applicant's request for a temporary use permit for an office trailer to be placed on the site was hereby GRANTED for a period of (6) months from the adoption of this resolution.
- D. Case #21-07—Francis V. Fusaro, Block 122; Lot 78; 66 Leeds Drive. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance in order to erect a covered porch w/an add-a-level was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

Obituaries

Helen S. Tennenbaum, 61

Helen S. Tennenbaum of South Plainfield passed away on Sunday, July 8 at The Center for Hope Hospice Father Hudson House in Elizabeth.

Helen was born in New York City and resided in South Plainfield most of her life.

She was a graduate of St. Thomas Aquinas of Brooklyn, New York.

Helen worked at AT&T for 20 years until she retired. Shortly thereafter, she became employed as a secretary for Sacred Heart R.C. Church, where she handled the Holy Redeemer Cemetery administrative clerical duties.

She was a longtime dedicated member of Sacred Heart R. C. Church and was the past president of the Columbiettes.

Helen enjoyed line dancing, crocheting and arts and crafts.

Her family and friends and all those who were fortunate to know her will sadly miss Helen.

She is predeceased by her parents, Emanuel and Helen Tennenbaum and a sister, Maryann Tennenbaum.

Helen is survived by a son, Adam and wife Jennifer of South Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Fu-

neral Home.

The family kindly requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions be made in Helen's name to The Center For Hope Hospice, 111 DeHart Pl., Elizabeth N.J. 07202

Peter C. Ingraham, 62

Peter C. Ingraham of South Plainfield passed away on Monday, June 25 at JFK Medical Center.

All services were private and held at the convenience of the family.

Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Charles Pohira, 84,

Charles Pohira passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 5 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born in South Plainfield, Charles was a long time resident of North Plainfield.

Mr. Pohira served honorably in the United States Army during WWII in the German and Japanese theatres.

He was employed at Westinghouse in Edison, before retiring after several years of service.

Mr. Pohira was an avid golfer and an active member in the South Plainfield Senior Citizen Center, VFW and American Legion of South Plainfield.

He is pre-deceased by a sister, Helen Esolda and a brother, Michael.

He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Helen Grare Pohira; a daughter, Ellen and husband Paul McCarthy of New Jersey; a brother, John of Florida and four sisters, Ann Zampella of Maine, Mary Yaczyn of New Jersey, Pauline Zahuta of Florida and Margaret Lewkow of Colorado.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Mr. Pohira's name to Overlook Hospital Outpatient Oncology Center, 99 Beauvoir Ave., Summit, N.J. 07902.

Anita Napolitano, 81

Anita Napolitano died Saturday, June 30 at Tidewell Hospice Care Center in Venice, Fla.

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, she lived in South Plainfield for 25 years before moving to Bricktown, and then to Venice, Fla. in 1997.

She was employed with Singer Sewing Center and was a member of

the Danish Club in Sarasota, Fla.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Andrew Napolitano; three daughters, Cecilia Richel of Bedminster, Donna Rickards of Brick Township and Lisa Napolitano of St. Louis, Mo. She is also survived by three grandchildren and a brother in Denmark.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her memory to the Tidewell Hospice and Palliative Care, Development Department, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238.

Samuel Maldonado, 87,

Samuel Maldonado of Plainfield passed away on Sunday, July 8 at home with his loving family by his side.

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Cheryl is very active in her community and beyond. She is the piccolo line chief for the Washington Redskins Marching Band, a flute member with the Bay Winds Band, Potomac Valley Bernese Mountain Dog Club, Northwestern University Alumni Admissions Council, Association of Yale Alumni in Public Health, B'Nai Israel Congregation and the Annapolis Gourmet Club.

Ronald Kuboski, a former SPHS English teacher, is a 1962 graduate. He attended Sacred Heart School prior to entering SPHS. He attended King's College, where he majored in English and minored in philosophy. He graduated in 1968 and holds an MA in communications from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has been married for 30 years, has four daughters and resides in Hillsborough.

He has a long and diversified list of experience and accomplishments. Ronald taught at SPHS from 1968-1978. He was a favorite teacher of many students who still comment on his interesting classes. He coached varsity basketball and baseball for the school from 1974-1978. He also coached varsity basketball at Holy Trinity High School in Westfield for

several years.

He managed training and communications for Twin County Grocers Inc. from 1979-1998. In 1998 he became the sole proprietor of Lavin and Kuboski Communications and Training business, which provided training for companies throughout the state.

In 1994 he became adjunct professor of communications at Kean University, Middlesex County College and Mercer County Community College. Ronald is an English teacher at Ocean Township High School.

Ronald volunteers for a wide variety of organizations, including coaching girl's basketball and softball for a CYO and a recreation program. He works for the senior citizen program in Somerset County and is a volunteer parent at Immaculata High School, Somerville.

Ronald's awards include Daily News Coach of the Year, 1975; Middlesex County Coaches' Coach of the Year, 1975 and winner of two state IRIS writing awards for the International Association of Business Communicators, 1992 and 1994.

Mike Price, a 1976 graduate, attended Kennedy Elementary School and Cedarcroft Junior High School. He graduated from Montclair State

University, Upper Montclair in 1981 with B.A. degree in Theatre Arts. He earned a Master of Fine Arts degree in directing for the theatre from Tulane University in New Orleans. Mike currently resides in Los Angeles, California. He and wife Monica have one son, Wills, 10.

Mike appeared in the first Summer Drama Workshop production of "Bye Bye Birdie" as Hugo Peabody. Throughout the years he became a regular on the SDW stage, appearing in "Oliver," "The Music Man," "Finian's Rainbow" and "Annie Get Your Gun." In 1982 he co-directed Summer Drama Workshop's "On The Town" with South Plainfield resident Randall McCann.

Price is a writer and co-executive producer for the popular TV show "The Simpson's," for which he won an Emmy for his work. He received a Writers Guild Award and was nominated for the WGA award. He has also worked as a co-producer/writer for other network sitcoms, including "The PJs," "What About Joan" and "Teen Angel." He worked as a writer and a story editor on several other animated series and was a writer and co-executive producer of the ABC series, Disney's "Teacher's Pet."

William Seesselberg graduated SPHS in 1972. He attended the original Grant School, Franklin, Kennedy and Cedarcroft Junior High School. He graduated from Temple University with a bachelor of arts degree in communications. Bill and his wife, Dianne, have two sons, Jeffery and Christopher.

He is an editor for broadcast and corporate programs, editing news, sports and entertainment. He has been a freelance editor/director for videos for 16 years.

Bill was very active in theater arts throughout high school. A four-year member of the Tiger Marching Band, he played clarinet, bass clarinet, baritone saxophone and drums. He was a member of the chorus and sang with the elite boy's choir, The Jades. He was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout.

When the high school received their first video recording equipment, Bill began recording sports and athletic events. He described the Panasonic black and white camera as "big as a milk crate" and their reel-to-reel recorder could only record 30 minutes of tape. Bill found his calling early, explaining, "That time behind the camera got me interested in television as a career, and today, with video cam-

eras taken for granted, not only in homes but also on cell-phones and other devices, that one piece of new technology sparked my interest, and I am still in the career I found through a side journey here at SPHS."

Bill has been a strong supporter and an integral part of theater arts development in and around South Plainfield for many years. He was involved with the Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) program for many years, starting as a producer for the second production in 1973. In the late nineties he formed the SDW board and was its first president. He was instrumental in the renovation of the Edison Valley Playhouse, writing the grant application for the \$100,000 in state funds which revived the theater. He has worn many hats for the theater and is on the board of productions. Bill has been involved with and/or directed many theater groups over the years, including Somerset Valley Playhouse, Unicorn Production and Parish Players. Beyond the world of theater arts, Bill is involved with scouting and has served as a Labor Day parade chairman, on the SPHS Music Booster Club, is a member of the South Plainfield Republican Organization and much more.

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• On July 11, Jonathan O. Branch, 28, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• On July 13, Brian Mauldin, 34, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, speeding and a outstanding warrant.

• Everic L. Underwood, 33, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, fictitious inspection sticker and an outstanding warrant.

• Joseph Spencer, 30, of Somerset was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• On July 14, Carl E. Liedke, 60, of Allentown, Pa. was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and no license.

• On July 15, Carlos O. Soto, 24, of South Plainfield was arrested for no license and outstanding warrants.

• Lamont Yarrell, 44, of Linden was arrested for a fraudulent inspection sticker and an outstanding warrant.

• On July 16, Aubrey S. Polk, 35, of North Brunswick was arrested for driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

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Swim Team Loses By Six

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winners. Third place ribbons in the same age group also went to Alan Kasmer, Greg Bellizi, Ryan Lind and John Dean.

The girls swimming the freestyle relays captured second and third place in the 8 and under category. Second place winners were Megan McDermott, Justice Lipuma, Grace Hageman and Katelyn Borsos. Third place winners were Sydney Christian, Elizabeth Lee, Mackenzie O'Brien and Maggie Magollon.

In the 9-12 age group the girls placed second. Swimming on that relay were Gracie Piekarski, Taylor Aljian, Kelly O'Brien and Madison Faustini.

Swimming the last relay for the 13-18 age group and taking second place were Jillian Murphy, Chelsea Cullen, Maggie Valentino and Emily Piekarski. First place wins in their heats for the backstroke were by Evy Peregrin, Maggie Quintanilla, Gracie Hageman and Isabella Mosquera.

For the freestyle heats, first place winners were Matt Lind, Gregory Forbes and Donovan Carter. Miranda

Garcia and Amy Zinsky placed first in their heats for breaststroke.

New swimmers for the team in the 9/10 age group are Christian Gonzales, Daniel Sprenger, Nicole Bythell, Moriah Garcia, Matthew Lind, John O'Sullivan, Elissa Mackenzie, Elizabeth McCormick, Ed Sheaffer, Kimberly Stanczak, Marcel Green and Emma Piedlaro.

The 11/12 new swimmers are Andrew Sanchez, Carlee Gonzales, Marcos Toapanta, Richard Doung, Erin Shea, Mo Shea, Mary Ann Novack, Nicole Stanczak, Vanessa Mosquera, Anindya Mehta, Angela Spadavecchia and Miranda Garcia.

The new swimmers for the oldest age groups are Lauren Shea, Brenna Dean, Greg Bellizi, Sean Hille and Jillian Murphy.

Many thanks to the coaches for their hard work that makes the Tiger Sharks a team that is outstanding both in and out of the water. Also many thanks to all the Tiger Shark parents for timing, scoring, averaging, setting up and taking down. Without the hands of many, a meet could not take place.

Literacy Volunteers Looking for Tutors

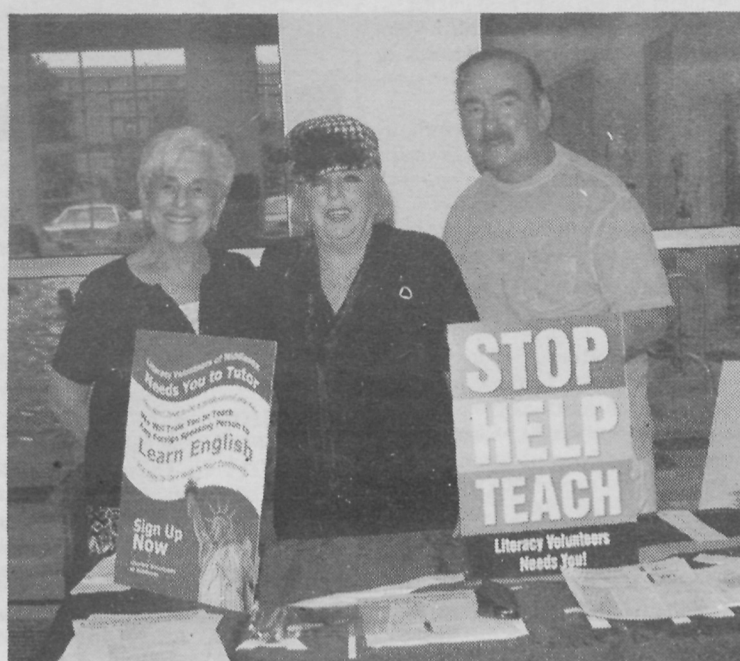
South Plainfield residents Ken and Audrey Reisch, who devote many hours a week as literacy volunteers, are asking residents to join them in volunteering their time helping others learn to read and speak the English language. They are asking for volunteers to join the Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex (LVM).

Ken and Audrey teach English as a Second Language to immigrants wanting to improve their English conversation skills at Piscataway's John F. Kennedy Library.

Volunteering to tutor doesn't take a lot of time, but the benefits and rewards are worth far more than the effort extended.

The Reisch's interest in literacy and English began in 1988. Within the course of a year after their three children married, the Reisch's decided they wanted to give back to the community by reaching out to help newcomers to our country. They opened their empty home to exchange students and hosted over 100 foreign exchange students from all over the world, whose knowledge of English varied greatly.

Ken and Audrey joined and graduated from the Literacy Volunteers of America program and began helping people learn to read and speak better English. They joined the LVM when they moved from Westbury, N.Y. to South Plainfield four years ago. This group of volunteers teach the necessary basic skills in reading, speaking and writing English. They are looking for volunteers who would like to



Ken and Audry Reisch, along with Esther Glick (left), have been visiting various businesses around South Plainfield in an effort to recruit tutors for the Literacy Volunteers of Middlesex.

join them in tutoring.

LVM offers individuals who wish to become tutors a combined training program that enables them to tutor students. Tutors who are identified as a potential "small group" trainer receive extra group training.

The organization was started by 24 libraries in Middlesex County to carry out their literacy mission. LVM believes that literacy services should be community-based and readily accessible to everyone and anyone who is in need of these services. Libraries are one of the best vehicles for delivering

our services.

LVM provides free one-to-one Basic Literacy or ESL instruction for adults in a library close to home. This program is the safety net for that segment of the population for whom traditional adult education programs are either inaccessible or too difficult. Many of our students are prevented from taking part in the adult school classes because of their work schedule and/or transportation problems.

For more information or to join LVM, call (732) 432-8000.

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The SPSHS Booster Club recently held their reorganization meeting. The club helps provide equipment for the sports programs. If you have a child involved in athletics, please volunteer your time at the indoor and outdoor snack stands.

The Borough Council meetings can be seen on Comcast Channel 74 Monday evenings at 8 p.m. Anyone interested in purchasing a DVD copy should contact BOE member Debbie Boyle or Jane Dornick at the *Observer*. Copies are \$12 and go towards the SPSHS Graphic Arts Dept. who produce the show.

Thank you to Scott DelVecchio of New Image Landscaping who donated the time to repair the sprinklers

at the high school softball field. Please continue to support our local businesses.

The new ticket booth and storage facility at Jost Field is nearing completion thanks to all of the businesses that donated their time and materials to the project.

There is now a MySpace page on the Helen Street Project which contains maps, articles and information on the proposed truck route, with a blog for comments. Visit myspace.com/helenstreetproject.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Muglia, Moretti and Cammarata families. Congratulations to high school teachers Cameron and Angela Green on the birth of their daughter.

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