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OLC Pastor Emeritus Dies at 76



Metuchen Bishop Paul Gregory Bootkoski, Knights of Columbus members and clergyman pay their respects to Father John M. Skwara, Pastor Emeritus, Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church, who died last Friday.

Father John M. Skwara, Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church, died July 11 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Father John was ordained on May 23, 1959 and celebrated his first Mass of Thanksgiving on May 24, 1959 in his home parish, St. Hedwig's Church in Trenton. He served as associate

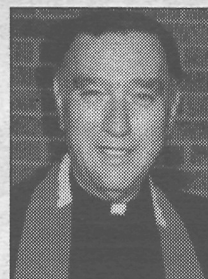
pastor in St. Mary's Church in South River, temporary administrator for Holy Family Church in Carteret and All Saints Church in Burlington, then as an associate pastor for Holy Cross Church in Trenton. While in Trenton, he was a full time chaplain for the Trenton Fire Department, serving them for seven years.

On June 12, 1972, he was named Pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church in South Plainfield. Under Father John's leadership, Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church grew from 50 families to over 650 families. A new church was built and consecrated on December 5, 1976 and through his administrative abilities, Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church was able

to celebrate with a mortgage burning dinner in April 1989. He retired in 2002.

A Mass of Christian Burial, led by the most Reverend Bishop Paul Gregory Bootkoski, was held on Tuesday, July 15 at Our Lady of Czestochowa.

For Father Skwara's complete obituary, see page 9.



Fr. John M. Skwara

Local Marine Killed in Crash

Marine Sgt. Thomas Neiper, 25, died as a result of a motorcycle accident early last Friday. Neiper was serving a second tour of



duty in Iraq and was home on leave at the time of the accident.

According to police, Neiper lost control of the motorcycle he was riding on a dark curve on the roadway leading to the Outerbridge Crossing into New Jersey. Apparently he was killed instantly.

Neiper was a graduate of South Plainfield High School Class of 2000. He enlisted in the Marines in 2002, and reenlisted in 2004.

The Marine Corps provided a full Color Guard at his funeral, including a 21-gun salute. For Neiper's obituary, see page 9.

Council Meeting Continued to July 21

At their July 14 meeting, the Borough Council decided to continue the meeting until Monday, July 21 to allow council members the opportunity to attend funeral services for Father John M. Skwara, Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Czestochowa.

The council was scheduled to vote on two ordinances that would rescind the weight restrictions on Hamilton Boulevard, thus allowing trucks back onto the boulevard.

A report by the Edison Wetlands Association on the PCBs found in the Bound Brook on the Cornell-Dubilier Superfund Site scheduled for the July 14 meeting will be presented at the August 4 meeting.

A special meeting which was scheduled for July 21 to award contracts for improvements to various roads in the borough will be incorporated into this meeting.

The meeting will be held in the council chambers of Borough Hall starting at 7 p.m.

Local Rock Group Makes Television Debut



The Command Radio (L-R): Matt Madurski, Paul Brasil, Joe Scarpitto, Taylor Mandel, Ryan Egan and Ike Ejiochi.

The Command Radio, the funky, soulful rock group from South Plainfield, is on the verge of something much larger than the local bars and

clubs of New Jersey that they've been playing for years.

Tomorrow, Saturday, July 19 The Command Radio will have their in-

ternational television debut on Fox television's hit show Fearless Music TV at 12:30 a.m. Fearless Music TV is a late-night showcase of musical acts that has featured notable performers such as Paramore, Gym Class Heroes, MXPX, Head Automatica, and more. The program is syndicated throughout the nation, and also airs in Brazil. The show is now available in 45 million households and is going on its third season.

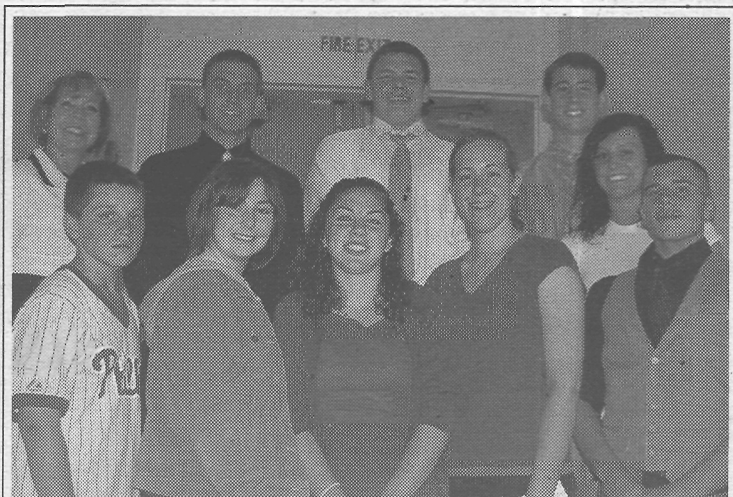
The Command Radio consists of six master musicians: Ryan Egan, lead vocals; Matt Madurski, guitar; Joe Scarpitto, bass guitar; Taylor Mandel, trumpet; Ike Ejiochi, saxophone; and former Clark resident Paul Brasil on drums. Although some of the members have been playing together for nearly six years, the current lineup has been together for roughly 10 months and has already accomplished a lot. This past February marked the release of their newest 11-track album, "Take Control," now available online at www.myspace.com/thecommandradio, at concerts, or from any band member.

The amount of feedback the band has been receiving from their current endeavors is endless. This recent streak of success has helped motivate the band to continue their musical journey and stop at nothing to reach their goals.

The band recently linked up with

manager, Avery Keyes of Jamar Ellis Management, and has begun taking large steps towards making musical history. "This group is the hardest working, and soon to be most innovative, musical act of their generation. Bringing together a hard rock sound comparable to legends such as Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin perfectly mixed with a soulful funk sound much like the Parliament Funkadelics and Stevie Wonder, The Command Radio has created a completely new genre of music," stated Keyes.

-Submitted by Kristin Adochio



Recipients of the 2008 Boyle Memorial Foundation Scholarships—Scott Barton, Stephanie Kelly, Chris Pennisi, Matt Moates, Brooke DeNitzio and Scott Hunterdon with presenters, Deborah, Megan, Michael and Patrick Boyle. For a complete listing of SPHS Class of 2008 scholarship recipients, see pages 6 and 7.

The Big Issue

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INMYOPINION

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To the Community:

After reading Ms. McDonough's letter in the July 4 issue of the *Observer*, we realized that the community doesn't have the facts regarding the building of the new library for South Plainfield.

These are the facts: Sometime in 2003 former Mayor Dan Gallagher approached the library director and the Library Board of Trustees about the building of a new library. That proposal was adopted by the Borough Council and then the Library Board. Soon after the council approved the adoption of building a new library, the Borough purchased the land on Plainfield Avenue for the construction of the new library.

Surveys were distributed regarding different aspects for the new library so that we had the public's input. At no time in the history of South Plainfield did any project have more public input than it did for the building of a new library. Through every stage of development there were open public meetings. Plans were presented by the architect and/or members of the board at each monthly library meeting, at numerous Borough Council meetings, at South Plainfield Planning Board meetings, and for the Senior Men's Forum during that four year period. There were at least three additional meetings held at the library so that the public could add their input.

At each step of development the Library Board of Trustees did not pro-

ceed until they had the approval of the Mayor and Council. No citizen should have felt "coerced or bullied" into doing something. There were many opportunities for public input.

At the beginning of 2008 some members of the present council decided to put the building of the new library on the Democracy Week Ballot for a non-binding decision.

These are the facts. We hope this would put an end to the discussion. We also have members on the Board who are on fixed incomes, and no one wants their taxes raised, but we proceeded at each step with the approval of our elected officials.

**CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY,
SOUTH PLAINFIELD LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

To the Editor:

I read an opinion letter in the July 11 issue of the *Observer* questioning why trees were being removed on Linden Avenue between East Crescent Parkway and Maple Avenue. The letter challenged the reasoning for cutting down the trees in order to put in sewer lines. I was at the special town hall meeting in June where it was explained by Councilman Matt Anesh that the roots of the trees would cause problems for the drainage lines that were proposed to be installed. In addition the trees are right on the edge of the pavement and are damaging the mac-

adam. Also, it is my understanding that this project calls for drainage lines to be installed and not sewer lines.

It should be noted that all this information was presented by Councilman Anesh in detail at the special town meeting. It should also be noted that the meeting was well attended and there was not one opposition and much praise and thanks for this project.

Councilman Anesh explained that speed humps will be installed in the area to slow down commuter traffic. The speed humps have nothing to do with the tree removal. We had a fatality in front of our house a few years back and are very thankful that the speed humps are being installed.

**SINCERELY, TOM STILLMAN,
EAST HENDRICKS RESIDENT**

Dear Sir/Madame:

I am a junior at South Plainfield High School and have been nominated to represent my school and community as a member of the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

The Congressional Youth Leadership Council nominates exceptional students from around the country to attend an experiential educational program. This will be a powerful experience, enabling me to interact with many prominent men and women.

Attending this program will enable me to further my interest in the field of politics and reach my career goals of becoming an ambassador. I maintain a 4.03 GPA, am involved in student council, student leadership, Help Darfur Now, Jersey History Club, the Middle States Planning Team, the Tiger 24 committee, six medals for track and field and certificates for tutoring younger students and participating in the Diversity Council Seminar at Kean University.

Imagine if you had the opportunity for a life-changing experience when you were in high school and were unable to participate for lack of funds. That is why I am writing this letter.

My participation in the conference depends on whether I can raise \$2,400 in sponsorships (tuition is \$1,600 and travel expenses are \$2,100). I am investing every dollar I can of my own money to make sure I don't miss out on this unique experience.

I am hoping that you will consider assisting me with all or some of these

costs. My tuition must be paid no later than July 25.

To make a contribution, contact me at (908) 754-7884 or the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.

**SINCERELY,
ANDREW NGUYEN**

Dear Editor,

Since South Plainfield's budget year just ended, it seemed like the right time to report on some of the 2008 council's accomplishments in its first six months.

The most exciting news is about borrowing. We've been able to cut borrowing by two-thirds. Last year the council borrowed \$1.9 million. On average, the governing body borrowed \$1.6 million every year for the last five years. I'm happy to report that borrowing this year will be about a third of that.

Reduced borrowing hasn't meant lack of progress though. Costs for some of our big projects are coming in well under estimates, and we've been able to use grant money to offset much of the construction costs.

A good example of saving costs was the repaving of Metuchen Road, a project spearheaded by Council President Rob Bengivenga. By using our public works employees to do the work we saved 12% over what it would have cost us to use the county (the way paving was handled in the past). A big thank-you to the crew at public works for their superb work.

Other projects are also about to begin. Tompkins and South Plainfield avenues are about to be resurfaced, with most of the costs being paid for by grants. These projects came in almost \$200,000 below estimates.

In addition, the curb replacement program is being re-started, with three of the worst streets in town slated for this year and several more for next year.

Along with the Recreation Commission, we've also invested in our parks by giving Cotton Street Park a much-needed facelift that includes regrading it with donated topsoil and adding new storm sewer lines.

The "Safe Streets, Safe Kids" pilot project put together by Councilman Matt Anesh is also about to start. We'll be testing speed humps on portions of Linden Avenue, Terrace Avenue, East Crescent Parkway, East Hendricks Boulevard, and Selene Avenue, to deter speeding and we're also looking at enhanced signage and road markings by

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our elementary schools.

These projects would be impossible if we weren't also maintaining financial accountability. To do that we've been focusing on administrative costs. We eliminated the full-time social worker position, and we combined three administrative jobs into two by having our CFO take over the job of Administrator and by having our Director of the Office on Aging take over as Borough Clerk. These moves saved us over \$100,000.

While there's been lots of progress, there's still lots to do. We invite residents to attend our council meetings to see what else we're doing to make South Plainfield a better and more affordable community. Hope you can join us.

COUNCILMAN RAY RUSNAK

Dear Editor,

I am proud to be one of the Democratic candidates for Borough Council. One of the initiatives that my runningmate, Franky Salerno, and I strongly support and would work hard to maintain is our party's commitment to curbing development and preserving land through the acquisition of open space. Preserving open space not only contributes to our quality of life in the present, it provides long term benefits for future generations. And best of all, funding available through the

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Special Public Meeting	Monday July 21 at 7 p.m.
August 4	August 11
September 2 (Tuesday)	September 8

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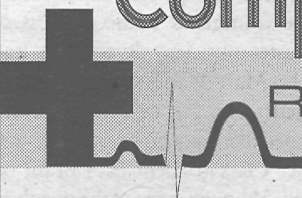


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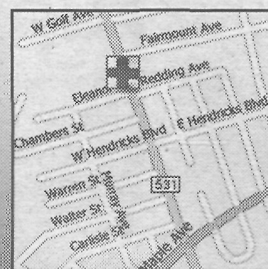
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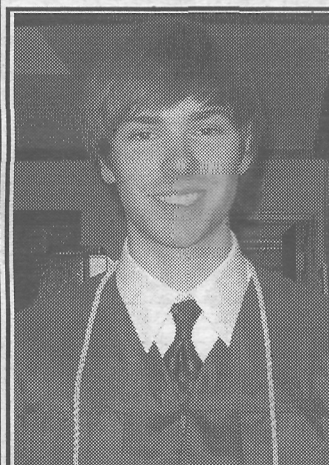
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Bobby Stilo

SPHS Class of 2008



Congratulations Bobby!!
Love, Dad, Mom, Julie,
Katie and Natalie

Generations of Vendors and Workers Recognized at the OLC Dinner

The theme of this year's dinner celebration at Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish was "Generations." The dinner was held to thank the volunteers and vendors who work at The Feast of St. Anthony each year.

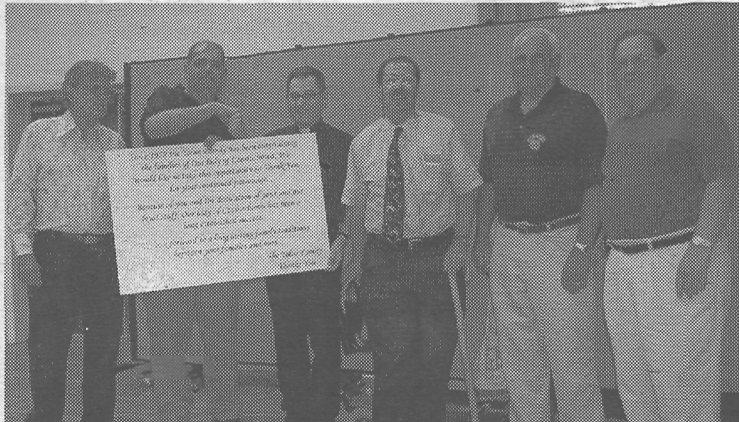
Steve Tolve of Tolve Rides began working at the feast more than 30 years ago, when he was about 15 years old. He was learning how to weld and helped his father, John Tolve, Sr., put together the Tolve rides, along with his other brother, John Jr. Since then both brothers have continued to run the Tolve rides each year. They are the second generation of Tolve ride leaders.

Zeppoli vendor Anthony Mandato is also the second generation to work at The Feast of St. Anthony. His father and uncles, who have since passed away, made zeppoli and calzones more than 30 years ago at the feast.

Two other second generation vendors are the shish-ka-bob booth that Romeo Concina started. It has now been taken over by his son, and Mom's Kitchen, also manned by a second generation son. There are first, second, third and fourth generation families who continue to enjoy and/or help out at the feast each year.

Parishioners who worked the very first feast now have their sons and daughters working. Many of those original workers are now in their 60s and 70s, but they still enjoy running the fundraiser each year.

Many on the leadership crew who began working years ago are still around. Al Musmanno started the feast and served as its first chairman. He once again served in that capacity. Don Jackson is still leading the troops in the games, setups and breakdowns.



(L-R): Frank Vendola-original ferris wheel operator, Steve Tolve, Fr. Maciej Melaniuk, Al Musmanno, Don Jackson and Jerry Byrne.

One of the longest serving workers is Ed Larsen, still leading the environmental committee in setup and clean-up. Other original workers are Anne Campanelli, Betty Muglia, Jo Balko and Terry Kaschak, who can be found in the Polish kitchen, making and selling pierogi and meatballs. Frank Mikorski and Joe Zekas still volunteer as members of the finance committee.

Father John Skwara, Pastor Emeritus who retired in 2002, was instrumental in starting the feast. Father John passed away on July 11. He had attended the fundraiser each year as

an honored guest. He will be sadly missed by the OLC family of parishioners.

Families wait all year for the first week of June, and travel near and far from New Jersey and beyond, to enjoy the "Boardwalk in South Plainfield," as the feast is now known.

Inside Parish Hall, a plaque hangs on the wall honoring those workers who have passed away. Their names are inscribed on the plaque, and a moment of silence is observed at the beginning of all planning meetings to show respect for those who came before.

Increased PCB Levels Found in South Plainfield's Bound Brook

Edison Wetlands Association (EWA) and Chapin Engineering were scheduled to make a presentation at Monday nights Borough Council meeting on the escalating PCB contamination found in the Bound Brook at the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics Superfund Site. EWA Executive Director Bob Spiegel and Chapin Engineering President Rich W. Chapin were to give the presentation. Due to the death of Father John Skwara, the meeting was postponed so members could attend his services. The EWA will present their report at the Monday, Aug. 4 council meeting which starts at 7 p.m.

The public health threats associated with cancer-causing PCBs at the Superfund site were to be discussed. Among the findings and recommen-

dations of the Chapin Engineering report are: the EPA study shows major PCB increases since 1997 when the last samples were taken, that the public access to the Bound Brook corridor should be immediately restricted by erecting a security fence and that an assessment of the current PCB levels in the Bound Brook's biota be undertaken, and the current public fish advisory should be updated to reflect the significantly increased levels of PCB contamination.

EWA is a grassroots non-profit organization dedicated to protecting human health and the environment through conservation and the cleanup of hazardous waste sites.

For information or questions, contact Bob Spiegel at (732) 841-9375 or (732) 321-1300.



The wrong LifeLines article was inadvertently submitted for publication in the July 11 issue. Following is the article that should have appeared in last week's paper, with apologies to Pastor Olson-Smith.

Last month, I read an article in *The Star-Ledger* (06/06/08) about pastors in Hanover who are lobbying "township officials [to] ban sports games on Sunday mornings." While I respect their passion, I strongly disagree with their aims.

For far too long, the church has expected the culture to do its own work-demanding people come in to a building, instead of sending the church out to people. Seeking a Sunday sports ban is an example of such inside-out thinking. It is also, admittedly, a losing battle. The days when our culture sent people to church are over. This is good news. For now, we can learn what it means to be sent by God, along the way discovering Christ alive and at-large in all places.

Inside-out thinking starts with the basics. Church is not a place; it is a people. Church buildings hold many sacred memories and house many holy events, but a building is not the gift we have to share. The gift is Jesus.

Just as he promised, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in word and bread and the people (a.k.a. "the church") sent out with both. Deep trust in Jesus' presence reveals how powerful is our simple presence with others. Wherever we are with others, just being there is what counts most, because Christ is with us.

Members of South Plainfield churches are sports players and coaches. Many of us consciously embrace these roles as ministry or unconsciously do ministry anyway. Coaches doing ministry are fair and caring, especially to the least talented or least loved team members. Players doing ministry are honest and earnest, concerned about the welfare of the team as much as about winning the game. We who want to

ban Sunday sports have much to learn from our sisters and brothers. For many live what it means to be sent.

Jesus was sent to show the world how great is God's love and how very near is God's kingdom. Jesus is already present at Sunday soccer games, at the A&P when we have our only chance to shop, around the kitchen table while we read the Sunday paper in our pajamas. Jesus is already there, and the work of the church, our duty and joy, is simply to go say so.

So let's not ban sports. Let's go with Jesus to the game! Let's share the word we heard and the bread we broke together. That is, after all, why Jesus called us to follow in the first place.

LifeLines is a monthly Observer column written by area churches. This article comes from Pastor Clark Olson-Smith, St. Stephen's Lutheran Church.

De-Stress Your Relationship Program

The program "Five Ways to Create Great Relationships" will be held at the library on Thursday, July 24 at 7 p.m.

The program for adults will be led by Judy England-McCarthy, a certified massage therapist and Nationally Certified Therapeutic Massage and Body Worker since 1998. In addition to talking about relationships, she'll also give some pointers on de-stressing techniques. No pre-registration is required.

Tickets Available for "Little Mermaid"

The Recreation Department has 43 tickets to the Broadway show, "Little Mermaid" (not "Wicked" as previously reported) on Sunday, Sept. 7. Bus leaves the PAL at 11:30 a.m. for the 3 p.m. show. Tickets are \$130.

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Classic Cruise Night

July 18

Elks Lodge #2298 is holding the first Classic Cruise Night on Friday, July 18, 6 to 10 p.m. at 1254 New Market Ave. Cars (1932-1975) and motorcycles are welcome. Food, music, trophies, 50/50. Rain date is July 25.

Call (908) 561-4433 or (908) 668-9750 for more information.

SPHS 1968 40th Class Reunion

July 19

South Plainfield High School Class of 1968 40th reunion will be held at the American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue on Saturday, July 19 from 7 to 12 p.m. Cost is \$50 per person with a cash bar.

For information, call Bonnie Gundersen Risoli at (908)-896-7739.

The Lizard Guys at Senior Center

July 23

The library is sponsoring a special children's program featuring the Lizard Guys on Wednesday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held at the South Plainfield Senior Center, located at 90 Maple Ave.

The Lizard Guys is a NJ-based educational entertainment group that provides live animal presentations with lizards, snakes, turtles, frogs and various bugs for children ages four and over and is presented free of charge. No pre-registration required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Visit the Lizard Guys at www.thelizardguys.com.

SPBA Meeting

July 24

South Plainfield Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 24 at 9 a.m. at Sher-

What's happening at the

SENIOR CENTER

JULY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 24 – Hunterdon Hills Summer Musical Luncheon, bus, show - \$65

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

22

Aerobics 8:30 am
Computer 10am, 11:30am, 1pm
Line Dancing 10am
Crocheting 1pm
Tai Chi 2pm

23

Pathmark Shopping 9am
Crafts Class 10am
Computer Class 10am, 11:30am, 1pm
Exercise Class 1:15pm
Hunterdon Hills 10am

24

Bingo 10am-2pm

25

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ban's Diner on Front Street. Feel free to offer incentives of your business at the meeting or be a guest speaker. This month's "Spotlight on Business" segment will be Graphix One.

Contact Debra Anne Leporino, SPBA president, at SPBAPres@aol.com if you would like to be a guest, a guest speaker or do a five-minute presentation on your business.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

July 26

The South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post 243, along with Boy Scout Troop 207, will be holding a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, July 26 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue.

If you have an "Old Glory" that is worn or torn beyond repair and can no longer fulfill its duties and would like to have your flag retired, drop your flag off prior to Saturday, July 26 in the drop box at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals located at 2425 Plainfield Ave., or you may bring your flag to the American Legion Post that

Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. Please do not drop off flags that are still attached to poles or sticks.

Questions? Contact Scoutmaster John Mocharski at (908) 757-3369 or Email troop207@verizon.net.

The public is invited to attend.

Mr. Kurt Sing Along at Library

July 30

The library's children's program, "Sing Along with Mr. Kurt" has been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. at the library

A longtime favorite of South Plainfield Library audiences, Mr. Kurt will perform his trademark silly songs, as well as many old favorites. The program is suggested for children up to age seven. It's being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Benefit Piano Recital

August 1

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., is hosting a piano recital on Friday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. All proceeds will benefit Lutheran World Relief, which provides disaster relief in all areas of the globe. Donation is \$7.

For more information, contact St. Stephen Lutheran Church at (908) 757-4474.

— Out of Town —

duCret School Student Art Exhibit

Through July 31

A multi-media showcase of works by 20 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art will be on exhibit through July 31 at Swain Galleries, 703 Watchung Ave. in Plainfield.

For more information, call (908) 756-1707.

EAS "Art in the Garden" Tour

July 19

The Edison Arts Society (EAS) will hold its "Art in the Garden Tour" on Saturday, July 19 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

For further information, please call the arts center at (908) 753-2787.

Woodbridge WOWs Open Dance

July 20

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers is holding an open dance on Sunday, July 20 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at The Elks, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Everyone is welcome. Admission \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information call (732) 381-3255 or (908) 757-0515.

Rotary Club to Host Benefit Golf Outing

July 21

The Rotary Club of Watchung Warren is hosting their 11th annual golf Outing to benefit the Steeplechase Cancer Center, fourth grade student Dino Santana, who suffers from mitochondrial disease, and other Rotary charities on Monday, July 21 at Twin Brooks Country Club in Watchung. Cost is \$225 per golfer/\$100 per person dinner only. Registration at 11 a.m. and shotgun start at 1 p.m. Golfers will vie to win a 2008 Lexus with a hole-in-one. Cocktail hour, silent and live auctions, awards, and a buffet dinner follow golf.

For sponsorship information, contact Matt Northup at 800-836-6678, ext. 1334 or Kyle Spencer at (908) 542-0348, ext. 241, co-chairpersons.

Adopt a Cat or Dog

July 26 & 27

People for Animals, a nonprofit animal welfare organization, will sponsor pet adoptions on Saturday and Sunday, July 26 and 27 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the PetSmart store in Bridgewater's Promenade Mall, intersection of Route 28 and Route 287. Cats and kittens will be available both days; dogs will be available only on Saturday.

For information on low cost spay/neuter, call the People for Animals Clinic at (973) 282-0890.

CHATS Meeting

July 28

CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) presents musician and adoptee Katherine Almeida on Monday, July 28 from 7:15-9:15 p.m. at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield. Katherine, who performs as Banjara, was adopted from Pakistan at three years-old. She will share her story and her captivating music! CD's will also be available for purchase.

CHATS is a non-denominational organization that seeks to involve and serve all members of the adoption triad (i.e. adoptees, birthparents, and adoptive parents) as well as others interested in and impacted by adoption. Everyone is welcome!

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

That old song says "Summertime, and the livin' is easy." Well, that may well be in other places, but it's pretty busy here at the South Plainfield Library.

First off, those of you who missed Mr. Kurt's sing-along program last night didn't miss anything. That's because it didn't happen at all. The program has been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 30 at 6:30 p.m. It's for children up to age eight and presented free. No pre-registration is required. It will be held here at the library, so you might want to get here early for a good seat.

Turning to the rest of our children's programming, we've got a slightly altered schedule of story programs next week. 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 and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And Books & Babies, for children ages three and under, will be held on Friday at 10:30. (Consistent, eh?)

On Wednesday evening at 6:30, we'll host a live animal program featuring The Lizard Guys. This program is for children ages four and over and (attention!) is being held down the street and at the Senior Center.

We also have the Monday morning movie for children at 10:30, and the Kidcraft program for children ages five and over on Monday night at 6:30; be advised that you must pre-register for Kidcraft and that there's a \$1 materials fee.

Finally, there's the Game Gang program on Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 for children ages six and over. For more details, please call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Contrary to what you might think, we do have programs here for the relatively older people. Turning to the

young adult audience, we have two programs next week. On Thursday evening at 6:30 we'll be showing a young adult-oriented movie. Refreshments will be served; please call us (not Moviefone) for details on this movie, as well as the Monday kids' movie. And on Friday afternoon at 3, there's the young adult candy sushi program, where participants can create their own original candy confections. These programs are being presented free, but you must sign up for them in advance. Ask for Jaimie if you want more details.

We even have something for non-young adults next week. On Thursday evening at 7, we'll have a program on creating great relationships and reducing stress. It'll be led by Certified Massage Therapist Judy England-McCarthy and will include an audiovisual presentation and a Q&A session with the audience. This program is being presented free of charge.

Even after all those announcements, we have room for two additional advisories. First, we realize that this place can get pretty noisy at times, especially during the children's programs. (Be nice if we had a separate meeting room, but...) Still, we ask that you don't contribute unneeded noise to the situation. Specifically, please set your cell phones to silent mode in the building and conduct phone conversations either outside or in the vestibule. We appreciate your cooperation.

And second, in a more serious tone, please understand this is a library, not a daycare center. Parents and/or responsible adults should not leave young children unattended here for any length of time. Be advised that if we discover unattended children here we will notify the South Plainfield Police of the situation and turn the matter over to them. 'Nuff said?

That's all for now. Questions? Just call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit the Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Catch you later.

Adele deLeeuw Group Awards \$40,000 in Scholarships

Twenty-seven students shared in \$40,000 when the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund announced its annual winners last month. These awards bring the fund's total gifts to \$844,000.

Five area Rotary Clubs acted as selectors for the deLeeuw Fund, which is a fund of the Plainfield Foundation.

The scholarships are financed from a bequest by Adele deLeeuw, longtime Plainfield resident, author of 80 books, journalist and arts activist.

Four college senior award scholarships for four consecutive years were honored as Adele deLeeuw Senior Scholars.

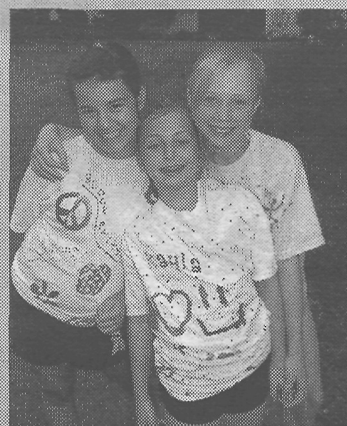
Patrick Pryor of South Plainfield, a writing and literature major at Emerson College, was awarded \$1,000 along with three other area students.

Winners from the SPHS graduating Class of 2008 included Lillian M. Blanco, Christopher Duquette, Kaitlin Egan, Przemyslaw "Pem" Lasota, Jonathan A. Marcoux and Alison Smith, who were all awarded \$1,000.

South Plainfield repeat winner

Nicholas Baldasarre, who is already attending college at Roger Williams University, was awarded \$1,000.

Applications for the 2009 Adele deLeeuw Scholarships will be available in January 2009 from the SPHS guidance office. For information, call Sally Young, at (732) 381-6269.



The rain held off just long enough for East Crescent Parkway residents to enjoy their annual 4th of July block party. Decked out in red, white and blue, everyone enjoyed lots of homemade food, games and prizes for the kids and just spending the day with good friends.

Primary Care Center Opens on Park Avenue

Complete Primary Care, PA recently opened its doors to area residents. Conveniently located at 1810 Park Avenue across from Rita's Italian Ice, this new primary care office is a one-stop shop for all healthcare needs, hey providing medical care for patients age 2 and up.

The new, modern facility offers a wide range of services, including ultrasound imaging, digital x-ray, EKG, full laboratory, routine and preventative vaccinations, DOT medical physicals, employee, student and sports physicals and laceration and wound treatment. No appointments are necessary for emergencies.

Dr. Rabin Rozehzadeh is Board Certified in Family Medicine. He did his post-graduate training at JFK Medical Center and has years of experience in urgent care. He is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the NJ Association of Family Physicians and was recently recognized as one of "America's Top Family Doctors" by the Consumers Research Council two years in a row. Dr. Rozehzadeh's bedside manner

is what sets him apart. In today's fast-paced world of medicine, it is hard to find a doctor that truly listens and will spend time with their patients. "My office is a place where patients can feel comfortable asking me anything," says Dr. Rozehzadeh. "This is the type of office that patients want, need and deserve, and I am more than happy to provide that place for them. I truly look forward to caring for the fami-

lies of the area. Preventative care is a critical component to a patient's health and is a primary focus of my practice."

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For more information or to make an appointment, call (908) 226-1810.

Tiger Schulmann to Host Free Abduction Prevention Seminar

Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts of South Plainfield will host a free child abduction prevention seminar for parents and children of the community on July 19. The seminar will focus on teaching children basic abduction prevention skills, through a combination of "do and don't" situation skits and discussions about strangers, avoidance, code words and escape techniques. Instruction will also be given on what to do and not to do when at home alone (especially relevant during summer vacation). Parents will be coached on the importance of educating their children on identifying potentially dangerous situations and in teaching them how to react.

"With kids now out of school for summer vacation and the increasing concern about child safety in our communities, it's important to do what we can to teach children basic abduction prevention principles," said Joshu Jared Salzman, head instructor of Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts.

This free seminar is part of Tiger

Schulmann's CHILDSAFE Program, established in 1992 designed to teach awareness about child safety, and to encourage communication between parents and children about these issues.

The seminar is at noon for 5-7 year olds and 2 p.m. for 8-13 year olds at Tiger Schulmann's Mixed Martial Arts center in the Hadley Shopping Center at 4957 Stelton Road.

Parents can call (908) 561-2401 or 1-800-52-TIGER for more information and to reserve space.

Sacred Heart Class Of 1989 Reunion

A 20th class reunion is being coordinated for Sacred Heart School Class of 1989. They are currently looking for classmates who may have moved from the area, as well as those who are interested in attending.

Any questions, contact Liz Marsh at liz5150@earthlink.net or call (908) 328-5755 with your updated information.

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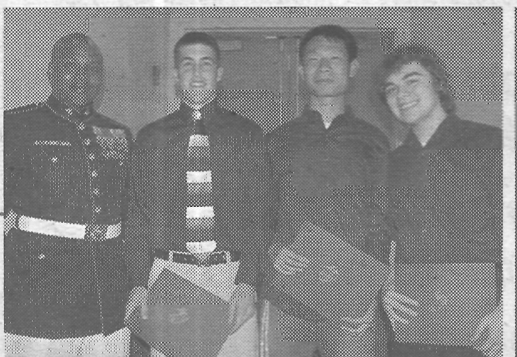
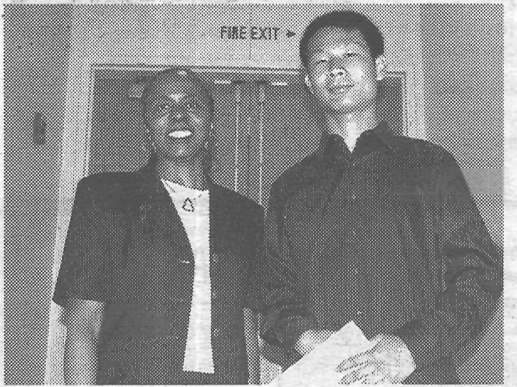
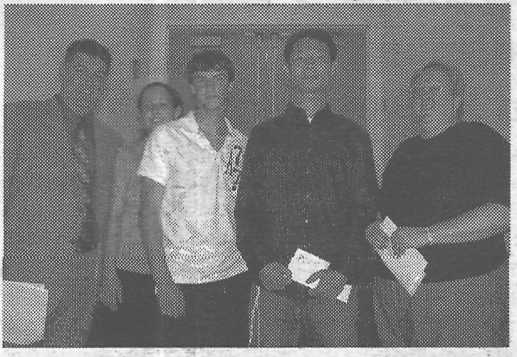
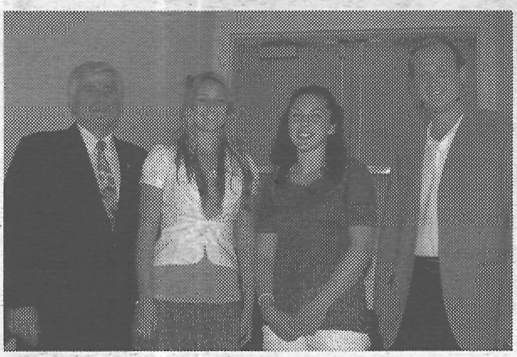
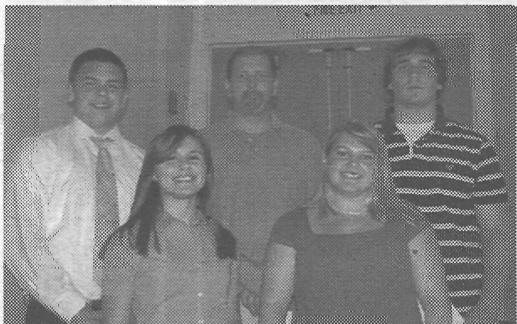
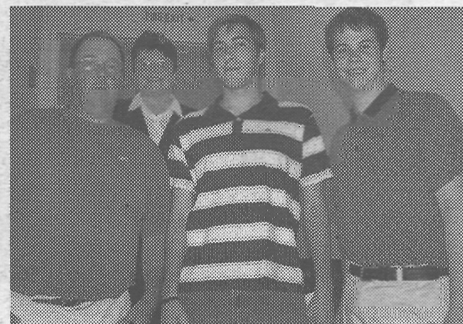
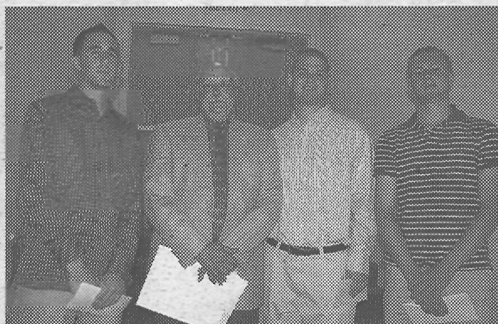
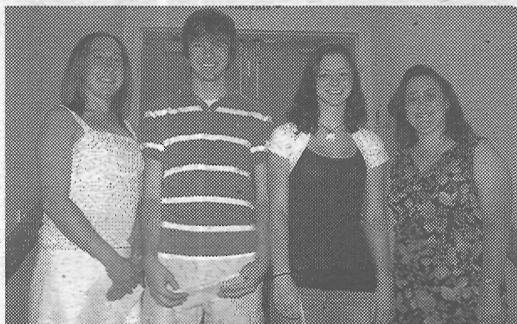
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Music Award-Nathanael Udell

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Presented by Staff. Sgt. Tucker

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(\$1000) Kyle McMahon

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Alison Smith

Outstanding English Student-Jonathan Cursi

Outstanding Journalism Student-Constance Flanagan

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Presented by Joan Stasio

South Plainfield High School Leadership Program

Dana Alexa, Ashley Alvarado, Scott Barton, Brittany Bishara, Erica Bowden, Brianna Calderone, Vanessa Casteblanco, Jimmy Cox, Danielle Dembia, Brooke DeNitzio, Katie Egan, Brian Fabino, Constance Flanagan, Elizabeth Flannery, Tara Goitandia, Kathy Gorman, Jessica Gray, Keith Heckel, Danielle Heilmann, Blaire Houston, Pem Lasota, Erica Linick, Jennifer Liu, Juana Lopez, Rachel Milliron, Thuy Nguyen, Jamie Okosko, Kristen Partesi, Chris Pennisi, Stephanie Penny, Ashley Peterson, Alexandra Petronko, Danny Pompilio, Kelvin Randolph, Shamiko Reid, Kelly Remsing, Elizabeth Rodger, Kerri Siedenburg, Anthony Simone, Alison Smith, Samantha Smith, Stephanie Szeliga, Brandon Ullom, Mike Valencia and Liz Valentino

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Presented by Paul Seffart

MaryEllen Martko Scholarship

(\$1000) Alison Smith

Presented by MaryEllen Martko

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Scholarship-Jamie Okosko and Matthew Helgesen

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Loretta Cooper Memorial Scholarship-Constance Flanagan

Presented by Sandra Doyon

South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Co. Butch Bumback Scholarship

(\$2000 each) Elizabeth Flannery, John Mocharski, Christopher Uribe and Meredith Ferguson

Presented by Joe Sierzega and Gary Stevenson

Sons of American Legion

(\$500 each) Christopher Delaney and Christina Nieves

Presented by Mark Zelfiff

South Plainfield Football Eagles

(\$500 each) Scott Barton, Kyle Darr, Jamie Okosko and Alison Smith

Presented by Kelly Dunn and Darren Gorman

South Plainfield High School Field Hockey Association

(\$400 each) Alison Smith, Meredith Ferguson, Danielle Dembia, Kelly Remsing and Jamie Okosko

Presented by Pat DeSantis

South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association

Recreation Scholarship (\$500 each) Elizabeth Smith and Elizabeth Flannery

Presented by Pat DeSantis

South Plainfield Parents' All-Stars Scholarship

(\$500 each) Stephanie Szeliga and Rachel Senz

Presented by Pat DeSantis

Rotary Club Adele deLeeuw Scholarship

(\$1000 each) Lillian Blanco, Chris Duquette, Kaitlin Egan, Pem LaSota, Jonathan Marcoux and Alison Smith

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Presented by Richard DeAndrea

The Club at Ricochet

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Presented by Nadine Knight

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Brittany Burton

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Robustelli Family Foundation (\$3000) Christian Cole

P.D. Foundation (\$300) Rui Luo

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Michael DeCarlo Memorial Scholarship (\$1000) Leslie Samayoa

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Tiger Shark Swim Team Scholarship (\$250 each)

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(\$300) Elizabeth Valentino

Presented by Barbara Valentino

Franklin School PTO

Thomas B. Lenahan Memorial Scholarship (\$500)

Samantha Smith

Presented by Tracy Colapietro

The Grant School PTO

(\$1000 each) Anthony Simone and Elizabeth Valentino

Presented by Tracy Colapietro

Boyle Memorial Foundation

(\$2000 each) Scott Barton, Chris Pennisi, Stephanie Kelly, Matt Moates, Brooke DeNitzio and Scott Hunterdon

Presented by Deborah, Megan, Michael and Patrick Boyle

South Plainfield Wrestling Club

(\$500 each) Mark Wagner,



"Cappy" Memorial Scholarship

(\$1000) Nathanael Udell

Presented by Dr. Kenneth May, Brian Capparelli and Donna Capparelli-Hanley

Trista Moretti Memorial Scholarship

(\$500) Andrea Lozarito

Presented by Fred and Judy Moretti

Chad Cook Memorial Scholarship

(\$500) Scott Barton

Presented by James Cook

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(\$500) Channel Dues

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Tiger Shark Dive Team

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Presented by Pam Hussey and Sandra Sierzega

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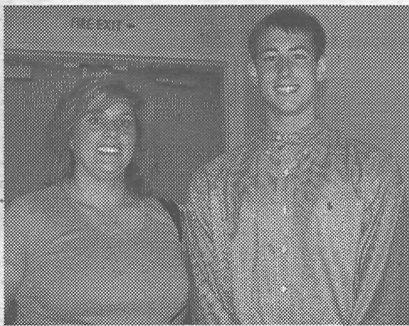
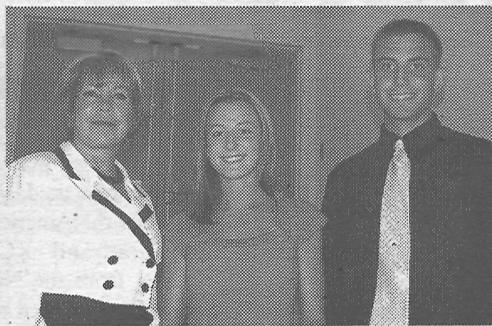
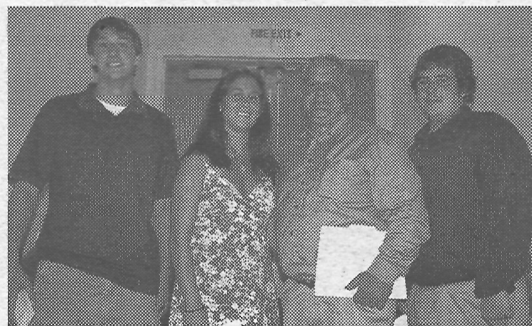
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John Mocharski, Meredith Ferguson, Alexandra Petronko, and Rebecca Bosse (\$1000) Ryan Szumski
Presented by Joseph Sierzega and Gary Stevenson

ESL Department Awards
For Outstanding Achievement in ESL—Hui Huan (Jennifer) Liu
Presented by Eileen Boettger

World Language Department Awards
For Outstanding Achievement in Spanish—Elix Colon
For Outstanding Achievement in French—Pauline Eskander
Both presented by Claudy Delne

Physical Education Department Award
Outstanding Achievement in Phys Ed—Nicole Brooks and Christopher Delaney
Presented by Vicki Uniacke

Mathematics Department Outstanding Achievement in Math Award—Przemyslaw Lasota
Presented by Dave Knarr

Social Studies Department Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies Award—Hosnia Qayum and Robert Harrington
Presented by Joe Cirigliano

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Science—Anthony Simone
Outstanding Achievement in Physics—Rui Luo
Outstanding Achievement in Chemistry—Robert Moreira
Outstanding Achievement in Biology—Christopher DeOliveira
All presented by Tom Seiz

Business Department Award For Outstanding Achievement in Accounting—Stephanie Penny
Presented by Ralph Errico

Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame
Art—Chelsea Soisson, Kristen Partesi
Presented by Anthony Casano
Vocal Music—Taylor Kurlew
Presented by Tracy Murray
Drama—Brittany Penevolpe
Presented by Gloria Naso
Instrumental Music—Nathanael Udell and Paulo Cantarella
Presented by Roger Vroom
Orchestral Music—Robert Moreira
Presented by Bruce Mikolon

President's Award for Education Achievement
Shamiko Reid, Elan Sims, Vina Zychlinski, Taylor Kurlew, Ryan Bispo, Stephanie Kelly, Michael Oprysk, Dora Orellana, Elizabeth Valentino, Nicole Cocco, Chelsea Soisson, Andres Erazo, Alexandra Petronko, Trevor Hankins, Brandon Tansey, Elizabeth Blackford, James Cox, Pauline Eskander, Lauren O'Day, Jamie Okosko, Melissa Fisher, Elizabeth Flannery, Katherine Gorman, Shivani Patel and Leslie

Samayoa
Presented by Ralph Errico

South Plainfield Education Association
(\$1500) Katie Nuber
Presented by Cheryl Fox

Wellesley College Book Award
Julian Garbowski
Presented by Cheryl Fox

Homer S. Pace Medal
Kristen Billich
Presented by Cheryl Fox

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards
Julian Garbowski
Presented by Mylissa Bauman

Middlesex County School Nurses Association (\$500)
Brooke DeNitizio
Presented by Cheryl Fox

Italian American Club Scholarship (\$500 each)
Kaitlin Egan, Alexandra Petronko and Elizabeth Flannery
Presented by Cheryl Fox

South Plainfield High School Guidance Department (\$200 each)
Christopher Delaney, Brandon Ullom and Kelvin Randolph
Presented by Nadine Knight

Roosevelt School PTA (\$750)
Anh-Phuong Trinh
Presented by Eileen Boettger

Comcast Leaders and Achievers (\$1000)
Brooke DeNitizio
Presented by Eileen Boettger

Middlesex County School Counselors Association Caring Award—Jimmy Cox
Presented by Eileen Boettger

Middlesex County School Boards Association
Julian Garbowski
Presented by Mylissa Bauman

South Plainfield Elks Lodge (\$1000)
Brooke DeNitizio
Presented by Mylissa Bauman

Scholar-Athlete Awards
ETS-NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Award—Dan Pompilio and Alison Smith
GMC Scholar-Athlete Award—Chris Pennisi, Brooke DeNitizio
NJSIAA Scholar-Athlete Award—Jonathan Cursi
All Presented by Elaine Gallo

Scholastic Honor Society
Seniors who have attained a 3.25 or higher grade point average by the end of their junior year—Diana Naser, Alexandra Petronko, Vinal Patel, Hosnia Qayum, Daniel Pompilio, Christopher Delaney, Amanda Alemezohu, Jennifer Napolitano, Davonna Approvato, Katie Nuber, Daniel Espin, Anjani Patel, Andrea Lozarito, Danielle Dembia, Francis Alfano, Amanda Thom,



Rachel Milliron, Samantha Smith, Christopher Pennisi, Sydney Gentile, Brooke DeNitizio, Rachel Senz, Mitul Rana, Andrew Vasquez, Anh-Phuong Trinh, Stephanie Szeliga, Jonathan Marcoux, Christina Nieves, Sarah Schulte, Pauline Eskander, Paolo Cantarella, Robert Moreira, Kristen Partesi, Kathleen Sullivan, Lauren O'Day, Pern Lasota, Christopher Duquette, Rui Luo, Karan Desai, Anthony Simone, Nicole Brooks, Jonathan Cursi, Alison Smith, Erica Linick, Chris DeOliveira, Robert Harrington, Elix Colon, Ashley Peterson, Kristin Billich, Stephanie Penny, Robert Stilo, Lillian Blanco, William Rickert, William Ritchey, Joseph DelGenio, Erica Bowden, Grey Coppi, Chelsea Soisson, Vishwa Bhavsar, Scott Barton, Michael Oprysk, Jamie Okosko, Kelly Remsing, Valerie Madison, Melissa Thibault, Kelsey Hoffman, Dana Alexa, Juana Lopez, Daniel Nastarowicz, Kaitlin Egan, Natia Katsantonis, Vina Zychlinski, John Horvath, Theresa Huber, Taylor Kurlew, Christopher Esposito, Tara Goitandia, Brianna Calderone, Alyssa Roibal, Taylor Harris, Danielle Lennon, Stephanie Kelly, Julia Zappi, Jessica Gray, Andrew Gray, Shivana Maraj, James Cox, Vanessa Castebianco, Dorothy DeLeon, Brandon Ullom, Trevor Hankins, Phillip Perrette, Blaire Houston, Kyle Darr, Simone Sealy, Ashley Alvarado, Jamie Ensel, Leslie Samayoa, David Quiroga, Chennel Dues, Thomas Smith, Brittany Penevolpe, Rosa Hernandez, Caryn Butrico, Michael Ascencio, Elan Sims, Christian Cole, Kyle Czarnik, Natasha Jaikaran, Jennifer Capparelli, Brandon Tansey, Christopher Spayder, Danny Gomez, Kellie McLean, Thuy Nguyen, Kelvin Randolph, Kerri Siedenburgh, Brittany Bishara, Meredith Ferguson, Katherine Gorman, Jennifer Liu, Nathanael Udell, Elizabeth Flannery, Jonathan Villamarin, Joseph Dacchille, Kimberly Le, Rebecca Bosse, Matthew Helgesen, Shamiko Reid and Brittany Burton

higher or a math score of 650 or higher—Jonathan Cursi, Vinal Patel, Ashley Peterson, Danielle Dembia, Karan Desai, Paolo Cantarella, Andrew Vasquez, Rachel Senz, Christopher Delaney, Francis Alfano, Christopher DeOliveira, Christopher Duquette, Robert Moreira, Christina Nieves, Jonathan Marcoux, Rachel Milliron

Students who have both the SAT scores of 630 or higher in verbal and 650 or higher in math along with a 4.0 or higher GPA—Rui Luo, Erica Linick, Robert Harrington, Kristen Partesi, Kathleen Sullivan, Anthony Simone, Pern Lasota, Katie Nuber and Nicole Brooks

Principal's Award For Educational Improvement—Brianna Alexander and Rocco Petriello
Presented by Dr. Kenneth May

Middlesex County Principals and Supervisors Association Outstanding Student Award—Alison Smith
Presented by Dr. Kenneth May

Rotary Club Students of the Month Awards
Dana Alexa, Scott Barton, James Cox, Brooke DeNitizio, Elizabeth Flannery, Julian Garbowski, Keith Heckel, Blaire Houston, Rachel Milliron, Taylor Nichuck, Kristen Partesi, Christopher Pennisi, Stephanie Penny, Ashley Peterson, Kelvin Randolph, Elizabeth Rodger, Alison Smith, Stephanie Szeliga, Brandon Ullom & Michael Valencia
Senior of the Year (\$500)
Julian Garbowski
All presented by Dr. Kenneth May

SENIOR HONOR ROLL AWARDS
Academic Letters—Given to students who have been on the honor roll three out of four marking periods in one academic year—Hemraj Behari, Melissa Fisher, Keith Heckel, Julio Lamberty, Jaclyn Macdougall, Jason McConnell, Matthew Moates, Taylor Nichuck, Rocco Petriello, Amy Pomovets, Thomas Simpson, Jake Smithline, Christopher Tapia, Michael Valencia
Presented by Ralph Errico

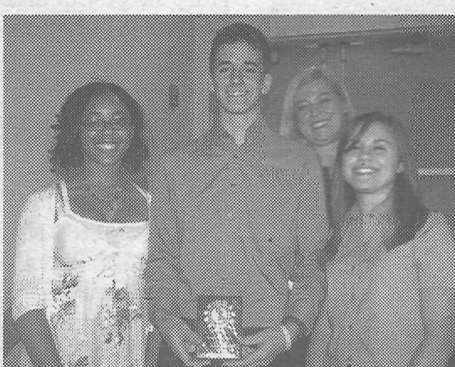
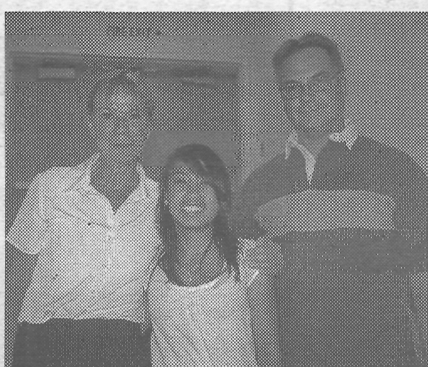
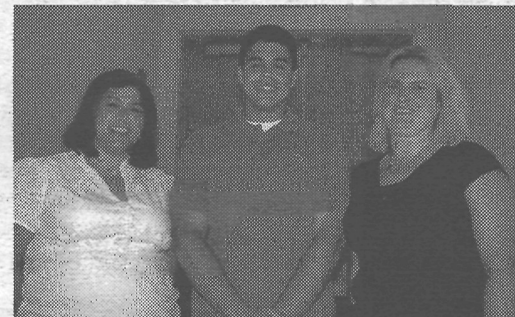
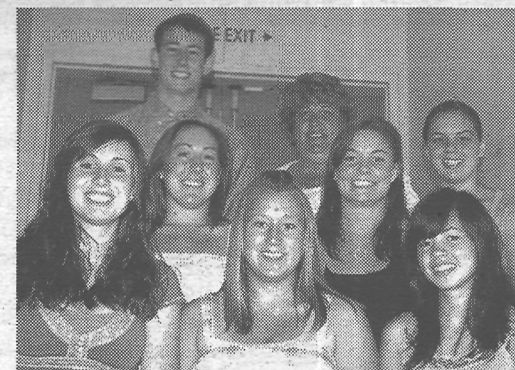
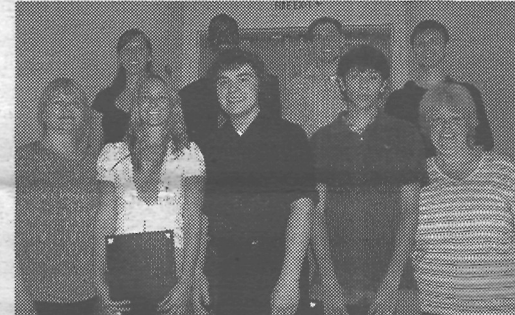
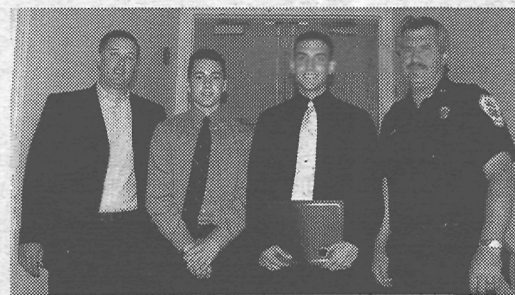
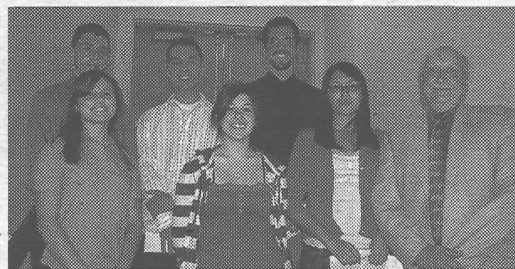
First and Second Pins—A lamp of learning pin is given for the

second & third year a student has been on the honor roll at least three out of four marking periods.

First Lamp of Learning Pin—Jessica Adams, Jennifer Aguilar, Mira Arevalo, Taryn Billich, Nicole Cosma, Trevor Hankins, Davonna Approvato, Chennel Dues, Juana Lopez, Thomas Smith, Brittany Penevolpe, Elan Sims, Christina Slatky, Melissa Thibault, Shivani Patel, Jennifer Liu, Vanessa Castebianco, Rosa Hernandez, Aakruti Sheth and Brandon Tansey

Second Learning Pin—Peter Adorna, Thomas Aimone, Ashley Alvarado, Natia Katsantonis, Vishwa Bhavsar, Christian Cole, Elizabeth Flannery, Taylor Harris, Danielle Heilmann, Kellie McLean, Shivana Miraj, Stephanie Penny, William Rickert, Chelsea Soisson, Christina Monticchio, Thuy Nguyen, Jignesh Patel, Kelvin Randolph, Shamiko Reid, Leslie Samayoa, Ryan Szumski, Vina Zychlinski, Andrea Lozarito, Robert Moreira, Phillip Perrette, Alyssa Roibal, Jonathan Villamarin, Amanda Alemezohu, Brianna Calderone, Grey Coppi, Kyle Darr, Joseph Dacchille, Sydney Gentile, Matthew Helgesen, Kimberly Lee, Andrew Gray, Michael Oprysk, David Quiroga, Sarah Schulte, Julia Zappi, Scott Barton, Kyle Czarnik, Dorothy DeLeon, Jamie Ensel, Katherine Gorman, Blaire Houston and Danielle Lennon
Pins presented by Robert Diehl

Plaques—Awarded to students who have been on the honor roll for three out of four marking each year for four years—Dana Alexa, Francis Alfano, Kristin Billich, Brittany Bishara, Lillian Blanco, Rebecca Bosse, Erica Bowden, Nicole Brooks, Brittany Burton, Caryn Butrico, Paolo Cantarella, Jennifer Capparelli, Elix Colon, James Cox, Jonathan Cursi, Christopher Delaney, Joseph DelGenio, Danielle Dembia, Brooke DeNitizio, Christopher DeOliveira, Karan Desai, Christopher Duquette, Kaitlin Egan, Pauline Eskander, Daniel Espin, Meredith Ferguson, Tara Goitandia, Hakim Hardy, Robert Harrington, Kelsey Hoffman, Theresa Huber, Subanie Jaikaran, Taylor Kurlew, Przemyslaw Lasota, Erica Linick, Rui Luo, Jonathan Marcoux, Rachel Milliron, Jennifer Napolitano, Diana Naser, Daniel Nastarowicz, Christina Nieves, Lauren O'Day, Jamie Ocosko, Kristen Partesi, Anjani Patel, Vinal Patel, Christopher Pennisi, Ashley Peterson, Alexandra Petronko, Daniel Pompilio, Hosnia Qayum, Mitul Rana, Kelly Remsing, William Ritchey, Simone Sealy, Rachel Senz, Anthony Simone, Alison Smith, Samantha Smith, Robert Stilo, Kathleen Sullivan, Stephanie Szeliga, Amanda Thom, Anh-Phuong Trinh and Brandon Ullom
Presented by Dr. Kenneth May



Sports



Standing (L-R): Coach Frank Licato, Rupinder Singh, Devon Evans, Raymond Stansen, Doug Porzio, Christian Dicarlo, Shane Howard, Denzel Mensah, Coach Luis Valladares. Kneeling (L-R): Christopher Zwatschka, Michael Carrion, Jose Carrion, Arunn Chanthirakanthan, Frank Licato, Chrisitan Callejas, Luis Valladares and Brian Palma.

U-16 Ice Soccer Team Flight Champions

The South Plainfield U-16 Ice soccer team had a spectacular season and proved too cold to handle. They finished the year as flight champions.

Coached by Frank Licato and Luis Valladares, the team would like to thank the coaches for all their time and effort throughout the season.

The boys played their hearts out to maintain their record throughout the season. They played in the rain, wind and hot, humid weather. Goalies Denzel Mensah and Mike Carrion made many great saves all season.

The strong defensive line included Christian Dicarlo with his monstrous kick and great challenges, Frank Licato with his quick moves and quick passes, Rupinder (Roo) Singh with his great steals and ball control, Shane Howard

with his unbelievable flexibility and great ball retrieval, Christopher Zwatschka (better know as "Wheels" for his speed) never missed a ball and once saved a 3-2 game against West Orange. Together these boys created a brick wall, making it hard for the opponent to score.

The midfielders worked hard and made great passes, scoring goals for the team and helping the defensive line when needed. Luis Valladares had tremendous ball handling skills; Doug Porzio had many great steals and great ball control; Jose Carrion dribbled the ball around many opponents; Brian Palma always put up a fight for the ball and has incredible speed; Raymond Stansen's speed helped him make many great cross passes to the

goal; and Goalie Mike Carrion also made many great moves on the field as a midfielder!

The forwards kept a sharp eye out, making sure their shots reached the net. Christian Callejas (CC) had great soccer skills, beautiful passes and is fast. Devon Evans had a great shot and turbo speed. Arunn Chanthirakanthan played aggressively, and never gave up a fight for the ball.

The boys earned each and every win. They played hard, but more importantly, they played as a team and that is what helped them earn their flight championship.

Congratulations U-16 Ice! You all did a fabulous job and showed what the word "team" really means!

—Submitted by Kathy Stansen

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

The two first-place teams in the league, the Hackers from the American Division and KC's Korner from the National Division, teed off against one another in what was expected to be a very tight, very tough match. Thanks to the fine play of Jeremy Szoc, who shot an impressive 2-over 35, and Captain Kevin Boyce, who carded a 37, the Hackers prevailed 12-8 to maintain their top spot in the American Division along with Buy-Rite Liquors. Mark Dugan of KC's Korner continued his string of good scores with a 3-over 36 and Dan Conti, gaining a little better control of his new driver, contributed a 38.

Triple threat Irish Danny Griffin—golfer, softball player, pool shark—and teammate Ken Fivek were just too much for their opponents to handle as Buy-Rite Liquors triumphed over Sport & Social, 13-7. Fivek had a nifty 35 and Griffin missed a couple along the way, but still turned in a very nice round of 36. Dennis Bibby and Mike Warin both had 39's in a losing cause for Sport & Social.

Captain Chris Dillon of Unique Sports Accessories shot a superb even-par round of 33 two weeks ago and almost repeated that achievement this week. He had a little glitch on the fifth hole where he made bogey and all the rest were pars for a beautiful round of 34. Inspired by their sizzling leader, USA trounced Twin City, 18-2. Mike Citrano and Jack Todaro both had 38's to contribute to the victory. Guy Severini had a nice round of 37 and Jay Coppola carded a 38 for Twin City but their efforts could not prevent the rout.

In a brilliant strategic move, Captain Bob Nilan of the Roughriders paired up two players on his roster who were teammates on the memorable 1964 South Plainfield High School golf team—Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer and Rich Muglia. Super-

sub Kirchofer showed he still has plenty of tiger in his tank as he fired a 37 to spark a win in his match while teammate Frank Weingart was back in form and posted a 3-over 36 to finalize the victory as the Roughriders handily defeated Pornovets, 14-6. Robert Pornovets and Efrin Solis shared medalist honors for Pornovets with a pair of 39's. With this win, the Roughriders moved back into sole possession of first place in the National Division.

When you look at some of the scores turned in by the B-Datt Squad, especially those by Tom and Danny McCreesh, you have to wonder why this team's record two weeks ago was a mediocre 4-4. They got by Sport & Social two weeks ago, 12-8, and this week they won another squeaker, 11-9, against Witty's to move into a tie for second place with Twin City. Tom McCreesh was again in total control of his game as he recorded another terrific round, a sparkling 1-over 34 to tie Chris Dillon for the low round of the night. Tony Cassano, Jr., pitched in with a 37 for the victors.

The fiery stallions on Plainfield Animal Hospital finally got it together as they stomped all over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, 17-3. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar returned to his usual form after a most unusual off-night a week ago and came through with a 38, a score matched by teammate Steve Schock. Captain Mike Cortese who believes the recent improvement in his pool game is helping his golf game as well had another good round and posted a 39. The season-long struggle for 2 Buds, 2 Dubes continues as no one on the team was able to break 40.

Low scores for the night: Chris Dillon, 34; Tom McCreesh, 34; Ken Fivek, 35; Jeremy Szoc, 35; Dan Conti, 36; Frank Weingart, 36; Danny Griffin, 36; Mark Dugan, 36.

Tiger Sharks Swim Team

Tiger Sharks Shred Roycefield

On June 28 the Roycefield Swim Club ventured into Tiger Shark waters and were shredded by the South Plainfield team.

Anthony Gurrieri broke a 13-year record in the 13/14 year-old age group in the 100m breaststroke with a time of 1:37.25 for the win.

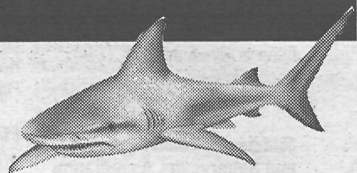
The girls started the meet with Emily Piekarski (13-18) taking first place in the individual medley. Geni Huber (10 and under) and sister Ali Huber (11/12) placed second, while Kelley O'Brien (11/12) and Theresa Gustafson (13-18) placed third.

The boys in the longer freestyles had two first place ribbons. Nick Gurrieri (10 and under) and Marcel Green (11/

12) took home the blue ribbons. Charlie Butrico (11/12) and Matt Moates (13-18) placed third.

The girls took all the first place ribbons in the shorter freestyle events. Blue ribbons went to Vicky Tumati (8 and under), Breanna Tang (9/10), Taylor Aljian (11/12), Maggie Valentino (13/14) and Chelsea Cullen (15-18). Second place went to Ali Huber (11-12), Gracie Piekarski (13-14) and Emily Piekarski (15-18).

The boys won four out of five first place ribbons for the backstroke. They were Miles Green (8 and under), brother Marcel Green (11/12), Anthony Gurrieri (13/14) and Matt Moates (15-18). The 11/12 age group



swept the event with Enzo Butrico placing second and Joey Valentino placing third. Cristian Butrico (8 and under) and Ben Shaeffer (9/10) placed third.

In the butterfly events Vicky Tumati placed second and Jenna Yan placed third for the eight and under age group. Breanna Tang (9/10) placed third. Taylor Aljian (11/12) placed second and Kelley O'Brien placed third. Maggie Valentino placed first and Gracie Piekarski placed second in the 13/14 age group. Chelsea Cullen placed first and Michelle Gustafson placed second for the 15-18 age group.

Breaststroke had the boys winning four first place ribbons. They were Cristian Butrico (8 and under), Nick Gurrieri (9/10), Charlie Butrico (11/12) and, breaking the team record, Anthony Gurrieri (13/14).

The 8 and under, 9/10 and 11/12 age groups were swept by the South Plainfield swimmers. Taking second and third place for 8 and under were Brendon Tang and Miles Green. Matt Lind (9/10) placed second and Kyle Bythel placed third. The 11/12 age group swept with Enzo Butrico and Eric Ivanus placing second and third, respectively. Anindya Mehta (13/14) and Alan Kasmer (15-18) placed third.

The Tiger Sharks won 160-118 by taking five out of the six relays. First place wins went to the following: 8 and under free relay boys: Cristian Butrico, Miles Green, Michael Stan- czak and Brendon Tang; 8 and under medley relay girls: Vicky Tumati, Chandler Carter, Elizabeth Lee and

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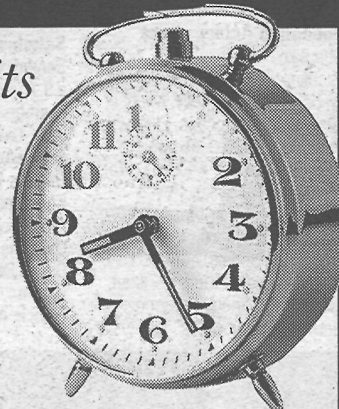
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Obituaries

Sgt. Thomas Neiper, 25



Sgt. Thomas Neiper of the U.S. Marine Corps died suddenly on Friday July 11 while home on leave.

Born in Plainfield, Tommy was a graduate of South Plainfield High School Class of 2000.

While growing up in South Plainfield, he had always wanted to be in the military. Upon his graduation he immediately enlisted in the United States Marines. He began training in California and was currently serving his second tour of duty with the Second Battalion of Camp Lejeune in Iraq. Tommy was about to complete his second tour in October.

Tommy loved the outdoors. He enjoyed mountain biking, riding his motorcycle and playing PSP. While stationed in Camp Pendleton in California, Tommy began surfing and snow boarding, two activities which he immediately loved and excelled.

Predeceased by a niece, Casey Rose, he is survived by his parents, Carl and Jane (Stull) Neiper; a sister, Pamela Neiper-Redo and two brothers, David and Carl Jr. and wife Jodi.

Also surviving is Jennifer Radzewick of Manalapan whom he loved with all his heart; his nieces and nephews, Danny, Corey, Carly, Jennifer and Caryn and many extended family and friends.

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

In lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to Our Fallen Soldier, 6498 Willow Place, Carlsbad, Calif. 92011.

Hildred (Shackway) Holcombe, 78

Hildred (Shackway) Holcombe died on Thursday, July 3 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Chatham, N.Y., Mrs. Holcombe resided in South Plainfield for the past 54 years.

An avid Yankees fan, Hildred was a homemaker who enjoyed gardening and reading.

She was predeceased by her husband, Albert, who died in 2007.

Surviving are two children, Bruce of Beesly's Point and Dave of Egg Harbor Twp. and two grandchildren, Geoffrey and Steven.

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

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Emphysema Foundation, 15 Stevens St., Norwalk, Conn. 06856.

Frederick L. Perrine, 68

Frederick L. Perrine died on Tuesday, July 8 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born and raised in Plainfield, he resided in South Plainfield for more than 40 years.

Fred was employed in various management positions for more than 50 years with Grand Union and most recently with Stop & Shop.

He served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1961 before being honorably discharged.

Active with local youth organizations, Fred volunteered with the Boy Scouts in South Plainfield since 1974. He served as cubmaster of Pack 207, committee chairman of Troop 125 and district chairman for the Blue Mountain District of the Watchung Area Council, BSA. During those 34 years, Fred was honored with the rare privilege of helping more than 20 young men attain the rank of Eagle Scout. Two of his sons are counted among them. Fred was recognized for his work in scouting with the District Award of Merit in 1991 and the Silver Beaver Award in 1994, the highest award given by BSA to an adult volunteer. He was also a 20-year member of the Flint and Steel Association, a local organization for scouting and other youth groups, which he chaired in 1997 and 1998.

In addition, he was active in the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club during the 1970s and 1980s, volunteering as a snack stand manager, executive committee member, team manager in all leagues and all-star team manager, as well as division director. Fred also enjoyed being a 20-year member of the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 and 30 plus years bowling with the He's & She's.

He was predeceased by his parents, Margaret and Harry; a sister, Shirley Perrine; two brothers, Harry and Charlie; a nephew, Christopher Perrine and a brother-in-law, Gunter vonHolten.

Surviving is his wife of 42 years, Noelle Joy (Kinney); three sons, Rick L. and wife Joan and their children, Ricky and Christian all of Milltown;

David T. of Hillsborough, Brett P. and wife Alison and their daughter Gianna all of Branchburg; and a daughter, Kelly M. Kinney and husband Benjamin and their daughter, Kaia all of Dunellen. Also surviving are two sisters, Barbara Perrine of Neshanic Station and Phyllis vonHolten of Florida.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to a diabetes association of ones choice.

Elvira "Vira" Wyckoff, 84

Elvira "Vira" (Balsamello) Wyckoff died on Tuesday, July 8 at Sycamore Assisted Living in Shrewsbury.

Vira was born in Bernards Township and moved to South Plainfield with her husband Frank in 1945.



Elvira Wyckoff

She resided in South Plainfield for 60 years before settling in Shrewsbury in 2004. In her early years, Vira loved fashion and design and as a talented artist and painter, she was proud of the awards she won for her charcoal drawings and oil paintings. She enjoyed painting portraits of her family and her husband Frank's hunting dogs.

Married for 65 years, she was a committed wife and devoted mother to her family. A quick smile with a ready wit, she loved singing while her brothers and father played their guitars and mandolins. Vira entertained her family and friends while playing the organ for many years.

Vira retired from Lockheed Electronics in Watchung where she was employed as executive secretary. She was an original member of The First Baptist Church.

She was predeceased by her parents, James and Jennie and by a brother, Vincent Balsamello.

Vira is survived by her husband, Franklin Wyckoff; three sons, Franklin

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Father John M. Skwara, 76

Father John M. Skwara, Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church, died on Friday, July 11 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick.

John M. Skwara was born in Trenton on a hot summer day, August 29, 1931, the son of Walter and Mary Skwara. He



Fr. John M. Skwara

was the youngest with one brother and eight sisters. Of his nine siblings, his three living sisters are Steffi Gorski, Mary Schrader and Ginny Skwara.

John attended his home parish's grade school, St. Hedwig's RC Church in Trenton, and later attended Trenton Catholic High School. While in high school, John played the clarinet and had his own band, "The Blue Moon Trio." They played at weddings, small affairs and bar mitzvahs.

He completed his studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Md. and received his bachelor of arts and philosophy degree in 1953. Continuing his studies, John earned a masters degree in Sacred Theology before entering parish service. Ordained on May 23, 1959, Father John celebrated his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on May 24, 1959 in his home parish, St. Hedwig's Church.

As an associate pastor, Fr. John served in St. Mary's RC Church in South River and later served as temporary administrator for Holy Family RC Church in Carteret and All Saints RC Church in Burlington, then as an Associate Pastor for Holy Cross RC Church in Trenton. While in Trenton, he was a full time chaplain for the Trenton Fire Department, serving them for seven years.

On June 12, 1972, the handsome young priest was assigned as pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield. As pastor Fr. John served two terms on the Priests Presbyterate Advisory Senate to the Bishop of the Metuchen Diocese.

A fourth degree member of the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus and one of the originators of the South Plainfield Ecumenical Ministry Group, Fr. John was very active as chaplain for Cedar Oaks Care Cen-

ter Under his direction, a special group of men and women would help him minister to the sick by bringing the Holy Eucharist, reciting the rosary, singing hymns and visiting with them.

One of the most dedicated priests of the Nocturnal Adoration Society, Father never

missed attending each first Friday of the month with a group of parishioners no matter what hour of the night it occurred. He always encouraged everyone in the parish to join in this special devotion.

The parish of OLC has grown from 50 families to over 650 families under his leadership and direction and through his diligence, perseverance and administration, a new church was built and consecrated on December 5, 1976. His innovative administrative abilities helped pay off this debt and a mortgage burning dinner was held in April 1989.

Because of his love and devotion to the Blessed Mother, Fr. Skwara commissioned an Italian artist to design and carve a unique, one-of-a-kind full-sized life statue of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the only one of its kind in the world.

He visited with us, shared meals with us, rejoiced with us, wept with us, laughed with us and most of all, he prayed with us and for us. He loved, cared for, protected and guided us.

In addition to his three sisters, Fr. John is survived by several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, as well as a faithful, devoted and ever-adoring parish community at Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church.

Vigil for Fr. John with reception at Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church by the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus was held on Monday. A Mass of Commemoration followed and a Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday.

He was laid to rest in the Priest Circle of his home parish cemetery, St. Hedwig's Church Cemetery, Eggers Crossing Road in Ewing.

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Obituaries

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and wife Christine Wyckoff of Middletown, Thomas and Paddy Wyckoff of South Plainfield; three grandchildren and their spouses, Jennifer and Brad Augusta of California, Robbie Gaydos of South Plainfield and Mary and Jay Hawkins of Flemington; three great-grandchildren, Holly, Erica and Steven and a great-great grandson, Dylan Hawkins, all of Flemington. She is also survived by a brother, Anthony Balsamello of Bernardsville.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Vira's name may be sent to SBHPCS, Attn: C.W.6, 300 2nd Ave., Long Branch, N.J. 07740.

William J. "Bill" Catelli, 52

William J. "Bill" Catelli died suddenly on Tuesday, July 8 at home.



Born in Orange, Bill grew up in Irvington and lived in South Plainfield before settling in Toms River 22 years ago. The past 25 years, Bill was employed by Federated Department Stores as an operating engineer in Macy's Department Store Division and was a proud member of Local Union #68.

He was an active member of the Coastal Jersey Parrot Head Club as well as the Giblin Association.

Very handy around the house, he was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever needed. Bill enjoyed fishing, making others laugh, and spending time with family and friends.

In addition to his hobbies and family time, Bill, along with his loving wife of 30 years, JoAnne (Kaschak), was an advocate of their Yucatan Peninsula Project which consisted of developing exclusive residential properties.

He was predeceased by his parents, Reynold and Catherine Catelli and by a brother, Reynold.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Michael and William R., all of Toms River; a brother, John Catelli of Whiting; his mother-in-law, Theresa Kaschak of South Plainfield and all of his adoring pets and numerous friends.

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children, Charles E. and Alexis P.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Barbara's name may be made to the Plainfield Humane Society, 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

James J. Courtney, 81

James J. Courtney of Rockaway Twp., died on Thursday, July 10 in Boonton at Merry Heart Care Center.

Born and raised in Jersey City, he had lived in the Dover Section of Rockaway Twp. since 1956.

Courtney served in the U.S. Navy during WW II and had been stationed on the USS Tollberg while serving in the Pacific Campaign.

For over 50 years he had worked for the Ell-Bee Chemical Co. of E. Hanover and worked his way up to being the plant manager. After leaving Ell-Bee, Jim had worked as a consultant for Colgate-Palmolive in Somerset before his retirement 15 years ago.

He was known to many as Pop, Pop Pop, Jim or Uncle Jim, but he was mostly known as a die-hard Jets Fan since 1968.

He was predeceased by his wife, Patricia, in 1996 and by his siblings, Ann Flanagan, John Courtney and

Rose Macellara.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and John Shuleski of South Plainfield; a son, James M. Courtney of Rockaway Twp.; a sister, Dolores "Del" Mazzetta of Edison; two grandchildren, Mary and Eric, and two great grandchildren, Lillianna and Kylie.

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

Mary (Kalmanir) Lizak, 92

Mary (Kalmanir) Lizak died on Wednesday, July 9 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Caimbrook, Pa., she resided in Brooklyn for 45 years before settling in South Plainfield over 40 years ago.

Mrs. Lizak had been an active and faithful communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church and a former member of the Altar Rosary Society.

Her husband, John F. Lizak, died in 1979 and a daughter, Arlene, died in December. She was also predeceased by her siblings, Catherine, Elizabeth and John.

Surviving is a son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Monica Lizak of Florida and three sisters, Helen Hancharik, Margaret Hawrylak and Agnes

Taylor, all of Pennsylvania.

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

Vincent P. DeAndrea, Sr., 91

Vincent P. DeAndrea, Sr. died on Saturday, July 12 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.



Born in Brooklyn to Mary Cancia and Anthony DeAndrea at their home at 81 Hull Street, he moved to South Plainfield in 1919 where he resided for many years before settling in Metuchen.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Vincent served from 1942 until 1945 when he was honorably discharged as a Second Class Petty Officer.

Vincent retired on January 1, 1974 as senior executive director of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service, where he was employed for 28 years.

He spent the last 34 years of his life bringing joy to the lives of all those people fortunate enough to know him.

He was a member of the Trenton American Legion Post 1000, a faithful communicant of St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in Metuchen and a member of the Knights of Columbus.

He was predeceased by a brother, Alfred J. DeAndrea, Sr.

Surviving are his beloved wife of 66 years, Lydia (Caruso) DeAndrea; three children, Vincent DeAndrea, Jr. of North Edison, Richard DeAndrea of South Plainfield and Denise Sneddon and husband Bob of Metuchen; two sisters, Louise Petrella of Florida and Roseanne Cuccurello of Plainfield and a brother, Joseph B. DeAndrea, Sr. of Pennsylvania.

Also surviving are the joys of his life, 11 grandchildren, Christina Large and husband Dale, Dawn Santos and husband Peter, Maria DeAndrea, Alicia Sneddon, Robyn Stuart and husband Billy, Dori Sneddon, Ricky DeAndrea, Vincent DeAndrea III, Bobby Sneddon, Michael Sneddon and Daniel DeAndrea and six great-grandchildren, Danielle, Olivia, Erik, Noah, Paige and Emily.

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

Donations in his memory may be made to the Metuchen Rescue Squad, c/o The Metuchen Safety Council, P.O. Box 8, Metuchen, N.J. 08840.

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Barbara E. Lehmann, 76

Barbara E. (Kotlan) Lehmann died on Tuesday, July 8 at Somerset Medical Center in Somerville.

Born in Elizabeth, Barbara resided in Irvington and Green Brook for many years before settling in Watchung two years ago.

Barbara graduated from Columbia University in New York in 1954 with a degree in nursing. She worked for Columbian Presbyterian Hospital from 1954-1956 and retired from Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield after employment from 1970-1995 in the Oncology Unit.

A devoted wife and mother to her family, Barbara is survived by her husband of 52 years, Charles J. Lehmann; two sons, Charles E. and partner Karen and Joseph P. and wife Teresa; two daughters, Barbara A. Bavosa and husband Scott and Ann E. Lehmann; a brother, Frank Kotlan; nine grandchildren, Charles F. Lehmann Jr. and wife Kathleen, Mary Lehmann, Jamie Lynch and husband Kevin, Joseph E. Lehman, Marissa A., Haylie E. and Katrina M. Bavosa, Michael E. and Rachael K. Semone and two great-grand-

IN MY OPINION

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space while saving on the cost.
We are now in a position to take advantage of a great opportunity. There is a property located on Belmont Avenue directly across from Roosevelt School that would be a natural addition to the adjoining open space parcel. The acquisition of this property would help protect that area from any future development. Given the slow housing market and the funds available through the County, this is an opportunity that won't last forever.

I brought this to the attention of the council at two separate council meetings, but it does not appear that they have taken any action on this matter. I am concerned that the new Republican majority has not made open space a priority and that their lack of action will cost us this valuable opportunity.
We must act now. Please encourage your elected officials to protect our quality of life and preserve our rapidly diminishing open space before it is too late.
**VERY TRULY YOURS,
CHRISSY BUTEAS**

Tiger Sharks Shred Roycefield

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Jenna Yan; 9-12 free relay boys: Enzo Butrico, Matt Lind, Marcel Green and Nicholas Gurrieri; 9-12 medley relay girls: Taylor Aljian, Breanna Tang, Geni Huber and Ali Huber; 13-18 medley relay girls: Cristina Butrico, Maggie Valentino, Chelsea Cullen and Emily Piekarski.
Special thanks to the eight and unders on the team, many who are swimming competitively for the first time. They are Claudia Aljian, Harrison Anesh, Joseph Anesh, Katelyn Borsos, Cristian Butrico, Danielle Bythell,

Chandler Carter, Katiana Carter, Kate Duhamel, Nicholas Farinella, Dominic Faustini, Julianne Ferraro, AJ Gonzalez, Miles Green, Caleb Ivanuic, Noah Karch, Elizabeth Lee, Aubrey Marish, Ellenie Mejias, Maggy Moggollan, Isabella Mosquera, Mackenzie O'Brien, Jack O'Shaughnessy, Olivia Olano, Eric Pepe, Louis Quintanilla, Courtney Smith, Brianna Spadavecchia, Michael Stanczak, Brendan Tang, Vicky Tumati, Jenna Yan and Shannon Yan.
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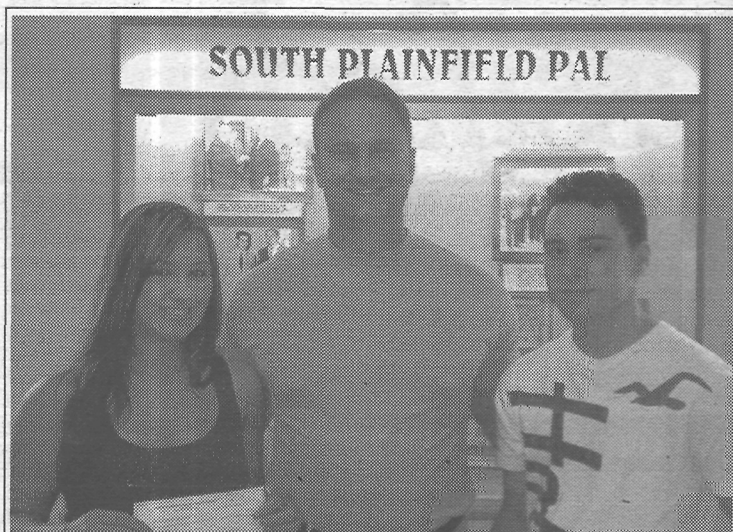
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The Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to South Plainfield, send the Public Celebrations Committee a letter stating your reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include the candidate's name, address, evening phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments. The deadline for accepting nominations is July 25. Nominations may be sent to the Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, Chairman, 225 Hopkinson Street, South Plain-

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Any business or organization interested in having a concession stand or informational table at the PAL grounds at the conclusion of the parade should complete an application available in Borough Hall or online at www.southplainfieldnj.com. Send the completed application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Debra Leporino, 170 Oakmanor Pkwy, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. For information, contact Leporino at (908) 754-6914.

Parade marshals are needed for the parade. If interested or for information, contact Joe Scudato at (908) 406-5920 or jascudato@hotmail.com.

police report

- On July 4 Catherine J. Cubias, 20, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- Roosevelt Elementary School reported a broken window pane on the east side of the building.
- On July 5 CMF Business Supplies on Kennedy Road reported that their front window had been broken with a BB gun.
- On July 6 Manuel Perez-Hernandez, 40, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and failure to observe a traffic signal.
- A Cherry Street resident reported that the driver side window of their vehicle had been smashed while parked at the A&P. Nothing was taken.
- On July 7 Roosevelt Elementary School reported that three window screens had been removed and one was bent and a window had been broken on the east side of the school.

- On July 8 Nunziant A. Gallicchio, 45, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.
- Gannett Fleming Inc., on Cragwood Road reported the theft of a Dell laptop computer from an office.
- On July 9 AA Truck Renting Corp. on South Clinton Avenue reported the theft of a transmission cooler from a vehicle. The chain link fence had been cut.
- On July 10 Bryant J. Williams, 24, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.
- On July 11 a Trinity Street resident reported that their personal information was being used to apply for credit cards and make purchases.
- On July 12 Alberto Paez, 35, of Plainfield was arrested for an outstanding warrant, driving on a suspended license, failure to inspect and displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker.

Hannon Family Needs Assistance

Matthew Hannon was diagnosed on May 2, 2007 with Ewing's Sarcoma, which is a soft tissue mass discovered in his left forearm.

Matt's cancer has a 30% cure rate once it has spread. Part of his treatment included amputating his left arm and a liver resection to remove any disease that could be reached surgically. Currently, Matt has weekly therapy visits to help him use his arm. He will need to be scanned every six months. His first set of scans in January 2008 showed clear results.

As a result of Matthew's illness, the family has filed for bankruptcy. Keri left her job to care for him on a full time basis. They have moved back in with her parents after losing their home and car.

The American Legion and UNICO has come to their rescue by donating enough money to purchase a used car so they can take Matt to his doctors appointments.

If you would like to contribute, mail your donation to the Ashley Lauren Foundation, 41 Hwy. 34 South, Colts Neck, N.J. 07722, Attention: Monica Vermuelen. Please note that your donation is for Matt Hannon.



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LEGAL NOTICE

July 11, 2008

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 20, 2008.

A. Case #34-05-D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc. Block 255; Lots 16, 16.01-20; Park Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval was granted subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #5-08-N.Y. SMSA Limited Partnership; dba/Verizon Wireless. Block 50; Lot 1; Cedarbrook Avenue. The applicant's request for a use variance for a 128' monopole, a fence variance and site plan approval was granted subject to additional voluntary conditions. (Amended)

C. Case #13-08-Berg and Pitt Development, LLC. Block 331; Lots 1-3.01; 312 New Market Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary and final amended sub division and site plan approval was granted subject to additional voluntary conditions.

D. Case #14-08-Ruby Tuesday, Block 528.01; Lot 46.03; 4701 Stetson Road. The applicant's request for a sign variance was granted subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
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