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## TEACHERS MARKED ABSENT



SPHS graduate Nicole Scavone, center, with her proud mom and grandmother. See list of graduates and pictures on page 8 and 9.

The South Plainfield High School Class of 2000 graduated last Friday night and once again were the victims of the ongoing dispute between the teachers union and the board of education. At the last minute high school teachers boycotted the ceremonies

because of a disagreement with the school board.

By contrast, the Thursday evening promotion ceremonies of 270 Middle School students were attended by school teachers.

Both ceremonies had ideal weather and were attended by

hundreds of parents and friends who spent the evening cheering, snapping photos and waving signs and balloons.

Even though no teachers were in attendance at the high school ceremonies, it didn't seem to deter the graduates, who held their heads high, ignoring the year-long controversy between the teachers' union and the board of education and showing they were above the dispute. The evening went off without a hitch, in fact the graduates were one of the best behaved groups in recent years. Principal Anthony Massaro and Assistant Principals Helen Gottlieb, Dr. Kenneth May and Frank Vatalare and Athletic Director Michael Buggy were all at the ceremonies. Standing in for the high school teachers were the principals of the elementary and middle schools and members of the Athletic Booster Club.

Middle School students who spoke at the promotion were Jessa Jones, student council presi-



Middle School student Christopher Abbott is congratulated by Board of Education member Ken LaFreniere at ceremonies last Thursday. See names and photos on pages 6 and 7.

dent and Daniel Sierzega and Brittany DeNitzio, both class representatives. The middle school band performed during the ceremonies.

At the high school ceremonies speeches were given by Brad Tierney, student council president; John Alles, valedictorian; Lynda Hepburn, salutatorian and Jane Han Nguyen, class president. The

high school band and chorus performed for the graduates.

Each of the 200 graduating students received a hug or a handshake from Principal Tony Massaro as they received their diplomas. The graduates names were announced by students Jane Hang Nguyen, Bradford James Tierney and Alan Jackson, National Honor Society president.

## Ground Breaking Ceremonies Kick Off PAL Building Expansion

Ground breaking ceremonies for the expansion of the PAL building were held Saturday morning. Last Tuesday evening, the Board of Adjustment gave their approval to go ahead with the expansion plans.

The PAL expansion has been a dream for more than 10 years and will now finally become a reality. Last year two bids were rejected because they came in higher than expected, bringing the PAL expansion to a temporary halt.

A new plan was drawn up, adding a free standing building next to the present one, joined by a corridor and a courtyard between the two. In addition, the present building will be painted inside and out. The expansion should be completed by the end of the year. "The PAL is here for our youth and expanding this building can only be an investment in our future," explained Councilman Ray Petronko.

The cost of this project is \$816,000 and will be paid for with user fees, developer fund money, \$50,000 each from the Wrestling and Recreation Commission and bonds, which will be



Pictured left to right at last Saturday's PAL building groundbreaking ceremonies were Recreation Commission Mike English, Councilman Ray Petronko, Recreation Commission President Jim Curcio, Mayor Dan Gallagher and Police Officer John Alles.

paid for with recreation revenues with no cost to the taxpayers.

Attending the ceremony were Councilman Ray Petronko, liaison to the Recreation Commission, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Dennis Cerami and Ed Kubala and Councilwoman Darlene Pinto, Recreation Commission President Jim Curcio, Vice President Bill Cochrane, and

members Mike Alvarez, Bill Ashnault, Georgeann DiGrazia, Mildred Waldron, Donna Tierney and Mike DiMeglio. Also present were Dick DeAndrea, architect, representatives from Tri-Form Inc., of Edison, builders for the project and many residents who have worked for years on the dream of expanding the PAL building.

## Leading the SPHS Class of 2000 Are...

■ **Student Council President Brad Tierney** ranks eighth in his class. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, is a Bloustein Scholar and recipient of the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence. He has participated on the Academic Team and the traveling choir. He was a member of the Student Council, Jerseyan Club, Drama Club, Soccer and Tennis teams for four years each. His GPA is 4.25 and he scored 1400 on SATs.

■ **Valedictorian David Alles** is a member of the Scholastic Honor Society, a Bloustein Scholar, received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence and is a NJSIAA Scholar Athlete. He ran track and played soccer for three years, has participated in the Drama Club, Jerseyan Club and appeared in the production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. His GPA is 4.6 and he scored 1500 on SATs.

■ **Salutatorian Lynda Hepburn** is a member of the Scholastic Honor Society, a Bloustein Scholar and was named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*. She received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, participated in Summer Drama Workshop, and was a member of the marching, jazz and concert bands for four years. Her GPA is 4.48 and she scored 1320 on SATs.

■ **Class President Jane Nguyen** is a member of the National Honor Society and the Scholastic Honor Society. She received the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, was named in *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and was a member of the yearbook staff. She played varsity soccer, was a member of the Business Club and Peer Leadership for four years. She is also a hospital volunteer. Her GPA is 3.6 and she scored 1100 on SATs.

## This Weekend in South Plainfield



Father John Alvarado, who was officially named pastor of Sacred Heart Church, will be installed in a ceremony to be held on Friday night, which is also the Feast of the Sacred Heart. The installation will begin in Sacred Heart Church at 7 p.m. and a reception will follow in the school cafeteria. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Board of Education and SPEA Will Ratify Contract

The members of the board of education and the teachers union held a negotiating session on Tuesday, along with mediator Richard Qwen and reached an agreement on all outstanding issues.

The salary guides developed during those negotiations will be verified and together with the issues previously agreed upon will be presented to the members and recommended for ratification.

The two sides had announced a tentative agreement in February and a blackout was imposed. Since then word of how the salary guides were

progressing or when a ratification vote would have not been made public.

The teachers were notably absent at last week's high school graduation and at several concerts and year-end festivities.

The South Plainfield Education Association (SPEA) will hold a ratification meeting on or before July 7 and the board of education will hold a special session to vote on the ratification on July 11.

The terms of the agreement between the two parties will not be disclosed pending ratification.

## Future Stars, Special Education Will Remain at Grant School

Both the Future Stars and special education students will be staying at Grant School.

The Board of Education announced last week that the sixth graders will be centralized at Grant, after extensive renovations. Some administrative offices will be condensed or moved to other schools, but Future Stars and special education students will remain at Grant.

At Tuesday's meeting, the board approved the voluntary transfer of Robert Doggett from the Middle

School; he will become the principal at the new Grant School Central Sixth Grade. It was not announced who will replace Doggett as principal at the middle school.

Approximately 324 students will be enrolled in sixth grade next year. Plans call for 12 academic classrooms and rooms for art, music and computers.

An open house is planned in August for parents and sixth graders before the school officially opens for the semester.

## So. Plfd. Postmaster Warns Against Mailbox Vandalism

South Plainfield Postmaster Michael Deignan wishes to remind residents that mailboxes are considered federal property and any attempt to injure, deface or destroy any mail deposited is subject to federal prosecution. Violators can be fined up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to three years for each act of vandalism.

Postmaster Deignan advised residents that any misuse of fireworks or any other incendiary device in a collection box, should be reported to the local authorities and the postal inspection service.

"This is an unlawful, illegal and selfish act," said Postmaster Deignan,

"And we are asking all of our customers to be vigilant at all times, especially during this Fourth of July holiday weekend, for any vandals who perpetrate this crime."

Postmaster Deignan also noted that throwing firecrackers or similar explosive devices in a mailbox can result in serious injury to both perpetrators and innocent bystanders.

The U.S. Postal Service is asking anyone observing the deliberate vandalism of mailboxes...either public or private...to contact the United States Postal Inspection Service at their New Jersey 24-hour hotline number, (201) 714-6300.

## In My Opinion

### Letters

To the Editor,

Friday, June 23 was graduation day for South Plainfield High School. But there were no teachers on the field to see this class receive their diplomas. On Thursday, June 22 the union informed the school board that they would not participate.

It was left to parents to fulfill the obligation that the union had reneged on. From my understanding, parents from the Music and Athletic Booster Clubs filled the empty spots so that the graduation could continue. This is the last in a long line of abuse of our children, starting at the beginning of the school year, continuing through the Halloween non-parades, the threats to not generate college letters for our seniors, the seemingly eternal "green Fridays," and various other insults to our children and our parents.

A fitting end to their school year. Even though the board and the union settled the contract on February 28, the union leadership has not, in my estimation, fulfilled their obligations. It is their responsibility to generate the step payments to individual teachers so that the board can validate it and begin payments. It is their responsibility to inform their membership of the details of the contract. It is their responsibility to ratify the contract so their membership can get their raises. WHY HAVEN'T THEY DONE ANYTHING?

CAROL M. BYRNE

To the Editor,

As many of you know the South Plainfield Swimming and Dive Team was around at our local businesses "canning" this past Thursday and Friday, June 22 and 23. Despite the Middle School and High School graduations being held the same nights, we did well.

We would like to thank all who donated so generously, we appreciate it! Also, thank you to our local merchants who let us do "canning" at their businesses. Please continue to patronage these businesses who helped our teams this summer—Drug Fair, Bruno's Pizza, McDonald's (Oak Tree Road), Hollywood Video, Ciccio's Pizza, K-Mart, Here's the Scoop ice cream, 7-11, Quick Chek, Pathmark and Dunkin Donuts (Maple Ave.) and Witty's Liquors. The money made helps buy ribbons which are given to the swimmers and divers after the meets and is also used for buying equipment which is needed during the season.

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Vito and Dan Ratti.

## The Family Business—A Dream Come True

Vito and Mary Ratti have been South Plainfield residents since 1965. Their three sons were all educated in the South Plainfield school system.

Two sons, Dave and Dan, reside in South Plainfield with their wives and families and together with their parents, own the newly-opened Oak Tree Discount Wine & Spirits-Buy Rite located on Oak Tree Road.

The family also owns and operates VW Liquors in the Wick Plaza, Edison for the past 13 years.

The Oak Tree store is a dream come true for the Rattis—to operate a business in their own hometown. The new 7,000-sq.-ft. store

allows the family an opportunity to provide an expansive selection of wines, beers and liquors to fully service their hometown's needs. Oak Tree Wine & Spirits offers a clean and friendly shopping experience.

New Jersey Lottery machine/instant tickets will be available during the first week of July providing an additional service to customers.

Oak Tree Wine & Spirits has been open for business since June 1, but the grand opening will take place the weekend of July 1-4. Free gifts will be given to customers. Two color TVs will also be given away in a free raffle. The drawing will take place July 4 at 5 p.m.

## Many Thanks to Railroad Car Donors

In the *Observer's* June 16 story "Business Assoc., Borough Thank Railroad Volunteers at Picnic" there were a number of names omitted from the list of those who worked on or donated to the project. The following are thanked for their contributions: Bob Bengivenga, his son and nephew, who painted the outside of the car; Harris Steel Company for the construction and donation of the steel footbridge; Lehigh Construction Company for making new steel steps and welding them into place; Sky High for the use of the cranes to lift the bridge and put it into place; Conlux for the donation of the special paint for the outside of the car; Vail Hardware for many items from nails to locks to safety tape; Joe

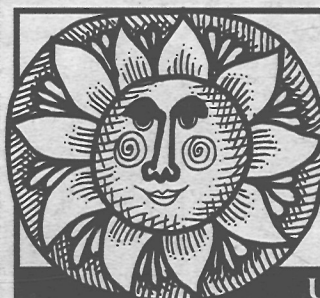
Penyak, his son and friend for the painting/tarring of the railcar's roof.

Even with this additional list, there may be some names still missing. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

## Coming in the July 7 issue....

- High School Scholarship Awards
- Board of Education Awards
- Project Graduation

*and much more.*



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## From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

This Tuesday, we'll be celebrating our nation's 224<sup>th</sup> birthday. Before you rush out and blow your budget on a whole lot of candles, let's look at some news from the South Plainfield Library:

Don't forget about this morning's Homeschoolers meeting in our Children's Room. It's scheduled for 10:30 and is for parents who homeschool their children or are interested in doing so. This is an informal meeting, so no registration is required.

We'll be open tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., as we usually are on Saturdays. But that'll be changing next week. Next Saturday, we'll be following our Summer Saturday schedule and be open 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This will be in effect until September.

Due to their summer hiatus, there will be no meeting of the Friends of the Library in July.

We'll be closed on Tuesday in honor of Independence Day.

Because of our Tuesday closing, we'll have an abbreviated Storytime schedule next week. The programs will be held on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. They're for children ages three and over and last about an hour. No pre-registration is required. Meanwhile, our Summer Reading Club is moving right along. Book check-ins for the club began on Monday, but you can still register. We're also planning some special club-related programs; details on them will follow ASAP. If you have any questions about our Children's programs, check with Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

There's still some room open for the Babysitting Seminar we're co-sponsoring with the county Health Department. It's scheduled for July 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. It's for young people age 11 and over; there's no charge, but space is limited, so sign up fast.

We've made some changes in our Circuit collections. Both the Circuit CDs and Audiobooks are between groups and unavailable today. They'll be back later in July. We're also between groups on the Video Circuit today; the new group should be available by Monday. However, the new group from the Large Print Circuit is in place. They can be borrowed for two weeks.

Here's another Internet advisory. Among other things, the Internet can now provide video clips online, like movie trailers and music videos. Unfortunately, they don't mix with our Internet terminals. They can cause the system to crash, much in the same way that chat room sites can. It'll be a big help to everyone if you refrain from accessing such videos on our terminals. Thanks very much.

And, here's an update to a note from last week. There has since been an upgrade to our Elvis automated system. (With Col. Parker's OK, we assume.) When you renew an item over the phone, the system will now supply you with the new due date. Just the same, you might want to call us to confirm the renewal.

That'll be it for this week. We hope you have a pleasant and safe Independence Day. But leave the fireworks to the professionals, please. We'd hate to have anything bad spoil the day.

## Recycling Center Closed for July Fourth

The Recycling Center on Kenneth Ave. will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, for the Independence Day holiday. The Yard Waste Site at the end of Ken-

neth Avenue will also be closed on July 4. Both facilities will be open instead on Wednesday, July 5, from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

## Yard Waste Site Has Free Wood Chips

The Yard Waste site at the end of Kenneth Avenue currently has wood chips available free of charge. Bring your own containers and shovels. Yard Waste is open Tuesdays from noon- 7 p.m. (except on

July 4th) and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, call the Recycling Coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail her at [atemple@southplainfieldnj.com](mailto:atemple@southplainfieldnj.com).



## Four Officers Sworn In, Two Promoted

Four recently-hired South Plainfield police officers were sworn in at last week's Borough Council meeting. They are from top left, Officer Matthew Mahoney, with father James; Officer Michael Molinaro with wife Kathy and children Michael and Nicole (center); Officer Robert Vega, Jr. with his mother Maria Vega (right). Below left Officer Daryl Strother is sworn in as mother Juanita, brother Dion and daughter Ayana look on. Two officers were promoted the same evening. Pictured below center is Lieutenant Michael Grennier with wife Carol, and sons Joseph and Jonathan. Pictured below right is Sergeant Kevin Murtagh with wife Nancy, mother Josephine and children Brian and Lyndsey.



## Seven Receive Governor's Teacher Award

Seven teachers were recently distinguished by their selection as award winners in the 1999-2000 Governor's Teacher Recognition Program. These seven South Plainfield teachers were individually recognized at the June Board of Education meeting, where each received a framed commendation from the Board of Education.

The recipients were Kathleen B. Trenchak, John E. Riley School; Virginia R. Irwin, John F. Kennedy School; William F. Milone, Roosevelt School; Frances Flannery, South Plainfield High School; Judith T. Rudnick, Franklin School; Mary Jean Smith, South Plainfield Middle School and Elyne F. Foscolo, Grant School.

The South Plainfield honorees joined other award recipients at a convocation and luncheon held on



Governor's Teacher Award recipients from left to right are Kathleen B. Trenchak, Virginia R. Irwin, William F. Milone, Frances Flannery, Judith T. Rudnick, Mary Jean Smith and Elyne F. Foscolo.

The Cornucopia Princess-Spirit of Perth Amboy, on May 25 at where they were awarded certificates by the Middlesex County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mary Jean Guidette.

Selection as the single honoree from each school in the district is

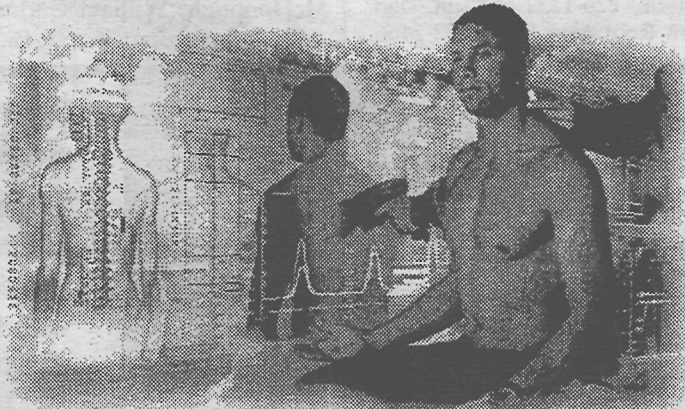
of special significance, since these teachers were nominated by their colleagues in their respective schools. A committee of administrators, teachers, parents, and community members made the final selection of award winners from the field of nominees.

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# Around Town

## American Legion Summer Fest 2000

The American Legion Chaumont Post #243, located on Oak Tree Ave. will be holding a Summer Fest on Saturday, July 8 from 1 to 6 p.m.

The cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and infants are free. Everyone is invited. Proceeds will go toward the benefit scholarship fund.

## SPHS Class of 1985 15th Reunion-Family Picnic

South Plainfield High School Class of 1985 will hold its 15-Year Reunion-Family Picnic on Sunday, Sept. 3, at Forrest Lodge, Warren.

Please return your response ASAP. If you'd like information, please contact Lisa Baunach Rojas at 732-836-9235 or Wesley Spear at wspear@bns.nec.com.

## Rescue Squad To Host 'Pig Roast 2000'

Tickets are being sold for the South Plainfield Rescue Squad's "Pig Roast 2000" fundraiser, which will be held 1-6 p.m. on Saturday, July 22 at the squad building on Plainfield Ave.

The event will feature roasted pig, chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers, soda and beer and also include live music and many raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$7 for children under age 10.

The rain-or-shine event will help offset the all-volunteer organization's day-to-day operation costs.

For tickets, stop by the building (next to the library) or call (908) 754-2343 and leave a message.

## Sunday Best, Many-Sided Man

He's one part maestro, one part comedian and one part priest. That description can only apply to Rev. Alphonse Stephenson when he leads his orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea.

He conducts a program of light classics and seasonal favorites, sprinkles mots among the notes and entertains with his good cheer and charisma.

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society proudly presents Rev. Stephenson and his orchestra on Sunday, Sept. 17. He will perform at four o'clock p.m. at the Sacred

Heart Church, 149 South Plainfield Ave.

General admission is \$25; for students and seniors, \$20. Ticket information can be obtained by calling either (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.

## Area Blood Drives

American Red Cross Greater Union County and Plainfield Area Chapter and New Jersey Blood Services have announced several community blood drives and urges residents to donate a pint of blood this season.

Currently there is a critical blood shortage in the greater New York/New Jersey Area, which has resulted from lower than expected blood donations. Our region has less than a two day supply.

To be a donor you must be between the ages of 18 and 75 years old, in good health and weigh at least 110 pounds. When donating please bring identification.

The following is the Open Blood Drive Schedule for July.

- July 11, Our Lady of Czestochowa, 120 Kosciusko Ave., South Plainfield, 3-8:30 p.m.

- July 13, United Church of Christ, 220 W.7th Street, Plainfield, 2-9 p.m.

- July 16, Our Lady of The Mount, 167 Mt. Bethel Road, Warren, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

- July 23, St. Joseph RC Church, 41 Plainfield, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

## AARP Chapter 4144 Plans Trip to Catskills

Meetings will resume on the third Friday in Sept. (Sept. 15), for AARP Chapter 4144 at the PAL Bldg. in South Plainfield on Maple Ave.

A trip to Raleigh Hotel in the Catskills is planned from July 10 through July 14. The price is \$370 per person, double occupancy. Singles add \$60. Price includes all expenses paid, plus transportation.

For more information, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

## SPHS Tigers to Host Sixth South Plainfield Open

The South Plainfield Golf Association announces plans to hold the SOUTH PLAINFIELD OPEN on Wednesday, Aug. 9, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. This is the sixth annual golf tournament held for the benefit of

the South Plainfield High School Golf Team.

The entry fee of \$75 includes greens fee, cart, prizes, food and beverages. There will be prizes for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin and a special hole-in-one prize.

All proceeds go to support the activities of the High School Golf Team. Registration deadline is July 24. Tee times are assigned on a first come basis.

For more information and tee times contact Lynn Gaspari at 908-668-1867 or Dick DeAndrea at 908-755-1700. This year you can also sign up for a tee time on line or find out about the corporate sponsor programs at [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org).

## Rec Trips to Broadway Musicals

The Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to Broadway musicals.

- *Jesus Christ Superstar*, Thursday, Aug. 31, 8 p.m. performance. Bus leaves PAL at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$70 per person.

- *A Christmas Carol*, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2 p.m. performance. Bus leaves PAL at 10:30 a.m. Tickets are \$66 per person.

Only 48 tickets per trip available. Purchase at the PAL, 8:30-4:30 p.m. First come, first serve. 226-7713.

## Visit Lake George This September

The Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Lake George for 3 days/2 nights. Bus transportation, deluxe hotels, four meals, boat cruise, shopping. Sept. 13-15. \$245 per person. Only 40 tickets are available. Purchase at the PAL on Maple Ave.

## Cruise on Big Red Boat II Planned

Dunellen Recreation is sponsoring a cruise on the NEW Big Red Boat II to New England and Canada. A seven nights cruise leaves on Aug. 5 and returns Aug. 12, with ports of call of Newport, Boston, Halifax and St. John New Brunswick Canada.

Rates for the cruise range from \$875 per person for an inside stateroom to \$1,075 for an ocean view stateroom.

For information, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222 or Clem, Dunellen Recreation (732) 752-2466.



## Karate Students Promoted at ATA Black Belt Academy

Last week students at ATA Black Belt Academy located on Maple Ave. were promoted to the next level in karate. Head instructor Tiffany Lewis (3 Degree Black Belt) and Tom Guerin (5

to Camo Belt, Cody Cifrodelli, Johnny DiDolce and Corey Stassenko; Yellow to Camo Belt, Milan Tailor, Daniel Scoenberger, Bria Thomas, Kayla Gilman, Shanaye Thomas, Kurtia Thomas, Ashley Ritchey and Jena Cianfrocca; from Camo to Green Belt were Marc Feverin, Hayley Ortiz, Ryan Szabo, Matthew Szabo and George Hogan (adult) and from Green to Purple Belt: Joshua Siepmann, Colleen Brooderick, Stephen Slatky, Douglas Porzio, Bonny Laub (adult) and Alex Lundy.

Promoted from Blue to Brown R were Sean Gibney and Lucas Ripley. From Brown R to Brown D: Michael Dispenziere, David Laub, Jessica Frank, Danielle Schaaf, Justin Howarth, Michael Pinckney (Adult). From Brown to Red R: Caitlyn Hogan, Bianca DiDolce, Stanley Stellakis, Colin Slattery, Billy Ritchey, Patrick Pryor and Robert Parillo (adult). From Red R to Red D, Jordon Pinckney, Ashley Forbes, Luis DiMacje and Mark DiMacje.

Michael Krusinowski and Cherly Kotelsky received a Black Belt.



Degree Black Belt) presented the awards.

Promoted from White to Orange Belt were Johnathan Benestad, Ryan Jensen, Inan Sikel, Gregory Sutton, Megan Roseman, Jazmyn Cummings, Mark Roseman, Danielle Yulick, Dorsey Britton, Elijan Mayo, Katelyn Vaughn, Megan Cornell, Bobby Yulick, Ashley Britton and Marlana Simone.

Promoted from Orange to Tiger Patch were Anthony Ashnault; from Tiger Patch to Yellow Belt, Shannon Hogan, Christopher Giakas, Sarah Rusk, Nicholas Tuyp, Joey Grennier, Giancarlo Silva and Patty Prozio (adult); from Yellow to Cheatah Patch: AJ Celentano, Bobby Kolvites, Tony McGuane, Taylor Hagy, John McDonough, William Gerlitz.

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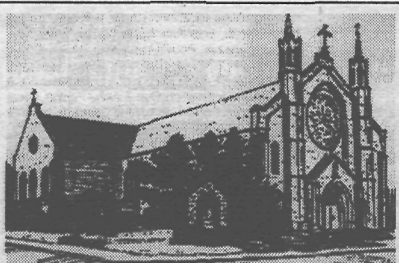
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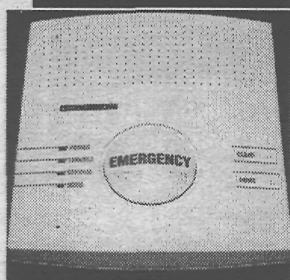
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South Plainfield All Star 12 and Under - Coach: Tom Walter, Darice Bishop, Mallory Cooper, Allison DiMeglio, Caitlin English, Kim Gaub, Allia Ghanim, Carly Kazimir, Jessica Miller, Stefanie Miller, Kathleen Morgan, Lacey Santone, Jessica Senz, Melissa Szeliga and Morgan Walter.



South Plainfield All Star 10 and Under - Coach: Steve Senz, Dorian Bishop, Julianne Bosse, Kelly Downes, Elizabeth Flannery, Kathy Gorman, Katie Hardy, Allison Huffsmith, Jackie Kukuch, Kate Reichert, Tiffany Roth, Christina Schuetz, Rachel Senz, Alyssa Sutherland and Stephanie Szeliga.

## Girls All-Star Tournament

The South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association recently sponsored the 2000 South Plainfield All-Star Girls Softball Tournament. The Tournament was held at the Pitt St. Park Softball Complex. Teams from South Plainfield, Iselin, Edison, Woodbridge and Hamilton competed in three different age brackets - 14 and Under, 12 and Under and 10 and Under.

The three South Plainfield teams put on a strong performance and earned two championships and a second place.

### 14 and Under Results

In the 14 and Under final, South Plainfield topped Woodbridge 10-2. South Plainfield took a 1-0 lead in the second when Melissa Scotto scored on a RBI single by Amanda Fugate. They broke the game open in the fourth, scoring four times, highlighted by a two-run double by Jaime Gaughan. Scotto was the

winning pitcher with a complete game and six strikeouts.

### 12 and Under Results

In the finals of the tournament, the 12 and Under team was led by the no-hit pitching of Jessica Senz. Mallory Cooper, Lacey Santone and Kathleen Morgan each scored two runs. Jessica Miller had two hits and Allia Ghanim, Caitlin English and Darrice Bishop each had one hit. Final score: South Plainfield 10, Hamilton 0.

### 10 and Under Results

The final of the tournament was a tight 1-1 game until Iselin scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. For South Plainfield, Rachel Senz pitched four innings, striking out five with no walks. Stephanie Szeliga had one hit and scored the only run on an RBI single by Elizabeth Flannery. Final score: Iselin 5, South Plainfield 1.

## Shotman Basketball Camp

From July 31 to Aug. 4, the Shotman Basketball Day Camp will be held at SPHS between 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Shooting, passing and ball handling skills will be taught as well as games and contests. The camp is open to children ages

11 to 18 and the cost is \$125.

For further information, go to: <http://members.aol.com/moelanza/upcoming.html>.

If you would like to fill out an application for the summer camp, go to the website and print out the online application.

## Definition of a Hero-The Anthony Pacifico Story

By Dave Johnston

Heroes are usually defined as brave souls who compete in physical battles and win despite the odds. They are normally seen as sports stars, soldiers, policemen or firemen.

But there are other kinds of heroes, people who fight for what they believe in with words and non-violent actions. And there are people who stand up with the courage and hold their heads high in the face of adversity.

The latter is the category to which SPHS senior Anthony Pacifico belongs.

Pacifico was involved in a freak accident at BCS Manufacturing in Edison, where he is employed. He was operating a metal saw and got his right hand caught in it. "I was shaving metal with a saw blade and my sleeve got caught in it," said Pacifico.

Pacifico was brought to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and then airlifted to Beth Israel Hospital in Newark. After all the smoke had cleared, he lost both the pinky and ring fingers on his right hand.

Close friends and classmates were all shocked to hear of his terrible misfortune. "I couldn't believe it when I heard it," said SPHS senior and friend Mike Spangler. "Anthony's a great guy and friend and something like this shouldn't happen to people like him."

While Pacifico was sitting in the hospital recuperating, his mind kept wandering with thoughts of doubt and wonder. "I was thinking to myself and wondered what I was going to do," said Pacifico. "I wondered if anything was going to be normal again after I got out of the hospital."

But Pacifico's fears perished when he was let out of the hospital. His friends treated him as if nothing was really wrong and they all did their best to make him feel just as he did before the accident.

SPHS senior and friend Ryan Reviello said, "We went to see Anthony in the hospital, so we got all the nervousness out of us then. Once he got home, it was just like old times."

Since the accident, Pacifico has been going to rehabilitation three times a week and is progressing very well. His life is getting back on track and he is beginning to resume his social activities. "Everything is good now," said Pacifico. "I have been going to the movies with my friends, down to Sea-side and basically just hanging out. But I still can't stay out too late yet. My mom won't let me."

Pacifico recently earned a full scholarship to Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, New Jersey, through the Architectural CAD Program. Even with the injury, though, Lincoln Tech is standing by their newest student. "[Lincoln Tech] said that whenever I am ready to begin my education there, they will let me," said Pacifico.

In order to show their support for him, the Student Council held an Anthony Pacifico Car Wash on June 17. All proceeds go directly to the Pacifico family.

Anthony's true heroic spirit shines through the thickest of disasters. Despite all the adversity he faced, he continues his zest for life and is a real influence on us all. So next time you hear the roar of a DOHC V-Tech 180-horsepower engine, turn around. You might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Acura-driver Anthony Pacifico, the hero.

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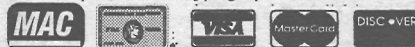
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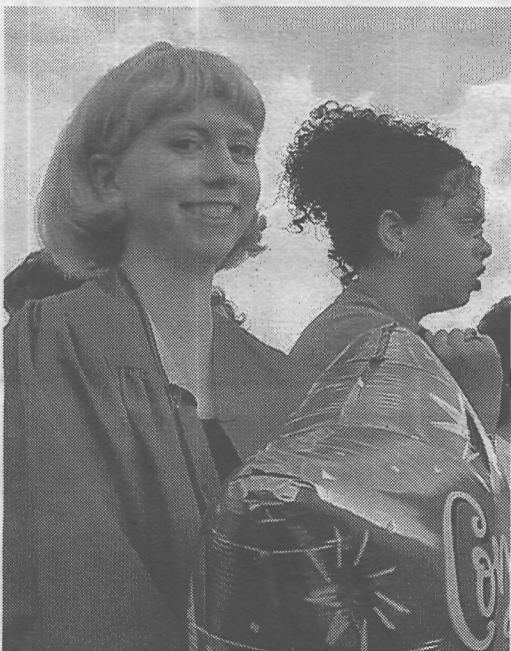
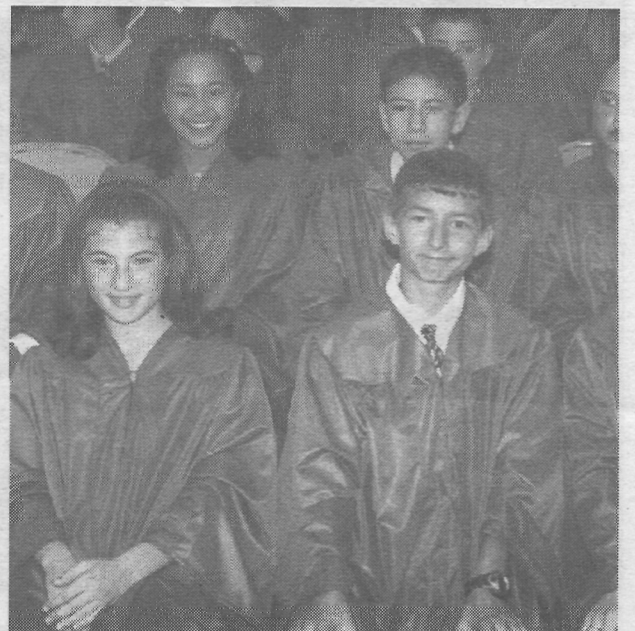
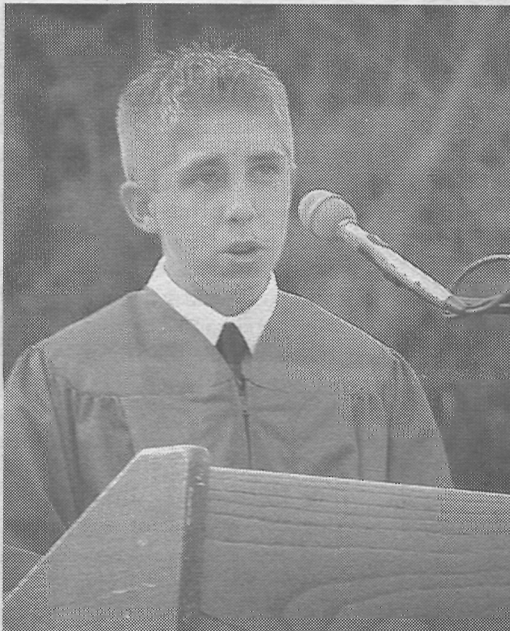
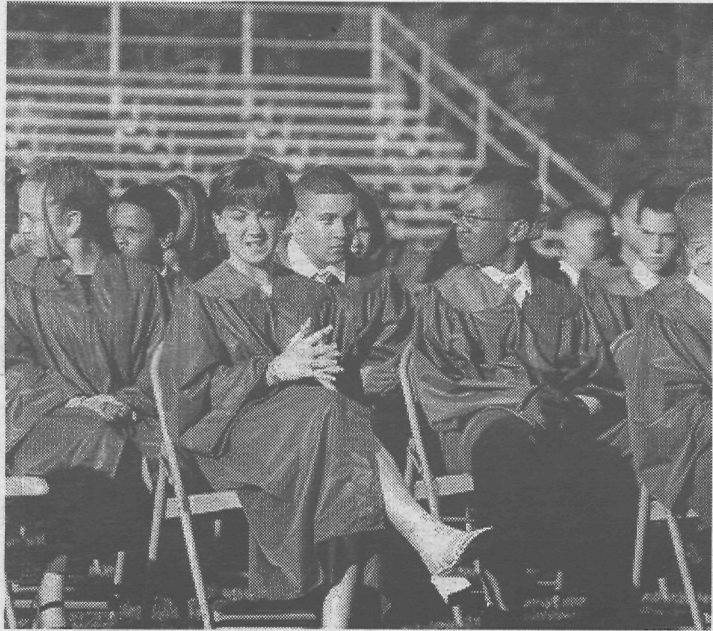
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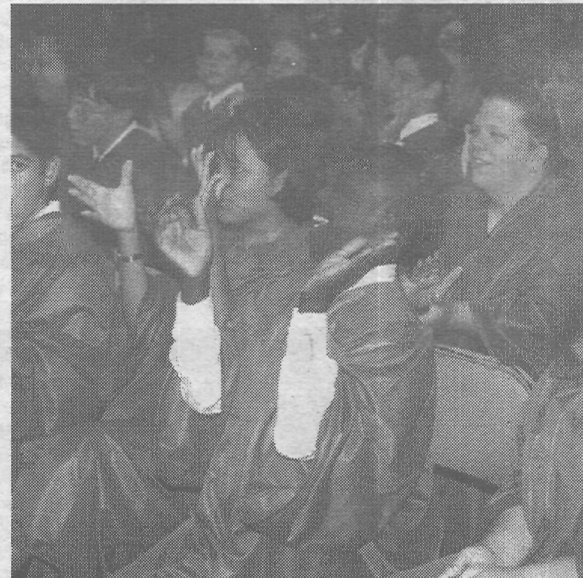
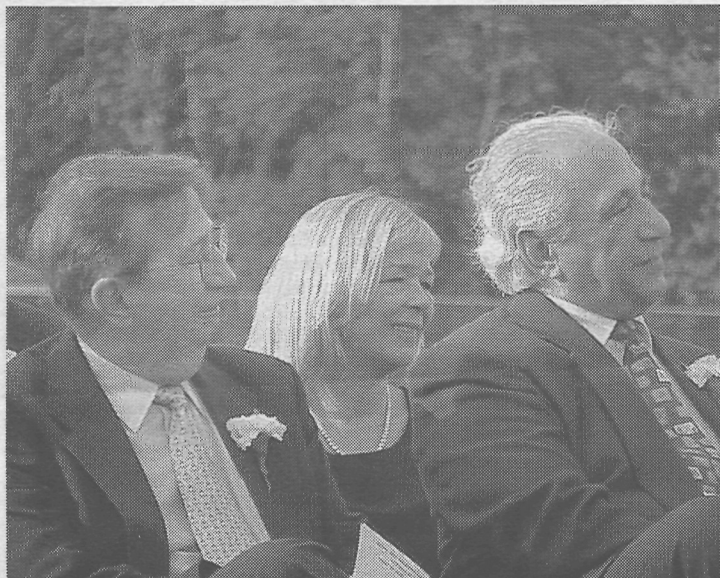
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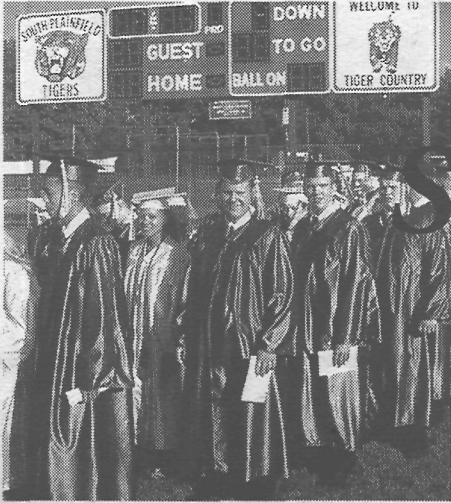
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# 2000 Congratulations South Plainfield High School

The 2000 Graduating Class of South Plainfield High School along with their academic award recognitions are:

## A

**Melinda Agostino**, Spanish Honor Society  
**Donald Alexander**  
**Diana Aretha Algoo**, National Honor Society, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award  
**David John Alles**, (Valedictorian), Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, NJSIAA Interscholastic Athletic Association Scholar Athlete, NJSIAA Education Testing Service Scholar Athlete Award, South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Scholarship, New Jersey State PBA Scholarship, Mathematics Department Achievement Award, The College of New Jersey Merit Scholarship  
**Johanna Marcella Alzate**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, French Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Drew Forgash Memorial Scholarship, South Plainfield Police Athletic League Richard Conklin Scholarship, Drew Forgash Scholarship, World Language Department Achievement in French  
**Lorenza Haydee Amaya**  
**Melissa Lynn Anderson**  
**Jessica Marie Ardis**, Henry A. Zelehoski Memorial Scholarship

## B

**Teresa Michele Badolato**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement  
**Alexandra Rose Bagley**, Watchung Fire Company Award  
**Kenneth Thomas Baker**  
**James Patrick Baldessari**  
**Vellana Baratta**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement  
**Glen David Barlcs, II**, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship  
**Alison Marie Barrett**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association Scholarship, SPHS GMC Scholar/Athlete  
**Jennifer Kathleen Basile**  
**Patricio Gonzalo Aguayo Bayas**  
**Amanda Leah Bechtle**  
**Roosevelt Justin Benford**, Scholastic Honor Society, Giakas Family Scholarship, South Plainfield Police Athletic League William Cady Scholarship  
**Joshua John Benson**  
**Charles Evan Benward**  
**Adrian Berberabe**  
**Amanada Lee Bertrand**  
**Julia Ann Blum**  
**Jennifer Lynn Booth**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, The Gibbs School Scholarship  
**James Anthony Borgese, Jr.**  
**Roseanne Bottone**, Business Education Department Achievement Award  
**Raymond Aaron Brandes**, Scholastic Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement  
**Krissy Ann Brooks**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, French Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence  
**Matthew Adam Brooks**, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award  
**Kimberly Marie Bulla**, Historical Society Scholarship, South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship  
**Christine Helen Buteas**, Scholastic Honor Society, James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship  
**Laura Jean Butrico**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

## C

**Cindy Lee Carlson**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, United States Marines Award Program - Distinguished Athlete, John E. Riley School PTSO Alice Boffa Memorial Scholarship, Physical Education Department Achievement Award, Science Department Achievement

Award in Biology, United States Navy Award for Achievements in Science, Bucknell University Presidential Scholarship, Ortho-McNeil Scholarship

**Tamala Kiana Carter**, European Academy of Cosmetology Scholarship

**Shannon Eileen Cassidy**, Scholastic Honor Society, National Art Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Franklin School PTA Thomas B. Lenahan Sr. Memorial Scholarship

**Geisel Andrea Castro**

**Latricia Michele Cofer**, USA Detergent Corp. Scholarship, Essex County College Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement Award in CE

**Laura Jean Colicchio**, Scholastic Honor Society, South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Assoc. Scholarship, KOBO Products Scholarship, Curcio Family Girls Soccer Scholarship  
**Matthew James Colquhoun**, Engine City Technical Institute Scholarship

**Chad Milik Cook**

**Lyra-Akina Cummings**

**Meredith L. Cuthbert**

**Sheryl Lynn Cwiekalo**, National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, NJSIAA Education Testing Service Scholar Athlete Award, United States Navy Achievement Award in Athletics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Mathematics and Science Award, Stevens Institute of Technology Women in Engineering Scholarship, Edwin A. Stevens Scholarship

**Daniel James Czaplinski**

**Tara Marie Czeluscinski**, Business Education Department Achievement Award

## D

**Nicole Ann DeBaise**, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, Curcio Family Girls Soccer Scholarship

**Nicholas Joseph DeFalco**, Lincoln Tech Scholarship

**Michael DeMatos**, Scholastic Honor Society, French Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Kevin Reitz Memorial Scholarship, Seton Hall Regent's Scholarship

**Margaret Ann DeRosa**, Scholastic Honor Society, National Art Honor Society

**Dina Marie Diaz**, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award

**Melissa Ann Diller**, European Academy of Cosmetology Scholarship

**Kelly Gail Doerr**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Kennedy School Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, Susquehanna University Scholarship

**James Lee Donelson**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Brian Patrick Donnelly**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, Marines ROTC Scholarship, Social Studies Department Achievement Award, United States Navy Award in Athletics, MCEA Paul Demetriadis Scholarship, Elks Club National Scholarship

**Jedidiah Michael Donnelly**

**Patrick J. Draper**

**Richard Keith Drumbore**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, USA Detergent Co. Scholarship, Teterboro School of Aeronautics Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement Award in CE

**Brian Michael Dziomba**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, New Jersey State PBA Scholarship

## E

**Pamela Lin Eng**, National Honor Society, Scholarship Honor Society, Rider University Dean's Scholarship

**Cortney Lyn English**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**John Eloy Espin, II**

## F

**Jassie Farag**

**Brian Thomas Fasolo**, Isidore Blank Memorial Scholarship, Jerusalem Masonic Lodge No. 26 Scholarship

**Christopher John Francis**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship

**David Friedland**

**Robert Friedmann, Jr.**

## G

**Melissa Ann Garantino**

**Julian Andres Garcia**

**Serena Victoria Garcia**

**David Michael Ghigliotto**

**Dirk Christopher Goberdhan**, DeVry Institute Scholarship

**Timothy Robert Goetz**, Springfield College Grant

**Bethann Megan Elizabeth Gold**, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

**Ruben Steven Mera Gomez**, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, Seton Hall University Scholarship

**Craig Anthony Graham**

**Jessica Erin Graisser**

**Michael Grasso**, American Legion Post 243 Scholarship

**Lamaar Tyson Grier**

**Krista MeeSoo Gundersen**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, French Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award, English Department Achievement Award, Emerson College Trustees Scholarship

## H

**Margaret Teresa Hankiewicz**, Central Career School Scholarship

**Alisha Harracksingh**

**Heather Ann Hearne**, USA Detergent Corp. Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement Award in CE, Rose Napoliello Memorial Scholarship

**Lynda Kristen Hepburn**, (Salutatorian) Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Mathematics Department Achievement Award, Science Department Achievement Award in Chemistry, Rutgers University Scholarship

**Jacquelyn Marie Herzog**

**Carolyn Eleanor Hoffman**

**Antonia Lydia Hoh**

**Rebecca Marie Horn**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Rider University Provost Scholarship

**Kerri Ann Howells**, Kevin Reitz Memorial Scholarship, KOBO Products Scholarship, Roosevelt School PTA Austin Huslage Memorial Scholarship, Curcio Family Girls Soccer Scholarship, American Legion Post 243 Scholarship, Masons Scholarship, College of Saint Elizabeth Elizabethan Scholarship  
**Maria Antonia Jacalan Hudak**, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Vision 2001 Scholarship, World Language Department Achievement in Spanish  
**Colin Armstrong Hunter**, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship

## I

**Jennifer Maria Infante**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, UNICO Scholarship, North Plainfield Italian American Club Scholarship, South Plainfield Football Eagles Scholarship, Principal's Award

**Paul Rimon Israel**, Pace University Dean's Scholarship

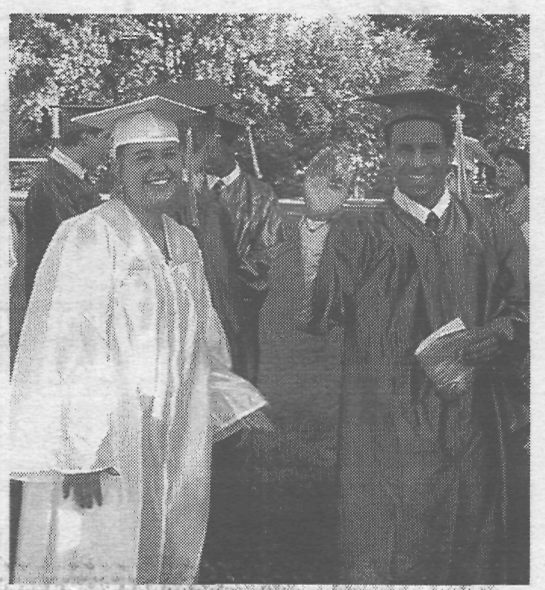
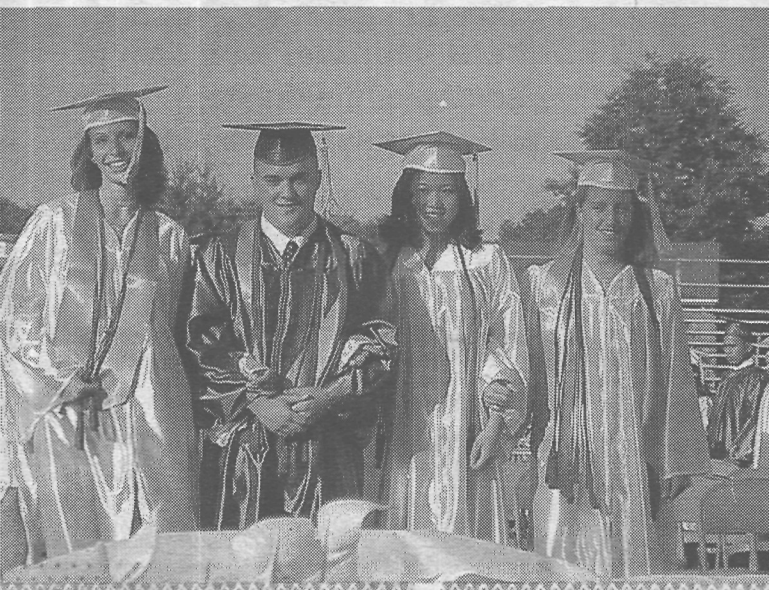
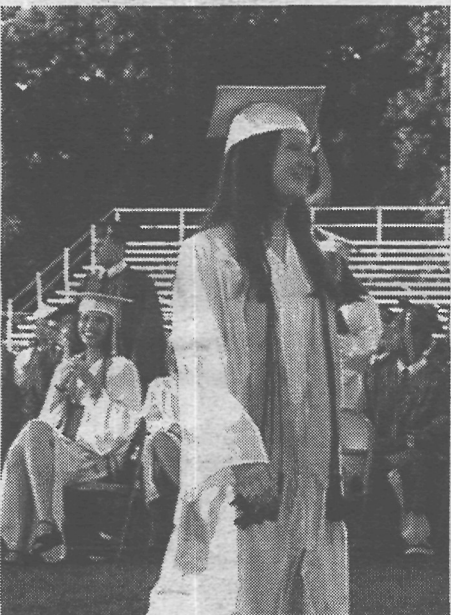
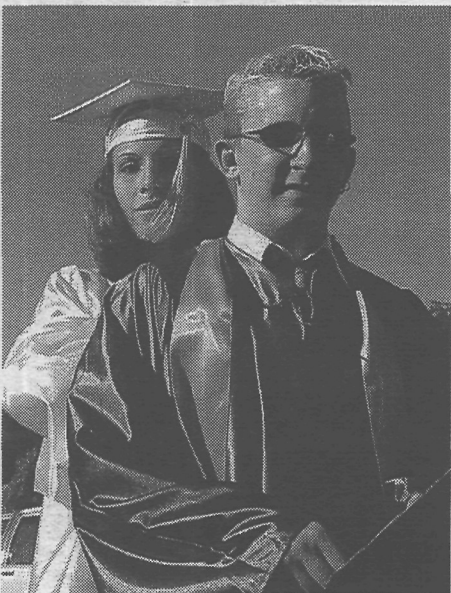
## J

**Eric Alan Jackson**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Adele deLeeuw Scholarship, Physical Education Department Achievements Award, Quinnipiac University Scholarship

**Terri Martineque Jackson**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, European Academy of Cosmetology Scholarship

**Falen Jimenez**

**Eric Holland Johnson**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award, First Baptist of Lincoln Gardens Scholarship, Central Jersey Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship, David Michael Johnston, Susan Hayes Beith Memorial Scholarship, Adele deLeeuw Scholarship, South Plainfield Football Eagles Scholarship.



# Class of 2000

**Aleisha Nicole Jones**

**Jasim Therese Jones**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Kunal Dev Joshi**

**K**

**Jason John Kelly**

**Shawn Daniel Kenny**

**Elizabeth R. Keppel**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Michelle Elizabeth King**, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society

**Natalie Charlene Kipila**, DeVry Institute Scholarship

**Katie Anne Kittell**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, European Academy of Cosmetology Scholarship

**Jason Thomas Kollarik**, Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame for Outstanding Achievement in Vocal Music, University of the Arts Promising Artist Scholarship

**Matthew Paul Kravetsky**

**Joseph Michael Krynski**

**Daniel Charles Kunst**, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, Engine City Technical Institute Scholarship

**L**

**Kim Lien Lam**, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club Scholarship, Vision 2001 Scholarship, Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame for Outstanding Achievement in Art

**Theresa May Lamastro**, French Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, Caldwell College Scholarship

**Jesse Allen Larsen**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, United States Marine Award Program - Scholastic Excellence, Principal's Award

**Douglas A. Lauckhardt, Jr.**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Paul Lee**, Vision 2001 Scholarship, Giakas Family Scholarship

**Douglas Edward Leigh, Jr.**

**Peter Leonadis**

**Michael Erich Loenser**, Kennedy School Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship, James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship, United States Marines Award Program - Music Excellence

**M**

**Stefani Rae MacDougall**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

**Lauren Ruth Maione**

**Julie Dristen Makowski**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Sandra Milena Marin**, Curcio Family Girls Soccer Scholarship

**Nicole Toyah Kerry Massiah**, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

**Steven Anthony Mastrolia**

**Ronald Janies McCall**, DeVry Institute Scholarship

**Marco Thomas Migliaro**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, South Plainfield Italian American Progressive League Scholarship

**Lisa Marie Mocerino**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence American Association of University Women, Giakas Family Scholarship, South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post 6763 and Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship, Vision 2001 Scholarship, South Plainfield Education Association Scholarship, Theta Phi Omega Chapter Scholarship

**Janelle Keish Moore**

**Teresa Joanne Morales**

**Cesar Moreno**

**N**

**Thomas Neiper**

**Jane Hang Nguyen**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, South Plainfield Middle School PTSO Christian DeRose Memorial Scholarship, Vision 2001 Scholarship, Curcio Family Girls Soccer Scholarship

**Pedro Nieve**

**O**

**Sean Michael O'Brien**

**Erin Kathleen O'Keefe**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**P**

**Anthony J. Pacifico**, Lincoln Tech Scholarship

**Lorena Del Carment Guevara Palacios**, European Academy of Cosmetology Scholarship

**Adrienne Louise Parks**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, USA Detergent Corp. Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in CE Award, Mt. Zion Richard T. Druid Scholarship

**Roohee Patel**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Vision 2001 Scholarship, Science Department Achievement Award in Chemistry

**Tejal N. Patel**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Adele deLeeuw Scholarship, Drexel University Scholarship

**Alan W. Peck**

**Dominique Pender, Jr.**, Kevin Leavitt Memorial Scholarship, United States Navy Award in Athletics

**Andre Mylowe Penn**

**Rebecca Lynne Perez**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Robustelli Family Foundation Scholarship

**Lauren Agnes Perry**, National Honor Society, Scholarship Honor Society, South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop Scholarship, Temple University Scholarship

**Shanee Danielle Person**, Scholastic Honor Society, Jerusalem Masonic Lodge No. 26 Scholarship, USA Detergent Corp. Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in CE Award

**LaToya Marie Posey**

**R**

**Brian Joseph Ralti**, Fairleigh Dickinson University Scholarship

**Jennifer Mary Rayho**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Kennedy School PTSO Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award

**Bryan Patrick Reddy**

**Tracey Elizabeth Regan**, National Honor Society, South Plainfield Junior Women's Club Scholarship, Giakas Family Scholarship, South Plainfield High School PTA Betty Street Scholarship

**Ashley Lynn Rettberg**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society

**Ryan Christopher Reviglio**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Clinton Keith Robinson, Jr.**

**Jessica Rodriguez**

**Daniel Rodriguez**

**Heather Lee Roth**, Elizabethan Scholarship

**Julio E. Ruiz**

**S**

**Veronica Del Pilar Maranon Sanchez**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Tina Marie Santora**

**Nicole Danielle Scavone**, David Pasacrita Memorial Scholarship, South Plainfield High School Players' Drama Club Award, Performing and Fine Arts Wall of Fame for Outstanding Achievement in Vocal Music

**Joseph Paul Scotto, Jr.**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Robustelli Family Foundation Scholarship, United States Navy Academic Award

**Bernice Ann Senatore**

**Carol Ann Serago**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, UNICO Scholarship, Vision 2001 Scholarship, Outstanding Achievement in Journalism Award, Rider University Provost's Scholarship

**Raymond F. Sheedy**

**Vernon Marcell Shepard**, Principal's Award

**Joseph Paul Sienkiewski**, North Park University Scholarship

**Katherine Helene Skoba**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, French Honor Society, South Plainfield Senior Citizens Scholarship

**Jeffery Kenneth Skolnick**

**Andrew Charles Skrzypczak**

**Amanda Smith**

**Anthony John Sorrentino**, All American Vocational Award, Citicorp Institute Scholarship

**Michael Adam Spangler**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Matthew John Square**

**Samantha Elizabeth Staats**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Christopher Anthony Stanczak**

**Robin Diana Stayvas**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, South Plainfield Football Eagles Scholarship, Social Studies Department Award, Social Studies Department Achievement Award, The College of New Jersey Merit Scholarship

**Amanda Suzanne Kunst Stirling**

**David Albert Stoeckel**, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, SPHS GMC Scholar/Athlete

**Jillian Courtney Stokes**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, R. R. Green Scholarship

**T**

**Stephen Joseph Terjek**

**Bradford James Tierney**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, German Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Adele deLeeuw Scholarship, Giakas Family Scholarship, Robustelli Family Foundation Scholarship, John E. Riley School PTSO Jim Tierney Memorial Scholarship, United States Navy Award in Athletics

**Yolanda Azucena Toca**, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, Francis N. Bell Memorial Scholarship

**Eric Frank Toth**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, South Plainfield High School PTA Tina Kellerman Scholarship, NJ First Aid Council 2000 Cadet Scholarship, 2000 Spirit of Scouting Scholarship, University of the Sciences in Philadelphia Scholarship

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**V**

**Joseph Anthony Valente**

**Monica Karina Vasquez**

**Amanda Elizabeth Vincent**

**Alina Viruet**

**Theresa Marie Vitelli**

**W**

**Daniel David Wallis**, South Plainfield Lion Club Scholarship

**Kristen M. Walp**

**Laura Maria Walter**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Robustelli Family Foundation Scholarship

**Kimberly Ann Warren**, Principal's Award, duCret School of the Arts Scholarship

**Kimberly Lisa Waton**

**Kelly Lauren Werlein**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, USA Detergent Corp. Scholarship, CE Student of the Year

**Kimberley Reese Wilcox**, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship, James and Doris Boyle Memorial Scholarship, Curcio Family Girls Soccer Scholarship, South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club Scott Ribar Memorial Scholarship, Georgian Court College Scholarship

**Nicole Ann Wrublewski**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

**Jill Admy Janny Wullur**, Scholastic Honor Society

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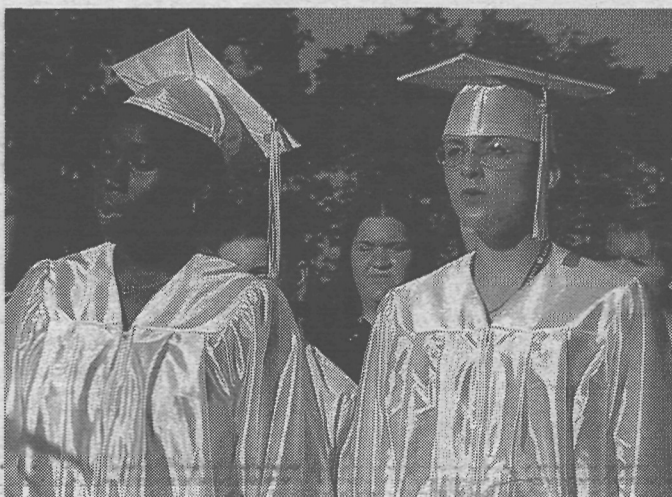
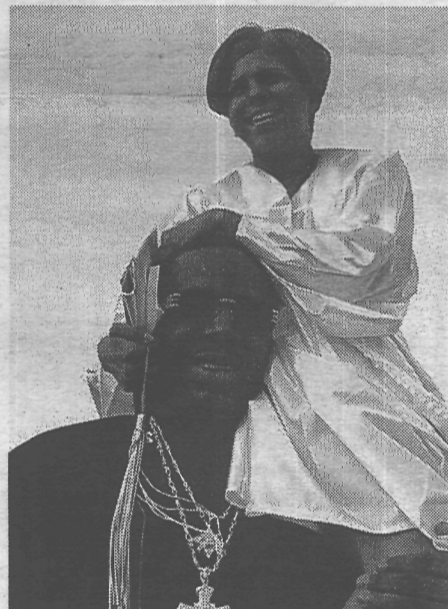
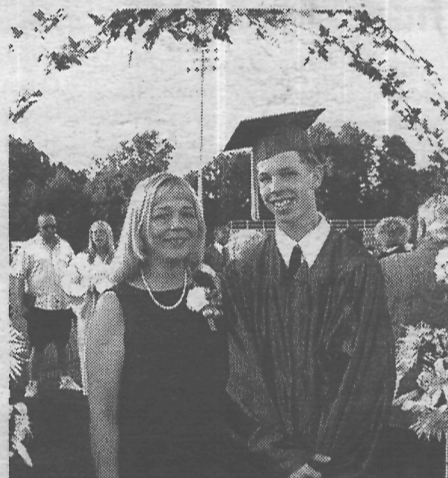
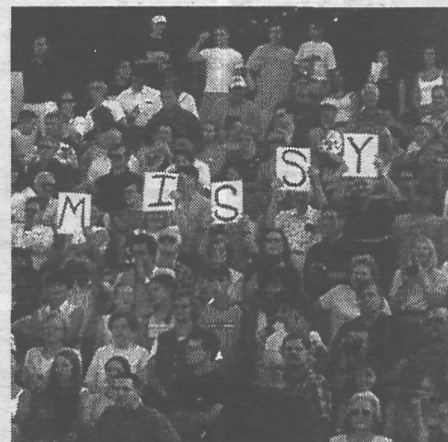
**Rania Sabet Younes**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, South Plainfield Senior Citizens Scholarship, Vision 2001 Scholarship

**Lauren Ann Yulick**, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Historical Society Scholarship

**Z**

**Danielle Samantha Zacek**, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, DeVry Institute Scholarship, AFL CIO Labor Council Scholarship

Graduation attire identified membership in the following organizations: National Honor Society-gold stoles and tassel, Scholastic Honor Society-purple cord, Foreign Language Honor Society-red cord, National Art Honor Society-royal blue cord and Class Officers-red stoles.



# Obituaries

## Sophie E. Poole, 88

Sophie E. Poole of South Plainfield died on Tuesday, June 10 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Philadelphia, Pa. and was a former resident of Edison before moving to South Plainfield 71 years ago.

She was as an interior decorator for Tepper's in Plainfield for 21 years before retiring in 1969.

She was predeceased by her husband, Marshall Poole Sr., who died in 1956 and her daughter, Patricia Ogden, who died in 1981.

She is survived by her son, Marshall C. Poole of Edison; three grandchildren, Michael J. Ogden of Basking Ridge, Pamela Negoescue of Hampton and Margaret A. Schumacher of Effland, N.C. and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and a member of the Holy Name Society and the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council 6203.

He was predeceased by his wife, Catherine Hogan Ryan, who died in 1981.

He is survived by a son, Robert Ryan of Gillette; two daughters, Marilyn Ritchie of Wayne and Diane Ryan of South Plainfield and two grandchildren, Jacqueline and Ryan Ritchie.

Funeral services were held at Conroy Funeral Home.

## Margaret D. (Applegate) Kirchner, 84

Margaret D. (Applegate) died on Wednesday, June 21 at her home in South Plainfield.

Born in Easton, Pa. she has resided in South Plainfield for the past 49 years.

During the 1950's and 1960's, Mrs. Kirchner had worked as a counter clerk for the former S&H Green Stamp Co. of Plainfield.

She was a long-time member and a past president of the Ancient Order of Hiberians in Plainfield. She was also a communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

She was predeceased in 1992 by her husband, John F. Kirchner, Sr. and by her sister, Jean Wyckoff, who died this past December.

Surviving are her daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Robert Strang of Salisbury, NC; her son and daughter-in-law, John E. (Jr.) and Doris Kirchner of South Plainfield; five grandchildren, Jacquelyn Mango, Melissa Kirchner, Robert and Susan Strang and Amy Morse and three great grandchildren, Megan E. Mango, Ryan Morse and Sydney Strang.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Ordinance #1541 entitled: **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2000 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY** was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Borough Council on Thursday, June 22, 2000 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Mary Blue, Deputy Municipal Clerk

### BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

#### PUBLIC NOTICE STATEMENT

The lease ordinance published herewith has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on June 22, 2000, and the twenty (20) day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:2-1 et seq., has begun to run from the date on the first publication of this Statement.

ATTEST:  
Mary Blue/Deputy Municipal Clerk

#### ORDINANCE #1541

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO, EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A LEASE AND AGREEMENT WITH THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF COUNTY-GUARANTEED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT LEASE REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2000 OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY IMPROVEMENT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (the "Authority") is authorized to issue its bonds pursuant to the provisions of the County Improvement Authorities Law, chapter 183 of the Laws of New Jersey of 1960, as amended and supplemented (N.J.S.A. 40:37A-44 et seq.) (the "County Improvement Authorities Law"), and other applicable provisions of law; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has determined to issue its revenue bonds for the purpose of financing the acquisition of capital equipment for the purposes of leasing the same to various municipalities located in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "2000 Program"); and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "Municipality") has determined to participate in the 2000 Program and to lease certain capital equipment from the Authority; and

WHEREAS, there has been prepared and submitted to the Municipality the form of the Lease and Agreement (the "Lease"), to be entered into by and between the Authority and the Municipality, which Lease has been approved by the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey (the "County") and which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, providing for the acquisition and leasing of certain items of Equipment from the Authority, which Equipment is described in Exhibit B attached hereto and incor-

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porated by reference herein. All terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms under the Lease.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** Pursuant to section 78 of the County Improvement Authorities Law, N.J.S.A. 40:48-1 et seq., the Municipality is hereby authorized and directed to enter into and perform the Lease, which Lease provides for the leasing of certain items of Equipment acquired with the proceeds of County-Guaranteed Capital Equipment Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2000 (the "Bonds") to be issued by the Authority under a resolution of the Authority to be adopted by the Authority entitled, "Resolution of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority Authorizing the Issuance of County-Guaranteed Capital Equipment Lease Revenue Bonds" (the "General Bond Resolution"). The Lease, in substantially the form submitted herewith in Exhibit A (a copy of which is on file in the office of the Clerk of the Municipality), is hereby approved with such changes, amendments or modifications as may be approved by counsel or bond counsel to the Municipality and bond counsel to the Authority and the County.

**Section 2.** The full faith and credit of the Municipality are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the obligations set forth in the Lease authorized by this ordinance, including without limitation, (i) all Basic Rent and Rent obligations of the Municipality under the Lease including, Authority Administrative Expenses and Additional Rent, (ii) all amounts due and owing to the County as a result of payments made by the County on behalf of the Municipality under the Lease pursuant to the County Guarantee, including County Guarantee Costs and (iii) all direct and indirect costs of the Authority and the County related to the enforcement of the Lease and the County Guarantee ((i), (ii) and (iii) collectively, the "Lease Payment Obligation"). The Lease Payment Obligation under the Lease shall be a direct, unlimited and general obligation of the Municipality, not subject to annual appropriation by the Municipality pursuant to the County Improvement Authorities Law, and unless paid from other sources, the Municipality shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable property within the Municipality for the payment of the Lease Payment Obligation thereunder without limitation as to rate or amount.

The Mayor or other Authorized Municipal Representative (as defined in the Lease) is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Lease on behalf of the Municipality in substantially such form as attached hereto in Exhibit A and the Clerk of the Municipality is hereby authorized and directed to attest to such signature and affix the seal of the Municipality thereto and the Lease is authorized to be delivered to the Authority. All representatives, officials and employees of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to enforce and to implement provisions of the Lease.

**Section 3.** The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(1) The maximum principal amount for which the Municipality shall be obligated hereunder for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds of the Authority shall not exceed the sum necessary to acquire the Municipality's Equipment described in Exhibit B which will be subject to the Lease and to pay the Municipality's share of the costs of issuance, Authority Administrative Expenses, Additional Rent, County Guarantee Costs and all other amounts required to be paid by the Municipality under the Lease.

(2) The Bonds shall mature within ten (10)

years of the date of issue.

(3) The Lease Payment Obligation authorized herein shall remain effective until all the Authority's Bonds shall have been paid in full in accordance with their terms and/or when all obligations of the Municipality under the Lease have been satisfied, notwithstanding the occurrence of any other event, including but not limited to the termination of the Lease with respect to some or all of the items of Equipment leased thereunder.

(4) The items of Equipment described in Exhibit B are hereby approved to be leased from the Authority in accordance with the terms of the Lease, with such changes, amendments or modifications as may be approved by counsel or bond counsel to the Authority.

**Section 4.** To the extent the Municipality is an "Obligated Person" (as defined under the Rule (as hereinafter defined)), the Municipality hereby agrees to comply with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule") promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and supplemented, including the secondary market disclosure requirements contained therein, and agrees to covenant to such compliance in the Lease. The Mayor, Clerk, Chief Financial Officer or other Authorized Municipal Representative are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Agreement, approve and "deem final" the Preliminary and Final Official Statements of the Authority to the extent the information contained therein relates to the Municipality and to execute and deliver all certificates, documents and agreements to the Authority in connection therewith and to file budgetary, financial and operating data of the Municipality on an annual basis and notices of certain enumerated events as required to comply with and in accordance with the provisions of the Rule.

**Section 5.** The Mayor, Clerk, Chief Financial Officer or Authorized Municipal Representative are each hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all certificates, documents and instruments and to do and cause to be done any and all acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the execution and delivery of the Lease, the leasing of the Equipment which is to be the subject of the Lease and all related transactions contemplated by this ordinance.

**Section 6.** Upon the payment of all amounts referenced in Section 3(3) herein, the full faith and credit pledge of the Municipality as to its Lease Payment Obligations authorized herein shall cease to exist.

**Section 7.** The provisions of this ordinance are severable. To the extent any clause, phrase, sentence, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect.

**Section 8.** This ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final adoption and publication in accordance with applicable law.

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING  
DATED: MAY 25, 2000

ADOPTED ON FIRST READING  
DATED: JUNE 22, 2000

ATTEST:  
MARY BLUE/Deputy Clerk of the  
Borough of South Plainfield  
\$225.00 1T June 30, 2000

### BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

June 21, 2000

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on June 20, 2000.

Case No. 44-99/S-NBTY, Inc. Nutro Labs-Block 528.01, Lot 45.06; M-2 Zone, 600 Hadley Road-Applicant's request for a use variance and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 18-00-Orlando Ventura-120 Pomponio Ave.; Block 429; Lot 6.06; Applicant's request for a 17' front setback variance was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 19-00-David Bavosa-Block 343; Lot 12; 715 Garibaldi Ave.-Applicant's request for a 7' foot setback variance from Arlington Ave. was hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 16-00-Carl Adlansnig-Block 396; Lot 2.16, R-10 Zone; 220 Hopkinson St.-Applicant's request for an 18.7' rear yard setback is hereby GRANTED.

Case No. 54-99/S-Omnipoint Communications, Inc./Sprint Spectrum, LP/New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless-Block 528.01-Lot 46.01; M-2 Zone; 4000 Hadley Road-Applicant's request for a use variance and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with waivers and conditions.

Janice J. Mucilli  
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$33.00 1T June 30, 2000

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOROUGH PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has applied to the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield for Preliminary and final major Subdivision of premises as described below, and any additional variances or relief deemed necessary by the Board.

The property in question is located at:

Block: 368 Lot(s): 2, 3, 4, 7, and 6.01

Street Address: Kenneth Street, South Plainfield, New Jersey

A hearing will be held on this application by the Planning Board of the Borough of South Plainfield, at the Council Chambers, South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, on Tuesday, August 22, 2000 at 8:00 P.M. All interested parties will be heard for the purposes of stating objections, protests or arguments against or in favor of the application.

The file, plans and maps relating to this application may be inspected in the Zoning office of the South Plainfield Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey during regular business hours between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

Dated: June 30, 2000

Applicant's Name: Ameriland, Inc.  
Case No: 99-14  
John L. Sullivan Jr., Attorney for Applicant  
1273 Bound Brook Road, Suite 12A  
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## Weekly Horoscope-June 30 - July 6

**CANCER 6/21-7/22** This week you may prefer the company of serious people, if any, and you want the conversation to be about important topics. If you need to consult anyone about a topic an older person is the approach you may want to take. Someone whose higher vantage point you respect.

**LEO 7/23-8/22** Your mind will be clearer than usual, and you will feel more alert and mentally sharp. You will also be very conscious of your purpose in any project you are engaged in. So this is a good time

to make an impression upon others if you need to. Your point of view will be respected.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22** Do not spend the week in your usual routine. Do something different and leave room for total spontaneity. You may start out in one direction but wind up somewhere completely different. In conversations with old friends whom you think you know, startling new ideas will come up.

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22** What a wonderful week to reflect, a time for you to lighten up and to be friendly and sociable. Your ability to express yourself is better than usual. Speak of love to someone special, or write that letter you've been meaning to write. Do something you really enjoy!

**SCORPIO 10/23-11/21** This could be a week in which an ongoing major issue, which is reflected by your personality, is triggered. So be sure to reread into any message that you receive from others. If you experience a power struggle or crisis, consider it as a test, or a lesson of a change that is needed to be made.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** This is a good week for pleasure and sociability. It might also be good for financial invest-

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South Plainfield Tiger Sharks compete at their first successful dual meet of the season.

## Tiger Sharks Victorious at Dual Meet

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team won their first dual meet of the season, defeating the Round Top Swim Club with a total of 148 points at the recreation community pool complex on June 24.

All of the following swimmers are either So. Plainfield residents or members of the South Plainfield pool who live in adjoining towns. Winners in the girls 8- and-under Butterfly: Emily Pickarski, second place and Jacqueline Dougherty, third. Emily also placed second in the Freestyle for her age group.

In the boys 8-and-under Breaststroke, James Sansone took first place and was second in his age group for Backstroke.

Danielle Atcachunas took second place for girls 9-10 Butterfly and Jennifer Boyle placed third, as well

as taking third place in Freestyle in her age group.

Jill Rann placed first in Freestyle and also finished first in the 100 meter Individual Medley for the 9-10 girls. Talya Gunasekara took second in their age group for the IM. Matthew Moates took first place in both the 9-10 boys Breaststroke and Backstroke events and Michael Boyle placed second in Back. Boyle also took first place in boys 100 meter Freestyle for his age group and Drew LeDet took third.

In the girls age 11-12 Butterfly, Katie Koury placed second and Lisa Primavera placed third. Jessica Manning took first place in the 100 IM and Kristen Dabrio took second for the 11-12 girls.

Christopher Reed took first place in three events for the boys 11-12 age group: Breaststroke, Backstroke and the 100 meter Freestyle. In Breast, Philip Luzny took second and in Back, Shawn Ferguson took third. Matt LeDet took third in the 100 meter Freestyle.

Natalie Jones took first place in the 13-14 girls Butterfly and Katherine Kaczka took first in the Freestyle. Nina Byard placed third in both events for the 13-14 year-olds.

For the boys 13-14 age group, Christopher Egan took second place in Breaststroke. Calvin John Smiley took first place in his age group for Backstroke and Billy Moates took second. In the 15-18 age group, Karim Montani took first place in Breaststroke and

Timmy Keller placed second. Keller also took second place in his age group for Back. Devin Gunasekara took first place in Back and Randy Petronko placed third.

Lauren Reed took first place for the girls 15-18 age group in both Freestyle and Butterfly. Shannon Dabrio took second in Free and Sarah Blessing took second in Fly, while Lauren Kaczka placed third in Fly.

In the 200 meter Individual Medley for 13-18, Natalie Jones took first place, Shannon Dabrio took second and Lauren Kaczka took third.

For the boys in the same age group, Calvin John Smiley took second place and Billy Moates took third swimming the 200 meter Freestyle.

Swim meets are held twice weekly through the end of July, concluding with a championship meet involving all of the teams which have competed against each other during dual meet season. Meets are held Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings, some at the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool and others at competing clubs' pool facilities. No previous swim team experience is necessary to join and the swim team is free to anyone ages 4-18 with a membership to the community pool.

For membership info, call 754-9000 and ask for recreation. For further info on the Tiger Sharks, visit us on the web at <http://members.aol.com/sptsharks/>.

## Bring Red, White & Blue in the Kitchen Too!

Celebrate America's Birthday with this wonderful new recipe that will leave your friends and family singing happy birthday America, well after the 4th of July.

**Red White And Blueberry Pie**  
1 Pie Crust  
1 qt Strawberries  
4 1-ounce square white chocolate  
1 8-ounce cream cheese  
3/4 cups milk  
1 package white chocolate instant pudding  
1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries  
1 thawed whipped topping

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Place pie crust in deep-dish pie plate. Prick bottom using hold and slice. Bake pie crust for 10-12 minutes. Cool completely on nonstick cooling rack.

2. Rinse strawberries in colander a carefully pat dry. Select eight uniform sizes for garnish. Slice each strawberry in half using 3-inch paring knife. Hull remaining strawberries using tomato corer and slice with egg slicer.

3. Melt white chocolate in covered micro cooker uncovered on high one minute. Stir after each 10-second interval until smooth. Do not over heat. Dip strawberry halves in melted chocolate cut side down. Place in refrigerator 15 minutes until set.

4. Using skinny scraper, spread remaining melted chocolate over bottom of prepared pie crust spreading evenly coat entire bottom and sides. Layer sliced strawberries over sides.

5. Beat cream cheese in classic 2-quart batter bowl with whisk until smooth. Gradually beat in milk until blended. Add pudding mix beat until mixture begins to thicken. Spread evenly over strawberries using super scraper.

6. Arrange blueberries evenly over middle of topping. Fill easy accent decorator with whipped cream. Pipe rosette around edge of pie. Place strawberry halves on whip topping border.

Calories 370 per servings. Fat 20 grams. Sodium 330 milligram, Dietary fiber 2 grams. Serves 8.

Cook's tip, substitute vanilla pudding for white chocolate.

This recipe is printed with permission of The Pampered Chef Lmt. For additional recipes or to learn summer safety cooking tips, or kid snack ideas, contact Marie Markey 908-755-3213 or email [MMPmprChf@aol.com](mailto:MMPmprChf@aol.com).

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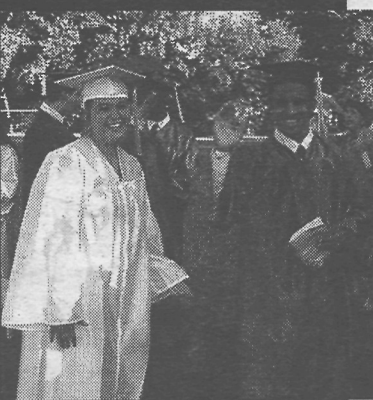
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