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BOE Recalls Teachers, Aides

The Board of Education held a special meeting on June 30 with an emphasis given to recalling and reappointing four teachers, five support aides, two bus aides and two non-teaching staff members. However, the first item on the agenda was the announcement of the retirement of Riley School art teacher Barbara Harris who has taught in the district for 41 years.

The four recalled special education teachers were granted contracts from September 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012. They are: Melissa Cook, who has taught in the district for eight years and will teach at South Plainfield Middle School; Michelle Kirchofer, with 11 years experience, will teach at Grant School; Heather Hearne, who holds a B.A. degree, will teach at Kennedy School; and Brittany DeNitzio, who holds a master's degree,

will teach at Kennedy School. Hearne and DeNitzio both entered the district as substitutes.

The five instructional support aides who were recalled are Rudolph Coleman, who will be assigned to the high school for six hours a day; and Marissa Plancher, who will be assigned to Kennedy School for seven hours a day. Roosevelt School will see the return of MaryAnn Pintauro for six hours a day; Donna Riccardi for six hours a day; and preschool aide Nancy McMahon for six hours a day.

The two bus aides who were recalled are Jamie Hughes and Jennifer Olah.

The board also renewed the contracts of two non-affiliated administrative staff members: Lori Tirone, district accountant, from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; and Marlene

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Lainie Harris performs *Bless the Broken Road* at the South Plainfield High School Music Department's Spring 2011 Concert. See page 12 for story and additional photos.
-Photo by Louis Mornille



Dan and Jen Ratti with daughters, Samantha and Alexis.

Knights Name Rattis Family of the Year

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a communion breakfast on June 12 and presented the 2011 Knights of Columbus Family of the Year award to the Ratti Family.

Grand Knight Joe Scrudato presented the award to Dan and Jen Ratti and their children, Samantha, 13 and Alexis, nine, for their outstanding support of the Knights youth, community, family and church activities throughout the year. Dan is a fourth degree Knight as well as a member of the Fourth Degree Color Corps. Members of the Color Corps attend many church functions to show support to churches and priests.

The Ratti Family, which also includes Dan's father and mother, Vito and Mary, has always supported a wide range of fundraisers in South Plainfield, including running wine tasting events for the schools as well

as for the South Plainfield Education Foundation.

Dan, Jen and their family have also supported the Sacred Heart Lenten fish dinners, the OLC Feast of Saint Anthony carnival, the Knights annual mums sale and the Don't Cook Friday spaghetti dinners.

Dan and his daughters have also always supported the Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive each April by doing multiple shifts collecting money to benefit mentally handicapped citizens. Jen Ratti has also served as the Kennedy School PTO president and currently serves as the vice president.

The Rattis are also longtime local business owners in South Plainfield. As you can see the Rattis are a perfect choice for the Knights Family of the Year award.

When you see Dan, Jen and their children in town, congratulate them on this very worthy accomplishment.

Dedicated Riley School Librarian Retires

By Libby Barsky

Even though Joanne Otlowski loved books and worked part time in her high school and college libraries during the summers, she never considered becoming a librarian. Instead, Otlowski went to college to pursue a teaching degree. After graduation she secured a teaching job in South Plainfield. She held the position for five years, and went on maternity leave when she became pregnant with her son. Later on, she added two daughters to her family.

Otlowski stayed at home with her children, and didn't return to teaching until 13 years later. Prior to her return, she was a faithful volunteer in the li-

brary at Franklin School while her son was a student there. Then-principal Thomas Lenahan noticed Otlowski's volunteer work in the library and commented on her performance. "It was Tom Lenahan who pushed me to return to school to become a librarian." He told Otlowski that the school librarian planned to retire and suggested she go back to school, and that is what she did.

A graduate of Glassboro University (now Rowan College), Otlowski signed up for courses in library science at Rutgers University after her children were enrolled in school. She took courses during the day and at night, and at the same time worked as a substitute in



Retiring librarian, Joanne Otlowski

the district to pay for the tuition.

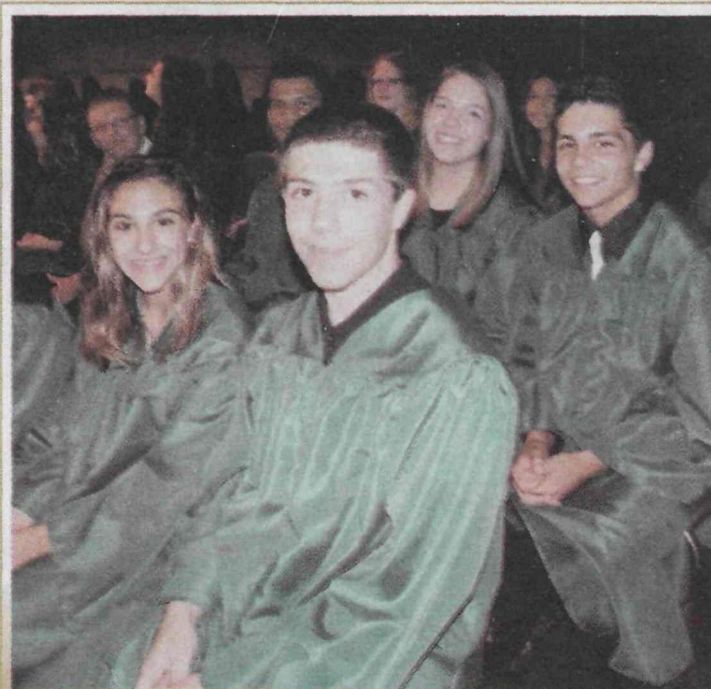
Otlowski recalls how everyone at home helped out—the children, her husband—so she could go to school.

"I got my degree in library science in 1995. At the time I was the long term substitute for the librarian at Riley School. I was there from January to June. When she retired that year, they asked me to take the position. I've been here since—for 17 years," she said.

"The library is a fun place to be because there are no grades, no tests, no homework. But reading is such an important part of life and you can really share books with the kids and turn one child on to a book. When the younger children come in they will want to hear a story and they will sit in the story corner and listen while I read to them. They learn to listen," she said.

After one of these story reading sessions a first grade boy told her, "You know you are a very good actress," Otlowski recalled.

Otlowski still feels indebted to Lenahan for the guidance he gave her. "Without him (and the teacher across the hall) I wouldn't be the teacher I am today—being able to manage 185 children during daily lunch duty."



Middle School Graduation
For story and photos of the Middle School 48th graduation, see pages 6 & 7.



SPHS Music Boosters

MUSIC NOTES

As the summer begins and one year comes to an end, the Music Boosters would like to look back on what a wonderful year it has been for the students involved in the South Plainfield Musical arts programs.

Highlights of the past year:

- September 2010—The Marching band leads the Labor Day parade wearing new green and black uniforms.

- November 2010—The Marching Band scored the highest ever in the USSBA Championships in Allentown, Pa. They placed eighth out of 22 bands.

- Fall 2010 and Spring 2011—With help from former BOE member Steve Bohn and BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle, the band proudly showed off their new podium, as well as a brand new spectacular trailer. With the help of Ed Christilles the trailer was wrapped in a jungle theme and will make an entrance wherever the Tiger Marching Band may be performing.

- May 2011—The Marching Band along with the orchestra finished this season with a magical performance in Walt Disney World in Florida. On May 28 the orchestra, led by Bruce Mikolan, performed in downtown Disney. On May 29 the band and color guard, led by Band Director Roger Vroom, marched down Main Street in the Magic Kingdom.

- June 2011—Tracy Murray retired as chorus teacher. Sadly after 22 years of teaching we have to say goodbye to our Mr. Murray.

- June 2011—The SPHS Boosters of the Musical Arts presented scholarships to the following outstanding students: *Daniel Spisso Memorial Scholarship*—Richard Rotella and *Fulvio C. D'Alessio Award*—Keely Joaquim. The South Plainfield Boosters of the Musical

Arts Scholarship recipients were Alyssa Aiello, Sarah Hageman, William Hartmann, Chante' Martin, Toni Teller, Bjorn DeLacruz, Amanda Hoagland, Sarah McCarthy and Erin O'Connor. The following students were honored with the following awards: *Central Jersey Music Educators Association Region II*—Richard Duong for mallet percussion; Marc Stasio for bass; *SPHS Outstanding Achievement in Instrumental Music*—Justin Leskey.

The 2010/2011 Executive Board would like to thank the senior parents for all of their hard work and time dedicated to the organization and the children: Tracey and Bill Hartmann, Al and Marianne Aiello, Pat Joaquim and Sue Firmin. We are grateful and will miss all of you!

To Sue Hageman and family, good luck in your big move and your new home. We will miss you!

For our returning parents as well as the freshman parents, take note of the following important dates: Music Booster general meetings in cafeteria AB on Wednesday, July 20 and Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. Upcoming events to be discussed include canning dates, band camp, the Labor Day parade and the Labor Day concessions (hot dogs and soda). Important information for marching band, color guard, concert band, jazz band, chorus and orchestra will be discussed at the general meetings.

The Music Boosters look forward to seeing all of our returning dedicated parents, as well as new parents at the July 20 meeting. If you have any questions, email rteller3@comcast.net.

Have a great summer!

—Donna Teller, Ralph Errico,
Carol McCarthy, Laura Conrad,
Pam Rutowski and Karen Kelly

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had our taxes under control and the residents of South Plainfield would not see a tax increase this year. But now that they have to put the money where their mouths are, they can't seem to find it. It is clear that the residents were just fed lip service. Instead, the Republicans on the council are now trying to scapegoat the dedicated volunteers to cover up the fact that they are increasing local taxes.

This is worse than just lying. The Republicans' insinuation that volunteers are politically motivated is just plain wrong. They do a disservice to everyone who has ever contributed their time, their talent and their hard work in order to improve our community. The Republicans try to blame the Democrats on the borough's boards and commission, but the Republicans seem to forget that they have been in control of those appointments for the last three of four years and that those same boards and commissions are controlled by Republican majorities they themselves appointed.

The Republican-controlled council must accept the truth that they are responsible for the things they are now saying are so wrong with South Plainfield. They have the power and could have done the right thing any time they wanted to. The Republicans have been in control for the last three of four years and they are still blaming Democrats for their own failures. It's time to hold them accountable.

Clearly, we need checks and balances on the council. Vote to keep two-party government in South Plainfield.

**SINCERELY,
JOHN SORRENTINO**

Dear Editor,

What I find inconceivable is that a councilman would question a three percent raise to library employees. If the South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees has managed their revenues why not pay the employees? The men and women who are employed in the library work under deplorable conditions. While I know I will be criticized for this letter, I would ask those who would respond to go to the library and ask for a tour by Sunnie Randolph, the director, as well as have her give you the exact copy of the "give back" law.

Our Republican governor has signed legislation that will cause all public employees to pay a higher percentage for their state pensions as well as paying up to 30% for their health insurance. All public employees, whether they receive a 1%, 2% or 3% raise, will be taking home a lot less money in the very near future. Perhaps if the councilman knew these employees and the conditions they work under, he would not be so quick to criticize.

Our Republican governor as well as our Republican mayor and council have distorted the facts. A bill was passed whereby the Library Board could return some money to the municipal government. Perhaps if the CFO and the Republicans had read the law in its entirety, they would have realized there are procedures to follow and would not have misrepresented it to the public. The library is not the "cash cow" to solve the municipality's problems or to balance a budget. Perhaps if the mayor and/or CFO had not sent a letter to the State Librarian and instead spoke to the South Plainfield Library Board, a workable arrangement could have resulted in an equitable agreement.

The misconception that the library's revenues should be returned because it is taxpayers' money, is as inconceivable as asking the PAL or the school board to return money to balance the budget. It is a New Jersey law that tax dollars are to be budgeted for the Library Board to use to maintain their facility, programs and pay their employees. All parties must follow the law and work according to the procedures outlined in them. This is not the time to misrepresent the law for political gains. Read the "funding law for libraries" and the new "give back" law and then determine who is following the law. Do not be misled. After all, educated and knowledgeable taxpayers will make the right decisions.

If the councilman's plan to move the library to the Oak Tree Farms/Walgreens complex should develop, the building has to be renovated to accommodate a library, i.e. electrical wiring for computers and terminals, building accessible handicap bathrooms, leveling the floor, knocking down an entire adjacent wall between the two stores, making a new entrance for Walgreens, lighting, carpeting, furniture, moving expenses, etc. Are

the Republicans really serious when they want \$750,000 to be returned to the municipal government to balance the budget, and then who would pay for the renovations to outfit the library move? That is exactly why the Library Board has planned wisely so money would be available to outfit a new library facility, not balance a mismanaged municipal budget. Other South Plainfield citizens have questioned if the Library Board's money is taxpayers' revenue, why would taxpayers' money be used to outfit a building that doesn't belong to the town? What happens after the lease is up?

Whether you agree with this letter or not, I ask you to become informed by visiting the library, looking at the laws, and going to the board meetings. Perhaps then wiser decisions can be made.

CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY

Dear Editor,

I was so glad to read that Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas is running for re-election. Over the past three years Chrissy has worked tirelessly for the people of our community. She is smart, articulate, professional and committed to making our lives better. She has the integrity and courage needed to voice an opinion even when she knows that she will be immediately attacked by the Republican mayor and members of the council.

Thank God she is always there to represent a different point of view. Thank you, Chrissy, for all you do for us.

**SINCERELY,
JAMIE LARSEN**

Dear Editor,

Many of us were offended by the letter from Councilman Ray Rusnak and the Republican Party release that were printed in your newspaper last week. Mr. Rusnak and his Republican cohorts are trying to make the public believe that the volunteers on the Library Board are to blame for the tax increase the Republican-controlled council is about to impose. How stupid do they think we are?

Last year during the debates, the Republicans indicated that they

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Lacerda Team Merging With Prudential New Jersey Properties

The Lacerda Team is happy to announce that Century 21 Moretti Realty will be merging with Prudential New Jersey Properties effective July 15. The merger has been in the works since mid-May of this year.

The current South Plainfield Moretti Realty location will remain the same and the Lacerda Team will be located in their current office at 225 Maple Ave. Combining the efforts of South Plainfield's number one real estate office with the largest Prudential affiliate in the state is sure to make them a force to be reckoned with. This also expands their resources to better serve current and future clients in the Middlesex,

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Volunteer Group Organizing

A local volunteer group to help the South Plainfield VFW with maintenance around their property is being organized. Some of the projects will include gardening and painting.

Dennis Scalera, the group's organizer, said, "Our veterans put their lives on the line for us, our loved ones and the United States of America. Now we can do something nice for them."

Commander Vincent Berry said, "If any tradesman would also like to donate their skills to help with future

projects at the VFW, it would be much appreciated."

Scalera added that membership in veterans organizations is getting smaller, as many veterans have passed away.

If you would like more information on this program or would like to volunteer, contact Scalera via email at dennisw07080@aol.com.

Holiday Curbside Collection Schedule

Curbside recycling collection in Section 6 will take place on Saturday, July 9 instead of on July 4, due to the Independence Day holiday.

The recycling center regular schedule is: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays. The yard waste site is open Saturdays 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Tuesdays 12 to 7 p.m.

Call the Recycling hotline at (908) 226-7620 for updates.

Barclays Discount Tickets

United Way Greater Union County will offer discount tickets for this year's The Barclays Classic golf tournament through the PGA's "Tickets For Charity" program.

The \$50 weekly grounds ticket includes full access to the grounds for all four days of the tournament as well as practice and pro-am events, August 25-28 at the Plainfield Country Club.

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Parishioners Say Goodbye to Their Pastor

A farewell dinner was held at Wesley Methodist Church on June 25 to say thank you and goodbye to Reverend Nehemiah Thompson and his wife, Sheila. Rev. Thompson has been transferred to North Brunswick. The dinner was both a happy celebration and a sad occasion because the members of Wesley had to say goodbye to their pastor of eight years.

Several parishioners took turns reminiscing about the last eight years under the leadership of Rev. Thompson. They presented him with several special gifts including a memory book from the members of the church. Sheila was presented with a beautiful handmade prayer shawl for her dedication to the parishioners of Wesley.

Because of Rev. Thompson's leadership, the parish increased its membership. There has also been a marked increase in the number of children attending services and Sunday school which led to a children's choir being formed. The Wesley Children's Choir was part of the entertainment at the dinner. They performed a special goodbye song and presented Rev.



Rev. Nehemiah Thompson accepts a farewell gift from the members of the Wesley Children's Choir.

Thompson with a friendship shawl.

During the last eight years the church membership became more diversified under the leadership of Rev. Thompson. He also initiated several borough-wide programs on diversity which were well attended.

Guest speakers included Mayor

Matt Anesh, Rev. Gordon Braun, pastor of the First Baptist Church; and Rev. Irene Campbell, pastor of the Rescue House of Prayer who presented Rev. Thompson with a special plaque. The choir from Rescue House of Prayer also performed a farewell concert.

Be a Part of South Plainfield's Labor Day Parade

South Plainfield's 54th Labor Day parade will be held on Monday, Sept. 5. This year's theme is "Honoring Our Heroes."

The parade is just one part of the daylong Labor Day events. The annual community picnic will be held on the front lawn of the South Plainfield Middle School with live musical entertainment, food, games, rides and more.

This is a perfect opportunity for businesses to meet the community. A great turnout is anticipated. Space is limited. Participants are advised to return a completed application and the

appropriate check donation as soon as possible so as many vendors as possible can be accommodated.

Applications can be picked up at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Completed applications, along with check or money order made out to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, should be mailed to The Public Celebrations Committee, Attn: Debbie Leporino, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Vendors who arrive on the day of the parade who failed to send in an

application will be denied admission.

Vendors: You must arrive between 7-7:30 a.m. at the middle school as the roads will be closed shortly thereafter. Please note the application only reserves a designated spot at the middle school. Vendors must provide their own tables, chairs, etc. No vehicles will be allowed on the middle school lawn or sidewalk area.

Completed applications must be received by August 12. Applications received after that date will require an additional \$50 donation.

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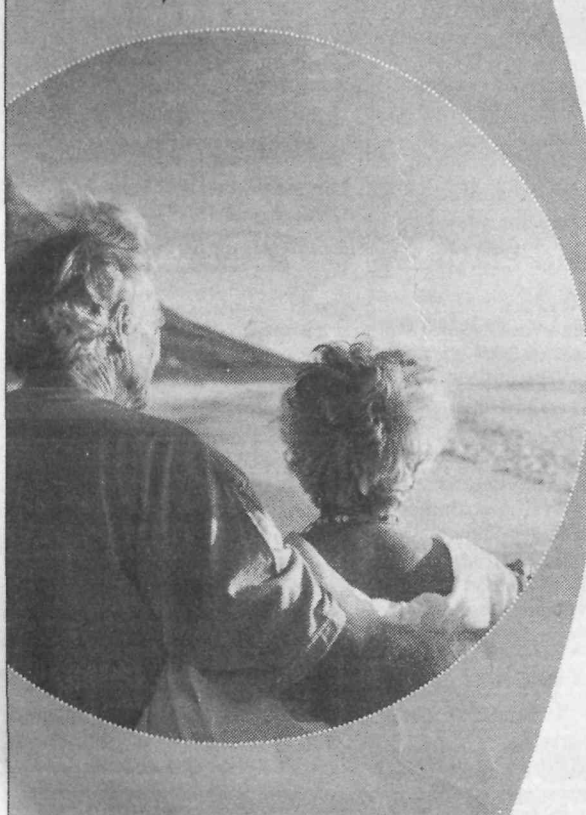
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events

Around Town

Edison Valley Playhouse Coffeehouse

July 9

Edison Valley Playhouse will hold a coffeehouse-themed variety show on Saturday, July 9 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors. Performers are free.

If interested in performing, email evpcoffeehouse@gmail.com and include your name, contact information and a general outline of what you would like to perform and additional equipment you will need.

Rescue Squad Car, Truck and Bike Show

July 10

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will hold its fourth annual car, truck and bike show at the squad building, 2520 Plainfield Ave. on Sunday, July 10 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (raindate: July 17). Music by DJ Stick Shift Eddie. Food, 50/50 and trophies.

Vehicle registration: \$20; general admission: \$5; includes two hot dogs or two hamburgers. Proceeds benefit the rescue squad.

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

Peacock Surprise Program at the Library

July 11

A children's program, Peacock Surprise, will be presented at the li-

brary on Monday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

This interactive program presents a story from India, along with information on how the peacock is a source of inspiration in Indian art and culture. The program is for children ages three and over. There's no admission charge, but pre-registration is required.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija, or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Introduction to Japanese Program

July 16

The language program, Introduction to Japanese, will be presented at library on Saturday, July 16 at 1 p.m.

Led by Shizuka Mori, the program will cover basic Japanese phrases and greetings and is for ages 12 and over. The program is being presented free; participants must pre-register.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Blood Drive

July 23

A community blood drive will be held on Saturday, July 23 at the municipal building, located at 2480 Plainfield Ave., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donors will receive two Mets tickets. One donation can save up to three lives. Walk-ins welcome.

For an appointment, call 1-800-

933-2566 or go to www.nyblood-center.org.

Cedarcroft Free Bible School

July 25-29

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold a free Bible school entitled, "Gospel Light's Sun-Surf Beach Bash VBS," Monday, July 25 to Friday, July 29 from 9:30 a.m. to noon for ages four to those entering eighth grade. (Mothers' class is Tuesday-Friday.) Bible stories, crafts, skits, games and songs.

For more information, call (908) 757-7598.

Business Association Monthly Meeting

July 28

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, July 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Sherban's Diner. The group will receive an update on traffic and road closures during the upcoming Barclays Golf Tournament. All businesses are encouraged to attend.

For information about the business association, call Nancy Grennier at (908) 668-0010 or visit spba.biz.

American Legion Annual Picnic

July 30

Chaumont Post #243 will host its annual scholarship picnic on Saturday, July 30 from 1-6 p.m. on the grounds at 243 Oak Tree Ave. Music will be provided by DJ Aldo Velez. Wipeout water slide for children and rock climbing wall for ages 16 and older. Cost for adults is \$16; youth six to 20, \$8; children five and under are free. Early tickets available in the post lounge, or purchase at the door.

For more information, please call

(908) 668-9414.

St. Stephen Vacation Bible School

August 8-12

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave., will celebrate its third annual Vacation Bible School, Monday-Friday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. during the week of August 8 through 12. This year's theme is "ReNew: The Green VBS."

Registrations are being accepted for children in pre-K through sixth grade by emailing Michele Billich at Billich@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537. Provide your child's name, age and grade they will be entering in September. Kindly reply no later than July 15.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

July 8

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, July 8 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. Refreshments. Everyone welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

Art In The Cellar

July 9

Art In The Cellar, hosted by local artist, consultant and graphic artist Michael A. Tudor, Jr. of Paperface, will be held at the Wine Chateau, 1378 Centennial Ave. in Piscataway on Saturday, July 9 at 4 p.m. View, listen, and enjoy; wine tasting and snacks will be provided.

If you plan to attend, please register at www.eventbrite.com/event/1715859181/efbncn.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

WILDWOOD-September 25-29

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(Sign Up by July 26)

MONDAYS

Crocheting 9:30 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
Shopping 9 am
Line Dancing 10 am
Computer .. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

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

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.

Cookout/Open House at Airport

July 9

American Flyers Flight School at the Morristown Airport, 50 Airport Rd., will host an open house and cookout on Saturday, July 9. Free; BBQ lunch at noon followed by a tour. No reservations needed.

For more information, call (973) 267-3223.

Deutscher Club Country Western Night

July 9

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Ln., will hold a Country Western night on Saturday, July 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. Open to the public; rain or shine. Donation: \$5 per person; children under 12 are free.

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Jewish Festival

July 10

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

"One World, Many Stories"—that's the theme of this year's summer reading programs. And your one library has many programs to go with the theme. All of them are free, but we ask that you register in advance for some of them.

For students entering grades five through 12, there are lots of special things going on. Enjoy playing Wii games on our big screen every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon, and Thursday, July 14 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. You can also play a different game at the chess club, every Wednesday at noon. Everyone is welcome, from beginners to advanced players.

Bring the world a little closer; learn a new language or craft. Shizuko Mori, a native Japanese speaker, will be introducing the language to those ages 12 and up on Saturday, July 16 at 1 p.m. You'll learn basic phrases and greetings, get an introduction to the writing system. Register ahead of time.

There will be two opportunities to learn origami: Monday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. Nancy Avella will teach students 12 years and up. Sign-up in advance. Space is limited for both evenings. You'll be amazed at what you can create by folding a sheet of paper.

There's a movie for teens on Thursday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. Stop by the library to find out what's showing. No registration is required.

Students entering grades five through 12 can participate in the Young Adult Summer Reading Club. Anyone with a South Plainfield or reciprocal library card can sign up any time through July. Every book you read or listen to (graphic novels and audiobooks count, too!) will give you another entry into a drawing for some great prizes. There are plenty of suggestions for great reads on our website, www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us/teen/teenzone.htm.

Younger children have a full schedule this summer. They will, of course, want to sign up for the Summer Reading Club. Register through July. Every week a child sets aside time to read, he

or she will win a small prize. Reporting what's been read each week will also give the children the chance to earn more prizes.

Beginning on Monday, July 11 and every Monday through August 15, we'll be screening a pre-school friendly movie at 10:30 a.m. Call or come in to the library to find out what's showing this week. Programs run about 90 minutes and no pre-registration is required.

On Monday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. is Peacock Tales. Children three years and older will hear a traditional Indian story and listen to traditional Indian music. Pre-registration is required.

July 12 brings the second installment of Tuesday Tales, a time for students entering second grade and up to explore folktales from around the world, make a craft and taste some food. At 1 p.m. this week we'll be traveling to Norway. Sign up for each session in advance.

On Wednesdays, there will be Time for 2s & 3s at 10:30 a.m., and Storytime for ages four and up at 6:30 p.m. These age-appropriate story and craft programs are free and no registration is required. On Thursdays, two- and three-year-olds have storytime at 10:30 a.m. and ages four and up at 1:15 p.m. Not forgetting the youngest, Babytime, Friday at 10:30 a.m., is a story program for children two and under.

Creative children will not want to miss Kidcraft, Monday nights at 6:30 from July 18 to August 15. Children ages three and up make a different craft every week. Advance registration is required, and there is a \$1 materials fee per child for each week.

On Monday, July 25 at 1 p.m., there will be a Money Math Skills program for children ages five through eight presented by numismatist Greg Heim (he's a coin dealer).

An exciting magic workshop by Joe Fischer will be held on Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. Ages eight and up must pre-register; space is limited to 50.

I've given you 22 reasons to stop by the library this week, and that's in addition to the thousands of books, movies, CDs, magazines, and more!

hold a music and art festival on Sunday, July 10 featuring live bands, artists and community organizations. Tickets: \$14/adults; \$8/children.

To buy tickets, visit www.JMAfest.com, email info@JMAfest.com or call (908) 604-8844, ext. 229.

Middlesex East WOWs Meeting

July 11

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center, Pershing and Cooke avenues. All widows or widowers are invited to attend.

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

Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

July 13

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library, 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.

EAS Art in the Garden Tour

July 23

Edison Arts Society sixth annual Art in the Garden Tour will be held on Saturday, July 23 (rain or shine) beginning at 10 a.m. with a reception at the Pines Manor followed by the garden tour from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Six beautiful and unusual residential gardens in Edison and Metuchen will be open to the public. Tickets purchased in advance are \$20/adults and \$15/students; children under 12 are free. Day of event tickets are \$25.

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Milestones

Alexander and Dvorak Named to Dean's List

Jenna M. Alexander and Stephen E. Dvorak of South Plainfield have been named to the dean's list at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania for the Spring 2011 semester of the 2010/2011 academic year according to Dr. Van Reidhead, provost and vice president for academic affairs.

Students eligible for the dean's list are those who have attained a 3.50 quality point average or better and are enrolled full-time.

Dorey Named to Dean's List at East Stroudsburg

Nicholas Dorey of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at East Stroudsburg University obtaining a 4.0 GPA for the Spring 2011 semester. Nicholas is majoring in special education/elementary education and will be graduating in December 2011.

Nicholas, a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School, is the son of Anthony and Cathy Dorey.

Eric C. Nuber Named to Dean's List at Bucknell

Eric C. Nuber of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at Bucknell University for the spring semester of the 2010/11 academic year. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

Eric, the son of David and GERALYN Nuber, is a 2009 graduate of Saint Joseph High School in Metuchen.



Michael and Jennifer Babin

Jennifer Butrico and Michael Babin are Wed

Jennifer Ann Butrico and Michael Todd Babin were married on May 28 at The Chapel of Immaculate Conception at Seton Hall University. The reception followed at Mayfair Farms in West Orange.

The couple both graduated from Seton Hall University in 2006.

The bride is the daughter of Frank and Ann Marie Butrico of South Plainfield. The groom is the son of Crystal Babin and Angelo Vicari of Shelton, Conn.

Following their honeymoon in Rivera Maya, Mexico, the newlyweds will reside in South Plainfield.

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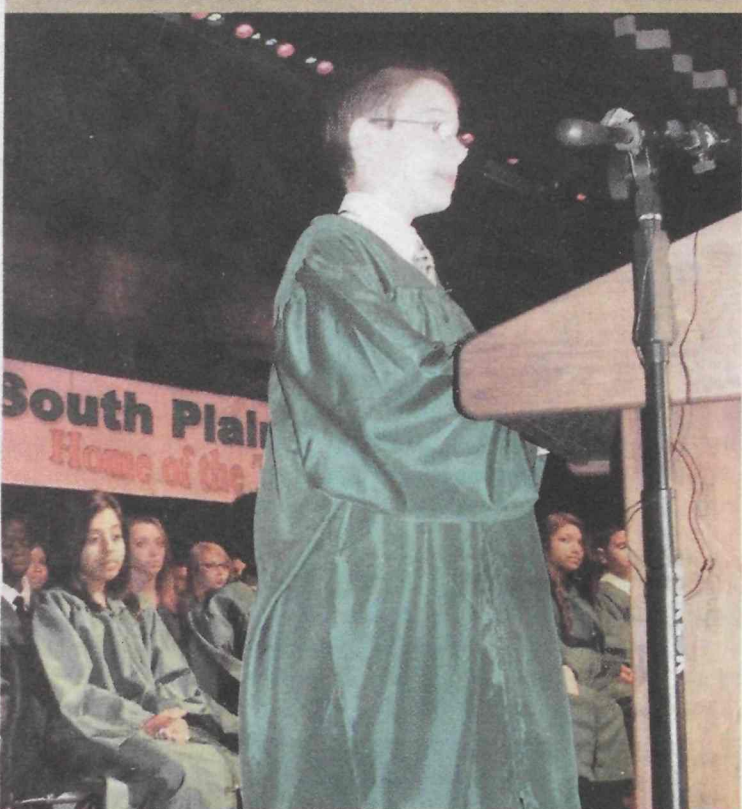
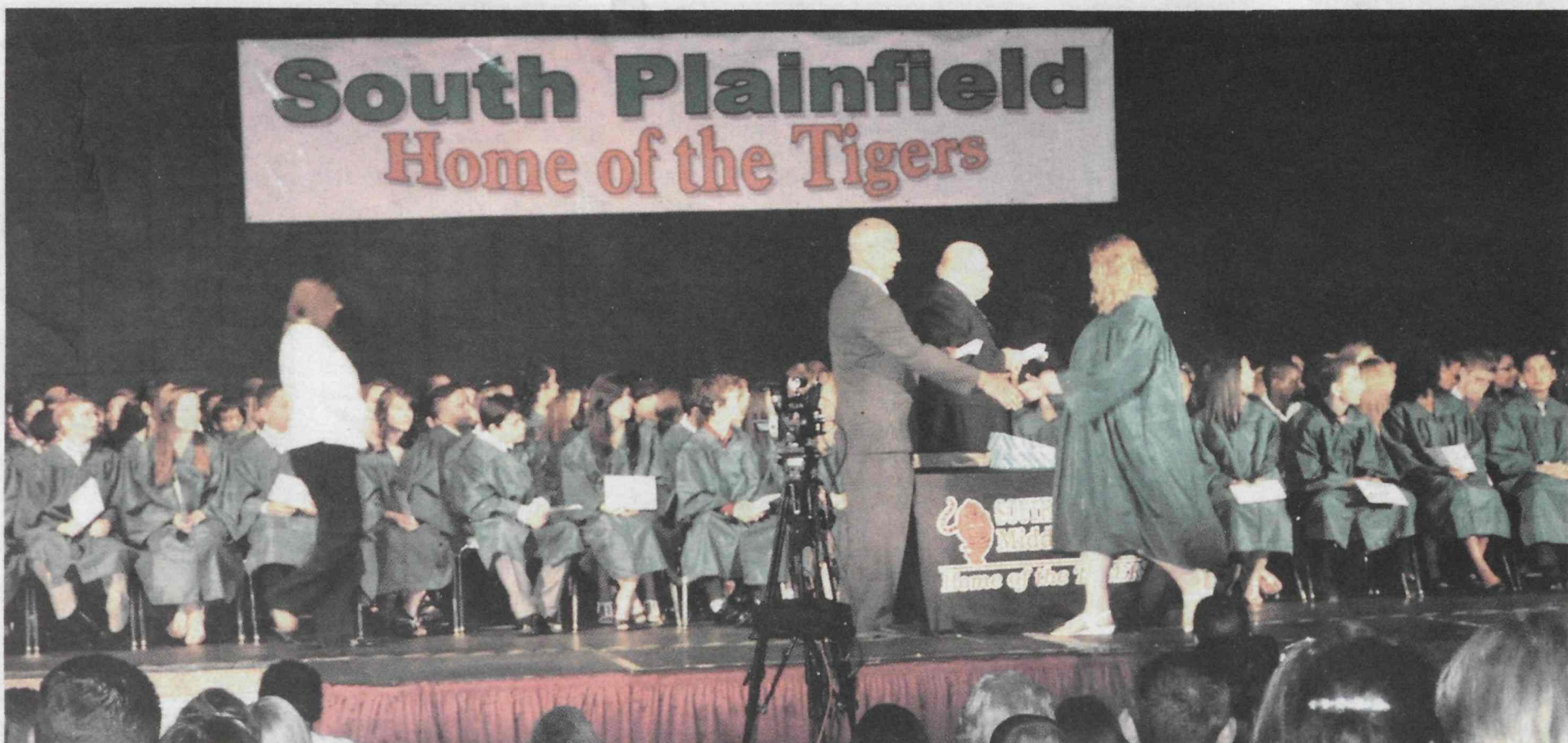
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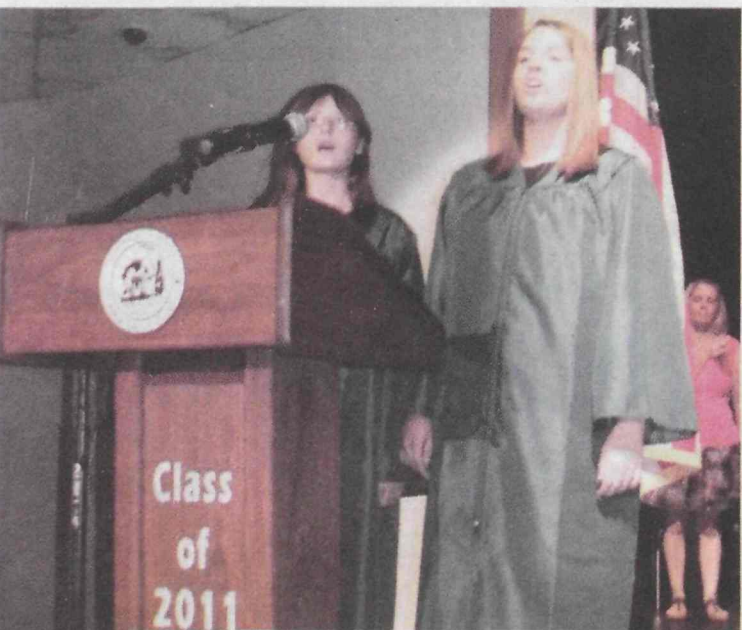
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Sara Reineke and Jessica Dandola sing the Star Spangled Banner.

Middle School

The South Plainfield Middle School held the 48th annual promotional exercise for eighth grade students in the South Plainfield High School Joseph Mondoro Auditorium on the evening of June 21.

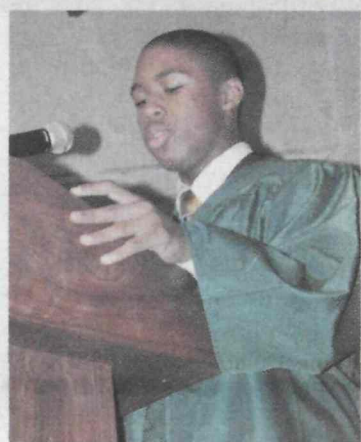
The school band, conducted by Andrew Veiss, played *Pomp and Circumstance* as the soon-to-be graduates entered the auditorium. Students Jessica Dandola and Sara Reineke sang the *Star Spangled Banner* a cappella, and Assistant Principal Tamekia Grier greeted the crowd. Student Council President Zaire Cone, Academic Honorees Imrin Goraya and Matthew Belanger and Board of Education President Jim Giannakis addressed the audience. Principal Kevin Hajduk presented the Class of 2011 for graduation, and Acting Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen accepted the class.

Attending the ceremony were Board of Education members Carol Byrne and Joe Sorrentino. BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle, Gary Stevenson and Sharon Miller handed out award certificates and congratulated the graduates.

The band played *Time to Say Goodbye* as the South Plainfield High School Class of 2015 exited the auditorium.

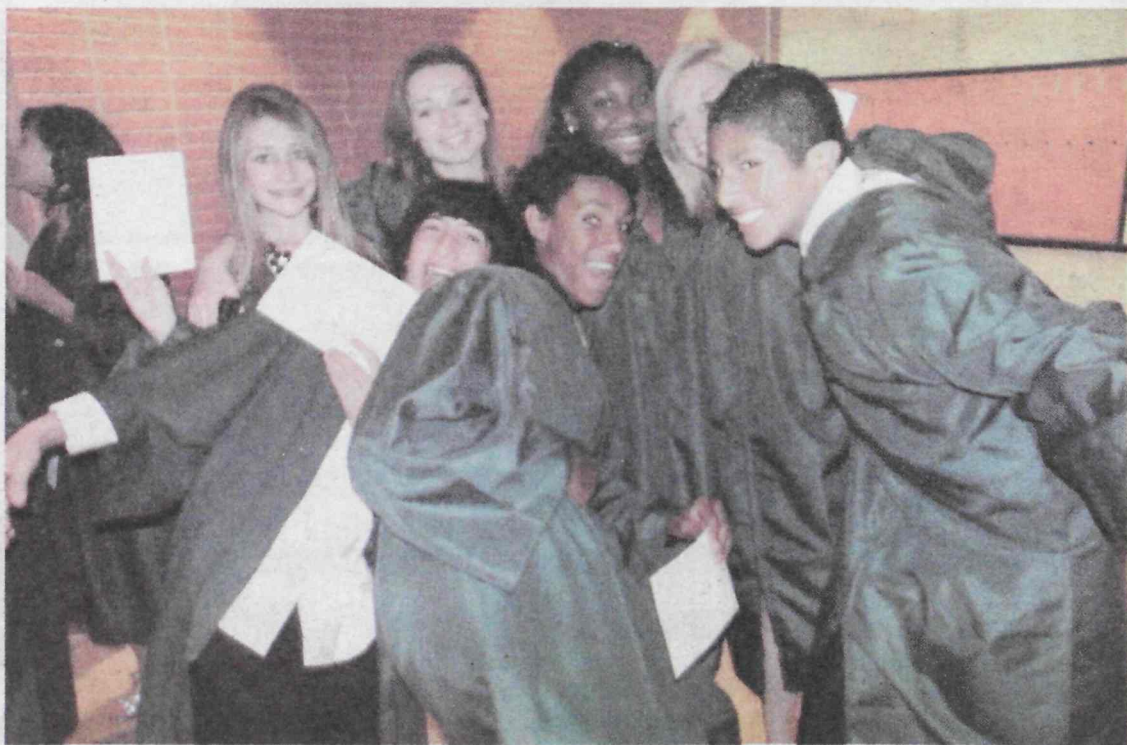
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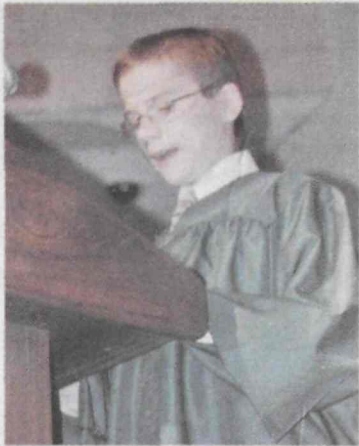
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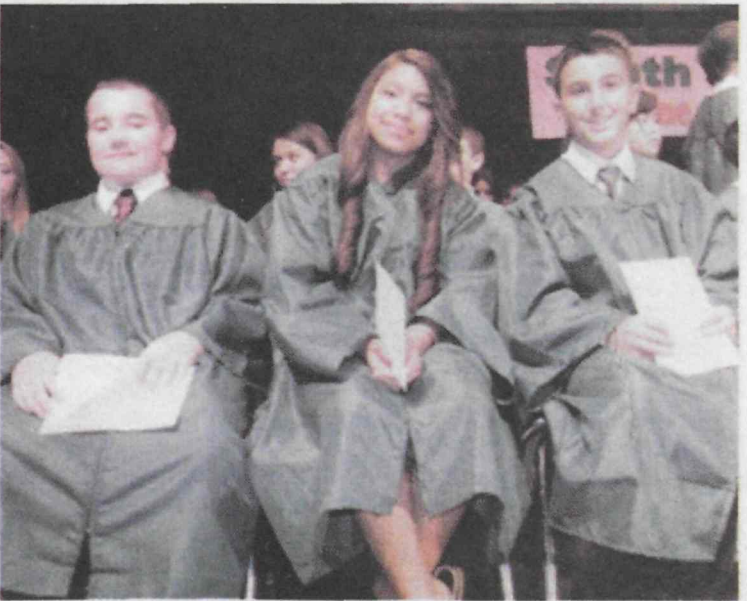
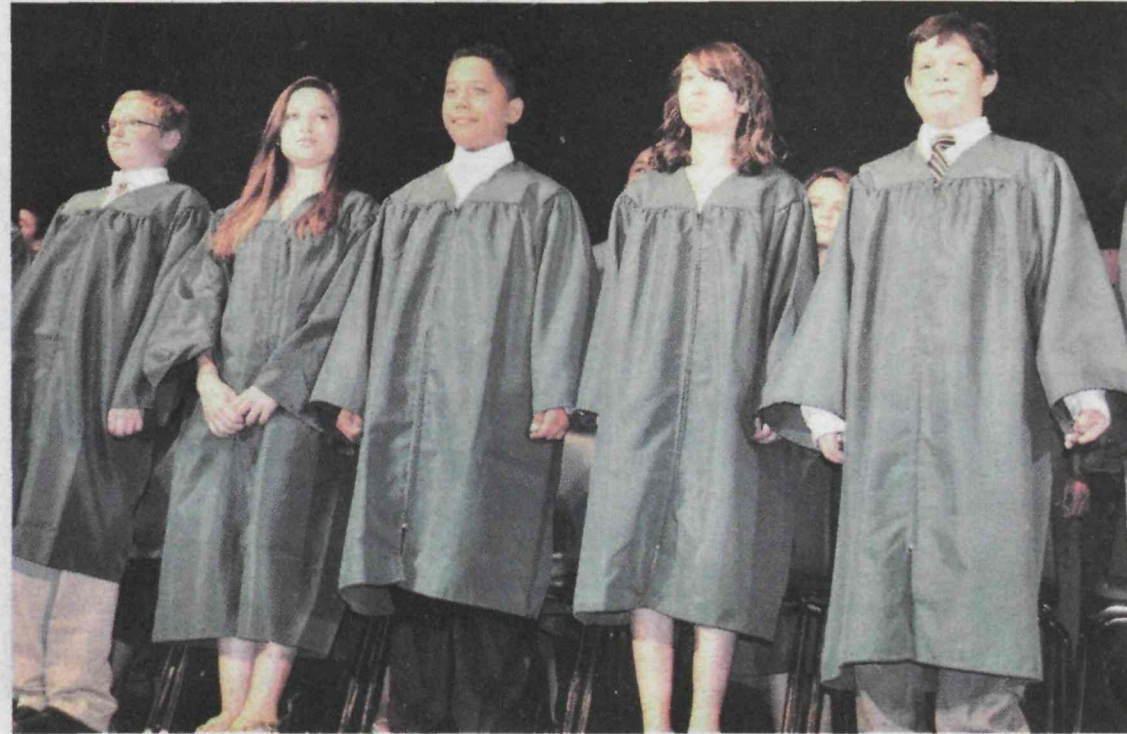
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Sports

U-12 SOCCER ARSENAL

Submitted By Mark Resende

Arsenal Cap Off Undeclared Season Semi-final Appearance

The South Plainfield Soccer Club's U-12 Boys Team, Arsenal, finished the regular season as the champions of Flight 6 with an undefeated record of 8-0-2. They followed that up with a deep run into the playoffs, winning their first two playoff games before losing in the semi-final game to the champions from Flight 1, Flemington Fever, who then went on to win the overall Mid-New Jersey Youth Soccer Association championship.

The team started the season by winning the first seven games without surrendering a single goal, outscoring their opponents by a combined score of 26-0. In one of those games, an away clash against the Cranford Sharks, Arsenal had only 10 players for the entire game (while Cranford played the full complement of 11) and still pulled out a 1-0 victory.

The eighth game of the season, a May 13 home tilt against the Delaware

Valley Storm, presented Arsenal with their biggest challenge to date. Down 3-1 late in the game, Arsenal tallied two goals in the final 11 minutes to earn the tie and hold on to first place in the standings. They would be challenged again just two days later in another home game, this time against the Spotswood Tsunami.

Losing 1-0 in the final minute of play, Arsenal converted a penalty kick on the game's final play to eke out a 1-1 draw.

This brought the whole season, the flight championship and a playoff berth, down to the tenth and final game, a road contest against the Hopewell Valley Cosmos on May 23. Arsenal would need a win or a tie to advance, and they pulled out a 2-1 win on a muddy field with a goal scored in the final minute of play.

As the champions of Flight 6, Arsenal faced the Flight 7 champions from Piscataway, the Pythons, in their first playoff game, a home match on June 10. This one ended with no score in regulation time, forcing two five-minute overtime sessions. Arsenal scored in the third minute of the first overtime session, then held on for the 1-0 triumph.

Arsenal's next playoff game was contested in South Brunswick against the champions of Flight 4, the Thunder. This game was a nail-biter throughout and would also go to overtime, with Arsenal scoring in the final minute of the second overtime session for the thrilling 1-0 victory.

The final season record for Arsenal, including the playoffs, was 10-1-2, with nine of the 10 wins being a shut-out. The goaltending, performed most of the season by Nick Plate, was stout and steady, and the team defense in front of him was rock solid, allowing very few quality chances to the opposition in most of the games.

Arsenal's success this season was founded on hard work in practice by

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Red Raiders 9U Take Second In "Battle at Spanktown"

The Red Raiders 9U boys took second place in "Battle of Spanktown" in Rahway on June 30. In their first year playing together, the team started out 0-2 in the tournament but battled back through player injuries and made it to the championship game against Fanwood. The Red Raiders lost by a score of 18-17 to earn their second place trophy. The team consists of the following players: Justin Plate, Giovanni Mendez, AJ Massaro, Alecs

Slicer, Cooper Smith, Joey Walker, Darren Ochoa, Anthony Penyak, Joey Rodriguez, Shaun Boffard and Sammy Nieves. The team is managed by Aleem Hosein and coaches Rob Ochoa, Mike Boffard, John Smith and John Massaro. Thanks to all the Red Raiders players and parents, we are so proud of all of you. Special thanks to our awesome scorekeeper, Keith Slicer. Keep up the great work Red Raiders!

Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League



LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Twin City Pharmacy	4	2	2	2 Buds, 2 Dubs.....	4	4	0
KC's Korner	4	3	1	Italian-American Club.....	4	4	0
Dirty Harry & Friends.....	4	3	1	So. Plainfield Funeral Home	3	4	1
Witty's Liquors	3	4	1	McCriskin's	3	5	0
Oak Tree Dental.....	3	5	0	Sport & Social	2	6	0

By Bob Nilan

The two powerhouse teams in the American Division, Alfie's Boys & Twin City Pharmacy, went head-to-head; and, as expected, there was a lot of fine golf played. The best round belonged to John "What Basketball Injury" Gaven who fired a dazzling 1-under 32 to spark his team to a lop-sided 16-4 win over one of the strongest teams in the league. Gaven got some nice help from the always consistent Bill Mann, who posted a 36 and from Mike Gokey who contributed a 38.

For Twin City, Joe Diller added to his string of excellent rounds with a beautiful even-par performance of 33 and Guy Severini continued his fine play with a 36.

KC's Korner didn't have their star, Billy "Cappy" Capparelli, in the lineup so they called on their super-sub, Mike Behr, and he came through with a solid round of 36. Unfortunately, the rest of the team had some problems. Commenting on his own game, Rich Steele says he hopes his wife buys him a tennis racquet for Christmas.

New daddy, Efrain Solis of Oak Tree Dental, has learned to believe his wife who told him that changing diapers would help his golf game. Solis shot a nifty 1-over 34 to lead his team to a 13-7 win over KC's Korner. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaarst keeps right on playing amazingly well without any practice and had an impressive 36, and Frank Oades didn't miss too many fairways this week on his way to a 39.

After looking like he did in his bachelor days in shooting a superlative 33 last week, Kevin "BoomBoom" Bickunas had his difficulties on three holes and struggled to a 41. Bob Chase had a number of impressive drives on his way to a 38, but that just wasn't enough to cover all the strokes they had to give as Witty's dropped their match to Dirty Harry & Friends, 13-7. Ed Rodriguez

led the way for the winners with his round of 39.

Wayne Lavender of the South Plainfield Funeral Home has had his share of peaks and valleys in practically every round he's played so far this season. Finally, he kept his botched shots to a minimum and put together a nice round of 37 that ended with a birdie-birdie flourish as he led his team to a narrow 11-9 victory over the National Division leaders, Unique Sports Accessories.

Good old reliable Ted Stanik just keeps hitting fairways and greens and added to his list of fine rounds with a 36. Captain Chris Dillon pitched in with a 37. Despite their second tough loss in-a-row, Unique Sports Accessories maintained their first-place standing, one game ahead of 2 Buds, 2 Dubs.

In a match filled with bogeys and more than a few "others," the Italian-American Club prevailed over Sport & Social, 12-8. Captain Frank Ferraro, Sr. earned the medal for the victors with his 43, while Mike Warin's 46 was the low-round for Sport & Social. That's not a typo.

After a considerable absence, Chris Nuzzo made his return to the league in the unenviable role as Dale "The Needle" Dube's partner. Understandably a bit rusty in his league debut, Nuzzo will surely be a real asset to his team in the second half of the season.

2 Buds, 2 Dubs just missed tying for the lead in the National Division as they lost a close match to McCriskin's Home For Funerals, 12-8. Captain Dale Dube was the medalist for his team with a 39 while Wally Heinzer earned the medal for McCriskin's with a 40.

Low scores for the night: John Gaven, 32; Joe Diller, 33; Efrain Solis, 34; Bill Mann, 36; Guy Severini, 36; Marty Van De Vaarst, 36; Mike Behr, 36; Ted Stanik, 36; Wayne Lavender, 37; Chris Dillon, 37

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Sports

U-19 FUSION

Submitted by Michelle Billich



U19 Fusion celebrate their triumph.

U19 Fusion Wins Division Title in Double Overtime

Recently, the South Plainfield Soccer Club's U19 Fusion achieved a goal they set out to attain many years ago. The team, consisting of former Sonics and Spirit players that joined together to form Fusion back in 2006, has had several flight wins over the years, but never the division title. Also joining the team were several members of the club's former teams, Fire and Ice, who graduated from high school last year.

This season, after winning the Flight 1 Championship, they faced the Warriors, the Flight 3 winning team

from Franklin, in East Brunswick on June 16. This game proved to be the most dramatic game in Fusion's history. With the score fluctuating back and forth throughout the game, and a tensely watched double overtime, Fusion achieved victory with a final score of 4-3. The season ended with a record of 7-1-2 and the domination over 26 teams in the entire Mid-NJ U19 division.

Fusion is led by coaches Paul Billich, Sam Tejada Sr. and Pete Goitandia and this spring's current team

players include Jesse Allen, Sam Alvarado, Jose Cruz, Paul Figueroa, Lucas Goitandia, Joe Gonzalez, Omar Mohamed, Edwin Molina, Will Mott, Keanu O'Neal, Marc Paez, Gary Pastuna, Philippe Rodrigues, Erick Rodriguez, Sam Tejada, Marcos Toapanta and Bryant Villamarin.

Good luck to all of the boys who have graduated and will not be returning to the club next spring; we wish you much luck in college and on the soccer field. You will always be part of our Fusion family!

Tiger Sharks Fall to Cranford, 144-132

By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley



The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks had an away meet at the Cranford Pool on June 25. It was an even meet until the relays where Cranford pulled ahead and won with a 144-132 victory. South Plainfield, however, had many individual victories.

Swimming the individual medley and sweeping all first place ribbons for the event were Jenna Yan (10 and under), Aubrey Marish (11/12) and Ali Huber (13-18). Kristy Tam and Aditi Bhattacharya placed second and third for the 10 and under age group. Geri Huber placed third for the 11/12 age group and Gracie Piekarski placed second for the older girls.

Brothers Nicolas and Anthony Gurrieri were the only two boys to place in the freestyle. Both brothers placed first for the 11/12 and 13-18, respectively. The girls were able to capture four out of five first place ribbons in freestyle. They were Stephanie Chiu (9/10), Elizabeth Chiu (11/12), Megan McDermott (13/14) and Ali Huber (15-18). The older girls swept their event with Gracie Piekarski taking a second and Maggie Valentino taking a third. Shannon Yan was the only eight and under to place with a second.

In the backstroke events Nicolas Gurrieri (11/12) was the only swimmer to take first place. Eight and under had Tyler Wu (second) and Ryan Park (third) taking home ribbons. Ryan

Carey (9/10) placed third, while Patrick Osaidacz (13/14) and Charlie Butrico (15-18) placed second.

Three first place ribbons went to Jenna Yan (9/10), Aubrey Marish (11/12) and Megan McDermott (13/14) for butterfly. Shannon Yan (eight and under) and Elizabeth Chiu (9/10) placed second. The only older girl to place was Ellen Zinsky taking a third.

Tyler Wu (eight and under) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18) placed first in the breaststroke. Ryan Park (eight and under), Manau Shah (11/12) and Eugene Kim (13/14) placed second, while Peter Wu (11/12) placed third for the same event.

Two relays were won by the Tiger Sharks in eight and under boys freestyle relay, which was swum by Ryan Park, Colin Carey, Max Strassburger and Tyler Wu. Girls (9-12) medley relay also took a first place. Swimming that event were Jenna Yan, Geri Huber, Aubrey Marish and Stephanie Chiu.

The Tiger Sharks are determined to give their personal best. Encouraging them are their coaches, Laurie Post, Shannon Dabrio, Mary Otlowski, Greg Bellizi and volunteer coach Jen Otlowski.

beriet, Jared Marks, Dylan O'Connor, Alec Paez, Ricky Pellegrino, Mason Resende and Edwin Rivas. The team staff-head coach David Cieskiewicz, assistant coaches Greg Hoffman and Steve Belanger, and team manager Donna Cieskiewicz—would like to thank the parents and fans for their support, and the players for their hard work and dedication.

Arsenal Cap Off Undefeated Season

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all of the young men on the team, which translated to good communication and teamwork during the games. This is exemplified by the fact that every position player on the team registered at least one goal or one assist during the course of the season, and they are: Jason Belanger, Cristian Butrico, Jason Cieskiewicz, Jack Cochrane, Jake Hoffman, Caleb Ku-

Obituaries

Ann D. Campanelli, 82

Ann D. Campanelli died on Thursday, June 30 at her daughter Patricia's home surrounded by her loving family.

Born in Hoboken, she was raised in Whitehouse and had been a resident of South Plainfield for most of her life.

She worked for over 40 years as a waitress for the Deli King located in Highland Park.

A devout catholic, Ann was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield. She could always be found cooking at church functions, especially the Feast of St. Anthony. Ann was a member of the Altar Rosary Society, and she loved making crafts and enjoyed her word search books.

She is predeceased by her husband, John A. Campanelli, who died on January 2, 2000; a son-in-law, Archie "Sandy" Dean; and by five siblings, Lawrence, George, Elizabeth, Mary and Katie.

Ann is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Patricia Waters and husband Scott of South Plainfield, Linda Dean of Monroe and Janie King of Flemington.

She also leaves behind eight grandchildren, Kelly, Leigh, Robyn, Jon, Jessica, Ashlee, Matthew and Stephanie; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Veronica Simmons of South Plainfield.

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations sent to the Alzheimer's Association, Northern New Jersey Chapter, 400 Morris Ave., Suite 251, Denville, N.J. 07834 or to Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church, 120 Kosciusko Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 would be appreciated.

Henry S. Zawadzki, 88

Henry S. Zawadzki entered the kingdom of God in peace surrounded by his family on Wednesday, June 29 at the Highlands in Edison.

Born and raised in the Chrome section of Carteret, Henry settled in South Plainfield with his wife in 1949.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served his country well as a motor

machinist mate aboard an "LCT" ship during the Pacific Theater before his honorable discharge in 1946.

Employed at Bell Labs in Murray Hill, Henry worked as a pipe fitter prior to his retirement. He was credited with helping to develop a technique to pull lead communication cables through conduit.

Henry was a humble man. He was proud to have performed the welding on the first atomic submarine, "The Nautilus." In addition, he was a member of the South Plainfield Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763, American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and a life member of the Polish National Home. He also enjoyed polka dancing which is what lead him to meet and marry the former Magdalena "Leni" Seider.

He is predeceased by a daughter, Linda Przybowski.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Leni; a daughter, Teresa Seitzmeyer and husband, Robert; a son, Henry and wife, Nancy Borton; four grandchildren, Rebecca Seitzmeyer, Tracy Sesta and husband Mike, Michael Przybowski and wife Courtney and Christopher Przybowski and fiancé Ariane.

Also left to cherish his memory are five great-grandchildren, Grace, Brian, Julia, Matthew and Logan; and his loyal canine, Daisy.

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

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that memorial donations be made in Henry's honor to the Plainfield Area Humane Society, 75 Rock Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07063 or the South Plainfield VFW, 155 E. Front St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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Acute dialysis Facility Administrator Suzann VanBuskirk speaks to attendees at the new Durham Corners clinic.

DaVita Inc., a leading provider of kidney care services for those diagnosed with end stage renal disease and chronic kidney disease (CKD), hosted a free event on leadership and hot topics in the growing field of kidney care at its new Durham Corners clinic.

"The evening provided a great opportunity for those working in kidney

care and those interested in the field to come together and network in the community we work in," said Jim Griffith, regional operations director for DaVita. "We enjoyed reaching out to kidney care professionals who want to work for a great company."

The event featured a speech from acute dialysis Facility Administra-

tor Suzann VanBuskirk, BSN, RN, CNN with DaVita. Attendees had the chance to tour the new state-of-the-art dialysis center in South Plainfield which features hemodialysis chairs, an isolation room and a home peritoneal dialysis training center.

More than 31 million Americans are affected by CKD which accounts for nearly one in nine people. The nephrology (kidney care) field is growing to meet the demands of an expanding patient population so it's critical to continue to develop best practices to improve patient care. Sharing that knowledge with the industry positively impacts all those affected by kidney disease.

Primary risk factors for CKD are diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease or a family history of these conditions. High-risk groups include African-Americans, Hispanics, Pacific Islanders, Native Americans and seniors (those 60 and over). DaVita encourages anyone at high risk to ask their doctors to test their kidneys.

For more information about DaVita, jobs in kidney care or the South Plainfield clinic visit www.davita.com.

BOE Recalls Teachers, Aides

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Steele, transportation supervisor, through June 30, 2012.

Two teachers of the multiply disabled, Amy Arnold (K-1) and Karen Foley (9-12), whom the board had previously appointed for the extended school year program at the May 11 meeting, were rescinded. The appointment of Grant School instructional support aide Kathleen Moinaro was also rescinded on June 30.

Replacing Arnold and Foley for the extended school year program starting July 6 until August 11 are Lisa DesRanleau and Michele Kirchofer.

Instructors Patricia Waters, Elyne Foscolo and Colleen Lazar (substitute) and aide Janet Whalen will supervise in the preschool summer enrichment program from June 27 through July 29.

Fifteen secretarial appointments/

reappointments were made for the 2011/2012 school year. Four secretaries, Dorothea Bohn, Elaine Bolger, Charlene Figler and Lee Ann Graziano, were appointed for the summer only. The other 11 secretaries are Shirley Affinito, Paula Dick, Marianne Harkness, Doris Kirchner, Karen Kozak, Kathleen Murano, Nicole Plate, Jaclene Prongay, Tina Ruhnke, Joyce Santone and Suzanne Tercek.

SDW Holding Garage Sale and Car Wash

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) is holding a garage sale and car wash at the middle school on Plainfield Avenue on Saturday, July 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds benefit this year's production of *High School Musical*.

Pilgrim Covenant Summer Tutoring Program

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Middle School Students Dance the Night Away

By Jane Dornick

The annual eighth grade dinner



dance is always a much anticipated event for the middle school graduates. The event was held in the high school cafeteria on June 17 and the deejay for the evening was former teacher John Limyanski.

Dressed in semi-formal attire, the students dined buffet-style on baked ziti, meatballs and chicken fingers that were donated by the Boyle Memorial Foundation. Cookies and brownies for dessert and drinks were all provided by the PTO along with the decorations. Renee of Sodexo prepared the food.



SPHS Music Dept. Presents Spring Concert

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield High School Music Department presented the spring concert on June 7 in the Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium. This year's audience was unusually large due to a planned surprise special recognition of retiring vocal music teacher, Tracy Murray, that was scheduled for after the concert.

The evening opened with the orchestra conducted by Bruce Mikolon followed by the concert band directed by Roger A. Vroom III. The combined orchestra and band completed the first portion of the instrumental selections.

The Emeralds and Jades, directed by Tracy Glenn Murray and accompanied by Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander, each performed two numbers. The Emeralds sang *Halo/Walking on Sunshine* medley and *Zero to Zero* from Hercules. The Jades sang *A Girl Worth Fighting For* from Mulan and *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* from The Lion King.

The Jazz Ensemble performed *Granada Smoothie* featuring Alexa Douras on drumset, Alyssa Aiello on trumpet and Daniel Lyew on trombone. *Disney Salute* featured G. Bjorn Delacruz on tenor saxophone. Their final number was *Act Your Age* featuring Alexa Douras on drumset and Joe Miller on alto saxophone.

After intermission Choir Director Tracy Murray offered an array of solos performed by Catherine Emery, Emily Reineke, Lainie Harris and Erin O'Connor, and duets by Christina Kasmer and Francis Suarez, Dan Schuch and Rusty Teller. Will Mott and Miguel Mejia performed a number from *Jungle Book* complete with hula skirts, leis and tops made of coconuts that had the audience howling with laughter.

The program concluded with the entire chorus on stage performing a variety of medleys. Soloists were Ellen Zinsky, John Delacruz, Will Mott, Rusty Teller, Keely Joaquim and James Butrico.



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June 30, 2011—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on June 28, 2011.

- Signs for Commercial Purposes: Awnings. This proposed ordinance will amend Section 717.5 of Zoning Ordinance #1278.
- Case #11-02/M—HAT Investments, LLC. Block 380; Lot 3; 916 Delmore Avenue. The applicant's request for subdivision approval and bulk variances was hereby DENIED.
- Case #736/Site/V—Metro PCS N.Y., LLC. Block 528.01; Lot 46.01; M-2 Zone. The applicant's request for a variance to permit the continuance of an existing 150' monopole, a lot coverage variance and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board