

# 'Silver Surfer': Not quite fantastic

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Earth has just eight days to return those wedding gifts.

Dr. Von Doom (Julian McMahon) is given a new lease on life when the silver guy surfs in. Big holes turn up in the Earth's surface everywhere the Surfer shows up. The military in the person of Andre Braugher bullies the Four into helping track this guy down.

And that's pretty much it.

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"Rise of the Silver Surfer" is slow to catch a wave, but that leaves room for some decent acting moments. The effects are dazzling, and the story even finds some heart for the third act. There's a great speech the brilliant Dr. Reed Richards-Mr. Fantastic gives trumpeting smart kids over school jocks that will thrill comic-book fans of all ages.

So it's not deep, and it's not art. Even if they never actually achieve Fantastic, this cast and crew are more than welcome back. Summer at the movies should always be "clobberin' time."

# Photos: Students of Paterson program show work

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students, and there is a waiting list to get into the free program.

In addition to teaching technical skills, the photography classes are intended to build self-confidence and self-esteem. It broadens the life experience of the students. The instructors serve as role models. For some of the students, it's the start of a career path or lifelong hobby.

For those familiar with the Ward Street neighborhood near the YMCA, the images captured through the lenses of the students' cameras are easily recognizable. There are shots of the Passaic County Courthouse, the railroad tracks, mill buildings and snow piled along Park Avenue. The exhibit is called "Portrait of Paterson."

In addition to the stunning skyline, Ryan, a student at the Alexander Hamilton Academy, photographed the bottom of an old can. He calls that work "Crust and Rust."

Shannon Marie James, 11, who is also a student at the Alexander Hamilton Academy, took a photograph of a curved bridge which straddles a stream in Westside Park. Shannon heard about the program over a year ago from a friend but could not get a spot in the 2005-06 class. She applied again and was accepted in the class that started in September 2006.

"I like to learn more about photography," Shannon said. "I hope to go back to the program. It was a great experience."

Emmanuel Jackson, 9, who is home schooled, photographed a pigeon sitting on railroad tracks.

"I learned to be patient," he said, explaining one of the lessons he took away from the photography course.

Levine says the cameras are loaned to the students, who return them at the end of the course. She says the program has a good record of retrieving the costly equipment.

The display at the museum is augmented by a traveling exhibit shown at the Danforth Library; Passaic County Community College; Great Falls Visitors Center and Barnert Hospital - all in Paterson. The works will also be displayed at the Ridgewood Library and the Unitarian Society, also in Ridgewood; dates for those shows are not yet set.



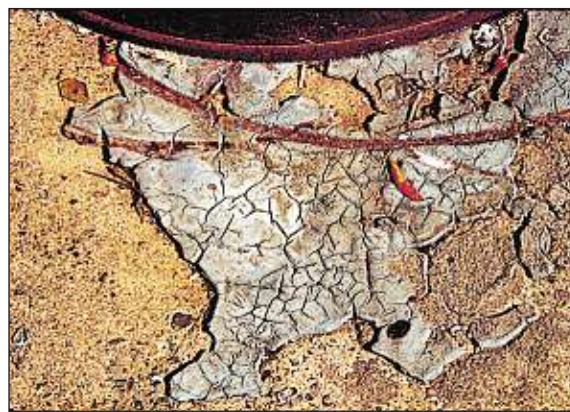
Shannon Marie James, 11, focused on the curving lines of a bridge in Westside Park for one of the photos she took during a Paterson Youth Photography Program class.

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Photos by Ryan Rivera, left, and Emmanuel Jackson, above and right, feature sights they found in Paterson.



# "DIFF-Abilities"



Not Disabilities

There are many reasons people might be called disabled. This series will explore a number of conditions some may consider disabilities. But if you take time to know people, you will probably find that they are not lacking abilities at all... they just do things differently. We hope you will learn that all of us have different gifts, talents and strengths that make us uniquely special.

## Activity #8 Learning Disabilities

A learning disability is a neurological disorder. In simple terms, a learning disability results from a difference in the way a person's brain functions. Children with learning disabilities are as smart or smarter than their peers. A child with a learning disability, given the right supports, can be very successful. Difficulty with basic reading and writing skills are the most common learning disabilities.

### "Who I Am":

- I look just like you.
- I may take longer to complete a task.
- It takes me longer to read and understand things.
- I may learn differently than you.



### "Getting to Know Me":

- Be patient.
- Ask me how I learn best.
- Invite me to do a variety of activities with you.
- Respect my "DIFF-Abilities".



### In their shoes...

- ✓ Look at the words below, but say the color it is printed in aloud. Many students with a learning disability take longer to process words as they read them. Did it take you extra time to determine the color of the letters for the word?

Blue Red Green  
Yellow Purple Brown

- ✓ Find the Word Jumble in the classified section of *The Record*. These jumbled words will give you an idea of how students with a learning disability normally see words. Did it take you longer to understand the words?

- ✓ Now take a story from *The Record* and try to read it in a mirror. Does it take longer to read it?

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