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SPHS Hall of Fame Inductees Honored



Pamela McCreesh



Shayne Austin Miller



Matthew Anesh



William Butrico

By Jane Dornick

South Plainfield High School recently honored the Hall of Fame inductees for this year which are Matthew Anesh, William Butrico, Pamela McCreesh and Shayne Austin Miller. In their honor, a luncheon was held at

Flanagan's Restaurant and Pub on June 1 and they were also recognized during the high school's awards program.

Matthew Anesh

Matt Anesh attended Sacred Heart School and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1990 where

he participated in the winter track program. After graduation, he went on to study at the College of N.J. in Trenton and received a B.A. in economics in 1995. That same year Matt began working for Merrill Lynch in Somerset in the client service department. He was then promoted to investment

associate, fixed income trading desk associate, assistant vice president and vice president in 2006.

Matt is married to Kimberly. They have twin sons, Harrison and Joseph, who attend Riley School. Matt spent time coaching recreation t-ball and is

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Flag Day is June 14—

Display it With Pride

When the U.S. Flag is displayed other than from a staff, it should be displayed flat, or so suspended that its folds fall free. When displayed over a street, place the union so it faces north or east, depending upon the direction of the street. The U.S. Flag should form a distinct feature at the ceremony of unveiling a statue or monument, but should never be used as the covering for the statue or monument. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium, the U.S. Flag should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergy's or speaker's right facing the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the speaker or to the right of the audience. When the U.S. Flag is used to cover a casket, it should



be so placed that the union is at the head and over the shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground. The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak and then lowered to half staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the ceremony. If displayed flat against the wall on a speaker's platform, the U.S. Flag should be placed above and behind the speaker with the union of the flag in the upper left-hand corner as the audience faces the flag. During a ceremony when hoisted, lowering, or when the flag is passing a parade, all persons should face the flag and stand at attention and salute. Those wearing hats should remove them and hold them with the right hand over the heart. Those without hats should salute by placing the right hand over the heart. The salute to the flag in the moving column should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.



Knights members and their children placed flags on deceased members' graves for Memorial Day. Rachel Scrudato, who took the photo, is not pictured.

Knights Honor Deceased Members on Memorial Day

More than 20 South Plainfield Knights of Columbus members and their children spent the morning of May 21 placing Knights flags on deceased member's graves at Holy Redeemer Cemetery. Placing the flags is a tradition started many years ago to honor deceased members on Memorial Day. Over 120 flags were placed.

Three years ago after Chairman Bob Longo and his son Phillip took

over this project, they identified each Knight's grave which made it a lot easier to find the graves.

Also, as has been done for years, Father John Alvarado from Sacred Heart Church held a special mass at the mausoleum on Memorial Day to celebrate these members' lives.

Grand Knight Joe Scrudato would like to thank all the volunteers who helped make this a quick day, and especially to Bob and Phillip Longo.

Library Gives Back \$146,302 to Borough

At a special meeting held May 25, the Library Board of Trustees approved a resolution to make a one-time contribution of \$146,302 to the borough's taxpayers. The board also adopted new strategic, technology and capital plans to submit to the New Jersey State Librarian.

According to Library Board of Trustees President Eric Aronowitz, "The actual amount of the funds to be transferred was determined by the library's auditors." The one-time contribution was made in compliance with the N.J.S.A. 40:54-14 law which covers the necessary steps to transfer excess library funds to municipalities.

Earlier this year, when introduc-

ing the 2011 Municipal Budget, a transfer of \$750,000 from the library's surplus funds was included in the budget in order to keep taxes flat. No member of the Library Board of Trustees was consulted prior to the introduction of the municipal budget, nor was the amount discussed with any Library Board member. CFO Glenn Cullen explained that the library had approximately \$2.1M in surplus and a recently passed law—Bill A2911—states that independent libraries must transfer their surplus back to the municipality.

Aronowitz argued that any transfer of library surplus funds has to go through the Office of the State

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A New Downtown Location Proposed for Library

Councilman Rob Bengivenga is proposing that the South Plainfield Library consider relocating its facility from across from Borough Hall to the former site of Oak Tree Farms and a portion of Walgreens, which is planning to downsize. The proposed 12,000 ft. space is located on South Plainfield Avenue, across from the post office.

Bengivenga has already met with the owner of the property, Frank Butrico, who said that no special permits will be needed for the library to relocate in the shopping center.

Bengivenga met with Library Board of Trustees President Eric Aronowitz on May 24 to discuss the new location. He also spoke to the members of the Library Board during its special meeting on May 25.

Bengivenga also presented a PowerPoint presentation to the mayor and council at Monday's borough council

meeting which included estimates for renovations and new equipment. According to his estimated figures, the library's surplus can be used to make the necessary renovations and buy new furniture. Bengivenga claims the library will still see a yearly surplus and this can be accomplished without any increase in taxes.

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BOROUGH TRAFFIC ADVISORY

• Our Lady of Czestochowa's Feast of St. Anthony continues through Saturday, June 11 and will affect traffic in the area of the church on Hamilton Boulevard.

• Sacred Heart's annual 5K Race and Run will be held on Saturday, June 11. The following roads will be closed: the entire length of South Plainfield Ave., Norwood Ave. (between West Crescent Pkwy. and South Plainfield Ave.), West Crescent Pkwy. (between Avon Ave. and Norwood Ave.), Avon Ave. (between Norwood Ave. and West Crescent Pkwy.), Clarke Ave. (between Norwood Ave. and West Crescent Pkwy.), Holly Park Drive and Clinton Place will have no access, Randolph Ave. (between Front St. and Oakland Ave.), and Oakland Ave. (between Randolph and South Plainfield Aves.) The race is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. Road closures are expected approximately 8:45 through 11 a.m. Residents affected by the temporary road closures should make alternate parking arrangements should they need to leave during these times.

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Sacred Heart
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council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting **Public Meeting**
June 20 June 20
July 11 July 11

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

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, Aug. 9, Aug. 23,
Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, 25, Nov. 1, * Dec. 13*

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

June 23, July 28, Aug. 11, Aug. 25, Sept. 8, Sept. 22,
Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10*, Dec. 8*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.
Committee of the Whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) July 13, Aug. 17,

Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 14 and April 4.
Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.) June 15, July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19,
Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18, Feb. 15, March 21 and April 11.

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

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

BOE buildings & grounds

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

cultural arts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.
June 21, no meeting July and Aug.,
Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.
June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

recreation commission

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

June 14, July and August—no meetings,
Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Dec. 13

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plans sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.
June 21, July 19, Aug. 16, Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20

environmental commission

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

business advisory group

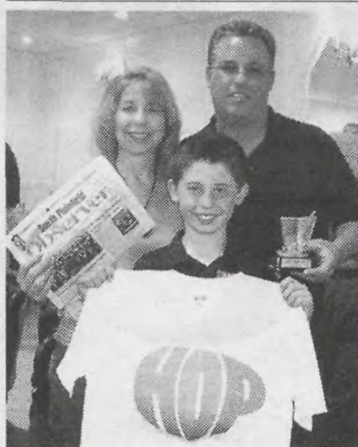
Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

To be announced. 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.



Dear Editor,

Thanks so much for this picture! Christopher is so excited to see it and hear that it was sent to Veronica Alicino and Tim Hill! I will be writing a thank you note to forward on to them.

We also wanted to thank you all at the Observer for everything you have done for the Junior Journalist program. It is a wonderful program and the kids love it and it definitely keeps them writing. Also, thank you to everyone at the Observer for going above and beyond to get Christopher's story to Tim Hill. He is a very lucky little boy to have such a wonderful story to tell about his story. That was amazing and truly a memory that Christopher (and his parents) will never forget! It's a story all its own! Thank you for that! Have a wonderful summer and Christopher is going to "write-on"!

KIND REGARDS,
BILL, CHERYL AND
CHRISTOPHER SHINE

Editor's Note: Christopher received an autographed copy of the Observer from writer/director Tim Hill in which Christopher's winning Junior Journalist entry, "The Days of the Pencils," was published. Christopher had dedicated his story to SpongeBob SquarePants. Hill, one of the writers of the SpongeBob cartoon and director of the movie, HOP, also sent along a t-shirt for Christopher.

Dear Editor,

As many residents have observed, the helicopter at Monument Park has been painted and restored to its original colors.

I would like to thank Jack Natelli of Natelli Painting for an outstand-

ing job. I would also like to thank Richard and Dee McCrisky for their work in preparing and donating the stenciling which will also restore all the lettering on the helicopter to its original form. Thank you very much!

ROBERT CAPPARELLI
SUPERVISOR, D.P.W.

To the Editor:

I want to add my congratulations to Nancy Grennier and the staff of the Observer on its "new look" with all the color photos, etc. It really makes the paper eye-catching. Here's to many more good years.

WILLIAM (BILL) TUTHILL

To the Editor:

As strange as it may seem, the idea of constructing a new public library building in South Plainfield has become a matter of some controversy. I'd like to make some comments on this, and since I've been a staff member at South Plainfield Public Library for nearly 23 years, I believe that I'm qualified to do so.

It has been suggested that a new building is not needed. Rather, the library could just relocate into any nearby empty building. This is incorrect. Given the requirements for computers, telecommunications, storage and safety, we simply can't move into any empty storefront. The lack of locations that offer these requirements has placed us in a position where a new building is the most reasonable option.

There have also been suggestions that, perhaps, the library staff just isn't doing their jobs effectively. These suggestions, which include some unfair criticisms of the staff, follow the idea that we merely need to reorganize our building and all will be well. Such suggestions remind me of the old saw about "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic." In the past, we have sought and received suggestions on how to best use our available space, and we have followed them with an effectiveness we couldn't have hoped for. Unfortunately, we keep hitting up against one problem: you can't fit 12 gallons in a 10 gallon drum.

We regularly weed through our collection to make room for new items. We've digitized and computerized as much of our material as we can. We use practically every empty

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space in the building for storage. Even with that, it's not enough. To continue with such stopgap measures in perpetuity does a disservice to both the library's staff and patrons.

Sadly, the most recent proposals to construct a new building are following the pattern established over the years. Whenever a proposal reaches a stage where it can be actually made a reality, it gets derailed by economic or political concerns (or sometimes both), usually brought up by people who have little or no knowledge of how the library actually works. This problem is compounded by the fact that, while the vast majority of the public and the local government are supportive of the library, the opponents have louder voices.

In conclusion, and to be blunt, I believe that it's time that the library's opponents stopped treating it like the proverbial red-headed stepchild and gave it's staff and management the respect that they need and, dare I say it, deserve.

Thank you for your attention.

KENNETH MORGAN, SR. LIBRARY
ASSISTANT, SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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To the Editor:

The South Plainfield High School had their Gold Card picnic last week after a few rain delays.

There were over 250 students who qualified this year for the Gold Card. Our Gold Card program is an incentive program at the high school. Students must qualify for it each semester. The students must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher, be involved in two extra curricular activities and have had no discipline problems. The Gold Card is issued and paid for by the South Plainfield Education Foundation. The Gold Card allows the students that earn it to get into all games at the high school for free.

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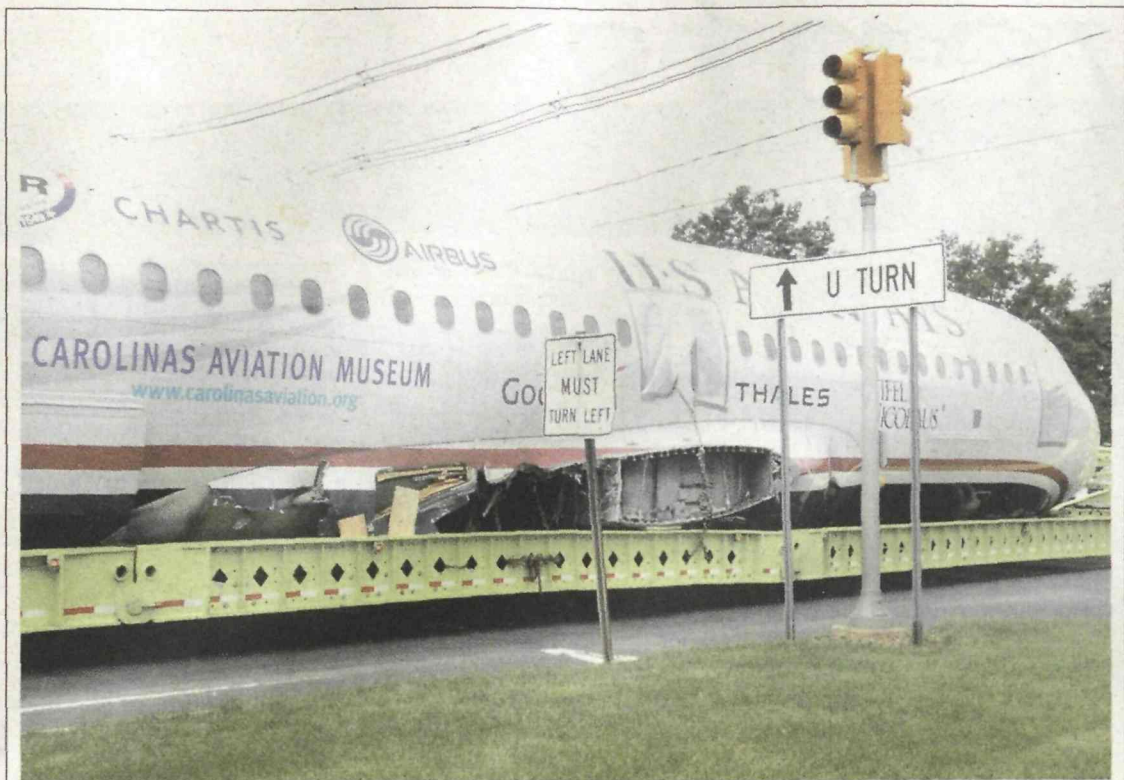
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US Airways Flight 1549, better known as the Miracle on the Hudson, on Hadley Boulevard as it passes through South Plainfield last Saturday on a 650 mile journey which will end at the Carolinas Aviation Museum in Charlotte, N.C. The Airbus A320 was made famous when it was carrying 155 passengers and crew from New York to Charlotte, N.C., and struck a flock of geese, crippling its engines. All aboard survived.



With a Simple Turn of the Key

By Sandy Pleeter,
SP Green Team Associate Member

The following information is from the South Plainfield Sustainable Jersey Green Team. This and future articles will focus on pertinent issues facing South Plainfield residents as the borough works to become a sustainable community.

On April 4, 2011, the Municipal Governing Body of South Plainfield passed a resolution to discourage idling motor vehicles, especially in areas such as school parking lots, drive-through windows, gas stations, strip malls, distribution centers and businesses, by educating the community and enforcing New Jersey's existing laws (C.39:3-70.2 and C.26:2C-1) against idling for more than three minutes. This resolution was created for several reasons and, if successful, will benefit residents in many ways.

The greatest concern is pollution. For every gallon of gasoline a car uses, it emits about 20 pounds of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change. Idling vehicles also emit other chemicals that can trigger asthma attacks. Studies have linked many of these to increased risk of cancer, heart and lung disease, asthma and allergies. Specifically, the United States Environmental Protection Agency has declared diesel exhaust a possible carcinogen whose reduction could prevent 16,000 new asthma diagnoses each year and save the State of New Jersey from \$770 million to \$10 billion in health care and related

costs. Emissions from idling vehicles also contribute to acid rain. By reducing these emissions, drivers can lessen damage to the environment and population.

In addition to polluting, idling vehicles waste non-renewable fuel. In fact, every 10 minutes spent idling uses enough fuel to drive the vehicle for five miles, and any period of idling over 10 seconds uses more fuel (and releases more pollutants) than would shutting off the engine and turning it back on when ready to resume traveling. With gas prices rising, wasting fuel in this manner can cost significant amounts of money -- money that, especially in the midst of the country's current economic crises, could be put to much better use.

The Green Team's strategy to reduce idling is through a public education campaign that engages the community-at-large. The Green Team has begun a search to find allies and champions who will pledge to support and promote the anti-idling resolution. These include local businesses, the Board of Education, school PTAs/PTSOs, student groups or clubs, neighborhood associations and non-profits, and concerned citizens. Furthermore, the team has begun to identify priority locations where idling is rampant.

Through community awareness and involvement, vehicle idling can be decreased, preventing pollution and disease while saving money. Thus, with the simple turn of a key, residents can render South Plainfield a much healthier and safer place to live.

Hollywood Avenue By-pass Update

Below is an update from Paul Kavka, chair of the Ad Hoc Truck By-pass Committee, regarding the permit on the proposed Hollywood Avenue extension.

South Plainfield has received some input from the NJ DEP concerning their review of South Plainfield's application for "administrative completeness." As anticipated, the NJ DEP had some questions which started with our previous Freshwater Wetland Letter of Interpretation as it relates to our current route, versus the previous Helen Street route. Suffice it to say that after a series of emails between Terry Vogt and

DEP individuals, and then sending some supplemental information, along with Mayor Anesh contacting other responsible parties within the DEP, the application review is back on track.

With this initial volley over, we should expect a formal letter from the DEP regarding completeness (or incompleteness) shortly. If "complete," our application moves on to "technical review," and their clock starts to run. If "incomplete" we will at least then have a specific list of items that we need to provide them so the application can move forward. In any

case, the process has started and the DEP, for the first time, is actually reviewing our project.

At this juncture I think it is important to assume the position that we have prepared a strong application, and that the DEP has the responsibility to view it, fairly. (But also, we can expect a few bumps in the road from some of the known overzealous reviewers within the system who tend to interpret regulations and policies differently).

We will let everyone know when we receive any further correspondence from the NJ DEP.

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Around Town



Come down & enjoy the rides, food and games! The Feast of St. Anthony continues through Saturday. Hours today are 6-11 p.m. and 1-11 p.m. tomorrow.

Wine Tasting at Oak Tree Wines

June 10

Bill Wolf, owner of Napa Valley's Eagle Eye Wines, will host a wine tasting at Oak Tree Wines, 908 Oak Tree Ave. on Friday, June 10 from 4 to 7 p.m. featuring five select wines.

For more information, visit www.winemasters.com, or follow Eagle Eye Wines on Facebook.

Cultural Arts Presents Line Dancing

June 11

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission invites you to an evening of line dancing on Saturday, June 11 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Instructors Wanda and Jim York will teach all levels of dancing to all ages. Free admission. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (908)

754-2381 or visit www.countryline dancing.com.

Sacred Heart 5K Run/One Mile Walk

June 11

Sacred Heart will hold the second annual 5K Run and One Mile Fun Walk on Saturday, June 11. Application fee is \$25; one mile walk is \$10 for family or individual. Free t-shirt to first 100 paid participants.

Register at www.sacredheartsp.net or call Carl Adlassnig at (908) 757-1933.

GOP Comedy Night

June 11

The South Plainfield Republican Organization seventh annual comedy night will be held on Saturday, June 11 at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Three comedians, dinner and dessert, all for \$50 in advance; \$60 at the door. Reserve your tickets today

before we sell out!

For tickets, call (908) 753-0247.

Historical Society Monthly Meeting

June 14

The June meeting of the South Plainfield Historical Society will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the history center located in the Board of Education Building. Parking and entrance is on Jackson Avenue. The meeting will cover the final plans for the Labor Day quilt raffle.

Everyone is invited. Any questions, write to South Plainfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Open House at New DaVita Facility

June 16

DaVita @ Durham Corners, 241 Durham Ave., will hold an open house on Thursday, June 16 from 3 to 7 p.m. at its new facility. Free blood pressure screening, door prizes and live entertainment.

For more information about DaVita, call (908) 222-2971.

Maszcak Miracle Day Fundraiser

June 18

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. will sponsor a tricky tray auction fundraiser on Saturday, June 18 at the PAL building on Maple Avenue from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to the Maszcak Family to help with medical costs associated with the treatment of their son, Stephen Austin, who passed away in March.

For more information or to con-

tribute, email Kristen Celentano and Shelley King at openyourheartstrickytray@gmail.com.

So. Plfd. Education Foundation Book Fair

June 18

The South Plainfield Education Foundation will hold a book fair on Saturday, June 18 at the Barnes & Noble in Menlo Park Mall and online between June 18-22 with Book Fair ID#10489292. Flier and voucher are available on the SPEF link on the BOE website: www.spboe.org. The foundation provides scholarships and incentive programs for students year round. Members and educators will receive their usual discounts and most purchases for Father's Day and the Summer Reading selections will be eligible to earn funds for the organization using the Book Fair ID number.

Flea Market/Bake Sale

June 18

The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., will hold a flea market/bake sale on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The kitchen will also be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a light lunch. Items for sale include delicious home baked goods, new and used household goods, quilt books, children's items, craft items, holiday decorations, some clothing and other treasures seeing new homes. Come and join us!

— Out of Town —

Pot Luck Picnic

June 10

Rose of Sharon Community Church, 825 West 7th St. in Plainfield, will

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

June 16 Bally's

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers..... 8:45 am
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 Trip 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 10 am
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class..... 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo..... 10 am-2 pm

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

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

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

hold a pot luck picnic on Friday, June 10 at noon.

For more information, call Winnie Neal at (908) 755-4229.

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

June 10

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, June 10 from 7:30 to 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.

Giant Yard Sale

June 11

The Ladies Auxiliary of the North Stelton Volunteer Fire Company, 70 Haines Ave. in Piscataway, will sponsor the annual spring yard sale on Saturday, June 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Raindate: June 18. Vendors wanted; spaces available for \$15 each.

For information or to reserve space, call Lisa at (732) 985-0282.

NJ Sharing Network Share NJ 5K Race

June 12

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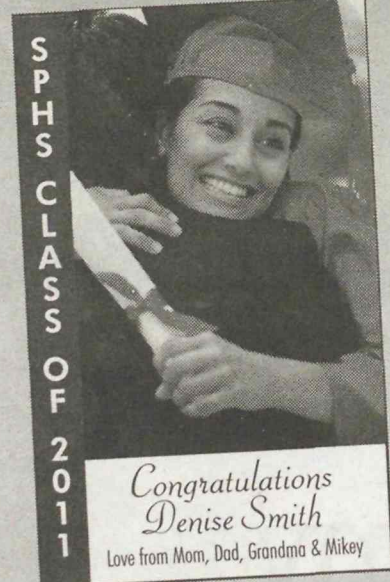
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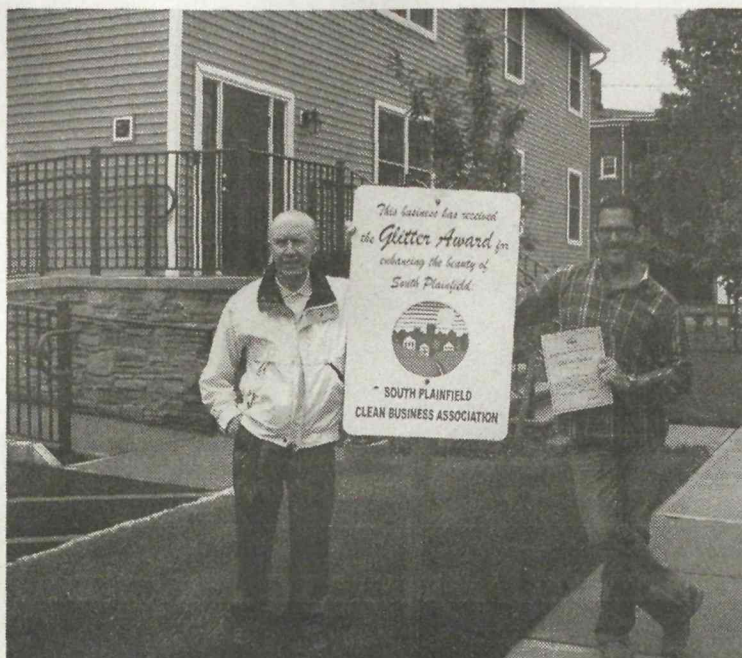
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Lyndsey Development Wins Glitter Award

Cliff Geissler of Lyndsey Development Corp. has received the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award. Geissler accepted the award from CBA President Joseph Diegnan at the new Lyndsey Building at 156 Hamilton Blvd. on the corner of Church Street.

The Lyndsey Building, which replaced an old, deteriorating house on that lot, was completed about six months ago. Its attractive design is enhanced by stone at the base and powder coated steel railings and fencing. The small parking lot is large enough to accommodate commercial traffic as well as the residents' vehicles. The beautiful landscaping is maintained by a landscaping service that includes litter control in its weekly activities.

This mixed use structure has commercial space at street level and residential apartments on the second floor. It was designed in accordance with development standards specified for the Historic Downtown District in the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. These standards encourage mixed use structures to promote the pedestrian oriented commercial environment that drives a traditional downtown district. Geissler, who has completed over 20 homes in South Plainfield,



CBA President Joseph Diegnan (left) with Cliff Geissler.

noted that he also planted several street trees and installed historic-style street lamps on Church Street as part of this project.

The Clean Business Association gives Glitter Awards to South Plainfield businesses that are unusually well-maintained or have recently improved their appearance through

renovation or landscaping. Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share its goal of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control.

For more information, contact the clean communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

South Plainfield Job Fair to be Held at PAL

Come discover local jobs and businesses at the South Plainfield job fair on Sunday, June 26 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you are looking for full- or part-time employment, researching work-from-home options, dreaming of a new career path, are a small business looking to advertise, or you are an employer looking to interview some prospective candidates for employees, then come on down!

The job fair will be sponsored by newmarketave.com, a new employment social network and JobProsper.com, an online job posting site that matches job seekers with companies seeking to hire for part time. Bring your resume.

The free event will be held at the PAL building located on Maple Avenue. Pre-registration is available at www.SPjobs.eventbrite.com. For more information call (201) 870-0317. Vendors are welcome.

and the Sprout Sprints at 11 a.m. Registration and packet pickup will run from 7:30 to 9:45 a.m.

For more information or to register, visit www.ShareNJ5K.org or call Elisse Glennon at (908) 516-5684.

Congregation Beth Israel Open House

June 12

Congregation Beth Israel located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains will hold an open house on Sunday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Professional staff and lay leaders will be on hand to give tours and answer questions about the synagogue and its religious school. Refreshments.

For more information, call (908) 889-1830.

Willow Grove Imperial Brass Spring Concert

June 12

Enjoy the Imperial Brass at our spring concert on Sunday, June 12 at 3 p.m. at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Rd. in Scotch Plains. Tickets in advance or at the door. Seniors \$15, students \$12; free for children under 12. Light refreshments.

For more information, call (908) 232-5678.

Scholar Program

June 17

Congregation Beth Israel, 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains will hold a Scholar-In-Residence Sabbath program on Friday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 18 at 9:30 a.m. featuring Dr. Barry W. Holtz from the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) in New York. Open to the community; dessert reception on Friday evening and lunch on Saturday.

For more information or to RSVP, call (908) 889-1830. To help defray costs, a donation of \$10 per day (\$18 for both days) is suggested.

Fourth Annual JORBA Bike Festival

June 18

The Jersey Off-Road Bicycle Association's (JORBA) fourth annual bike festival will be held on Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Waterloo Concert Field in Stanhope. Rain date: Sunday, June 19. Raffles, industry vendors and great food.

JORBA will be accepting donations of any non-perishable food items at the festival to benefit the Community Food Bank of New Jersey.

For more information, visit www.bikefest.jorba.org or email bikefest@jorba.org.

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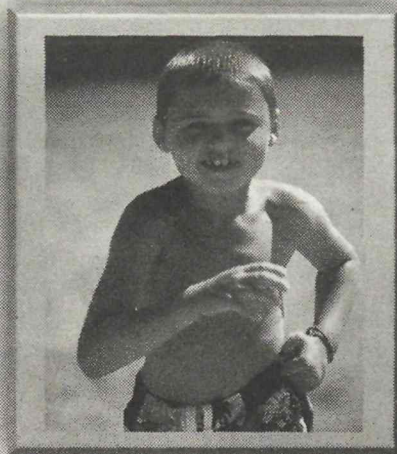
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Stephen Austin Maszczak
May 30, 2003 – March 14, 2011

Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation along with the South Plainfield Community will be hosting a Fundraiser to help the Maszczak Family with the overwhelming amount of medical bills they have accumulated while Stephen Austin was sick. Please come out and show your support for the Maszczak family while keeping the memory of Stephen alive.

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Lots for the kids to do including Timbo the Clown, Face Painting, Arts & Crafts, and more!

South Plainfield Recreation Wrestling Club will be sponsoring the Snack Stand and all proceeds will go to the family. No outside food or drinks allowed – sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

For any further information or to help with a donation please contact either Shelley King or Kristen Celentano at: OpenYourHeartsTrickyTray@gmail.com

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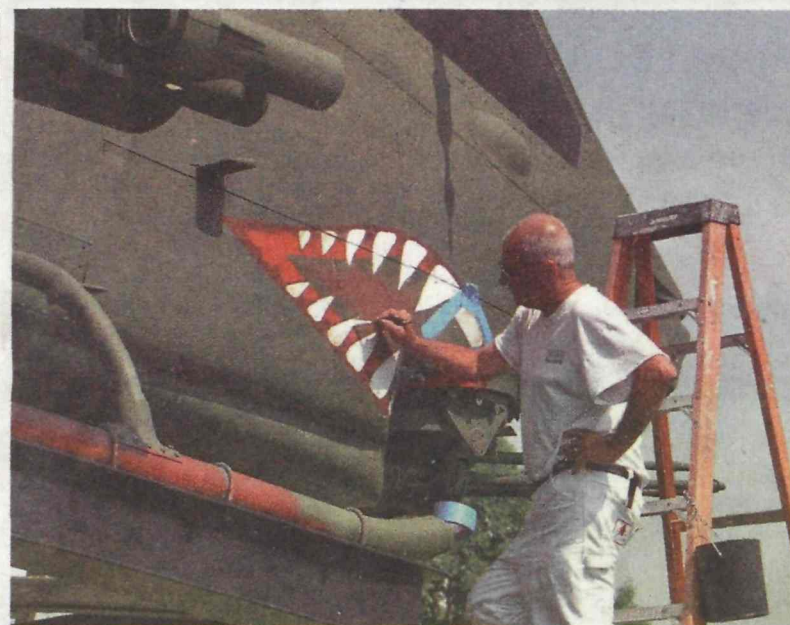


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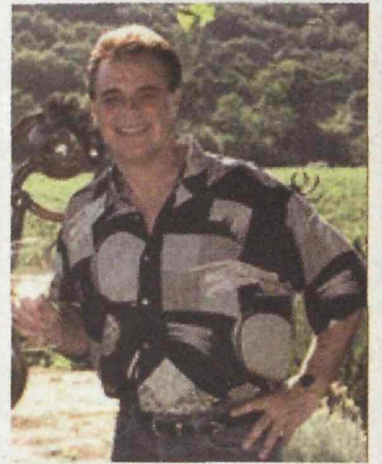
The AH-1 Attack Cobra Helicopter on display at Monument Park across the street from Spring Lake Park was recently restored to its original colors through the efforts of J. Natelli Professional Painting Contractor owner Jack Natelli and his assistant, Leonel Billatoro (above). At left Natelli paints detail on the helicopter. Richard and Dee McCrisky prepared and donated the stenciling to restore the lettering on the helicopter to its original form. Monument Park was dedicated in July 2004 and features a number of memorials, among them the Military Veterans Monument. The helicopter served in Vietnam from August of 1970 until February 1973.

Meet Bill Wolf and Taste Eagle Eye Wines at Oak Tree Liquors

Bill Wolf, proprietor of AlphaWolf Vineyard and Olive Ranch, will be at Oak Tree Liquors today from 4-7 p.m. for a free tasting of Bill Wolf's Eagle Eye wines.

Bill and Roxanne Wolf, Napa Valley grape and olive growers, who make world class wine and olive oil, are also Wine & Spirit Institute Educational Trust trained wine tasters. High quality wine and unique blends in small quantities working with our winemaker, John Gibson, are what we strive for to create fruit forward, approachable blends that are affordable and age worthy. Our Eagle Eye brand was created from the combination of wine, which we have always loved, and food from Bill's long food industry experience, and the arts, where Roxanne has proved to be a successful artist. Our farming practices are Certified Green, Fish Friendly Farming and Sustainable. Wine, food and art are our passion.

Bill has worked for more than 30 years in the food service industry. He was trained and worked as a chef in his early years and progressed to vice president of operations when he left the ARAMark Corp. in 1996. "My



Bill Wolf

father taught me organic farming as a youngster in a small community outside of Pittsburgh, Pa," said Wolf. "My passion for food and wine and my desire to grow led me to my dream of growing grapes and olives and making them into wine and oil. In 1999 we purchased our ranch and have been working on our dreams to come true ever since."

Oak Tree Wines is located at 902 Oak Tree Ave. For hours, call (908) 561-0051

Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament Planned

The second annual Cory Kline Memorial Golf Tournament will be held this year on Friday, Sept. 30 at Rutgers Golf Club, 777 Hoes Lane West in Piscataway. Cory, the son of retired South Plainfield Police Officer Gary Kline and wife Linda, passed away on September 22, 2009 just a few days after being diagnosed with leukemia, leaving behind his young family, wife, Nicole and children, Elizabeth and Jaxon.

The golf tournament was the idea of Cory's father who wanted not only to bring family and friends together to do something Cory enjoyed so much, but also to raise money for his wife and children. Last year, 124 golfers and a total of 150 people attended. This year organizers moved the tournament to a Friday in the hopes that more people will be able

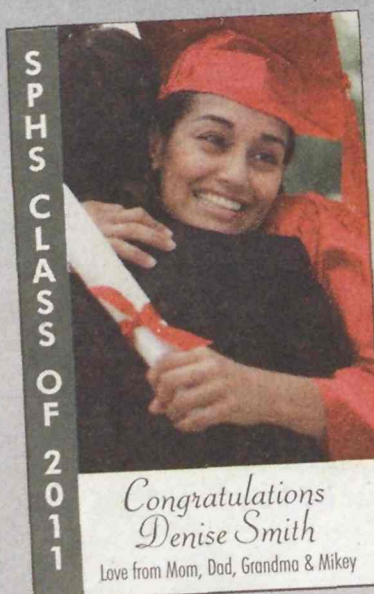
to participate and plan a weekend of more than just golf.

The cost to participate in the tournament is \$150 per golfer and includes lunch and beverages. Payment must be received prior to confirming your place. Checks can be made payable to Gary Kline and mailed to 375 Wampee St. NW, Calabash, N.C. 28467. For those using PayPal, please send to Gary's PayPal account: juveyman@aol.com. This year, sponsorships and/or messages are available for \$100 and will be displayed in a continuous loop on each golf cart's nine inch monitor.

For more information, call David Haynie at (917) 359-7834, email davidhaynie@hotmail.com or Gary Kline at (910) 579-5946, email juveyman@aol.com.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

Summer is almost here, and we're all ready to start making vacation plans. First, plan ahead for the month of June. Thursday, June 23 at 7 p.m. is your lucky day. Motivational speaker Judy England-McCarthy, RN, will present a fascinating program to adults. It's for anyone who sometimes feels overwhelmed by life's daily experiences. She will provide suggestions on how to gain perspective and live life fully in the moment. The program will include audience discussion and questions and answers. The program is free and there is no need to pre-register.

The end of the month is the start of everyone's favorite summer activity: Summer Reading Club. Sign up begins Monday, June 27. This year's theme is "One world, many stories." Everyone in every corner of the globe has a story to tell, and you can find them between the covers of a book.

Before you leave on a vacation, you and your young children will be able to take part in the library's regular storytimes. There is an hour long story and craft program for children ages four and up on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and on Thursday at 1:30 p.m. "Time for 2's and 3's" is Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. with stories and crafts. Children under two years will enjoy "Babytime" at 10:30 am Friday.

If you'd like to travel in the real world, as well as through stories, the library should be the first stop on your tour. A book like *100 Countries, 5000 Ideas*, published by the National Geographic Society is a great place to start. If you don't wish to travel so far from home, Patrick Sarver compiled a guide to New Jersey day trips. Searching through the catalog or on the shelves, you'll find travel guides for places from Alaska to Hawaii, from Great Britain to New Zealand. If budget is an issue, browse through *The 100 Best Affordable Vacations* by Jane Wooldridge and Larry Bleiberg. Families traveling with children might check out *Let's Take the Kids* by Joanne Michaels or Vicki Lansky's *Trouble-Free Travel with Children*.

For travelers who like to get a visual preview of their destinations, the library has travelogues on DVD for Ireland, Greece, Turkey, Germany, Scandinavia, France and many other

locations. To make them easy to find, they are shelved with the travel guides for those countries.

Some want more impact from their vacations than sitting on the beach. They should look at *The 100 Best Worldwide Vacations to Enrich Your Life* by Pam Grout, or build a vacation around helping others, such as those found in *Volunteer Vacations* by Bill McMillon. If you like to visit unusual places, take a look at *Off the Tourist Trail: 1000 Unexpected Travel Adventures*. The less adventurous might want to consider the suggestions in *Fodor's Escape to Nature—without roughing it*.

Don't forget that current and back issues of *Condé Nast Traveler*, *Arthur Frommer's Budget Travel* and *National Geographic Traveler* are available in the magazine section. Other magazines have travel ideas, too, such as *Spa: Healthy Living and Family Fun*.

If you will be traveling outside the U.S., it's helpful to learn the local language. The library has CDs and cassettes to start you off, and some computer software you can borrow as well. Entire language learning courses can be found online; click on the "Learn a new language today" icon on the library's home page.

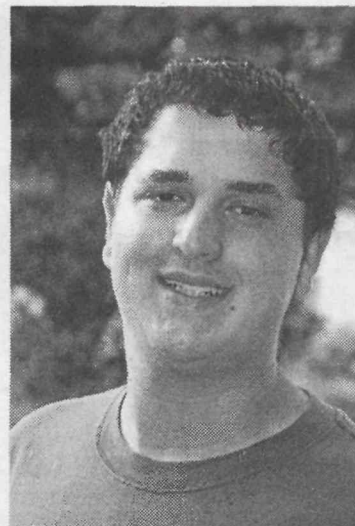
If you love visiting museums and learning about the artists, consider *Art + Travel Europe: Step into the Lives of Five Famous Painters: A Curated Guide to Your Obsessions*. Sarah Vowell followed her fascination with history and presidential assassinations and details her travels in *Assassination Vacation*.

I have mentioned only a tiny fraction of the travel guides and resources you can discover at the library. There are books on digital photography and video to help capture vacation memories, and books about scrapbooking to help you preserve and display your photos when you get home. Those buying or renovating vacation homes will find information to assist them. If you are considering a time share, learn the basics before you buy by taking an online class through Universal Class which also offers instruction in photography, gardening and other crafts and hobbies for you to explore during vacation time. To sign up for a class, start at the library's home page.

Remember, when the days get hot, the library, which is air conditioned, is the cool place to be!



Melissa Laurino



Joseph Ifrach



Carly Ashnault

Chaumont Post #243 Awards Scholarships

A future marine biologist, a potential medical doctor and a future clinical psychologist have been awarded \$1,000 scholarships from American Legion Post #243 to help them achieve their dreams. In the past four years, Chaumont Post #243 has sent \$20,000 to the colleges and universities of its scholarship winners.

This year Melissa Laurino, Joseph Ifrach and Carly Ashnault have been selected as recipients of the scholarships.

Laurino, who is the daughter of Chaumont Post member Cindy Laurino, will graduate in the top third of her class at David Brearley High School in Kenilworth. She is an avid musician who has been on the distinguished honor roll for 15 quarters. She was chosen as "Most Musical" in her senior class. She has performed with the NJ PAC Jazz Band, the Union County Teen Arts Jazz Band and been an NJ PAC musical participant. In school activities, Laurino has performed in high school musicals, the most recent being *The Wedding Singer*. In her church, Our Lady of Lourdes in Mountainside, she plays the flute at masses on Sundays and Holy Days. She has been accepted at Stockton College where she will pursue a degree in marine biology.

Joseph Picton, the forensics director at Brearley, wrote that Laurino "has demonstrated her intelligence and dedication in pursuing academic

success."

Joseph Ifrach, who will graduate in the top 10% of his class at South Plainfield High School, is the son of Susan and Izhak Ifrach. He recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 207. For his Eagle Scout project, he raised funds for and coordinated the construction of a 100 foot, \$1,500 boardwalk at the Highland Woods Nature Reserve Center. He has been accepted to Rutgers University as a biology major, with the goal of becoming a doctor.

In his application essay, Ifrach wrote, "My grandfather served in WWII, and I know the value of service. [Television] has brought current veterans that much closer to us. Veterans are just ordinary people who have given up the comforts of home to serve the country and defend our way of life. They are modern day heroes."

Carly Ashnault, the daughter of Sue and Bill Ashnault, will attend Dominican College in Orangeburg, N.Y. where she will pursue a degree in clinical psychology and play Divi-

sion II lacrosse. Ashnault has played field hockey and lacrosse at SPHS. Additionally, she was manager of the 2010 State Championship wrestling team.

Miten Shah, her advisor and teacher, said, "Carly has been a Peer Leader at SPHS, helping our community truly become a better place." As a student volunteer, Ashnault organized and emceed at the Stephen Austin Maszczak fundraiser. She has also participated in Adopt-A-Family programs during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. She also participates in Heroes and Cool Kids, as well as the fundraiser, Tiger 24. Ashnault has been class president since her freshman year.

She said, "I would never have been able to accomplish and learn as much as I have without the amazing family I have and the community surrounding me. South Plainfield has been a great place to live, and growing up here presents so many great opportunities; I hope my children will have the same opportunities in the future."

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Samantha Granski Graduates from The George Washington University



Samantha Granski

Samantha Granski earned a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and criminal justice from The George Washington University, Washington, D.C. during the May commencement exercises. She graduated summa cum laude with a cumulative grade point average of 3.93.

Samantha was inducted into Phi

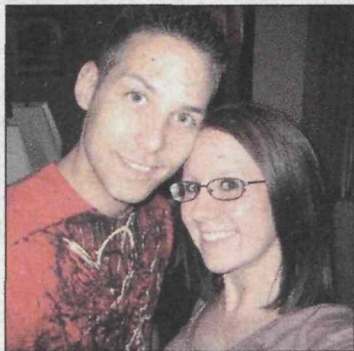
Beta Kappa Honor Society and earned dean's list honors every semester. She was a member of the community service sorority Epsilon Sigma Alpha through which she volunteered throughout the DC Metropolitan Area including Transitional Housing Corps, Foggy Bottom Food Pantry and We Are Family Grocery Delivery.

A native of South Plainfield, Granski is the daughter of Susan Granski of Edison and Paul Granski of Lyndhurst. Samantha graduated from South Plainfield High School in 2007. She plans to pursue a career in social service.

Lauren C. Fry Graduates from Bucknell Univ.

Lauren C. Fry of South Plainfield graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology and political science from Bucknell University on May 22.

Lauren, the daughter of Kenneth and Kathleen Fry, is a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School.



Jonathan Rosario and Shannon Hecht

Shannon Hecht To Wed Jonathan Rosario

Pam and Nelson Martinez and Bruce Hecht are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Hecht, to Jonathan Rosario, son of Alfredo and Christine Rosario.

Shannon is currently employed as a logistics team lead for Tallen Technology Rentals in Iselin and Jon is currently employed as an assistant vice president, middle market lending, for TD Bank in Piscataway.

The couple met in 2007 and plan to have a small wedding; no date has been set.

Katie Eder Graduates from Villanova Univ.



Katie Eder

Katie Eder has graduated magna cum laude from Villanova University with a bachelor of arts in English and concentrations in honors, and peace and justice. Throughout college, Katie maintained a GPA of 3.78 and made dean's list every semester. She was accepted to the English Honor Society and Order of Omega, the National Greek Leadership Honor Society.

Katie interned for *The Philadelphia Inquirer* as a reporter and for the editorial department of *Philadelphia* magazine. She was a staff reporter for the news section of Villanova's newspaper, *The Villanovan*.

In addition to academics, Katie was president of Villanova Orchestra and she actively served the Philadelphia community through her position of

philanthropy chair in Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She will pursue a career in journalism.

Holbrook Named to Elmira Dean's List

Sara Holbrook of South Plainfield has been named to the Dean's List of Academic Achievement for the Winter 2011 term. The dean's list recognizes students that have a grade point average of 3.6 or higher for the academic term.

Sara, the daughter of Michael Holbrook, is majoring in visual arts.

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Brianna Alexandra Harris

Brianna Harris Named Finalist in Pageant

Brianna Alexandra Harris, 6, of South Plainfield has been selected as a finalist for the 2011 National American Miss New Jersey Princess Pageant. She will be competing against other four-, five- and six-year-olds from New Jersey in August for a chance to enter the national competition at Disneyland in California.

South Plainfield High School Student To be Honored in Washington, D.C.

Sarah Hageman, a senior at South Plainfield High School, will be spending her first full day as a high school graduate in Washington, D.C at the U.S. Capitol where she will be accepting the prestigious Congressional Youth Award Gold Medal which is conferred each June on approximately 200 students nationwide who have earned the honor based on their record of community service, personal

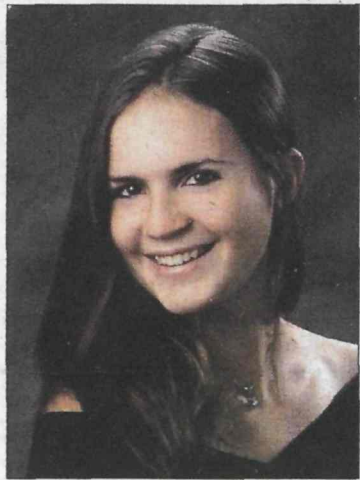
development, and athletics.

Sarah has completed over 600 hours of community service since starting high school for various causes, has earned the President's Volunteer Gold Service award and the Girl Scout Gold award.

She has been recognized for her writing and photography including a Silver Key and an Honorable Mention from the Scholastic Arts and Writing program and her photos have been included in traveling exhibits. She is an alumnus of the Middlesex County Arts School for artistically gifted students and the photo that earned her a Silver Key was taken as part of a class assignment for the program.

Sarah, an honor roll student, is chorus secretary, plays clarinet and is part of the student leadership group in the marching band at her high school, is on the Tiger Shark Dive Team and curls with the Plainfield Curling Club. She also enjoys creative writing and was named a semi-finalist in an Ayn Rand Foundation essay contest among other honors.

Sarah will be attending Towson University in the fall studying biomolecular engineering and secondary education with a theater minor.



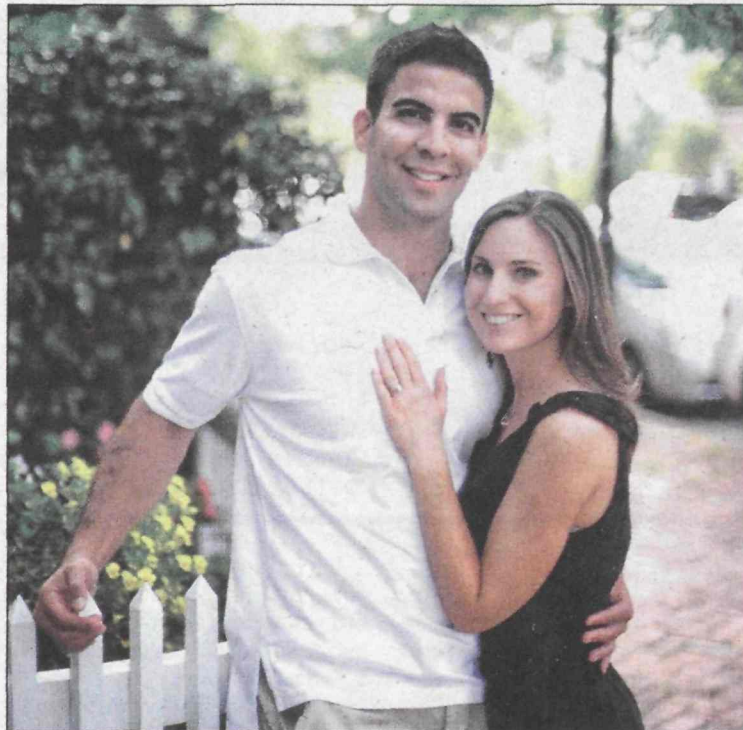
Sarah Hageman

Twenty-Seven Named to MCC Dean's List

A total of 1,042 students were named to the dean's list for Spring 2011 at Middlesex County College, including the following students from South Plainfield:

Lady Carolina Arguello, Michelle Bello, Jason Borys, Cori Marie Black, Joshua Bradley, Christopher Cruz Carbonell, Stacie Carrasca, Matthew Carringer, Leiloni Chepulic, Crystal Cheung, Kevin Coffey, Jesse Jacob Colby, Michael Russell Conrad, Jacqueline Conte-Ainsworth, Courtney Lynn Cullen, Ryan Stuart Dolling, Drew David Everman, Patrick Foy, Allen Garcia, Ashley Klimek, Karthik Marpadga, Matthew Miceli, Chelsea Nicole Ng, Sandra Pleeter, Drew Smith, Michael Troia and Kaitlyn Zielinski.

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Ryan Decker and Ainsley Gutshall

Ainsley Gutshall to Wed Ryan Decker

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gutshall announce the engagement of their daughter, Ainsley Gutshall, to Ryan Decker, son of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Decker.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Oakton High School in Fairfax, Va. and a 2009 graduate of Virginia Tech University. She is currently employed

as a consultant with Dynamic Research Corporation in Washington, D.C.

The groom-to-be is a 2004 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a 2008 graduate of Virginia Tech University. He is currently employed as a mechanical engineer with Exxon Mobil.

A Fall 2011 wedding is planned.



Angelique Ganiaris

Ganiaris Graduates From Rutgers University

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ganiaris are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, Angelique Ganiaris, from Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations with a Master of Human Resource Management degree.

We are so proud of her accomplishment. May God bless Angelique in her future endeavors.

Local Residents Graduate from The University Of Scranton

The University of Scranton conferred more than 970 bachelor and associate's degrees at undergraduate commencement on May 29 at Mohegan Sun Arena at Casey Plaza in Wilkes-Barre.

The following South Plainfield residents earned degrees:

Kyle B. Corrado earned a bachelor of science in exercise science from the University's Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Ryan F. Curtis earned a bachelor of science in political science from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Michael J. George earned a bachelor of science in marketing from Kania School of Management.

Cassandra N. Hoffman earned a bachelor of science in exercise science from the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Michael E. Stallone earned a bachelor of science in elementary education/special education from the Panuska College of Professional Studies.

Christopher J. Stallone earned a bachelor of science in finance from the

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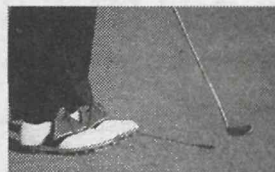
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American Division				National Division			
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Alfie's Boys	4.....	1.....	0	Unique Sports Accessories.....	4.....	1.....	0
Twin City Pharmacy	3.....	1.....	1	2 Buds, 2 Dubes.....	2.....	3.....	0
KC's Korner	3.....	2.....	0	Italian-American Club.....	2.....	3.....	0
Dirty Harry & Friends.....	3.....	2.....	0	McCriskin's	2.....	3.....	0
Oak Tree Dental.....	2.....	3.....	0	So. Plainfield Funeral Home.....	1.....	3.....	1
Witty's Liquors	2.....	3.....	0	Sport & Social	1.....	4.....	0

By Bob Nilan

Editor's Note: The following is an abbreviated version of the column that should have appeared in the June 3 issue.

With their terrific 3-0 start, Alfie's Boys didn't anticipate any major problem in extending their winning streak when they teed off against winless Witty's Liquors. The shock is still on their faces after getting slapped around, 13-7, to drop into a tie for first place with Twin City Pharmacy.

Jim Parker of Witty's Liquors went on to post a 40 to lead his team to their first victory. Irish Danny Griffin shot a terrific 36 and Bill Mann contributed a 37 for Alfie's Boys.

Guy Severini fired another beautiful round, a 2-over 35, to spark Twin City Pharmacy to their third straight win. Frank Gaspari shot a 36 and Joe Diller continued his fine play with a 37 as Twin City Pharmacy earned a 12-8 triumph over KC's Korner. Billy "Cappie" Capparelli recorded a 2-over

35 for KC's Korner to tie Guy Severini for medalist honors for the night.

Dirty Harry & Friends improved their record to .500 thanks in large measure to Charlie Oats who was the low-man for his team with a 41. Frank Oades shot a 41 for Oak Tree Dental.

Over in the National Division, Captain Chris Dillon of Unique Sports Accessories came out blazing and had a lovely birdie on the fourth hole on his way to a 3-over 36. Jay Bertleson matched Dillon's 36, and he also had a pretty birdie on the seventh hole. Old Reliable Ted Stanik came through as usual with a 37 as USA pulled off a 13-7 victory to remain the only undefeated team in the league.

Rich Pellegrino had a 42 for the Italian American Club in a losing effort.

In the battle for bragging rights on Plainfield Avenue, the South Plainfield Funeral Home took on McCriskin's Home For Funerals and, in a very tough match, prevailed over their

arch-rivals, 11-9.

Vinnie Welch again earned medalist honors for the victors with a 39. Kris Krantz of McCriskin's had another fine round, a 4-over 37.

Sport & Social came away with a 12-8 win over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, and finally broke into the win column.

Low scores for the night: Guy Severini, 35; Billy Capparelli, 35; Danny Griffin, 36; Frank Gaspari, 36; Chris Dillon, 36; Jay Bertleson, 36; Kris Krantz, 37; Bill Mann, 37; Joe Diller, 37; Ted Stanik, 37.

In this week's action...

In cross-division action, undefeated Unique Sports Accessories, the first-place team in the National Division, took on Alfie's Boys who are tied for first place in the American Division.

After shooting a 39 on opening night, Irish Danny Griffin of Alfie's Boys has improved his score each week by one stroke. He had a 38 the second

week, 37 in week three, 36 the fourth week, and sure enough, he fired a 35 to spark his team to a 14-6 victory over Unique Sports Accessories. Mike King contributed an impressive 37 as Alfie's Boys gained sole possession of first place in the American Division.

Old Reliable Ted Stanik played superbly for Unique Sports Accessories and had eight pars for a 34, and Jay Bertleson chipped in with a 38.

The Twin City Pharmacy powerhouse put on a full display of their might in their match against the South Plainfield Funeral Home. Frank Gaspari, who now sports the lowest handicap in the league, birdied the first hole and then had two more birdies on the seventh and ninth holes on his way to a sparkling 1-under 32 to earn the medal for the night. Jay Coppola continued his fine play with a 35, Joe Diller looked sharp in putting together a 37, and Guy Severini just missed a few putts and still had a very nice round of 38.

Even with all four golfers playing so well, Twin City Pharmacy had a lot of strokes to give so they could only manage a 10-10 tie. Vinnie Welch birdied the eighth hole in registering a 37 for the South Plainfield Funeral Home who were lucky to come out all even in the match.

Joe Malaque led the way with a nifty 35 as Oak Tree Dental buried McCriskin's Home For Funerals, 18-2. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van DeVaars made birdies on the fourth and eighth holes after hitting two terrific drives and posted a 36 while teammate Frank Oades had some boomers on his way to a 39.

Kris Krantz added to his string of good rounds for McCriskin's with a 37.

Kevin Bickunas recently corrected the problems he's been having with his driver so, when he stepped up to the tee box on the 308-yard ninth hole, he decided to pull a John Daly and just grip it and rip it. The explosive sound when his driver struck the ball compelled one veteran to shout "Incoming!" and another vet on the eighth green dove into a bunker for cover. They were relieved to learn that the sound they heard only meant that "Boom Boom" was back.

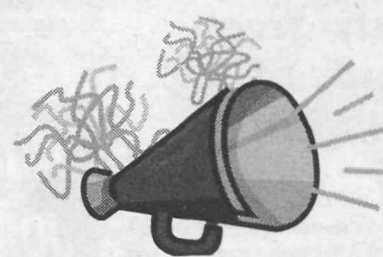
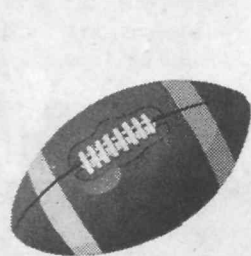
Bickunas was just a few yards off the green with his drive and made a routine par and posted a 38 as Witty's Liquors wiped out the Italian-American Club, 17-3. Eric Beegle had a solid round of 37 for Witty's while Rick Pellegrino earned the medal for the Italian-American Club with his 42.

In a very close match, Charlie Oats of Dirty Harry & Friends once again was low man for his team with a 37 that featured birdies on the fourth and eighth holes. His team needed every bit of that solid play to eke out an 11-9 win over Sport & Social. Captain Frank Matthews earned medalist honors for his squad with his 40.

In another tight contest, Billy "Cappie" Capparelli who is really enjoying playing with his lucky yellow golf balls again played extremely well, hit some gorgeous drives, and sparked KC's Korner to a narrow 11-9 win over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes with his nice round of 38.

Captain Dale "The Needler" Dube decided to rest his knee for another week so he sat out. Jeff Orth and Don Hall shared medalist honors with rounds of 40.

Low scores for the night: Frank Gaspari, 32; Ted Stanik, 34; Jay Coppola, 35; Danny Griffin, 35; Joe Malaque, 35; Marty Van DeVaars, 36; Mike King, 37; Joe Diller, 37; Vinnie Welch, 37; Charlie Oats, 37; Kris Krantz, 37; Eric Beegle, 37.



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Sports

U11 Green Machine All-Star Team Places Second



11U South Plainfield Green Machine All Star team. (Not pictured: Joe Hielmann and Chris Lacasale.)

The 11U South Plainfield Green Machine Summer All-Star team placed second in the summer tournament that was held Memorial Day weekend in Westfield. This is the first time the team has competed in this tournament.

In the preliminary round, South Plainfield played Westfield Blue, Westfield AAU Shamrocks and Cranford, ending with a record of 1-2.

The team played very competitively in the two games in which they lost, and earned the fourth seed after the pool round.

South Plainfield was backed by solid pitching from Andrew Bisgaard, Jack Scrudato, Jacob Rivera and Conner Wolpin. Justin Newman, Brandon Wizda and newcomers Niko Vasquez, Mike Castagno, David Chatel, Luke

Tamburro and Chris Lacasale also paced the team with many hits. The Green Machine players were on base throughout the tournament and did not get caught a single time stealing a base.

In the semi-finals against top seeded Cranford, the Green Machine won 7-6 in seven innings. After taking an early 3-0 lead, Cranford came back to take the lead 5-3 in the fourth inning. South Plainfield scored the tying run in the sixth inning and two more runs in the seventh. Jack Scrudato came in to pitch three great innings to pick up the win. Andrew Bisgaard pitched three great innings and made the game ending double play. Brandon Wizda had the "Web Gem" of the game, making a great catch in the sixth inning

with two men on base, on the run in center field while colliding with Luke Tamburro. Brandon held onto the ball thus ending the scoring threat.

In the championship game against second seeded Westfield Blue, the Green Machine played a great game, but Westfield had some clutch hits and saved many runs with a great defensive effort and pulled away to win the championship, 8-4. Andrew Bisgaard, Jacob Rivera and Conner Wolpin all pitched a great game.

The 11U South Plainfield Green Machine All Star baseball players are Andrew Bisgaard, Mike Castagno, David Chatel, Joe Heilmann, Chris Lacasale, Justin Newman, Jacob Rivera, Jack Scrudato, Luke Tamburro, Niko Vasquez, Brandon Wizda and Connor Wolpin. The team is managed by Joe Scrudato with assistant coaches John Wizda, Dave DelRio, Dan Tamburro and Angelo Rivera. The team would also like to thank team motivator, Bat Boy and Manager-in-Training, Zack Wolpin for all of his help.

The Green Machine coaches would like to thank all of the parents, grandparents, SPJBC Club Commissioner Mike Pellegrino and board members Gary Rohrer and Gary Lampasona for attending the games to support the 11U team. Your cheers were heard throughout the tournament.

With all of the changes from last year's team, Coach Scrudato and the rest of the coaches are extremely proud of the 11U team who have worked very hard this spring. The team's next tournament will be the Carteret Father's Day Tournament.



Chris Stallone was named to the First Team All Landmark Conference Team for the third straight year at Scranton University. Additionally, in the conference championship game against Catholic University, Chris's second hit of the game was his 200th hit of his collegiate career and his fourth hit of the game which lifted his collegiate career batting average to .401. Chris, a 2007 South Plainfield High School graduate, graduated from the University of Scranton on June 5.

By Gary Lampasona

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Summer Camp—Registrations are still being accepted for the eighth annual SPJBC Summer Camp being held from June 27-30. Mike Benak and his team are working hard to prepare another fun-filled learning experience for all who attend. For ages eight through 12, the cost is \$95. Registration forms are located in the snackstand or you can call the clubhouse at (908) 754-2090 to register.

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Anesh, Butrico, McCreesh Miller Named Hall of Fame Inductees

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now coaching his sons at the Junior Baseball Club. Matt was a member of the Public Celebrations Committee from 2005 through 2010 until being sworn in as mayor in January of this year. Prior to that, he served as a councilman from 2006 through 2008. He was also a member of the Hopewell Responsible Citizenship Committee from 2003 through 2009.

William Butrico

Bill attended Kennedy Elementary School and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1978. He worked for Lehigh Utility until 1984 when he started his own construction business, Butri Co Building and then Remtek Services in 1987. Over the years, Bill has been active with many volunteer groups at Our Lady of Czestochowa (OLC). He resurrected the youth program and was a youth group leader from 1984 to 1986 where he organized service projects, soup kitchens, clothing drives, services for OLC events and supported the Covenant House in New York City. Bill also taught CCD for the confirmation class from 1985 through 1989. He has also been on the finance committee at Sacred Heart Church since 2008. Bill coached recreation t-ball, teener

ball and soccer for 12 years and was an assistant coach at the soccer club from 2007 to 2009. From 1994 to 2006, Bill was a den leader, assistant cub master as well as holding many other volunteer positions with Cub Scout Pack 207. Currently Bill has been active with the Knights of Columbus since 2004 holding many officer positions within the group and the top position of Grand Knight in 2007. He has co-chaired the Special Citizens Drive each April which, over the past five years, has brought in over \$80,000 that has been donated to mentally handicapped citizens throughout the state. Bill also helps the Knights with the local Keystone Community Christmas party where he serves dinner and helps pass out donated presents to residents. He also established the Squires, a youth group that helps local citizens in their time of need. Bill has been married to wife Suzanne for 25 years, and they have four children, Gerry, Gina, James and Adam.

Pamela McCreesh

Pam McCreesh attended Kennedy Elementary School attended South Plainfield High School until graduation in 1985. During high school, she was a member of the field hockey team and played varsity basketball and

softball. She was a two-time All-State softball selection and was the *Home News Tribune* Softball Player of the Year in 1984. After high school, Pam went on to obtain a master's degree in education from the College of N.J. in Trenton in 1992. In college, Pam was a two-time Division III NCAA National champion, a three-time NCAA All-American shortstop, NCAA Division III Softball Player of the Year in 1988, Honda-Broderick nominee for National Player of the Year in 1988, N.J. College Athlete of the Year in 1989 and won a tryout with the first Olympic softball team. Since graduating college, Pam has held many softball coaching positions. She was an assistant coach at Rutgers, the College of N.J. and Utah State University and a head coach at Utah State University from 1998 to 2001 where the team was second in career wins. Pam also was head coach at Brown University from 2002 through 2006 where the team won the Ivy League Championship in 2004. A teacher and basketball coach at Newark High School in Carteret since 2006, Pam was a credit and office manager for Dunphy Smith Co. in Union from 2007 through this year. Pam has participated in the C.O.A.C.H.E.S Care charity event

New Location Proposed for Library

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He explained that the proposed location is in the center of town and has plenty of parking. The space would be able to accommodate offices for the library staff, a children's room and a computer area and all the space will be contained on one floor. He added that if more space is needed, the old library can still be used for storage or whatever space the library may need. The Library Board of Trustees was receptive to the proposed location, but wanted to see the space and go over the figures Bengivenga has proposed. Aronowitz will be meet-

ing with Bengivenga to tour the area and talk to the landlord some time this week. The proposed lease would cover five to 10 years, with a five-year option. The actual rent is still to be negotiated, as well as the exact available square feet. It will be up to the Library Board to study the proposed plans and decide if the space and cost will suit their needs. If the Library Board decides to move, there is no estimated timeline for the relocation since Walgreens still has to downsize. In addition, architectural plans must be submitted before any renovations can be made.

and spends time volunteering at Newark School events and giving individual softball lessons. She has served on various national coaching committees and boards during her coaching tenure and, while at Brown University she created a program to bring softball players into inner city classrooms in Providence to help with their education. Pam currently resides in Scotch Plains.

Shayne Austin Miller

Shayne Miller attended Riley Elementary School and graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1995. He participated in the concert band, chorus, drama club, Jades, traveling choir, Madrigals, Barbershop Quartet and Summer Drama Workshop. Shayne was the first student ever selected to direct a drama club production. He also volunteered his time at the Meridian Nursing Center in Plainfield where he created a senior citizen choir and was given a Volunteer of the Month award. In 2000, Shayne received a B.A. in theater from Kean University in Union. While in college, Shayne was one of 20 students selected to serve the Human Rights campaign in Washington, D.C. during their Youth College Program. He was also selected to serve as press secretary for Congressman Jay

Inslee (D-1 WA) during his 1998 election. Shayne served on the executive committee of the N.J. Lesbian and Gay Coalition and at Kean conducted workshops for incoming freshman on how to combat homophobia. In 2000, Shayne was hired as a publicist for the N.J. Performing Arts Center in Newark and in 2005 took a job as press manager for the Paper Mill Playhouse in Millburn. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to director of press and public relations where he remains employed today. Shayne was appointed to the Downtown Millburn Development Alliance, the Special Improvement District in Millburn and he served as marketing committee chairperson for two years. In June of last year he was elected president of the Millburn-Short Hills Chamber of Commerce. Shayne currently hosts a monthly television program called Chamber Chat where he brings the community behind the scenes at business and non-profit organizations in the area. Shayne was a producer for the theatrical troop Rainbow Experience and has directed productions throughout the state, many of which had been nominated for N.J. Perry Awards. Along with his wife, Chris Haught, the couple currently reside in Millburn.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
An appeal has been filed by Tim and Lorette Nagel requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the erection of (2) rear decks: this will cause the homeowners to exceed 25% lot coverage; 29% is proposed. Additionally, third rear deck is attached to the pool (principle building). Pool at 5'6" from side property line; 8' is required; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 115 Oak Manor Parkway, Block 230, Lot 27 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.
For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 23, 2011 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.
The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
\$38.50 June 10, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE NO.1932
An Ordinance regulating Off-Road Vehicles within the Borough of South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, June 10, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:
WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to regulate the operation of off-road vehicles within the Borough of South Plainfield;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey as follows:
1. The purpose of this Ordinance shall be to set standards for the operation of motor-driven off-road vehicles within the Borough of South Plainfield to minimize the impact of operation of such vehicles on residents of

the Borough, the public at large, the environment, and ensure minimum standards of safety.
2. As used in this Chapter, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:
a. Motor Vehicle - Any vehicle that is propelled by other than human or animal power;
b. Off-Road Vehicle - Motor vehicles which are capable of human transport and designed or used for the purpose of recreation off of the public right-of-way, including, but not limited to, all-terrain vehicles, trail/dirt bikes; mini bikes; go-carts; and snow mobiles. This Chapter shall not apply to lawn mowers, tractors or farm, lawn, garden or similar equipment for residential use, or business or agricultural/farming activities when used for purposes for which each was designed; and
c. Public Property - Lands owned, leased or under the jurisdiction of the Borough of South Plainfield or the Borough of South Plainfield Board of Education.
3. It shall be unlawful to operate any off-road vehicle under the following circumstances:
a. On the property of another person or party, unless the operator of the off-road vehicle has written permission of the owner or legal occupant of said property to operate the off-road vehicle thereon, or said property owner is present. Said written permission must be exhibited to police officers upon request;
b. On any public street, sidewalk or bike path within the Borough;
c. On public property unless written permission for operation of the off-road vehicle on said property has been specifically given by the applicable public authority; or
d. Within 450 feet of an occupied dwelling, other than the dwelling of the operator, or on other property where permission has been granted in a manner creating:
1. Any harsh, objectionable or unreasonable noise so as to disturb or interfere with the peace and quiet of other persons or which produces noise in violation of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield; or
2. The presence in the outdoor atmosphere of airborne dust, dirt or debris, or in an unsafe manner creating a physical hazard, beyond the property line on which the off-road vehicle operates such that it interferes with the enjoyment of life or

property of the adjoining property occupant.
4. It shall be unlawful for the owner or person having control or custody of an off-road vehicle to allow or enable a minor (under age 18) to operate said off-road vehicle in a manner violating any section of this Chapter. When a minor operates an off-road vehicle in violation of this Chapter, it shall be a rebuttable presumption that the parent or guardian of said minor enabled the off-road vehicle to be so operated.
5. Exemptions:
a. Off-road vehicles used in or related to agricultural/farming activities, gardening, yard work and for snow removal; or
b. Loading and unloading of off-road vehicles during transit to and from public roadways.
6. Reports of the prohibited acts from two or more persons who are in general agreement as to the times and duration of the prohibited acts and who reside in separate residences, including apartments and condominiums, located within 200 feet of a property line (boundary) from the property on which the source of prohibited acts occur shall create a rebuttable presumption of a violation of this Ordinance. However, nothing in this Chapter shall preclude a single individual from registering a complaint for any violation of this Ordinance.
7. It shall be unlawful for any off-road vehicle to be operated within the Borough of South Plainfield which does not conform to current Federal or State standards for the type of off-road vehicle in question. If no such standard exists, then recognized standards by bodies or industry trade association standards shall be used, if available.
8. It shall be unlawful for any off-road vehicle to be operated without a muffler. For two-cycle engines, a United States Forest Service approved muffler/spark arrester combination is required.
9. The following shall consist of violations and penalties:
a. Violation of any section of this Chapter shall constitute a separate and distinct offense independent of the violation of any other section or any order issued pursuant to this Ordinance. Each day of violation shall constitute an additional, separate and distinct offense;
b. For a first violation of any section of this Chapter, the following penalty may be imposed:

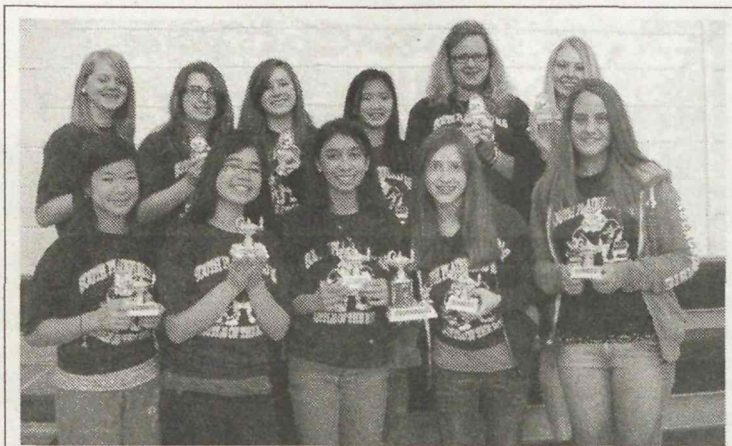
1. In a case where a minor is involved, a verbal first warning and a copy of this Ordinance may be provided to both the minor and the parent or legal guardian in lieu of a summons at the discretion of the police officer. If a warning is issued, and if within 90 days, the off-road vehicle is in question is again operated in a manner which is found to be in violation of this Ordinance (not necessarily the same offense), the parent or guardian of the operator shall be cited for violation of this Chapter, and subject to the penalties herein;
2. In cases where a minor is not involved, for a first offense, the operator shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000.00; and
3. For a second or more violation of this Chap-

ter, the violator shall be subject to a fine of \$100.00 to \$2,000.00, community service of 90 days, or both, within the discretion of the Municipal Court.
10. If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged to be invalid, such adjudication shall apply to the section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.
This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.
Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk
\$93.24 June 10, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY
ORDINANCE No. 1933
An Ordinance authorizing the "acquisition of six P7300 Portable Radios and the installation of new Antennas And Communication systems at Borough Hall for use by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad located in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, June 10, 2011 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 as follows:
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:
Section 1. That the unspent funds cancelled in ordinance #1708 & 1708A be returned to Capital Fund Balance and have \$25,000 re-appropriated along with an additional \$5,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund for the purchase of radio's and communication equipment to be utilized by the South Plainfield Rescue Squad. The funding requirements shall be identified as follows:

Capital Fund Balance	\$25,000.00
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 5,000.00
TOTAL	\$30,000.00

Section 2. That the improvements described in Section 1 hereof shall be authorized as general capital improvements for the Borough of South Plainfield in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey.
Section 3. It is hereby determined and declared by this Mayor and Borough Council as follows:
A. That the maximum estimated amount of money to be raised from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 1, hereof, is \$30,000.00.
B. That the cost for the equipment shall be \$25,000 from Capital Fund Balance and \$5,000 from the Capital Improvement Fund.
C. The estimated useful life of said improvements is hereby determined to be ten (10) years.
Section 4. That the total amount of the appropriation to be expended for Architectural and inspection costs, legal costs, advertisement of ordinance and other expenses as provided in Section 48:2-20 of the Revised Statutes, is not to exceed \$1,000.00.
Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with the law.
Joann L. Graf, RMC
Municipal Clerk
\$51.18 June 10, 2011



South Plainfield Middle School participated in the regional Battle of the Books on May 13 at Manalapan Englishtown Middle School. Pictured top (L-R) are eighth grade students Haley Dow, Rebecca Armand, Jennifer Teece, Melanie Cheng, Kasey Walsh and Chelsa Housel. In front (L-R) are seventh grade students Rebecca Ng, Emily Sukenik, Anna Williams, Emma Regan and Katherine Dolinski, who took home a third place trophy.

Send in Nominations for Cappy Award Through July 20

The Police Athletic League, along with the Recreation Commission, will be choosing the 2011 "Cappy" Award winner. Recommendations for nominations are now being accepted through July 20; recommendations can be made by anyone from the public by sending a letter stating the qualifications of the candidate. Once recommendations have been received, two Police Athletic League and/or recreational peers will have to approve the recommendations for consideration.

The requirements are as follow:

Service: 10 years of service in youth sports and/or recreation; not just serv-

ing as a parent-coach to his/her own children, but will be judged on a case by case basis; preferably voluntary service; during the period of service, nominee must have been a resident of South Plainfield.

Character: Exemplifies high moral values and ethical judgment; never been convicted of a felony; possess dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations can be sent to the Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave., Attn: Chris Colucci, PAL President, or sent directly to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Ave., Attn: Kevin Hughes, Recreation Director.

Bayada Nurses to Host Job Fair Open House

Nurses in Somerset and Middlesex counties are invited to a job fair sponsored by Bayada Nurses, a national provider of home health care for children with special needs. The job fair will take place on Wednesday, June 15 at Bayada Nurses, 1460 Livingston Ave., Building 400, 3rd Floor in North Brunswick.

Nurses will be treated to lunch, refreshments and Bayada giveaways while learning about employment

opportunities caring for children with special needs throughout Middlesex and Somerset counties.

Nurses with a current registered nurse or licensed practical nurse license, CPR card and one year of verifiable pediatric experience will be considered for this fast track hiring process.

For more information or to RSVP to the open house, please call (732) 418-9546.

Library Gives \$146,302 Back to Borough

(Continued from page 1)

Library for approval. The law reads: "The excess funds transferred shall be the amount that exceeds the sum of the amount of the audited operating expenditures for the library for the most recent available year, plus an additional 20% of those operating expenditures, excluding funds restricted capital projects and grants to be maintained a surplus." He added that the decision to transfer \$750,000 to the municipality must be made by the Board of Trustees and not the borough council.

Last year, when the law was intro-

duced, but had not yet passed, the Library Board of Trustees approved moving its surplus funds into a capital project accounts for use on building a new library. Suggestions were made to expand or build a new library at its present location, but no definite proposals were ever introduced. The night before the special Library Board meeting, Councilman Rob Bengivenga met with Aronowitz to propose moving the library to a shopping center on South Plainfield Avenue across from the post office. (See related story on page 1).

John C. Fabiano, 81

John C. Fabiano died on Monday, May 30 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in South Plainfield, John was one of 12 children born to the late Salvatore and Josephine. He remained a lifelong resident of the borough.

He served his country as a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Korean War in Germany as part of the Tank Division.

John began his career at the former Cornell-Dubilier manufacturing facility in South Plainfield. He was also employed in South Plainfield at the former Ortho Plant later known as Chevron, where he was the supervisor of plant operations. He was charged with maintaining its facilities, buildings and grounds. John recently retired after over 40 years of dedicated service.

Known for being a "Jack-of-all and master-of-many," John could often be found lending a hand to whomever needed help, or at his home meticulously maintaining his property.

He is predeceased by his wife, Connie (Molinaro) Fabiano, who died 18 years ago; six sisters, Antoinette Dudak, Mary Palac, Grace LaFleur, Carmella Vanderputten, Frances Koncek and Viola Young; and three brothers, Danny, Anthony and Joseph.

Surviving are two sisters, Rosalie Fleming and Sara Fabiano; and many nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

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



John C. Fabiano

Obituaries

Ferdinand Lester Mirasol, 62

Ferdinand Lester Mirasol died on Thursday, June 2 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in the Philippines, Lester had been a resident of Edison for the past 20 years.

He worked for Garda Technology in Edison and was a member of St. Matthew the Apostle Church, also in Edison.

He is predeceased by his father, Fernando.

Surviving are his wife, Angela Mirasol; two daughters, Elaine Lee and husband Jason of South Plainfield and Marianne Mirasol of Edison; a son, Jose Marvin Mirasol also of Edison; his mother, Telesfora Mirasol; two sisters, Susie Demegillo and husband Arthur and Neole Medalla and husband Marconi; four brothers, Richard and wife Sol, Wilhelm and wife Edna, Fr. Franklin Mirasol and Manuel and wife Stella; and four grandchildren, Julian, Kimora, Khaiya and Kaomie Lee.

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

Robert J. Tortorelli, 65

Robert J. Tortorelli died on Monday, June 6 at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Bob and wife Joan settled in South Plainfield 35 years ago.

For the past 13 years Mr. Tortorelli worked as an outside salesman for Cooper Electric Supply Co. in Jersey City, but served the electrical construction industry for 45 years.

He was a Third Degree Knight with

the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and was also a member of the South Plainfield Italian American Progressive League.

Bob was a diehard Yankees and Jets fan. He enjoyed trips to Atlantic City, going to the track and strolling down the boardwalk as well as playing cards with his friends, but more importantly, Bob enjoyed and took pride in his family. He was a devout husband, an admired father, a genuine grandfather and a good friend to many.

Surviving are his wife, Joan (McGreevy); a son, Michael of South Plainfield; a daughter, Karen Waldorf and husband Eric of Piscataway; two grandchildren, Nathan and Chase Waldorf, and a brother, Daniel Tortorelli and wife Patricia of East Brunswick.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

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Roosevelt School students perform at the annual spring concert.

Spring Concert Features Chorus and Band

Roosevelt Elementary School held the annual spring concert on May 24. Sarah LiVecchi led the orchestra, which performed *Can Can*, *Lil Yellow Submarine* and *Bile'em Cabbage Down*. Sharon Perez led the chorus which performed *Let Freedom Ring*, *Abbe Stadler*, *My Name is Music*, *Abrirang*, *The Swing*, *What a Wonderful World*, *They Call the Wind Maria* and *Tivo of a Kind*.

Violin students included Aniket Agnihotri, Hrithik Bawa, Justin Bell,

Anjali Blow, Marilyn Capa, Megan Dineen, Pavan Gandhi, Nithya Goel, Ashlee Jacobs, Kelly Lizano, Melanie Lizano, David Loniewski, Calista Modernel, Adithyan Menon, Jayesh Mistry, Akaash Patel, Meera Patel, Nicholas Petersen, Aishwarya Rajesh, Ahnaf Rashid, Jennah Sadiq, Shannon Santora, Claudia Timmerman and Imani Wilson. Viola students included Kausik Das, Alexis Grayon, Robert Lenau and Nicole Villagomez.

The third grade chorus included Annmarie Aquino, Tyla Baxter, Ariya Blow, Michael Borto, Liesl Co, David Delice, Eleanor Englert, Nour Elmajdoui, Nya Figueroa, Aya Ghaly, Neeti Gupte, Hitha Harish, Halyna Ho, Danielle Kuhn, Kelsey Macpherson, Yug Modhera, Andy Nguyen, Neel Panchwagh, Arjun Patel, Nidhi Patel, Pragni Patel, Serena Patel, Ronald Petrick, Angela Ramos, Fiza Rizvi, Gianna Ruzicka, Harshita Saravankumar, Kourtney Scipio, Sanjiv Sewdat, Sophia Sharif, Jack Ternyila, Christian Weber and Valencia Williams-Abbatello.

The fourth grade chorus included Aniket Agnihotri, Yenefiker Alamerew, Justin Bell, Rishi Bhalodi, Anjali Blow, Sonali Budhan, Arianna Clark, Marilyn Capa, Jennifer Contreras, Kausik Das, Megan Dineen, Kyle Gallardo, Pavan Gandhi, Priscilla Gavilanes, Nithya Goel, Alexis Grayon, Ashlee Jacobs, Shivam Khandelwal, Jonathan Liu, Calista Modernel, Akaash Patel, Meera Patel, Vishika Patel, Sahit Penmatcha, Aishwarya Rajesh, Ahnaf Rashid, Claudia Timmerman, Nicole Villagomez, Timothy Wilson and Alyzah Ziga.



The SPHS Baseball Team beat JF Kennedy HS on May 10 at TD Bank Ballpark. Head coach is Tony Guida; assistant coaches are Mosca, Batista, Darby, McKee and Miller. Players are Brandon Downes, Dan Hansen, Alex Liszewski, Charlie Hubner, Eric Niemeyer, Nick Ross, Robert Eggert, Ryan Hutchinson, Shane O'Connor, Sal Esposito, Stephen Petrillo, Mark Tomei, AJ Celentano, Quinn Cochran, Ryan Marcoux, Nick DeMarco, Patrick Boyle, Jeff Pellegrino and Chris Neal. Pitcher was Tommy Bowden.

School District Hosts Anti-Bullying Programs

As part of a new Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights passed by Governor Chris Christie in January, the South Plainfield School District hosted three separate "Bullying, Cyber Bullying and Teen Depression" presentations by advocate John Halligan on May 26. Grant Elementary and Middle School students held hour and a half long programs, and another was showcased at the high school for parents the same evening.

Halligan relayed his own tragic experience as a dad whose 13 year-old son took his own life in 2003 after incessant bullying by peers since the fifth grade, both in school and online. He presented a short video collection of home movie clips and still pictures of his son, Ryan, and told the story and factors that led up to his suicide. The students were able to gain a perspective from inside the family of a child who is a victim of bullying and cyber bullying. They also gained awareness about the signs and risk of teenage suicide and how best to help a friend. At the conclusion, students and parents were given the chance to ask Halligan questions.

A nationally known speaker and activist on teenage bullying and suicide prevention, Halligan has appeared on numerous television programs including the CBS Early Morning Show, Good Morning America, CNN Anderson Cooper 360, PrimeTime with Diane Sawyer, PBS Frontline and The Oprah Winfrey Show. Sought out by school districts across the country, he is also responsible for drafting Vermont's Bullying Prevention Laws that were enacted in 2004. Vermont's bullying laws have since been influential in helping to draft numerous other states' initiatives, including New Jersey's recent law.

The state's Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights is intended to eliminate loopholes in the first anti-bullying law, enacted in 2002, that encouraged school



John Halligan takes questions from Grant School students.

districts to set up programs to combat bullying, but did not mandate it.

The bill, in the works for almost a year, gained momentum after the suicide last September of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clementi, whose roommate streamed a romantic encounter between him and another man over the Internet.

The new law requires training for most public school teachers, administrators and other employees on how to spot bullying and mandates that all districts form a "school safety team" to review complaints. School districts will be graded by the state on their efforts to combat the problem. Administrators who do not investigate reported incidents of bullying will be disciplined, while students who bully could be suspended or expelled. School employees would also be required to report all incidents, whether in or outside of school.

For more about Halligan's story, visit the website named for his son, www.ryanpatrickhalligan.org and review New Jersey's new Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights at www.njleg.state.nj.us/2010/Bills/A3500/3466_S1.PDF

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South Plainfield High School held the annual Gold Card picnic for honor roll students on May 26. There were outdoor games and food for everyone. The picnic was sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Foundation, The Boyle Family, Sodexo, which supplied the food and custodial services; Hometown Heros, Rita's Italian Ice, Bruno's Pizza Factory, B & C Deli, The Pizza Stop and Mr. Subs. The Gold Card program is an incentive program to encourage students to reach their fullest academic potential.

In My Opinion

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We also have agreements with several businesses in town that offer discounts to the students who qualify for the Gold Card.

If there are any businesses that would like to become involved with this incentive program, please contact Marge Reedy at (908) 561-5800, ext. 302, Monday through Friday.

We would like to thank several businesses and people that provided the food for the picnic this year: Hometown Heros, B&C Deli, Sodexo, Rita's Italian Ice, Bruno's Pizza Factory, Pizza Stop, Mr. Subs, Debbie and Bob Boyle and Ralph Errico. Please patronize our sponsors!

**SINCERELY,
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To the Editor:

Nearly 23,000 New Jersey adults will be denied health care coverage under the proposed decrease in income eligibility requirements for Medicaid and NJ Family Care programs.

The American Heart Association urges that all Americans have meaningful, affordable health care coverage. However, the proposed cut denotes that adults in a family of three making as little as \$103 a week would earn too much to qualify for these assistance programs. Families hovering above poverty level would be forced to seek costly emergency room care for minor illnesses and injuries, resulting in a rise in Charity Care cases. With charity care reimbursements significantly lower than treatment costs, hospitals may continue to shift costs to the insured and self-pay population they serve to close the financial gap.

Cardiovascular diseases—our nation's leading cause of death—present special challenges to the uninsured population. According to the American Heart Association, individuals who lack health care coverage and suffer from cardiovascular diseases or strokes often have poorer outcomes than those with health insurance. Medicaid and Family Care allow covered individuals to seek preventative health

Discounted Barclays Golf Tickets Available

The Barclays will be hosting a charity golf tournament at the Plainfield Country Club in Edison the week of August 23-28. Specially priced weekly ground tickets are only \$50 and can be purchased until August 14. Seventy-five percent of the net proceeds will benefit The Erika Lynn Foundation; 25% of the net proceeds will benefit The First Tee of Metropolitan New York.

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WINNERS IN THE ELKS AMERICANISM COMMITTEE "Why I Am Proud to Be an American" essay contest received \$50 checks from the South Plainfield Elks. The contest was open to students in grades five through eight. Sacred Heart School winners are: in the front row (L-R) Marro Hawkins, third place (fifth and sixth grades); Nicole Walker, first place (seventh and eighth grades); Lizelle Policarpio, second place (seventh and eighth grades); Emily Kearny, second place (fifth and sixth grades); Onyinye Ibekwe, third place (seventh and eighth grades); back row: Sacred Heart School Principal Terrance Golden and Dan Uken, Elks Americanism chairman.

policereport

• On May 27 Robert E. Lavelle, 45, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, reckless driving, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and consumption of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

• Durable Undercarriage Inc. on Helen Street reported the theft of \$2,000 worth of copper wire and plate and three 33 lb. propane cylinders.

• On May 28 Roberto Arriaga,

37, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• On May 30 Westley S. Moncada, 21, of South Plainfield was arrested for assault with an auto, driving while intoxicated, careless driving and reckless driving.

• Reginald E. Vanvalen, 37, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle and two outstanding warrants.

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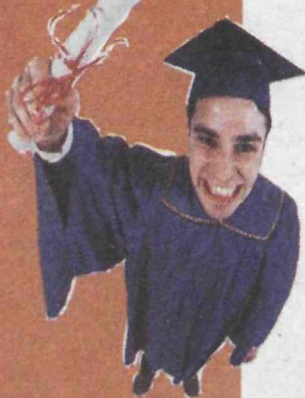
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