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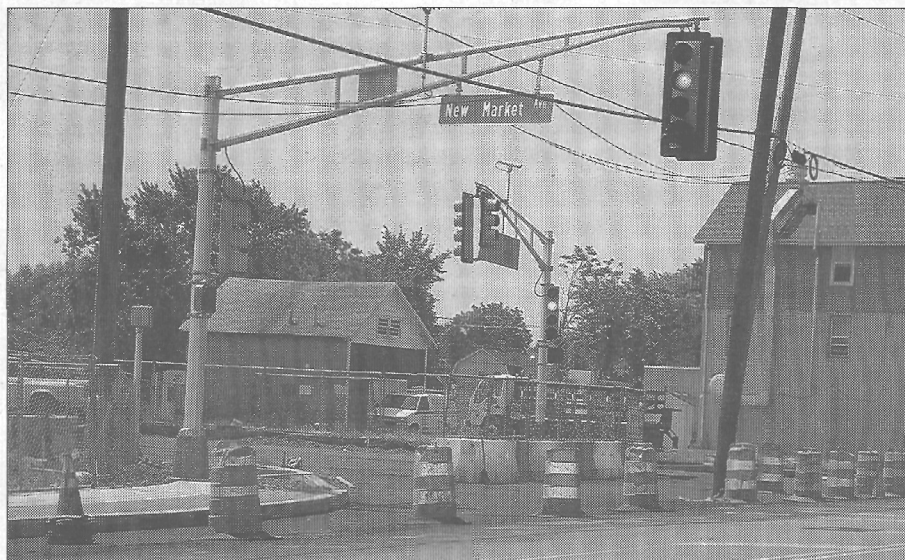
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Road Paving May Affect Recycling Collection

The Clinton Avenue road paving taking place in July may affect curbside recycling in Districts 2 and 3. The county will be working on Clinton Avenue from about July 13 through July 23.

Residents in District 2 (Tuesday pickup) and District 3 (Wednesday pickup) should be aware that the recycling truck may come earlier or later than usual. Residents should put their recyclables out at the curb by 6 a.m. of their collection day, as usual.

If recyclables are not picked up on the scheduled day, call the recycling coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or leave a message on the recycling hotline at (908) 226-7620.



The New Market Avenue extension is near completion and is slated to open within days.

Teaching Career Spans Three Generations

Ann Zajkowski Retires After 49-Year Career

By Libby Barsky

Ann Zajkowski, who always wanted to be a teacher, retired July 1 after 49 years teaching business education at South Plainfield High School.



Ann Zajkowski

"From my earliest days I played teacher and I even put on a veil imitating the dress of the nuns who taught us. My whole education was in Catholic schools," said Zajkowski.

Graduating from Misericordia College in Pennsylvania, Zajkowski was recruited to teach in New Jersey. "At that time [1961], New Jersey needed teachers and my salary was \$3,600," she explained. Later she took courses at Rider University and received a master's degree in business education and a master's degree in supervision and administration.

"When I started there were nine teachers in the department—now we are down to three teachers in the business department. Shorthand was big for the girls and many took shorthand—the Gregg method. We found jobs for the kids and placed them with businesses. During my lunch hour I would take the kids to their jobs, the offices located along the border of Rt. 287. Today, our classes include word processing, accounting, personal finance, business law and desktop publishing. This year we started teaching special education students one day a week, joining our regular computer applications class and they love the class!" said Zajkowski.

In the beginning of her career the teachers were huge fans of the sports programs, observed Zajkowski.

"All the teachers would meet in the school parking lot and went in busses following the student athletes to their events in Atlantic City or at Rider College for the playoff games in basketball. Tony Cotoia's basketball teams were champions. Mr. Ranger, whose science classroom was across from mine, started the wrestling program."

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Principal Dedicated to Student Achievement Retires

By Jane Dornick

After a 42-year career in the South Plainfield School District, Middle School Principal Steven Novak retired from his position on July 1.

Raised in North Plainfield, Novak graduated from Seton Hall University with a BS in education and obtained a master's degree in administration from Kean University.

Novak began student teaching in the borough in 1968, and the following year was hired as a U.S. and world history teacher at the high school. In the 1970s he pioneered the government and law curriculum, which is still in place today. Recalling his tenure as a teacher Novak said,

"It's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice."

— Steve Novak, retiring principal, motivated students to achieve their personal best.

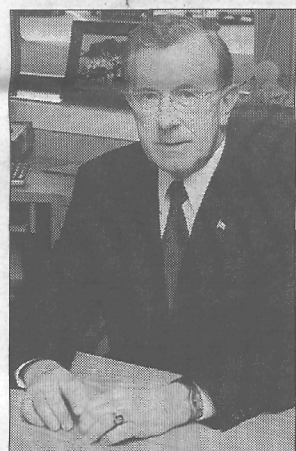
"My mentor back then was Larry Carbonetti, the head of the social studies department." He also fondly remembers teaching alongside colleagues Tony Massaro, who went on to become principal, assistant superintendent and an Edison councilman, and Mike English, now a college professor and former recreation director and mayor of South Plainfield who is currently again seeking that position in November.

After becoming an assistant principal at the high school, Novak instituted the "four A's": academics, athletics, arts and activities, something he believes every student should benefit from and strive for. In 2005 he was named principal of the middle

school where he still maintained the same core philosophy and even added another "A"—attendance.

One of Novak's mantras often heard throughout the middle school was, "It's nice to be important, but it's important to be nice," a quote taken in part from motivational speaker and former professional baseball player John Cassis. He also inspired his students with an added twist on the old Rosie the Riveter, saying "we can do it" telling them "you can do it." During his final days as principal he proudly came up with another addition to his "A" words: appearance.

Not only was he inspirational in the classroom, Novak also brought the same spirit to the players he coached over the years. "I was looking for a
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Steven Novak

Safeguard Your Children

A Warning for Parents Following Many Recent Water Tragedies

After five children reportedly drowned in backyard swimming pools and retention ponds in New Jersey in June, Department of Children and Families (DCF) Acting Commissioner Allison Blake is reminding parents and caregivers to vigilantly watch children around water.

"These tragedies are a sad reminder that we should never, ever, leave a child unattended near water, and always ensure backyard swimming pools are child-proof," said Commissioner Blake. "Drowning is a leading cause of preventable child death every year, and with the summer season just getting underway, parents need to know water accidents can occur in a matter of minutes, and children can drown in just a few inches of water, often without any splashing or screaming."

According to the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, drowning is the second leading

cause of death for children under 14. Among children ages one to 4, most drownings occur in residential swimming pools and, in most cases, those children had been in the care of their parents and out of sight for less than five minutes.

This summer, DCF is running its third annual "Not Even for a Second" summer safety campaign to educate parents and caregivers about water safety, and to remind them never to leave children unattended around water, not even for a second.

Commissioner Blake stressed the following "Not Even for a Second" water safety tips for parents:

- Always have an adult supervising young swimmers. Never leave a child alone around water. Children are drawn to it, and very young children can drown in just one inch of water.
- Flotation devices or inflatable toys are not substitutes for supervision. Teach children to swim at an early age.
- Obey all posted or verbal rules, warning signs and other safety signs.

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Three of the 270 eighth graders who graduated from South Plainfield Middle School. See pages 6 and 7 for story and photos.

Joe Monchek Quartet Kick Off Summer Concert Series

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' free summer concert series continues this year with three performances in July and five in August.

All concerts are held in Spring Lake Park Gazebo

from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and are open to the public. For more information, contact Jackie Neill, recreation supervisor, at (732) 745-3936 or visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us.

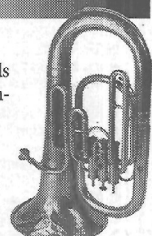
Coming Up in July...

July 11: The Joe Monchek

Quartet

July 18: The Live Sounds of Magic- Rich Aiello, conductor

July 25: The Scott Michaels Quartet presents: Pop Music through the Years-Bob Slonim, leader.



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council meetings

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Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

July 19 (moved from July 12) July 19 (moved from July 12)

August 6 August 6

September 7 (Tuesday) September 7

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, Sept. 14, Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26, Nov. 9 Dec. 7.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

July 22, Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28, Nov. 11*, Dec. 9.*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the whole meetings: July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 13,

Nov. 10, Dec. 8. 2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting: July 21, Aug. 18, Sept. 22, Oct. 20,

Nov. 17, Dec. 15. 2011: Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 16, April 6.

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m. July 20, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16, Dec. 21

environmental commission

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

July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 10, Dec. 8, Jan. 12 2011

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Questions? 908-226-7605



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In My Opinion

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To the Editor:

The Shared Services Committee, chaired by Debbie Boyle representing the Board of Education, and Ray Rusnak, representing the Borough Council, met on June 30 to discuss ongoing shared services programs between the borough and the BOE, and during that meeting the subject of a new facility for the library came up. We're writing this letter to share the content of the discussion and to invite further input and discussion from all those concerned.

During the meeting the committee discussed the possibility of the BOE working with the borough to supply a library facility that meets the needs of the community. Obviously the BOE has an interest in the library, as the library provides South Plainfield students-of all ages-with a variety of resources and programs. That being the case, the BOE members on the committee were eager to help solve the library board's concerns about insufficient space, and to that end, discussed an idea that might solve that dilemma.

Here's the gist of it: currently the Roosevelt Administration Building is underused. Because of this, the committee envisioned relocating the library there and relocating the school district's administrative offices to the current library building. Under the plan, the library would take over two floors in the administration building, with the first floor keeping its current use (a museum for the Historical Society and the operations center for the BOE's technology department) which could be used for additional storage for the library.

The idea offers quite a few benefits for residents. Here are just a few:

- The location is next to the building used for Future Stars, which would give parents with children in that program easy access to the library's programs, especially those geared toward preschoolers.

- The location has abundant parking, with the possibility of adding more if needed.

- The location is in an area zoned for this type of use. In addition, all the infrastructure (sidewalks, driveways, etc.) are in place. The building also has an elevator, which would be available to serve those with disabilities.

- The building is next to Hamilton Boulevard, a main artery. The location would therefore be convenient to the community and public transportation.

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lic transportation.

- The new library facility would have plenty of space and, depending upon how that space is configured, could offer room for a computer center, individual meeting rooms for small groups and a community room.

- The new facility would have space for offices for the library director and staff.

- There would be opportunities to offer joint programs between the library and the Future Stars program. Depending upon the ability to negotiate timing, etc., the library could have access to the gymnasium for large programs.

The plan would also offer the library a larger facility, which an architect and engineer could redesign to meet the library's needs. The renovations could be paid for out of the library's surplus.

All the members of the Shared Services Committee, as well as two other BOE members (BOE President Jim Giannakis and Vice President Pio Pennisi), were enthusiastic about this idea and are eager to discuss it with the remaining members of the council and BOE, as well as with members of the Library Board of Trustees. As with any idea, we're sure there will be obstacles that we'll have to address and hopefully find solutions for. Nevertheless, we think this is a viable solution to the library's lack of space-a solution the community could get behind.

Since our committee already has representatives of the council and BOE, the next logical step is for us to meet with representatives of the library board. To that end, we'd like to invite two library board representatives to attend our next meeting, which is on

Wednesday, July 28 at 6 p.m. at the Roosevelt Administration Building. We'd also like the remaining council and BOE members to give their representatives to the Shared Services Committee their input.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members. We hope the library board will be as enthusiastic about this idea as we are, and we look forward to working together on something that can be a huge positive for our community.

**THANK YOU,
SOUTH PLAINFIELD SHARED SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Dear Editor,

In response to Bogdan Fryszczyn's letter to the editor in last week's *Observer* regarding the high school yearbook advisors, I would like to let you know that I had applied for the job, as well as the middle school yearbook advisor job last year.

At the elementary school level, the yearbooks are handled solely as a service by the various PTOs and PTSOs with no pay involved to the parents who volunteer. I had been the yearbook advisor at Grant School for three years since no one else was willing to take on the job. That included the advertising, bookkeeping, selling and the actual page by page creation of the book. The final product received rave reviews each year from the students as well as school personnel and gave me great pride in what I had accomplished.

When I saw the job postings on the school website, I sent my application and resume to the Board of Education and I even sent a letter to the superintendent and each board member expressing my desire for the job. Needless to say I was never called for an interview and no one even acknowledged receipt of my application.

After learning that two inexperienced teachers had been chosen for the job I asked a board member why I had not been considered. Several excuses were given to me that came from the superintendent. One was that I had to be a teacher, because according to their contract they get first dibs and,

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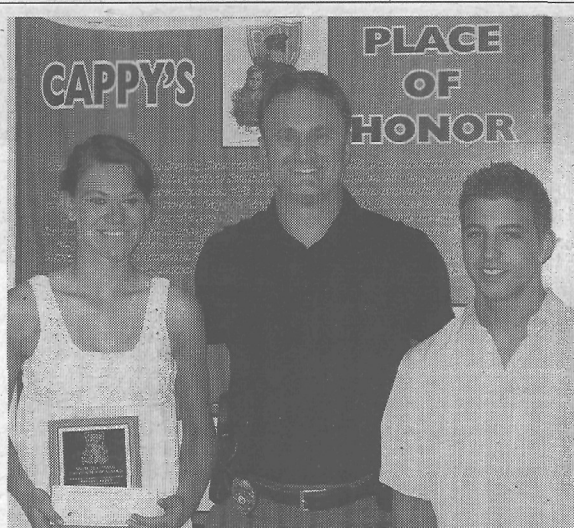
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Kaitlin Muglia and Ryan Sacco were presented with the 2010 Police Athletic League Scholarship by PAL President Chris Colucci. Kaitlin will be attending Montclair State University and majoring in history and education. Ryan will be attending Rutgers University and majoring in engineering. Plaques for the recipients were donated by Donna Capparelli Hanley on behalf of the Tulio Capparelli Family.

McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals Adopts Monument Park

McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals has joined the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's (CBA) Adopt-A-Spot program. The business has adopted Monument Park, on Plainfield Avenue across from Spring Lake Park, for the next two years.

Rick McCriskin organized a community cleanup of the park in May. Scouts and other volunteers removed litter and renovated the planting beds with donated plants and mulch. This major adoption will include trimming hedges and weekly mowing in addition to weeding and litter removal.

McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals was involved in the original development of this park, which was constructed entirely through dona-

tions and volunteer labor.

The park was created in 2004 to recognize the contributions of those who have served their county and community in uniform. The CBA feels that this highly visible spot is a borough showpiece and is should be kept in impeccable condition to honor the veterans.

Previous adopters were Panzarella Contracting, which provided the initial landscape installation, and the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home jointly with NuScape Property Maintenance.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, call the clean communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

Plainfield Man Seriously Injured In Loading Dock Accident

A Plainfield man was seriously injured on July 1 when he was struck by a tractor trailer and pinned between the truck and the loading dock at American Food Exports located on Metuchen Road.

Jose L. Lopez, 47, was treated at the scene by EMS personnel from Somerset Medical Center and paramedics from Muhlenberg Hospital. He was then airlifted by the NJSP Northstar medevac helicopter and admitted in critical, but stable condition.

The tractor trailer was operated by Freddy Cely, 44, of Newark. The truck

is owned by Ecua Trucking LLC of Newark. The crash occurred when Cely was pulling away from the loading dock at American Food Exports. He pulled forward to close the doors of the trailer, but rolled back into the loading dock. Lopez, who was standing near the loading dock, tried to stop cargo from falling out of the trailer and was pinned between the trailer and the loading dock. The trailer was loaded with approximately 36,000 lbs. of food products.

The crash investigation is continuing and no charges have been filed.

Knights of Columbus Name Family of the Year

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a Communion breakfast on June 13 and handed out their end of year awards.

During the breakfast, Grand Knight Bill Butrico presented the 2010 South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Family of the Year Award to Vincent and Maria Butrico and their children, Christina, Charlie, Enzo and Christian.

The Butricos received the award for their support of the Knights Council, youth, community, family and church activities throughout the years.

Vincent is a third degree Knight. Five years ago he started one of the council's biggest fundraisers, the annual fall mums sale, along with nephew Gerry Butrico. All proceeds collected benefit the Knights charity fund.

Vincent also participates in the Sacred Heart Church fish dinners during Lent and the Special Citizens drive.

Maria has been a CCD teacher for the Communion class at Sacred Heart Church for many years. Christina, Charlie, Enzo and Christian are all altar servers at Sacred Heart Church.



Grand Knight Bill Butrico with Knights of Columbus Family of the Year, Vinny and Maria Butrico and their children, Christina, Charlie, Enzo and Christian.

The Butrico Family support not only Sacred Heart Church, but the many Knights and Youth Squire events of which their son Charlie is a member and that are held throughout the year. The Butrico children also help out at the Sacred Heart fish dinners, Don't Cook Friday pasta dinners and Somerset

Patriots games, as well as support the community in various events and fundraisers. This is the true meaning of the Knights of Columbus.

When you see Vinny, Maria and their children in town, congratulate them on this very worthy accomplishment. -Submitted by Joe Scrudato

Cable Series Raises the Bar for People With Disabilities

Get ready for the start of a new locally-produced cable TV series that puts a whole new spin on life for individuals with disabilities.

Higher and HireSM is the name of the half-hour monthly show which debuted this month on Comcast Channel 96 and Verizon Fios Channel 34 in the South Plainfield vicinity. The program will begin airing on Monday, July 12 at 1 p.m. and will air every Monday thereafter at 1 p.m. and also at the network's discretion.

The program highlights and focuses on the achievements of people with disabilities who have made great strides to lead productive lives as members of their community. It also serves as an educational forum to promote awareness and encourage equality between able-bodied and disabled individuals alike.

The show is produced by a group of about 15 talented individuals with disabilities as part of a unique worker cooperative called e-Quality Productions, Inc.

"e-Quality Productions is one of

eight pilot programs funded in 2008 by the NJ Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services," explains Barry Gould, executive director for e-Quality Productions and a South Plainfield resident. Together with editing and creative consultant Jose "Joey" Conti and volunteers from the broadcasting industry, the group oversees daily operations and trains the worker cooperative staff from their studio offices in Plainfield.

"Currently, we are funded through a special grant that develops alternate work opportunities for people with disabilities who are interested in directing and owning their own company," he explains. "After our three-year state funding ends, our worker cooperative becomes a full-fledged commercial video production company and must compete for business and establish its place in the multimedia marketplace."

The innovative program provides training and hands-on experience to work with professional audio and video production equipment to pro-

duce not only the show, but also take on paid video services such as commercials, testimonials, marketing pieces and video press releases for growing businesses and organizations.

For more information about e-Quality Productions, Inc., call (908) 561-5885 or visit them online at www.e-qualityproductions.net.

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Events

Pig Roast at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

July 10

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church will hold a pig roast on Saturday, July 10 from 12 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$20; children seven to 17—\$10; and under seven are free.

Entertainment includes Jimmy De and the Happy Times Band, basket raffles, outside games for the kids.

For tickets, call Andy Olear at (732) 951-9134, Nadine Tirpak at (732) 248-1119, or Chris (Joe) Vakulichik at (732) 424-8746.

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel Program

July 11

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will host a program entitled "Christ in the Tabernacle," presented by Israel Cohen, a representative of Chosen People Ministries, on Sunday, July 11 at 11 a.m. All are welcome to come to this unusual presentation.

For more information, call Kingsley Baehr at (908) 757-7598 or email kbahr@verizon.net.

Rescue Squad Car, Truck and Bike Show

July 11

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold its third annual car, truck and bike show at the squad building, 2520 Plainfield Ave. on Sunday, July 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date Sunday, July 18). Music by DJ Stick Shift

Eddie. Food, 50/50 and trophies. Vehicle registration: \$20; general admission: \$5 (includes two hot dogs or two hamburgers).

For more information, call Dave Hackett at (908) 256-6110 or visit www.southplainfieldems.org.

Proceeds benefit the South Plainfield Volunteer Rescue Squad.

SP Eagles Darren Gorman Football Clinic

July 12-15

The South Plainfield Eagles will hold its first annual Darren Gorman Football Clinic on Monday, July 12 through Thursday, July 15 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (ages 8-14) and 5:30-6:15 p.m. (ages 5-7) at the Eagles football field. Learn the fundamentals and techniques of the game. Registration is \$35. Discounts for more than one child in a family.

Historical Society Monthly Meeting

July 13

The next meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, July 13 at 7 p.m.

The History Center is located within the Board of Education Administration Building. Entrance is in the lower level on Jackson Avenue. Details of the annual Labor Day quilt raffle will be discussed. Any one inter-

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ested in helping to sell raffle tickets, and new members are welcome.

VBS at Crossroads Calvary Chapel

July 19-23

Vacation Bible School at Crossroads Calvary Chapel, located at 104 New Era Dr., is coming quickly. Grab your cowboy hats and boots and be ready to head to Saddle Ridge Ranch Monday, July 19 through Friday, July 23 from 6:46 to 9 p.m. Closing ceremony and picnic will be held on Sunday, July 25 at 12:30 p.m. Registration is available online. Be sure to fill out a form for each child. Also join us for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m.

To register, visit www.crossroadscalvary.com/Crossroads/Home.html.

Little Treasures to Hold Open House

July 24

Little Treasures Learning Center, 2177 Oak Tree Road in Edison, will be holding an open house on Saturday, July 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Within a state of the art setting, they provide full time infant through kindergarten programs and summer camp for ages four through eight. With their advanced curriculum taught by certified staff and low child to teacher ratios, Little Treasures is there to provide your child with the best in quality education a learning center has to offer.

For more information and a virtual tour, visit them online at www.LITLC.net or call (908) 769-3224.

Vacation Bible School At Wesley

July 26-30

Wesley's Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Friday, July 26-30 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The

theme is: The Gospel Light's SonWorld Adventure Park. The fee is \$10 per child, \$20 per family. Tanya Santiago is the director. There will be exciting games, stories, music, lots of fun and food, and of course, Jesus. Open to ages four to 12.

To register, call (908) 757-2838 or email wumcsp@verizon.net.

St. Stephens Vacation Bible School

August 16-20

The "Baobab Blast" Vacation Bible School will be held at St. Stephens Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., Monday through Friday, Aug. 16-20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All ages are welcome; however, pre-registration is required.

Register until July 26 by emailing Michele at Billich@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537.

— Out of Town — Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

July 9

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, July 9 at The American Legion Hall, 1165 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Live music and refreshments. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 969-2228 or (908) 757-0515.

Moon Over Buffalo at Washington Crossing

July 9-11

Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre will perform the hilarious comedy, *Moon Over Buffalo* on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 9-11 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children 12 and under. Group discounts available for 20 persons or more.

For information about the 2010 summer season, directions and more, visit www.DPACatOAT.com, or call (267) 885-9857.

Ride Thomas The Tank Engine

July 9-11

The Celebration Tour 2010, to celebrate the 65th publishing anniversary of Thomas the Tank Engine, will be held Friday-Sunday, July 9-11 with a 25-minute ride via The Delaware River Railroad Excursions, 99 Elizabeth St. in Phillipsburg. Activities include arts and crafts, storytelling, video view-

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up.....

July 15 Bally's
Oct 11-15 Indian Head Resort
(Call the center for more info)

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Computer..... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Line Dancing 10:30 am
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

Daily Activities: Morning coffee, pool, cards, board games, computer classes, exercise, art, Tai Chi, yoga and crafts.
Lunch Served Monday-Friday.

Call (908) 754-1047 for more info or visit www.southplainfieldnj.com

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ing, live music, model train exhibit, bouncy castle and a petting zoo. Tickets are \$18 for ages two and up.

For tickets, call (866) 468-7630, or visit www.877trainride.com.

Country Western Night in Clark

July 10

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, is hosting a country western night on Saturday, July 10 from 3 to 10 p.m. Live music by Thunderhill Band. Music 6 to 9 p.m. Open to the public; donation \$5, children under 12 free. Outdoors (rain or shine); parking available. German American food available; no outside food or beverages permitted.

For information, call (732) 574-8600 or visit www.deutscherclub.us.

NP Baptist Church Bible School

July 12-16

North Plainfield Baptist Church, 543 Rockview Ave. and Albert St., will hold a vacation bible school Monday-Friday, July 12-16 from 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-K

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Through August 27

Prodigal Foundation, Inc. in conjunction with the Woodbridge Bowling Center is sponsoring "A Strike Against Cancer," each Friday through August 27 between 6 and 8 p.m. Any child or parent from Middlesex County affected by cancer may participate and is entitled to three free games of bowling. Registration required.

To register, call the Prodigal Foundation at (732) 636-9200, email requests to eprodigal@comcast.net, call the Woodbridge Bowling Center at (732) 634-4520 or register online at www.woodbridgebowling.com.

Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

July 14

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, July 14 at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library, located at George Fredrick Plaza, Rt. 35 in Woodbridge. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend.

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

Authentic German Biergarten

July 16

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane in Clark is holding an authentic German Biergarten on Friday, July 16 from 5:30 to 11 p.m. (rain or shine). Mercedes Night-35 German theme cars to view. Open to the public; parking available. German and American food available.

For information, call (732) 574-8600 or visit www.deutscherclub.us.



Congratulations to nine-year-old South Plainfield student, Julie Davis. She was the winner of the gourmet food basket from Front Street Farmer's Market presented to her by manager, Bob Tanganelli.

policereport

- On June 22 Michael G. Cummings, 22, of Fords was arrested for tinted windows, driving on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.
- On June 24 Livingston Infusion Care on Montrose Avenue reported that an outdoor bench had been damaged.
- On June 25 James Schmid, 51, of South Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting two packages of lunch meat and three packages of pudding that were taken from Aldi on Park Avenue.
- An Edison resident reported that a rock had been thrown through the rear window of their truck and broke the glass cover of the odometer while

parked at the Junior Baseball Club.

- On June 27 MaryEllen Bukowski, 51, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, no insurance and failure to exhibit a valid registration.
- A Piscataway resident reported the rear windshield of their vehicle had been damaged while parked at Best Western. Nothing was taken.
- On June 28 Alice M. Darby, 36, of Edison was arrested for displaying a fraudulent inspection sticker, failure to inspect, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- An employee of Joe's Crab Shack reported that the front passenger window of their vehicle had been smashed in. Nothing was taken.

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Offers a Budget Friendly Vacation

Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey (GSHNJ) is offering a budget friendly family vacation opportunity at Camp Lou Henry Hoover, the residential camp it operates in Sussex County. GSHNJ will open its facility to the public for family camp from Friday, Aug. 27 through Monday, Sept. 6. Camp Hoover is located on beautiful Lake Swartswood in Sussex County.

Family camp at Camp Hoover is already a favorite summer vacation tradition for many families on the East Coast. Family camp can be an economical way for many who may have had to limit their vacation budget while the economy recovers and allows for a wonderful lakefront vacation in the great outdoors.

During family camp, you can choose the length of your stay in one of their lovely cabins, unit platform tents, or pitch your own tent.

The camp staff will help you, your family and friends enjoy plenty of outdoor activities. Your vacation includes: a fully staffed and guarded waterfront, boat races and fishing on the mile long lake, hiking through 340 acres of woods and hills (a night hike is available on the weekends), access to the ropes course, sports equipment at the playground, cooking out, evening camp fire programs, children's morning program, and low cost sailboat, canoe,

rowboat and funyak rentals.

Reservations are available for this great vacation opportunity. A family camp brochure is available online at www.gshnj.org/camps, or by calling (908) 725-1226, ext 124.

The 55 year-old Camp Henry Hoover facility is part of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council Inc. family of camps. Camp Hoover is conveniently located in close vicinity to the Delaware Water Gap, Stokes State Forest, Buttermilk Falls, Sunrise Mountain, Wild West City, Pennsylvania outlet shopping and more.

Direct inquiries to Deb Hooker, at (908) 232-3236, ext. 1226 or via email to camphoover@gshnj.org.

Class of 1961 Seeks Alumni for Reunion

SPHS Class of 1961 is soon approaching a 50 year reunion. Organizers are attempting to reach out to all families and classmates in an effort to obtain current addresses in the hopes to contact as many graduates as possible.

If you, or someone you know, is a member of the Class of 1961, please forward this information to Brenda Belardo Ribar, Nancy Kahora Dowd and Geri Trivigno Beyer via email to class1961sphs@gmail.com.

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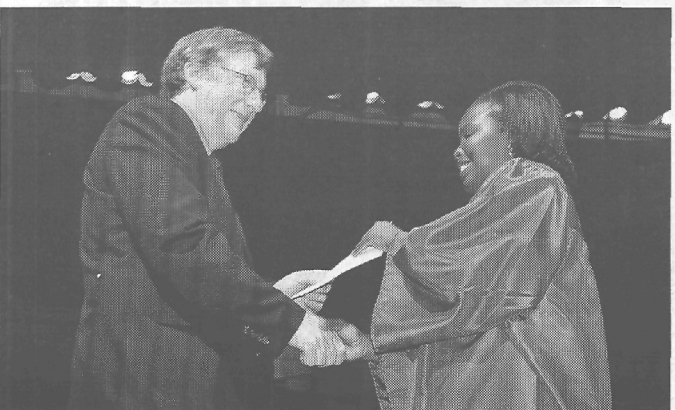
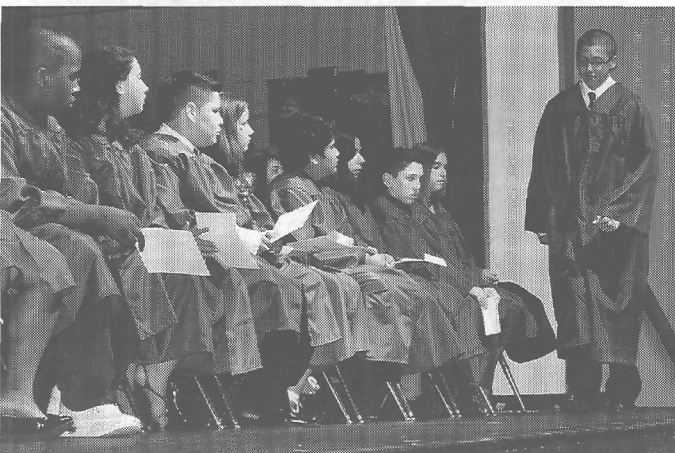
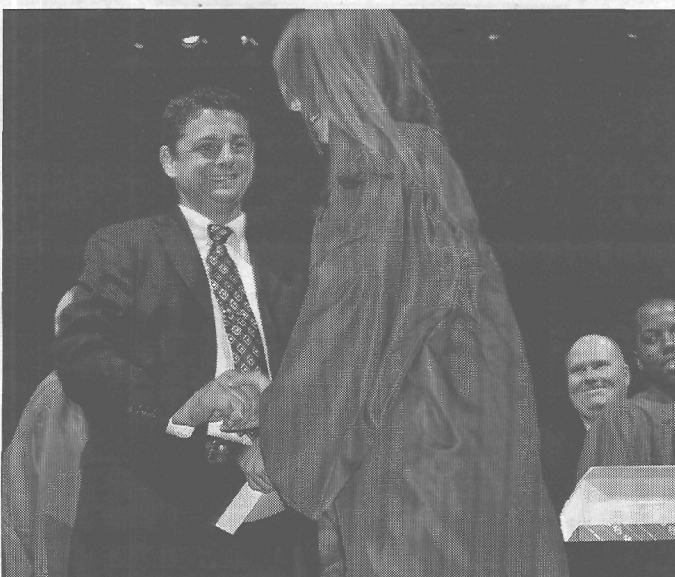
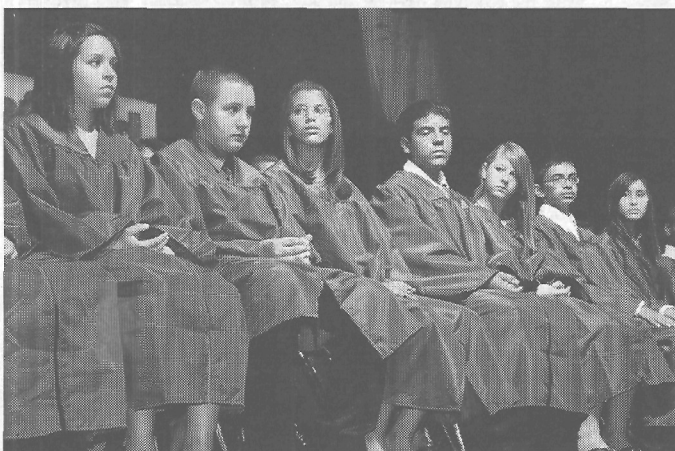
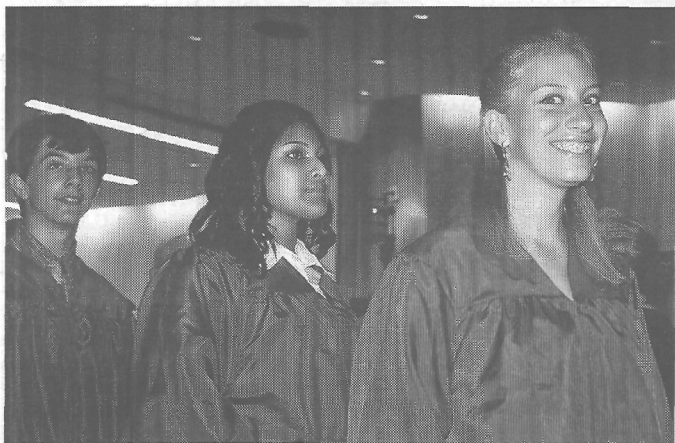
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Middle School Moves Up

South Plainfield Middle School held the 47th annual promotion exercises on June 21. The eighth graders entered the high school auditorium as the Middle School Band, under the direction of Andrew Veiss, performed *Pomp and Circumstance* followed by eighth grade graduate Joanna Marston singing *The Star Spangled Banner*. Greetings and introductions were offered by Assistant Principal Kevin Hajduk.

Student Council President Jessica Uhl and Academic Honorees Anjali Patel and Abhilasha Borad addressed the Class of 2010.

The PTO address was presented by PTO President Deborah Boyle. Steven Bohn, representing the Board of Education, also addressed the students and guests and was followed by the presentation of the Class of 2010 by School Principal Steven Novak Jr. who retires this year after 42 years in the South Plainfield School District. Members of the Board of Education presented certificates to the 270 graduates.

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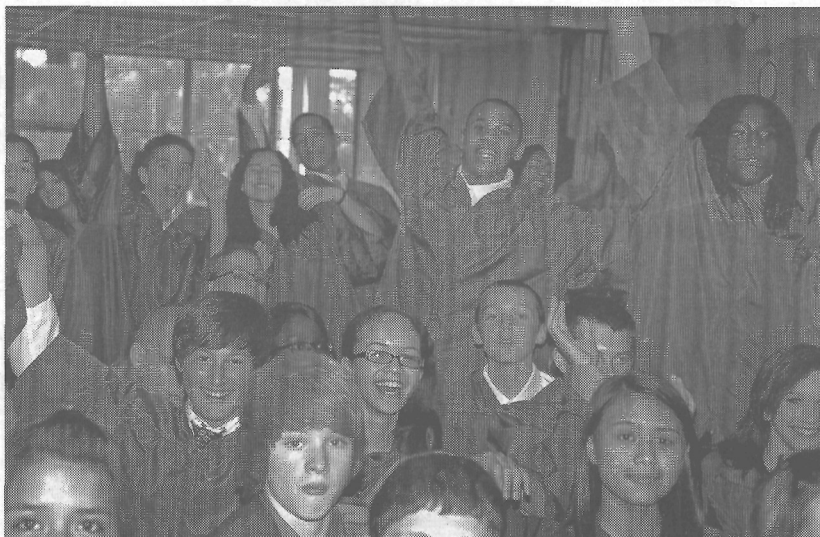
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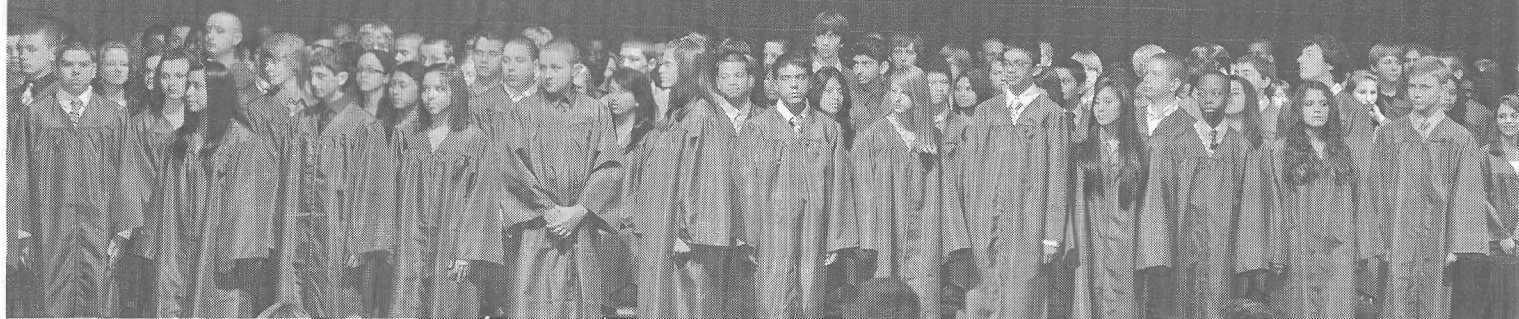
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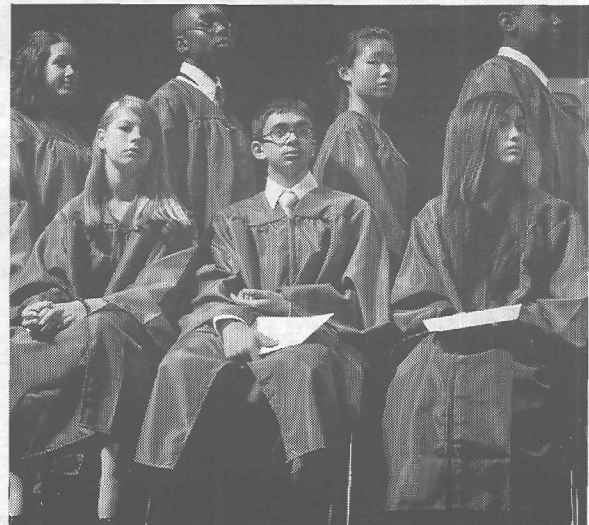
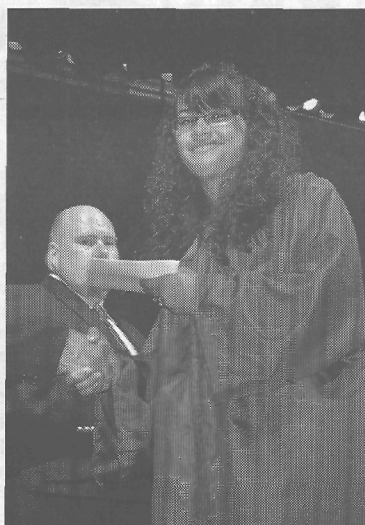
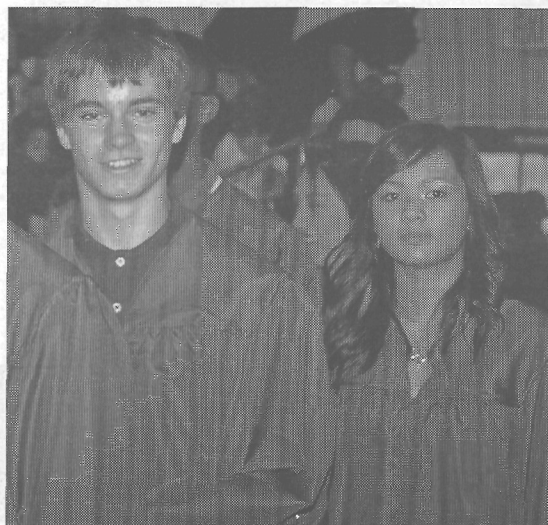
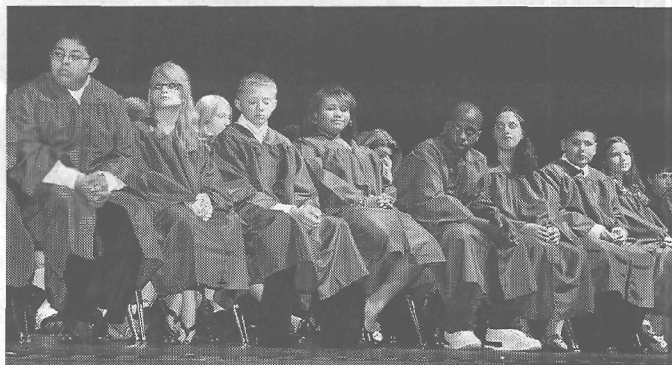
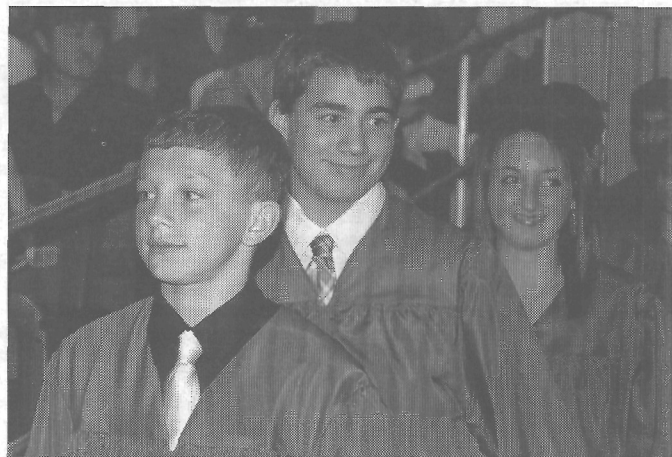
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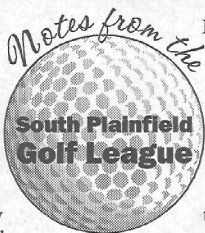
Frank Oades smashed a gorgeous drive on the fourth hole that hit just short of the green and rolled to within a foot of the cup for a tap-in eagle. That marvelous shot ignited his Oak Tree Dental squad and they went on to whip first-place Twin City Pharmacy, 15½-4½. Oades earned the medal for his team with a 38.

Teammate Robert Pornovets who, after three terrible rounds at the start of the season, was all set to sell his clubs and play checkers in the park on Tuesday nights with some senior citizens, came through with a 41 to help Oak Tree Dental gain a tie for first-place in the American Division. Robert's father's advice to hang in there paid off. So the moral is—Always listen to your dear old dad.

Guy Severini put together another nice round of 36, and Joe Diller contributed a 38 for Twin City.

Sean Brooks of Witty's Liquors is on fire. He had a superb birdie on the second hole, ripped a splendid drive on the fourth that led to his second birdie, and crushed his tee shot on the eighth hole and made his third birdie for the low round of the night, a sparkling 1-under 32. Hereafter, Sean will be known as The Birdie guy. With Brooks again showing the way, Witty's went on to win a close match over 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, 11-9. Nick Tonzetich pitched in with a solid round of 38.

The star of the show for 2 Buds, 2



Dubes was Grace Ciampi, the first woman to ever play in the South Plainfield Golf League since its inception over 50 years ago. Before teeing off, Captain Dale "The Needler" Dube told her since this was a men's league, she would have to play from the white tees. "I had a great time," said Grace, who shot a 47. Dube also had an enjoyable experience: "It was fun having a woman who works as a bartender as a playing partner. It was a nice change from having to golf with that inconsistent dip stick, Jeff Orth."

Andy "The Caddie Comedian" Hayward had some hiccups here and there but still managed to post a 38 to lead the Roughriders to a huge win over Unique Sports Accessories, 18-2. Frank Weingart bombed some drives on his way to a 38, and Bob Nilan had both an eagle eye and a hot putter and also registered a 39. The Roughriders decided that they had better get on their horses and ride for a win before the scheduled roundup at The OK Corral next week to show their captain what they are really made of. Ted Stanik of Unique Sports shot a 37 that easily could have been several strokes lower, and Jay Bertleson had a 39.

After getting pounded last week by the Italian American Club, 19-1, KC's Korner bounced right back and won decisively over McCriskin's Home For Funerals, 16-4. Dan Conti gave a stern lecture to his balky putter, and the big

stick obediently listened to its master as Conti earned the medal for his team with a fine round of 37.

Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar was reliable as ever as he carded a 37 for McCriskin's in a losing effort.

Even with some different line-ups each week, Alfie's Boys looks like they're finally getting their act together as they hammered the Italian American Club, 16-4. Bill Mann and John Gavin turned in a pair of nifty 36s, and Mike King left a few strokes out there but still managed a 38. With this win, Alfie's Boys improved to a .500 and are now in a three-way tie for second place in the National Division.

Pat Romano of Sport & Social is so full of confidence when he steps up to the first tee each week that he no longer bothers to take any practice swings or do any stretching to loosen up. He simply waggles his driver a few times, takes his stance, and proceeds to split the fairway with what is often his best shot of the night. Romano did his thing against the Polish National Home, but then, for a change, he followed up with a lot of other good shots and put together his best round this season, an impressive 3-over 36, to lead Sport & Social to a 13½-6½ triumph over the Polish National Home.

The dynamic duo from Gotham City, Ray Starnick and Tom Kaufman, were in top form for the Polish National Home as Starnick fired another gem, a 1-over 34, and Kaufman was just 2 strokes back with a fine round of 36.

Low scores for the night: Sean Brooks, 32; Ray Starnick, 34; John Gavin, 36; Tom Kaufman, 36; Bill Mann 36; Pat Romano, 36; Guy Severini, 36; Mark Chichvar, 37; Dan Conti, 37; Andy Hayward, 37; Ted Stanik, 37.

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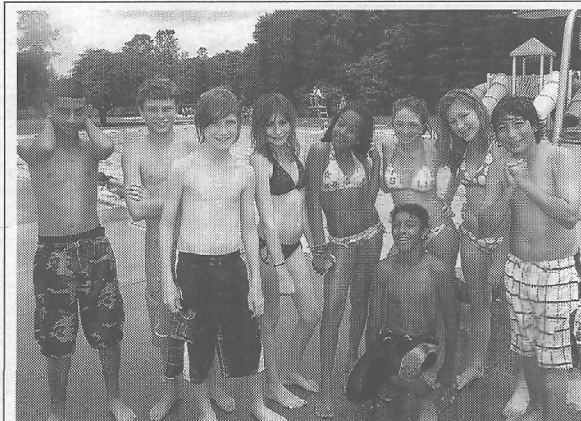
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Donna Barden and Denise Pettinichio requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a pool deck. Proposed deck lacks 20' rear yard setback; 9' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 205 South Plainfield Avenue, Block 267, Lot 21; on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 22, 2010 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 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 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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Seventh grade Middle School students enjoyed a PTO-sponsored picnic at the community pool on June 11. There was plenty of activities to enjoy, as well as pizza, sub sandwiches, snacks and Italian ices.

Tiger Sharks Disappointed By Season Opening Loss

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks hosted their first meet at the community pool on June 26 swimming against the toughest competition in the league, Hillsborough Hurricanes. The Hillsborough team is a year round team and they did blow in like a hurricane. The Tiger Sharks held their own, swimming at their personal best times, the score was 159-116. Swimming individual medley and taking first and second place for the 10 and under group were Darlene Fung and Jenna Yang. Megan McDermott also placed first in the 11/12 age group.

Paul Stanik (11/12) placed first in the longer freestyle and Mark Stanik (10 and under) and Anthony Gurrieri (13-18) placed second. Darlene Fung was the only swimmer to place first in the freestyle. Kristy Tam and Shannon Yan placed second and third for the eight and under group. Chandler Carter placed second for the 9/10 group. Allison Huber (13/14) and Emily Piekarski (15-18) placed third.

The boys had a difficult time in the backstroke. Mark Stanik placed second for the 9/10 age group, while Joe Anesh (8 and under), Marcel Green (13/14) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18) placed third. Chandler Carter (9/10) and Megan McDermott (11/12) placed first in the

butterfly. Shannon Yan and Kristy Tam placed second and third in the same category for the eight and under group.

Swimming breaststroke Charlie Butrico (13/14) placed second, while Miles Green (9/10) and Adam Nathoo (11/12) placed third.

Swimming relays were: eight and under Free Relay-Harrison Anesh, Dominick Faustini, AJ Gonzalez, Joe Anesh; 9/12 Free Relay-Paul Stanik, Miles Green, Mark Stanik, Nicolas Gurrieri; 13-18 Free Relay-Anthony Gurrieri, Enzo Butrico, Ian Muhlgeier, Marcel Green; eight and under Medley Relay-Kristy Tam, Erin Barnett, Shannon Yan, Cara Makoski; 9-12 Medley Relay-Jenna Yan, Genifer Huber, Megan McDermott, Darlene Fung; 13-18 Medley Relay-Amy Zinsky, Maggie Valentino, Ali Huber, Gracie Piekarski.

Heat winners were: eight and under-Amanda Pina and Kara Makoski (25 free); Max Strassburger, Noah Karch and Colin Carey (25 Back); 9/10-Caitlyn Kwan and Linda Farinella (50 free); Ryan Carey (50 Back); 11/12-Gregory Forbes and Nick Farinella (50 Back); Matilda Merrick (50 Free); 13/14-Eric Ivanic (50 breast); Rebecca George and Amanda Rowling (100 free).

Coaches for the Tiger Sharks are Laurie Post (head coach), Shannon Dabrio, Katie Kaczka and Mary Otlowski. Volunteer coach is Jen Otlowski.

SPGA Announces 16th Open Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Golf Association (SPGA) has announced that this year's South Plainfield Open will be held on Thursday, August 5 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. This is the 16th annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team. The tournament will be a scramble format.

The entry fee of \$115 includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided from noon to 1 p.m. There is a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and awards will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line and a special hole-in-one prize.

Registration and payment are due by Monday, July 23. Players are encouraged to sign up early to secure a place in the tournament. You can register for the tournament at

www.spga.org or print out and mail the entry form.

Corporate sponsorships are available and all proceeds from the event support the activities of the SPHS Golf Team as well as the college scholarship program. Each platinum sponsorship includes this year's tournament entry fees for one foursome. Gold, silver, bronze, hospitality and beverage sponsorships are also available. Sponsorship information is also available on the website.

For more information about the tournament, sponsorships and entry forms, contact Mike Alvarez at (732) 259-0591, Dick DeAndrea at (908) 755-1700, Matt Ward at (908) 754-4766 or visit www.spga.org.

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Middle School Bids Farewell to Six Retirees

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield Middle School has six employees retiring who have in combined total of 160 years working in the district. The four teachers leaving are: John Limyansky, Jim Makowski, Jeff Middleton, Bill Mosca and Jeff Spezio, along with secretary Thia Kirchofer. All were honored at a picnic in the school courtyard on June 22 which was attended by the staff, teachers and administrators from other schools in the district, as well as Board of Education members.

Jeff Spezio attended Trenton State College and Rutgers University and has been a graphic arts teacher at the middle school since December of 1977. He was the expressive arts department head and past student council and newspaper advisor. Spezio was honored with a PTO Caring Award. His most memorable moments at the middle school were helping to organize the first eighth grade Washington, D.C. field trip and assisting in the building and dedication of the 9/11 Memorial in the court yard. In his retirement he plans on spending more time fishing and doing wood working, and most important, spending time with his family.

Thia Kirchofer began working at the middle school 25 years ago in the information center. In 2005 she moved to the main office as a secretary and has remained there ever since. She is looking forward to retirement and spending more quality time with her family and friends.

Bill Mosca graduated from Montclair State College with a BA in industrial education and began teaching special education woodshop in Irvington schools from 1972 through 1973. He has taught mechanical drawing and woodshop at the middle school for 35 years. Mosca coached high school baseball for 33 years and basketball for eight years. One of his accomplishments at the school was helping to build the 9/11 Memorial. He received a Governor's Teacher of the Year Award in 1988, the PTO Caring Award in 1994 and has chaperoned every eighth grade Washington, D.C. field trip and high school Project Graduation. Mosca also finished the New York City Marathon in 1986.



Middle school retirees (L-R) Jeff Middleton, Jeff Spezio, John Limyansky, Thia Kirchofer, Bill Mosca and Jim Makowski at a picnic held in their honor.

Jim Makowski is a lifelong South Plainfield resident. He graduated from Middlesex County College and Kean College with an MA in special education. He began teaching at the high school in 1980 and moved to the middle school in 1987, which was supposed to be a short term stay. Makowski received a Governor's Teacher of the Year Award and a PTO Caring Award in 2001. He served as a team leader and department head of special education and could be heard each day delivering the morning and afternoon announcements as well as being the master of ceremonies at nearly all school functions.

Jeff Middleton earned his BA from Frostburg State College in Maryland and an MA from Indiana State University in athletic training. He began his career in the Old Bridge school system in 1974 and in 1985 he began working in South Plainfield. Middleton has been the president of both the Athletic Trainer Society of New Jersey, the New Jersey State Federation of Umpires and was instrumental in writing the Athletic Training Practice Act.

John Limyansky graduated from Rutgers University with a BA in mathematics and has been a math teacher in

the district since 1973. He first began teaching at the high school where he was a winter and spring track coach for four years. In September of 1975, he transferred to the middle school. Limyansky also coached the middle school track team for four years, was a student council advisor for over 25 years, stage manager for 20 years, talent show advisor for 20 years, has been the school deejay since the early 80s and deejayed the Battle of the Teams since its inception. He was honored with the Governor's Teacher of the Year Award in 1981 and a PTO Caring Award in 1995.

"I would like to thank the South Plainfield community for 37 years of a lifetime of memories. There are so many families that I have gotten to know. You have students in the 1970s and then years later their children walk into your room. I enjoy telling a student that I had your mom or dad and they were also as nice as you. I will miss all of this, but it is time for me to do the other things I love. I hope that I have had a positive effect on all those who have walked through my classroom door. I also hope that the students will remember the fun dances we shared, especially the eighth grade dinner dance. Once again, thank you South Plainfield!" said Limyansky.

County to Celebrate Anniversary of Americans With Disabilities Act

The 20th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) will be marked Monday, July 26. On Thursday, July 15 the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders will sign a proclamation declaring the county's recommitment to the ADA.

The proclamation is part of the "2010 by 2010" campaign spearheaded by the National ADA Symposium. The drive seeks to generate 2,010 proclamations of recommitment nationwide in 2010 to signify government's united desire to provide equality.

Since 1990, Middlesex County built a new administration building, featuring wheelchair-accessible, automatic doors, an infrared listening system and accessible bathrooms on each floor. The Board of Elections worked to ensure polling sites are accessible, and the Commission for Persons with Disabilities presents an annual forum on a disability-related topic.

The county also instituted Project Lifesaver, a collaborative effort between the Departments on Human Services and Senior Services and Sheriff's Department to help locate persons prone to wander due to disability.

The Transportation Department in-

creased its ridership and incorporates mainstreamed transportation for persons with disabilities on its shuttle service.

The Cultural and Heritage Commission continues to educate and advocate for access to the arts. All commission materials are available in a range of accessible formats.

One of the crowning jewels of the county parks system is the Level Playing Fields complex, which is believed to be the first 100 percent accessible sports facility in the nation. The popular Plays-in-the-Park series includes wheelchair seating, sign language interpreted performances, audio description, open captioning and sensory seminars.

To mark the 20th anniversary of ADA, Middlesex County is calling upon all its departments and all 25 municipalities to observe this anniversary with a training or event in July, or simply noting the ADA anniversary.

The Middlesex County Office for the Disabled is available for further information and assistance as a resource for any disability-related issues. Contact Judy Cusumano, director, Office for the Disabled and Middlesex County ADA coordinator, at (732) 745-4013 or email judy.cusumano@co.middlesex.nj.us.

Obituaries

Bessie E. (Pollock) Sopher, 88

Bessie E. (Pollock) Sopher died on Friday, July 2 at her residence.

Born and raised in Pottstown, Pa., she lived in Bayonne before settling in South Plainfield in 1956.

Mrs. Sopher was the owner and operator of the former Gift Garden in South Plainfield, and in 1998 until closing, she volunteered at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She is predeceased by her husband, Douglas Francis, who died in 1996; a son, Robert; a sister, Hanna Bea; and by a brother, Dean Pollock.

Surviving are three children, daughter Gale Pastula-Grazinno and husband Vito of Scotch Plains, and sons Douglas Jr. and wife Jackie of West Chester, Pa. and Daniel and wife Beth of Perrineville; a brother, Arthur Pollock of Freehold; eight grandchildren, Kim, Kelli, Paul, Scott, Daniel, Lexie, Bobby and Matthew; and six great-grandchildren, Clayton, Sidney-Lynn, Elijah, Npah, Douglas and Allie.

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

Margaret M. (Costello) Sabino, 68

Margaret M. (Costello) Sabino died on Saturday, July 3 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Marge resided in South Plainfield since 1968.

Marge was a homemaker where she enjoyed spending time with her family. She liked knitting and crocheting and was an avid reader of books.

She is predeceased by a daughter, Debbie Sabino; a son, Michael Sabino; and by a sister, Phyllis.

Marge leaves behind her husband of 46 years, Arthur Sabino; a son, Arthur Jr.; and by two grandchildren, Shawn and Sarah.

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

Marge's family would like to thank the South Plainfield Library for their caring assistance to Marge over the years, and in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the South Plainfield Library, 2484 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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Career Spans Three Generations

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growth spurt early in Zajkowski's career, outgrowing the original high school building. Two trailers were brought onto the parking lot and math classes were held in them. During that era, the district went on split sessions while the new "open space" high school was being constructed.

"Teachers were sent to Ithaca, New York and other areas to see how they were run," explained Zajkowski. "We found little schools that had half the population of our school. When the high school was first built it was a school without walls, with lightweight wallboard between and curtains separating classes. The noise was incredible. There would be a movie running and the kids would throw paper airplanes into the next class," she recalled.

"My biggest accomplishment in teaching came when high school Principal Harry Lobby appointed me to be chairman of business education in 1977," she said. Zajkowski remained as chairman until 1986, when the chairmen of each department were re-organized into team leaders.

In addition to her teaching schedule and administrative duties, Zajkowski was class advisor to the classes of 1965, 1969, 1973, 1977 and 1979 with another teacher guiding each class from freshman through senior year. She also initiated fundraising projects

to provide for the senior breakfast and other programs.

Zajkowski also worked with Ann Brown and Susan Goldey, "internal coordinators" who sought reaccreditation by the Commission on Secondary Schools of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools in 1999.

Zajkowski has not only taught the parents of some of today's students, but also some of their grandparents. Her students have included physical education teacher Bill Schulte; Mike Timko, an official with NJSSIA; and Richie Steele. She is always available to her students and occasionally some will forget where they are and address her as "Ma." Others, who might feel "low," will ask for and receive a hug. It's this concern for students that made her reject any suggestion she become a principal after becoming certified in supervision and administration.

To those who suggested a possible switch from teaching, she said, "No thank you. I'll never leave my kids."

Zajkowski, who has been traveling from Manville since she began teaching in South Plainfield, believes she will continue her rapport with students while retired.

"I've gotten requests to substitute at a private girls school in Somerville. But I won't miss getting up at 4:15 a.m. every morning to get to school," she said.



Miss Heide's Pre-Kindergarten class at A Small World Preschool crosses over the bridge from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten.

Principal Dedicated to Student Achievement Retires

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baseball job, but there was only an opening for soccer," said Novak. "I didn't know if a soccer ball was round or square." But the late Tony Cotoia, a successful basketball and football coach, teacher, athletic director and principal at the high school said to him, "Don't worry about it. I'm very confident you'll do a fine job." And indeed he did, coaching varsity soccer for 10 years and the varsity baseball team where he stayed for 17 years. Novak led the baseball team to six championships and was named Coach of the Year those six years. He was also a student council advisor and initiated the senior citizen holiday luncheon hosted by the high school, which is still an annual event.

Novak was the recipient of numerous awards over the years, including the Governors Teacher of the Year Award and was inducted into the NJSIAA Hall of Fame in 1999.

Not only was he a leader in education, Novak took the political world by storm by becoming mayor of his hometown at 23 years of age. He served in that position from 1974 until 1988 and went on to become the town's recreation coordinator, which he retired from last December. Novak was also honored by his high school alma mater as an inductee in their Hall of Fame in 1995.

Novak and his wife, Barbara, a 1965 graduate of SPSHS, have resided in Green Brook for many years. They have two sons, Thomas, a naval architect, and Steven, an assistant athletic director at Boston College.

"Over the years I have had a lot of cooperation from a lot of nice people," said Novak, who is most proud of the new gym and lockers at the middle school. His greatest accomplishment, however, was attaining the highest NJ ASK test scores in the school's history last year.

"South Plainfield is a great community and a great school district, alive with talented and energetic staff helping eager students to learn and grow. I have many great memories of my 42 years as a teacher, coach and principal," said Novak, adding, "I've worked with a lot of great people," one of whom he says was former Superintendent Len Tobias.

In parting, Novak reflected, "If I had it to do all over again I would still have been a teacher." His one regret though, is not becoming a principal sooner. "I would have affected more students, but I will continue to keep a close eye on the South Plainfield community and school district."

Novak plans on spending more time fishing and at his second home in Trinitiy, Fla. He added, "I would like to learn to play golf better, too."

A retirement dinner honoring Novak is set for Thursday, Oct. 14 at The Primavera Regency in Stirling.

Safeguard Your Children

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- Don't mix alcohol and supervision of children.

- Always drain and store plastic or blow-up wading pools in an upright position. Enclose pools completely with a self-locking, self-closing fence, and do not leave furniture around that children can use to climb over the fence. You can contact the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for more information regarding pool construction and residential codes: www.nj.gov/dca.

- Be sure to remove pool covers completely to reduce the risk of children getting caught underneath.

Commissioner Blake also reminded

parents about the dangers of leaving children unattended in or near cars. Several children in New Jersey have been killed or injured in the past years after being left or trapped inside a vehicle.

"Even on a moderate day, the inside of a car can heat up to dangerous levels in a short time," said Commissioner Blake. "A child left alone in a vehicle, even for a short time, is in danger of abduction, injury, dehydration and even death."

For more information on summer safety tips, and copies of the DCF summer safety brochure, visit the www.nj.gov/dcf/news/publications/safety.html.

In My Opinion

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two, that I would be around children therefore I needed the proper degree. There is nothing in the SPEA contract to that effect and I even called the New Jersey Education Association and asked where this was in writing and was told angrily that stipends were for teachers and they basically hung up on me. The high school yearbook is an after school club. It is an advisory position not a teaching one. The middle school yearbook is completed

on a computer with no club and students involved.

Another excuse given was that I did not have enough college credits. I asked for a job description to see what the requirements were for the jobs and was told by the business administrator that they do not exist.

On another note, I would like to know why the gate between the middle and high school parking lot is still closed. School is out!

JANE DORNICK

Corrections

- In last week's article, "School Board Votes Nay on Negron Contract Renewal," the dates regarding the second resolution presented to new Superintendent Jose Negron's contract for one year were incorrectly reported. The dates should have been reported as July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012, as his current three year contract ends June 30, 2011.

- In the same article, it was incorrectly reported that Business Administrator Rich Guarini retired. Guarini resigned effective June 30, 2011.

- In last week's article, "Excellence Has Its Rewards," the amount of The James Painton Award was incorrectly reported. The scholarship amount was \$1,000.

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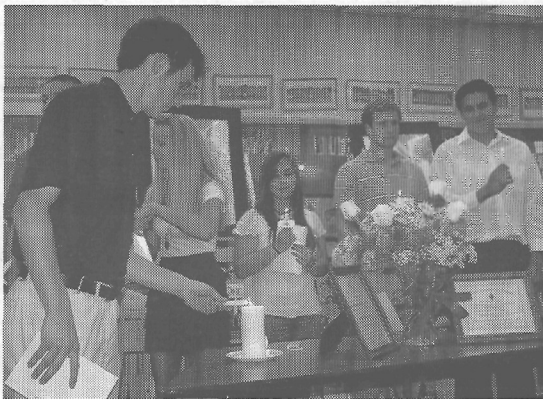
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World Languages and Fine Arts Honor Societies Installs Members

Formal ceremonies were held on June 2 in the media center of South Plainfield High School to induct new members to three honor societies: the National Art, French and Spanish.



National Art Honor Society

Inducted into the National Art Honor Society were Alisa Calderone, Rosamaria Farfan, Marina Lam, Courtney Schaefer, Julie Stilo, Courtney Wedderburn, Jacqueline Conte-Ainsworth, Jillian Cortese, Michaela Fore, Sarah McCarthy, Tara O'Day and Jessica Scarpitto.

In 1978, the National Art Education (NAEA) began the National Art Honor Society (NAHS) program specifically for high school students grades 10-12 for the purpose of inspiring and recognizing those students who have shown an outstanding ability in art. The NAHS strives to aid members in working toward

the attainment of the highest standards in art areas, and to bring art education to the attention of the school and community.

The French Honor Society

La Societe Honoraire de Français was founded by the American Association of Teachers of French for students of French in American secondary schools. The South Plainfield chapter has been active since 1980. The society demands a high level of scholarship and achievement in French studies and seeks to promote interest and enthusiasm in the study of Francophone culture and civilization.

Inducted into the French Honor Society for 2010 were Jillian Cortese, Lynn Do, Megan Kaczka,



Julie Tran, Christine Nau and Alexandra Skula.

Spanish Honor Society

La Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica was founded by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese in 1953 for students of North American high schools. The original chapter at South Plainfield was founded by Miss Doris Cerwin in 1960. This honorary society demands a high level of scholarship in Spanish studies and entitles members to apply for study and travel scholarships. They may also contribute original works of art, prose and poetry to the official publication, *Albricias*.

Inductees for 2010 were: Alyssa Aiello, Rachel Alexa, Samuel Alvarado, Lanna Arki, Jared Arnowitz, Jennifer Barone, Ryan Billich, Erika Buenano, Casey Butrico, Alexis Cargill, Angela DeSantis, Erica Fisher, Angelica Grasso, Michael Grzenda, Gabrielle Guancione, Joshua Guirguis, Jaclyn Handwerker, Charles Huber, Iris



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A long-term care patient in New Jersey uses a webcam to read a favorite story to his grandchild in California. Another patient takes a walk along a virtual recreation of the street where she grew up, and re-connects with treasured memories from her childhood. New computer technology is restoring the quality of life for people who, until now, may have felt that they have lost important parts of themselves when they entered an in-patient facility.

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IN2L makes therapy fun and helps keeps patients engaged for longer

periods of time. They use their cognitive and motor skills, and work on their eye/hand coordination, by playing bingo with friends in real time, emailing friends and family, working a jigsaw puzzle of a treasured family pet, and connecting with others during an interactive Wheel of Fortune game on the giant screen. They can use the system to 'escape' to the outside world and 'visit' places they wouldn't normally see during therapy. And they can do so whether they are sitting, standing or lying down.

Each of AristaCare's five locations will use IN2L computers for individual sessions and for cognitive, occupational and speech therapy as well as therapeutic recreation.

AristaCare Health Services is headquartered in South Plainfield.

For more information, visit www.aristacare.com.

Nominations Sought for Parade Grand Marshal

South Plainfield's 53rd annual Labor Day Parade is upon us and the Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Vision Family Industry."

The parade begins at the PAL on Maple Avenue and concludes on the front lawn of the Middle School, located on Plainfield Avenue.

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, please send the Public Celebrations Committee a detailed letter stating your reasons why this person should be considered for Honorary Grand Marshal. Include the candidate's name, address, evening phone number, your phone number and a detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, July 23. Send nominations to

The Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

The Labor Day Parade is a great opportunity to meet the community. If you or your organization is interested in marching in the parade, building a float, having a concession stand or informational table at the conclusion of the parade, complete an application located in borough hall or go online at www.southplainfieldnj.com and download applications for grand marshal, parade participation, parade marshals, vendors and sponsorship forms. Mail application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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(vt.): 1. to celebrate

ceremonially // 2. to notice (something), to pay special attention to //

3. (a) to look at with attention // 4. to perceive, notice, come to know

by seeing // 5. to comment, to note attentively



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