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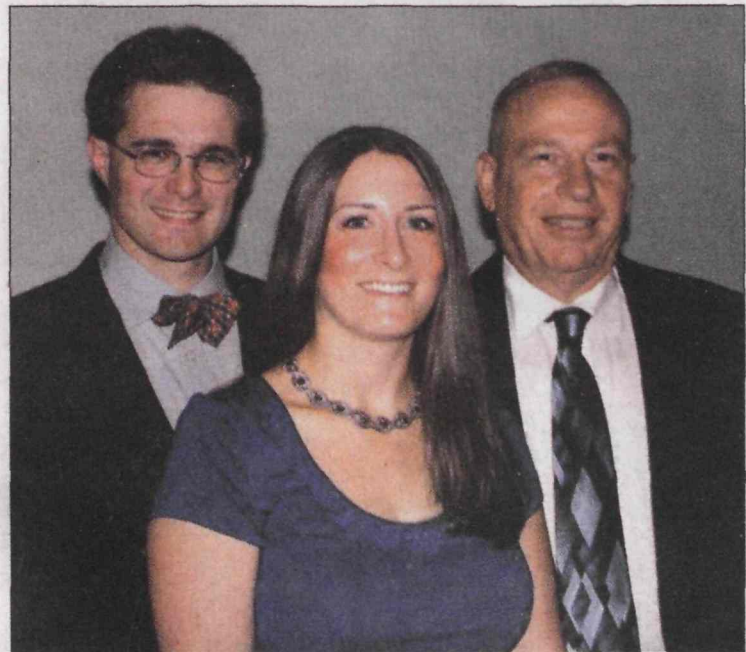
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JULY 1, 2011

## SPHS Holds Class of 2011 Commencement Exercises



South Plainfield High School Class of 2011 graduates celebrate at a ceremony held indoors on June 22. See pages 13 through 20 for a special graduate pullout section.



Paul McCullen, Chrissy Buteas and John Sorrentino

## Democrats Announce Three Candidates for Borough Council

Incumbent Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas, John Sorrentino and Paul McCullen have won the backing of the local party as the Democratic candidates for South Plainfield Borough Council. All three candidates have deep roots in the community. Buteas and McCullen are lifelong residents and Sorrentino has resided in the borough for over 25 years.

Democratic Chair Mike English said, "These three candidates bring a wealth of experience from their professional backgrounds and the knowledge that comes from years of volunteering in the community. Collectively, they bring decades of experi-

ence and a strong commitment to serve the people of their hometown. They understand what the people need and they have the passion to deliver."

The candidates are running on a platform of fiscal responsibility, open government and a commitment to providing the best quality of life for South Plainfield residents. "Our nation was founded on the ideals of representative democracy and a system of checks and balances," added English. "The two-party system invites essential debate, provides critical oversight, and protects against the inevitable nature of absolute power leading to

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## Estimated Third Quarter Tax Bills Reflects Increase

By Jane Dornick

Businesses and residents will receive estimated tax bills for the third quarter of this year, because the borough's 2011 budget has yet to be approved by the state and formally adopted by the council.

According to CFO Glenn Cullen, taxpayers will see an increase in all areas. The county tax, which includes a tax contribution to the Open Space Trust Fund, and the school budgets have both been finalized. Therefore, the new county and open space tax will be \$124.23 and the school board tax is \$111.93 a year based on an average home assessed at \$123,000.

At its introduction, the 2011 municipal budget had included \$750,000 from the library surplus of \$2M as tax relief which would have resulted in a flat municipal tax. The council had anticipated the \$750,000 from the library surplus after Gov. Chris Christie signed a bill last October which stated that independent libraries must transfer surplus funds above 20% back to the town where they are located. After an audit performed by the Library Board, approximately \$148,000 was transferred back for tax relief, but it was not included in the 2011 borough budget submitted to the state, which includes a \$59.04 a year increase for property owners. A

so-called "loophole" in the new law does not give any recourse to towns where library boards do not cooperate.

"The municipal tax is an estimate for the calendar year and the final number may be less since the budget is still a work in progress," commented Council President and Finance Committee Chairman Ray Rusnak. "It is important for us to get the third quarter bills out in order to meet the

financial obligations of the borough. The municipal budget of 2011 is extremely streamlined and is actually less than the 2010 budget. Our biggest obstacle is overcoming our decreasing revenue stream."

Cullen also stated that the borough sold some short term notes last week at a half a percent so the budget should contain further reductions

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## Barclay's Golf Tournament Will Cause Traffic Delays

South Plainfield motorists will experience traffic delays and road closings during the week of August 22-28 when the Barclay's PGA Golf Tournament will be held at Plainfield Country Club. South Plainfield officials have been meeting regularly with Edison officials in recent months to coordinate a plan to accommodate the golf pros, spectators and celebrities anticipated to arrive for the huge event.

In addition to the 1,500 volunteers who will work that week, approximately 10,000 spectators are expected on Tuesday and Wednesday to watch the golf pros practice, and about 25,000 to 30,000 are anticipated to arrive each day of play, Thursday through Sunday. Monday, Aug. 29 has been design-

nated as a rain day and VIP golf day, so traffic and road closures will remain in effect that day.

Most spectators will park at designated lots at JP Stevens High School, in Edison, Clark, Scotch Plains and Woodbridge and will be bussed to the country club; however, police expect that many spectators will drive through South Plainfield to park near the golf course. Negotiations are still taking place to use South Plainfield High and Kennedy School parking lots.

To help move traffic in the area of the golf course, police will implement a special traffic plan. The council has already passed three resolutions. From 12:01 a.m. Monday, Aug. 22 to 11:59 p.m.

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

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

July 11 ..... July 11

August 15 ..... August 15

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

### planning board

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

July 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

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.) 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.  
No meeting July and August, 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.  
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  
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 plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.  
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,

When the unthinkable happens, when nothing in your world makes sense, when you're not sure if you can take another breath, is when the love of family and friends carries you from one moment to the next. In many ways, in many forms, from all walks of life, they came in droves. From teachers and former students to coaches and players to doctors and nurses, one after the other with love and compassion beyond compare.

On May 10 we lost our son,



Brayden James Carr

Brayden James Carr. From that moment, people flocked to us, respecting our heartbreak, but helping us get through the most difficult time of our lives in ways they could. From our hometown of South Plainfield, throughout New Jersey, or from many across the country, our two and a half year old beautiful little boy touched the hearts of many—some of whom we had never met before. We wanted to take the time to thank you, all of you, for your support, your prayers, your tears, and your love.

We would like to mention a few local businesses and organizations who went above and beyond to help our family during this time. The staff

at McCricken-Gustafson Home For Funerals who treated our son and our family with dignity and respect and gave us the priceless gift of more time with Brayden. Every member of the Twin City Pharmacy staff who treated Brayden as if he were their only patient. The members of the South Plainfield School District, board, former students and parents whose support is greatly appreciated and unsurpassed. Our family at Sacred Heart Church who give us strength through faith. Mohn's Florist who surrounded our son with beauty beyond our expectations. Thanks to the South Plainfield Police Department, most of whom have become family over the years, for making it possible for all of our family and friends to safely pay their respect to our son. The love and support from what seemed like our own personal pediatrician staff. Our extended Rutgers University family, what can we say? From administrators and support staff who allowed our family to be together without worry, to coaches and players who really are family, to reporters, state politicians, and our basketball family from all over the country who are an incredible fraternity that came together for a very special little boy and offered to help in any way over the past two years.

And, finally, to the countless people closest to us, our family and friends. We love you and thank you for reminding us to take a deep breath, look up in the sky, and smile at Brayden shining down on us from heaven.

We look forward to honoring our son with you at future Brayden Carr Foundation events, appropriately

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Send your letters to South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or fax to 908-668-8819, or via email: spobserver@comcast.net. **Deadline is Monday 5 p.m.** Letters must be accompanied by a name and telephone number for verification. Limit letters to no more than 200 words. We reserve the right to refuse a letter, to edit for clarity or length, and to limit the number of letters submitted on the same subject. Submission is not a guarantee of publication. We do not accept anonymous letters. Letters are strictly opinion.

named, "In Brayden's Eyes." Our family has created this non-profit foundation to help provide college scholarships, various support for families, and to put smiles on other kids' faces with seizure disorders and physical needs.

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Dear Editor,

Avon has been helping millions of people over the years to fight and conquer breast cancer. Every year Avon hosts nine walks all around the country to raise money for breast cancer. The funds go to helping men and women pay for their medical and research expenses.

This year will be my first time doing the New York City walk in October. This walk is 39.3 miles and goes through all New York City. I have committed to raising \$1,800 and I am not stopping there. I am honored to be walking with thousands of others who have made the same courageous commitment: To help raise awareness and funding for this devastating disease.

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## DARE Kids Enjoy Annual Pool Picnic

By Jane Dornick

The fifth grade classes from Grant and Sacred Heart schools held their annual DARE picnic hosted by the South Plainfield Police Department at the community pool on June 15.

DARE Officer Lloyd McNelly made certain that the students enjoyed their day swimming and that they had plenty of food. Restaurant Depot provided the Italian ice and a Hall's Fast Motor Freight, Inc. truck was on sight to keep them cold. Canada Dry donated the drinks. Target provided two bicycles and helmets that were raffled off as well as DARE mascot lions.

Rescue squad members John Schurr and Leslie Samayoa offered their assistance throughout the day. Chief James Parker, Captain Matt Koep and Sergeant Chuck Sieden-burg also attended the event.



Bike and Dare Lion winners

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## policereport

On June 15 Fakhry A. Musleh was arrested for making terroristic threats.

An employee at 1550 Park Avenue reported that the passenger window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Tom Tom GPS was taken.

On June 17 a Piscataway resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been punched in by an unidentified motorist after they failed to make a right on red at the corner of Hadley Road and Durham Avenue.

Above All Landscaping reported the theft of five back pack blowers, two chop saws, two chain saws, two hedge trimmers, two weed whackers and a tool box with assorted tools from their trailer that was parked on Tyler Place. The side door of the trailer had been pried open.

On June 18 six Spicer Avenue and Duffy Place residents reported that their mailboxes had been damaged.

On June 19 Caressa Y. Hill, 22, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

Raqueed J. Warren, 23, of Newark was arrested for driving while intoxi-

cated, hindering apprehension, reckless driving and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

On June 20 an Arlington Avenue resident reported that their mailbox had been damaged.

A McDonough Street resident reported that the driver's side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Garmin GPS was taken.

A Plainfield Avenue resident reported that the passenger side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Garmin GPS was taken.

A Famularo Drive resident reported that their mailbox had been damaged.

On June 21 Quick Chek on Samp-ton Avenue reported that a male left the store without paying for 16 cans of Red Bull Energy drinks.

A Cedarbrook Avenue resident reported that their home had been struck with paint balls damaging window screens.

Two E. Crescent Parkway residents reported that the driver's side window of their vehicles had been smashed and Garmin GPS were taken.

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# events

## Around Town

### Eighth Annual Art Muglia Golf Outing

July 8

The eighth annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing will take place on Friday, July 8 at The Shawnee Inn Country Club in the Pocos. All net proceeds will go to Art's favorite charity, The Matheny School for those with disabilities. The cost for golf, continental breakfast, cart, prizes and barbeque lunch is \$125 per golfer.

Those interested, please call Jim Muglia at (973) 667-2466 or email [Artsmemorialgolf@yahoo.com](mailto:Artsmemorialgolf@yahoo.com).

### Edison Valley Playhouse Coffeehouse

July 9

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

If interested in performing, email

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[evpcoffeehouse@gmail.com](mailto:evpcoffeehouse@gmail.com) and include your name, contact information and a general outline of what you would like to perform and additional equipment you will need.

### Blood Drive

July 23

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

For an appointment, call 1-800-933-2566 or go to [www.nyblood-center.org](http://www.nyblood-center.org).

### Cedarcroft Free Bible School

July 25-29

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

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

### American Legion Annual Picnic

July 30

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

For more information, call (908) 668-9414.

### St. Stephen Vacation Bible School

August 8-12

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

Registrations are being accepted for children in pre-K through sixth grade by emailing Michele Billich at [Billlich@att.net](mailto:Billlich@att.net) or calling (908) 756-2537. Provide your child's name, age and grade they will be entering

in September. Kindly reply no later than July 15.

### SPHS Class of 1976 Reunion

August 20

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1976 will be holding their 35th reunion on Saturday, August 20 with a raindate of August 21.

For more information, email [sphsclassof1976@hotmail.com](mailto:sphsclassof1976@hotmail.com) or visit [classmates.com](http://classmates.com) or [facebook.com](http://facebook.com).

### Wildwood Vacation Package

September 25-29

The Wildwood vacation package includes the following: four nights lodging, four breakfasts, two full course dinners, two visits to Atlantic City and the casinos including a casino bonus, a Dolphin Watch sightseeing cruise, a visit to historic Cape May, a visit to the Towne of Historic Smithville, a souvenir gift, luggage handling, all taxes and meal gratuities and motorcoach transportation. Enjoy the finest and safest bathing beach in the world along with daily activities and fabulous entertainment.

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#### MONDAYS

(Closed July 4)

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

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tions, contact Sandi Connelly at the South Plainfield Senior Center (908) 754-1047.

### — Out of Town —

### Singles Dance Party

July 3

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Sunday, July 3 at 8 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom at the Woodbridge Hilton. Ages 40 and up; no jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$17.

For more information, call (732) 656-1801.

### Cookout/Open House at Airport

July 9

American Flyers Flight School at the Morristown Airport, 50 Airport Road, will be hosting an open house and cookout on Saturday, July 9. Free; BBQ lunch at noon followed by a tour of the facility. Arrive 10-15 minutes early. No reservations needed.

For more information, call (973) 267-3223 or visit [www.americanflyers.net/about/aviation\\_seminars.asp](http://www.americanflyers.net/about/aviation_seminars.asp).

### Art in the Cellar

July 9

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

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## Deutscher Club Country Western Night

July 9

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold a Country Western night on Saturday, July 9 from 6 to 10 p.m. Open to the public; outdoors; rain or shine. Listen and dance to Thunderhill Band. German and American food and beverages available; no outside food or beverages permitted. Donation: \$5 per person; children under 12 are free.

For more information, call (732) 574-8600.

## EAS Art in the Garden Tour

July 23

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

For tickets, call (732) 225-1261 or visit [www.edisonarts.org](http://www.edisonarts.org)

# Cornell-Dubilier Cleanup Winds Down

By Jean Fultz

After more than 13 years since the time the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) added the Cornell-Dubilier Electronics (CDE) manufacturing site to its National Priorities List, the cleanup at the site is winding down and should be complete by early next year. Expectations are high that once the property is returned to its owners a redevelopment plan will be formulated that will benefit the residents of South Plainfield and satisfy the recommendations of the EPA for redeveloping former Superfund properties.

The first phase of the cleanup at the CDE Superfund site began in 2007 with the demolition of approximately 18 buildings that were used during the company's operations from 1936-1962. Once the demolition was completed in May of 2008, the next phase of the project included excavation of buried debris (the capacitor disposal area) that was begun in February 2008 and completed in June of that same year.

The contaminated soil was then

treated on site by low temperature thermal desorption (LTTD). This process involved separating the contaminants from the soil via a conveyor belt system that moved the soil to an enclosed chamber, then heating the material to temperatures of 800 degrees or more. The soil was then retested and if acceptable, returned to the site as backfill. If the soil did not meet EPA specifications, it was retreated in the LTTD unit. If the soil was still unacceptable, it was trucked off-site for incineration along with the contaminants that were removed from the soil. These included discarded capacitor parts that contained polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other hazardous materials known to cause cancer.

"We are doing soil sampling on some right-of-ways and residential properties now and we have completed the work using the LTTD unit," said Pat Seppi, community involvement coordinator for the US EPA Region 2. Seppi also stated that the site has a new project manager, Diego Garcia, who has "done a great job getting up to speed and moving

the project forward."

According to Seppi, approximately 98,000 tons of contaminated material was excavated and remediated on-site, at which time the LTTD treatment facility was dismantled. Any additional contaminated material found will be excavated and sent off-site to permitted landfills. The EPA expects to complete this work in early 2012.

In addition, testing of groundwater at the site is on-going. "A remedial investigation/feasibility study to define the nature and extent of groundwater contamination at the site is on-going and is planned to be completed within the next year," Seppi said. "With the completion of those studies, the agency will select a remedy for the groundwater. That process includes public outreach by the agency, so that the community has an opportunity to hear and comment on the EPA's planned remedy before we select it."

At this time, the EPA is unclear on how far the contamination extends. "[The] EPA believes the sampling will help us answer this question," said Seppi. A separate remedy will be selected by the EPA, probably by 2013.

## Almost Famous Players Begin Eighth Season

The Almost Famous Players (AFP) are about to start their eighth season. Despite set backs in the past few years such as vandalism, theft and bad weather, they hope to make a comeback.

Numerous fundraisers are in the works, including a garage sale and hopefully a coffeehouse.

AFP is looking for anyone interested in participating in the annual Putnam Park Haunted Woods Show, either as a performer (age 11 and up), or as sets/tech/running crew, which will include a few paid positions.

They are open to suggestions on scary scenes; but they must take place in the woods and be very fast and simple. If your suggestion is chosen you will receive two free show tickets.

AFP is always looking for donations of supplies, large pieces of wood, paint, dark material, odd pieces of furniture, tall fence pieces, fish netting and whatever creative item you can dream up. Cash donations will also be accepted to be used to purchase items that are not donated, such as costumes and the care of the generators during

the run of the show.

Donations for the garage sale (date yet to be determined) are also being accepted. Anything that is clean and functional will be accepted. Please, no children's toys with lots of small parts. Donations can be dropped off at 2 Page Ct. in front of the garage. Call when you are coming so arrangements can be made to open the garage door. Limited pickups can also be arranged.

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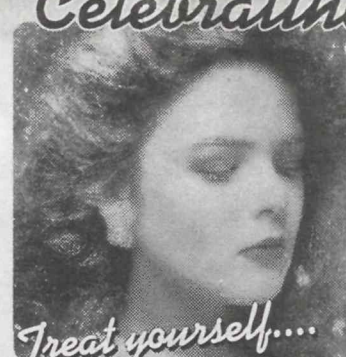


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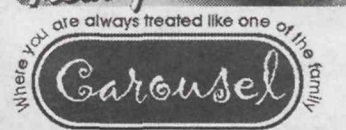
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## GOP Urges Library Board to Release Funds for Tax Relief

Borough Republicans this week called upon the Library Board of Trustees not to stand in the way of meaningful property tax relief for residents. The call came after the Borough Council unanimously supported a plan presented by Councilman Rob Bengivenga to move the library to a larger facility in the Walgreens shopping center located between South Plainfield and Oak Tree avenues.

According to Bengivenga, this plan would nearly double the library's size, and at the same time, allow the library board to return surplus funds to taxpayers.

"It's a win-win," said Bengivenga. "The Library Board has about \$2M in extra money sitting in the bank. That money came from taxpayers, and a substantial part of it should go back to taxpayers."

Mayor Matt Anesh agreed: "Councilman Bengivenga's plan is the right answer for the town. We all agree the library is too small, but residents have said they don't want to borrow millions to build a new one, especially when libraries are in a state of transition."

Anesh said leasing space for a new library makes sense. "It gives us time to see how technology like downloadable books and movies will change things.

With technology changing, libraries will likely become more compact."

"We hope the Library Board recognizes the importance of meaningful tax relief," added Councilman Tim McConville. "So far they've refused to help us."

"The council is working hard to hold down costs and control taxes," said McConville. "The Library Board has a huge surplus just sitting there, and it has a responsibility to return a substantial part of that money to over-taxed residents."

"Unfortunately, the council cannot force the Library Board to return the money," added Anesh. In addition, the board is still controlled by the prior Democrat administration's appointees, who lead the effort to reject our new appointees proposal to return \$750,000 to residents for tax relief.

Bengivenga hopes that with the introduction of his plan, the board will reconsider its position.

"New Jersey has the highest property taxes in the country, and the recession is hurting families everywhere. The Library Board should not be standing in the way of tax relief. It's time for everyone to work together."

-Submitted by the South Plainfield GOP



Pictured (L-R): Plainfields' UNICO Sgt-at-Arms John DeAndrea, Renato Biribin-past national president, Lucy DeFillipo, Vince DeFillipo, Filomena DeFillipo, Henry DeFillipo and Anthony Bengivenga, president.

## UNICO Makes Presentation To DeFillipo Family

The DeFillipo Family was recently presented with UNICO calendars by the officers of the Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO.

Vince and Henry DeFillipo are the surviving brothers of decorated World War II hero, Lou DeFillipo, an officer of The Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO who passed away several years ago. Lou is highlighted in the UNICO calendar for his military accomplishments in World War II. The day before Lou passed away he was

presented with UNICO's Americanism Award.

Plainfields' UNICO president, Anthony Bengivenga, along with Renato Biribin, UNICO past national president and John DeAndrea, Sgt-at-Arms, presented the UNICO National calendar to surviving brothers, Vince and Henry and their wives, Lucy (wife of Vincent) and Filomena, sister of Lou DeFillipo, at the South Plainfield Municipal complex.

## AristaCare Raises Stroke Awareness In May and June

Every May, National Stroke Associations set out to increase awareness throughout the country. They encourage everyone to help raise awareness in some way, including community awareness events or activities, and AristaCare at Cedar Oaks did just that.

During the month of May, with a spillover in June, AristaCare at Cedar Oaks worked diligently to create awareness and provide educational opportunities to their staff, the residents and patients, family members and the community at large. Throughout both months, AristaCare at Cedar Oaks gave professional stroke presentations at senior centers in Highland Park, Piscataway, Metuchen, Plainfield, New Brunswick, etc. to educate seniors of stroke warning signs and risk factor management.

The full blown health screening was a huge hit on June 10 and included a complimentary breakfast. As a fundraiser for National Stroke Association (NSA), AristaCare added a tricky tray portion, complete with beautiful themed baskets, and sold raffle tickets to raise funds. In two hours, they raised \$380 which the NSA matched dollar-for-dollar. Even the resident activities were geared toward stroke awareness, in addition to the staff wearing customized stroke t-shirts every Friday to inform others of the symptoms of stroke. Mailings were sent out to businesses in the area, temples and churches, etc. and an educational display was set up in the lobby as a means of reaching visitors that came into the building.

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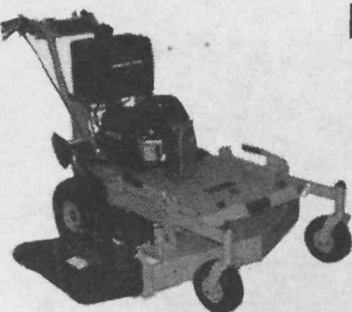
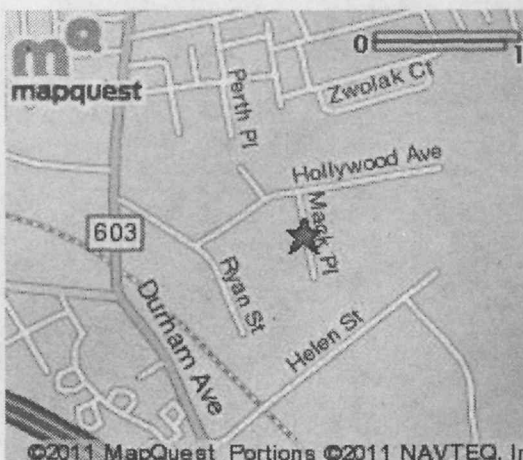
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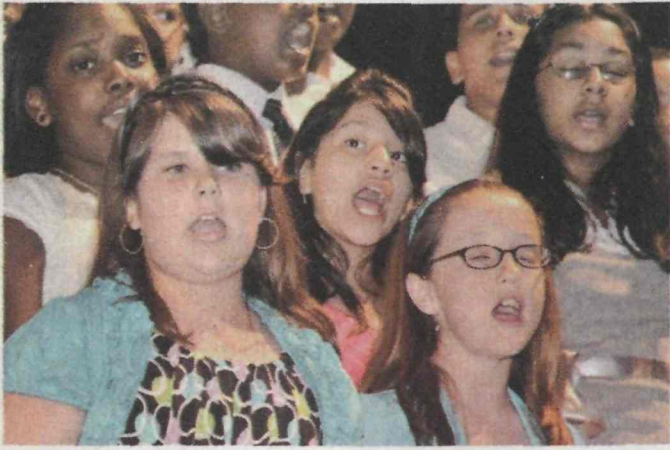
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## Grant Elementary School Holds Spring Concert

Grant Elementary School held their spring concert on June 2 in the Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium.

Chelsea Merriman led the Grant School Orchestra—*Violin I*—Tala Abdeljaber, Lindsay Benko, Christine Chen, Jennifer Christilles, Francine Esiapa, Nicholas Farinella, Jennifer Garcia, Natalie Garcia, Joseph Lanzetta, McKenzie Larsen, Elizabeth Lee, Abrey Marish, Shanaya Martinez, Emily Mazellan, Tatyana Mercado, Amaya Moore, Bianca Murcelo, Sahith Nagireddy, Olivia O'Leary, Lauren O'Neal, Genesis Ortiz, Alisia Parra, Henrique Perreira, Bryan Pontevedra, Sarah Regan, Selena Rodas, Kenneth Rosenblatt, Emily Samoyoa, Ashley Saravia, Jonathan Simpson, MaKayla Sosa, Tatianna Sutor, Angel Taber, Gina Taricani, Kevin Yang, Azreen Zaman and Genevieve Zipp; *Violin II*—Kathryn Berry, Amanda Cheng, Chrystal Chum, Laianna Correa, Jared DeGraw, Sherin Fawaz, Troy Harzula, Alize Jefferson, Thomas Licato, Christina Lobosco, Ashley Martinez, Jessica McGuinness, Simran Modhera, Dejah Nguyen, Kimberly Ortiz, Colin Perrette, Akleim Raines, Laura Rodriguez, Sara Roman, Natalie Rutkowski, Alexis Salernitano, Allyson Sanchez, Gabriel Schuch, Jade Scotti, Stevie Severini, Rutvik Shah, Vera Squero, Natalie Stilo, Nancy Tran and Samantha Williams; Cello—Maryaim Elmajdouli, Lailah Goldberg, Lovely Hills and Dayana Velasco; Viola—Chelsea Alers, Michael Behr, Sydney Christian, Nicole Cifuentes, Cassidy DeGrazio, Hana Dunn, Stephanie Heim, Alyssa Martinez, Dania Mohtadi, Uchenna Obadike, Stephanie Waters and Talia Wilson; Bass—Chris Ayala, Bradley Butler, Charles Lovett and Amit Patel.

Mark Tweed directed the jazz band—*Alto Saxophones*—Andrea Avalor, Scott O'Brien, Natalie Garcia and Lawrence Lenau; *Tenor Saxophones*—Adanna Ibeku, Emily Kuchinski and Pooja Sindha; *Baritone Saxophone*—Surindra Boodoo; *Trombones*—Joe Koledicz, Michael Lampasona, Darius Mullens, Raj Patel and Daniel Persaud; *Piano*—Justice Lipuma and Helen Nguyen; *Trumpets*—Matt Dolan, Nicholas Farinella, Joseph Reo, Jameer Robinson, Jason Rossow and Tommy Tarnawski; *Bass*—Chris Ayala; *Percussion*—Gabriella Cangialosi, Caleb Kuberiet, Joshua Persad and Connor Wolpin; and *Tuba*—Ben Schaeffer.

Joan Stasio led the fifth grade band—*Flutes*—Isabella Ardito, Brianna Atkinson, Kristen Brady, Erica Cieszkiewicz, Brianna Crabtree, Jenna DaSilva, Courtney Lee, Siana Lee-Valdez, Maggie Li, Neha Lund, Kristi Maher, Quinn Milane, Brianna Noriega, Isabella Rochford, Ashley Saravia, Grace Sesta, Courtney Smith, Dayana

Velasco and Emily Velasco; *Oboe*—Julia Petrick; *Clarinets*—Nubia Calderon, Marisa DeSimone, Maryaim Elmajdouli, Kayla Greenleaf, Kathleen LeBlanc, Sahith Nagireddy, Dheer Patel, Roshni Patel, Shea Price, Hannah Rhoads, Jordyn Simmons, Zion Spears, Daria Turner and Chloe Wilson; *Trumpets*—Eric Akpan, Connor Aleksandrowicz, Noah Cabrera, Steven Colicchio, Kyle Kelly, Chris Lacasale, Julian Lee, Noah Lynch, Amit Patel, Jason Rossow, Brian Sesta, Angela Squero and Douglas Veit; *Alto Saxophones*—Ryan Ali, Andrea Avelar, Natalie Garcia, Jade Orth, Ria Soni, Akachukwu Uba, Jonathan Veliz and Michael Villany; *French Horns*—Angela Alverado, James Cavanaugh, Maricelys Inoa, Cole Peterson and Lindsay Soper; *Baritones*—Lailah Goldberg, Bryce Griffin and Gabriella Ortiz; *Trombones*—Irvin Arevalo, John Boyce, Ryan Berardi, Scott Cardona, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Kolodziej, Darius Mullens, Moulin Patel, Sean Ramos, Danaysha Samuels and Hamilton Uzoma; *Percussion*—Trevor Barry, Bradley Butler, Joseph Heilmann, Rhea Pajpal, Harshit Patel, Nicholas Penyak, Joshua Persad and Connor Wolpin; *Tenor Saxophones*—Charles Lovett and Zahveae Thorne; *Tuba*—Moulin Patel.

Mark Tweed also directed the sixth grade band—*Flutes*—Lanae Ali, Ayanna Bright, Christina Brown, Amanda Cavaliere, Connie Chen, Dakota Hummel, Elizabeth Lee, Justice Lipuma, Allianna Makowski, Helen Nguyen, Reina Patel, Katherine Reo, Selena Rodas, Natalie Romano, Kaylah Ruiz and Nicholea Sutor; *Saxophones*—Lawrence Lenau, Emily Padilla and Kimber Reels; *Oboes*—Olivia O'Leary; *Tuba*—Benjamin Schaeffer; *Tenor Saxophones*—Ryan Marston; *Clarinets*—Surindra Boodoo, Colby Cross, Gregory Forbes, Lovely Hills, Adanna Ibeku, Tatiana Ishod, Chace Jones, James Joyner, Jenna Karcher, Emily Kuchinski, Patricia Lacasale, Jaily Mitchell, Sanjay Mohan, Mia Roach and Pooja Sindha; *Baritones*—

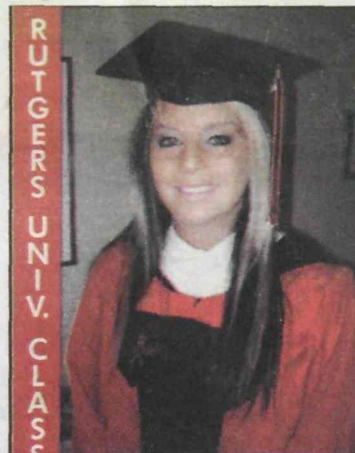
Anthony Hernandez and Samantha Reo; *Trombones*—Scott O'Brien, Shane Brophy Knight, Ryan Hu, Michael Lampasona, Raj Patel, Daniel Persaud and Zachery Wolpin; *Trumpets*—Aidan Adamson, Andrew Bisgard, Chris Bowser, Matthew Dolan, Nicholas Farinella, Megan Forster, Martese Jones, Steven Nguyen, Pooja Patel, Zachary Prehn, Joseph Reo, Jameer Robinson, Owen Sprigle, Tomasz Tarnawski and Jonathan Yanchapanta; *Percussion*—Gabriella Cangialosi, Megyn DeCarlo, Grace Hageman, Caleb Kuberiet, Justin Rodriguez, Andrew Vota and Kyle Whalen; *French Horn*—Talia Wilson; *Electric Bass*—Chris Ayala.

Joan Stasio led the Grant School Chorus—Eric Akpan, Kimberly Albrecht, Lanae Ali, Isabella Ardito, Brianna Atkinson, Andrea Avelar, Jackie Battista, Ashli Bell, Lindsay Benko, Jessica Bilak, John Boyce, Kristen Brady, Shayla Brown, Divya Budhan, Gabriella Cangialosi, Scott Cardona, Camila Castro, Genesis Ceballos, Erica Cieszkiewicz, Karli Colapietro, Brianna Crabtree, Leanna DeLisa, Francine

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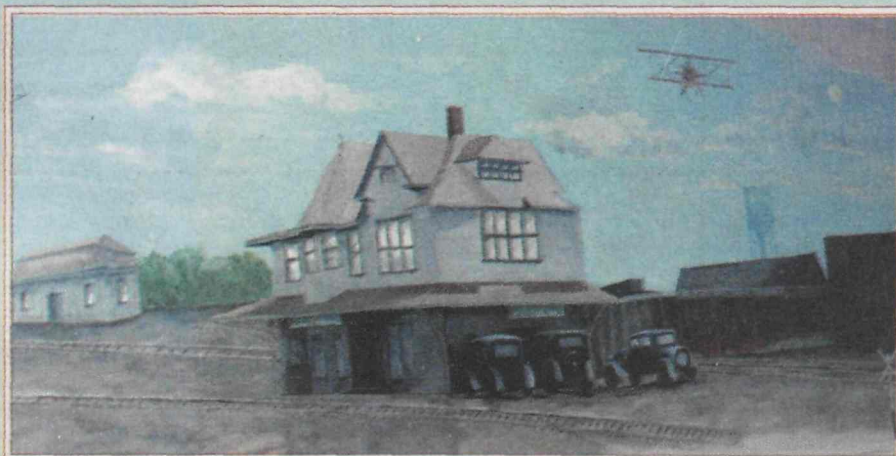
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## Carousel Hair Salon Celebrates 35 Years

By Patricia Abbott

Carousel Hair Salon, located on Oak Tree Avenue, has been a fixture in the community for over 30 years. The salon, owned by Marty and Joe Papa, will be celebrating its 35th anniversary on August 28.

Marty has been planning a major celebration, including a day of free foils; hi lights and low lights with an array of colors: red, blue, yellow, pink, green and purple creatively placed for the haircut and style of each individual. There will be a variety of food and beverages. Marty said, "This is our way of giving back to the community that kept us on the upside of the salon scene."

Carousel is a family-oriented salon and mini spa for all ages. They offer total professional service, with the health of your hair always a priority. Marty explained, "We listen and consult with every client; talk it out and make it work. We strive for happy clients. Our services are extensive."

One of her newest services is air-brush tanning, a much safer alternative to tanning beds. The beautiful, even tan lasts five to seven days and is much less expensive and healthier than a trip to a tanning salon, perfect for those occasions when you want a stunning tan fast for various events; weddings, proms, family parties etc.

Carousel offers facials, pedicures, manicures, ear coning, paraffin wax

treatments, foot mask, makeup, facial and body waxing. If you are looking for a change, they have an amazing selection of coloring. If you don't see the shade you want, Marty will work to find it. For those looking for more splash there is urban shock yellow, blue, green, purple and red foils. Also available, block dimensional color and hi and low lights. For style they offer roller sets, pin curls and waves, blow dry, smoothing and updos for weddings and proms. They offer perms of every design from body to firm waves. Also new are texture fusion, tousled, beach hair and feather extensions. They have beautiful scalp treatments. Marty said, "Once you've tried it, you will never want to go without."

They use only professional products, including Scruples and Wella. If there is a specific brand you prefer they will attempt to accommodate you as they do with everyone's needs. Appointments are very flexible. There are four hair and beauty artists working at the salon.

The original salon was located on South Plainfield Avenue. Marty moved the shop to her current location on Oak Tree Avenue in 1980. While most people assume the shop is named for a merry-go-round, the name actually comes from the original set up; work stations that were arranged in a circle.

While Marty may use the word 'clients' everyone who enters her shop

is treated like friends and family. She welcomes arrivals by name. Marty and her staff are particularly patient and caring with their senior citizen clients, assisting them from seat, to wash, to dryer.

The main salon is a relaxing green with brown wicker furniture for those waiting. The connecting room has comfortable hair dryers, nail polish and waxing stations. It is a sun porch surrounded by windows that are filled with a mix of different planters and plants. Magazines are in abundance in each room. Coffee is always available along with a variety of delicious goodies.

Marty constantly strives to keep up with new techniques and products. She was trained in California for advanced coloring techniques and the salon staff attends ongoing training seminars, the most recently in Minnesota. They will soon be online at [carouselhairandbodyworks@yahoo.com](mailto:carouselhairandbodyworks@yahoo.com) with a full price list. Watch the *Observer* for updates on Carousel's big anniversary event.

## Motor Vehicle Overturns and Traps Driver

Patricia Andersch, 65 of Piscataway, was driving her 2000 Ford Explorer eastbound on Hadley Road on June 23 at noon when she lost control of her car, striking the curb and then a wooden guiderail. The vehicle overturned and came to rest in a drainage ditch on the south side of Hadley Road.

Andersch was trapped inside the vehicle and had to be extricated by the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. She was treated at the scene by emergency personnel from Somerset Medical Center and paramedics from Mercy 6 at Muhlenberg Hospital. She was transported to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick where she was treated for minor injuries.

The crash is being investigated by Officer Kenneth Parada. No charges have been filed and the investigation is ongoing.

## Family Game Programs at the Library

The South Plainfield Public Library will hold family game programs throughout the summer.

The summer chess club, a perennial favorite, is open to all players ages seven and over, regardless of skill level. Participants can learn to play, or enjoy a game with someone new. Players may use one of the library's chess sets, or bring one from home. The club will meet on Wednesday afternoons, from July 6 until August 17, from noon to 1 p.m. There is no charge for this program and pre-registration is not required.

There will also be Wii gaming for all ages during the season. Sessions will be held on Saturdays, from July 9 until August 20, from 10 a.m. to

noon. Games may also be played on alternate Thursday nights (July 14 and 28, and August 11) from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The library will provide the game equipment. These programs are being presented free; no pre-registration is required.

South Plainfield Free Public Library is located in the South Plainfield Municipal Complex at 2484 Plainfield Ave.

For more information, please call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija. You may also visit the library's website at [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary).

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Christine Lanza  
Named to Dean's  
List at Loyola

Christine Lanza of South Plainfield has been named to the dean's list at Loyola University Maryland for the Spring 2011 semester.

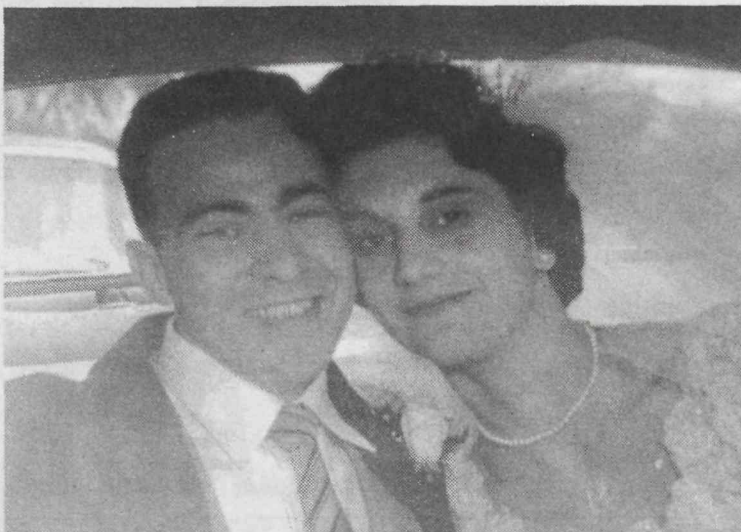
To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have a GPA of at least 3.5 with a minimum of 15 credits.

Established in 1852, Loyola University Maryland is a Catholic, Jesuit comprehensive university comprising Loyola College, home to the university's arts and sciences programs; the Sellinger School of Business and Management; and the School of Education. Loyola enrolls 3,700 undergraduate and 2,300 graduate students from across the country.

Local Students  
On Dean's List at  
Gettysburg College

Rebecca Deffler and Douglas Porzio, both sophomores from South Plainfield, were placed on the Deans' Commendation List at Gettysburg College for the Spring 2011 semester. Students with a quality point average of 3.33 or higher for a semester's work are placed on the dean's list.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.



Bill and Lois Russo on their wedding day, May 20, 1961

Russos Celebrate 50th Anniversary

William Russo Jr. and Lois Porcella Russo celebrated 50 years of marriage on May 20.

A party was held at the Crowne

Plaza in Edison for 60 close friends and family. Mark Alcaro, formerly of South Plainfield, deejayed the event and Ron Meisnest, also of South Plainfield, did the photography. The couple danced to their wedding song, *I'll Be With You in Apple Blossom Time* by the Andrews Sisters.

Lois and Bill were married on May 20, 1961 at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield.

Lois was born in Newark before her family settled on Gubernaut Drive. Bill was raised in South Plainfield on Park Avenue.

Lois is retired from the House of Lights where she worked for 36 years and Bill is retired from Lucent Technologies and is currently a school bus driver in Bridgewater.

Lois and Bill have two children, both residing in South Plainfield; Bill Russo and Nancy Russo Pauls, who is married to Jeff Pauls; and two grandchildren, Justin and Brandon.



Bill and Lois Russo dance at their 50th anniversary party.

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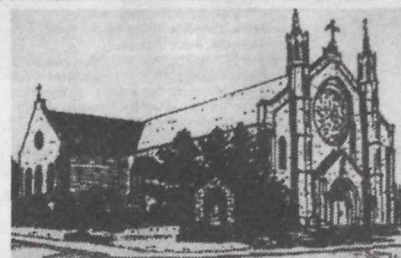
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	Section 1		Section 2		Section 3		Section 4		Section 5	
July	11	25	12	26	13	27	14	28	1	15 29
August	8	22	9	23	10	24	11	25	12	26
September	10*	19	6	20	7	21	8	22	9	23
October	3	17 31	4	18	5	19	6	20	7	21
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December	12	26	13	27	14	28	1	15 29	2	16 30
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November	7	21	8	22	9	23	10	26*	11	25
December	5	19	6	20	7	21	8	22	9	23

\*Holiday change to following Saturday

The Borough's RECYCLING CENTER on Kenneth Avenue - Open Year-Round Tuesday noon-7 pm, Friday 8 am-3 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm - takes most of the above recyclables from residents and businesses, except that motor oil, computers, metal appliances, paint and batteries are accepted from residents only. We do not take fluorescent lights, masonry/paving materials, wood scrap or plastic film. For information on how to recycle these materials: (908) 226-7621. Used Paint Drop-off: 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday each month, 8 am-2 pm. Household Batteries: bring to Recycling Center or Municipal Building.

The Borough's YARD WASTE SITE at the end of Kenneth Avenue - Open Spring/Summer/Fall (March 16 – December 15): Tuesday noon-7 pm, Saturday 8 am-3 pm  
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Open to Borough residents only for leaves and brush. The Road Department collects leaves at the curb in the fall. (Residents may also bring grass clippings to the drop-off. Grass is not a mandatory recyclable. We suggest Cut-It-And-Leave-It instead of bagging.) Your vehicle must have a current Yard Waste Decal mounted to enter the site.



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## Composting For a Healthier Environment

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.

By Dorothy Miele,  
SP Environmental Commission

Composting yard waste and food scraps benefits our soil and plants, helps the environment by reducing the amount of garbage going to the landfill, and saves money on fertilizer and other soil amendments.

According to compostguide.com, "about one third of the space in landfills is taken up with organic waste from our yards and kitchens, just the type of material that can be used in compost." Why throw it away when it can become a money saver and cheap source of fertilizer for the garden?

A compost pile consists of four basic ingredients which will enrich the garden: nitrogen, carbon, water and air.

Grass clippings, fresh leaves and twigs, vegetables and fruit trimmings

and coffee grounds and filters decompose to release nitrogen.

Carbon comes from brown materials such as dry leaves and grasses, wood chips, corn stalks, shredded newspaper, paper towels and napkins.

Adding water to the compost pile will keep it moist and help break down the organic material. A dry compost pile is inactive.

A compost pile must be turned to add air (oxygen) which will help to break down the organic material.

To see a sampling of composting units, visit the Highland Woods Nature Center at 115 Sylvania Place. Six examples of units include a large, three-bin wood structure, a simple wire unit, a tumbler and three plastic units available to Middlesex County residents at deeply discounted prices from the Middlesex County Improvement Authority and the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

Start composting today and reap the rewards tomorrow.

## Moretti Realty Joins Prudential New Jersey Properties on July 15

Winston Churchill said, "There is nothing wrong with change, if it is in the right direction." Moretti Realty, a South Plainfield tradition since 1957, could not agree more.

Since last month's announcement that an agreement had been reached to merge Century 21 Moretti Realty with Prudential New Jersey Properties—the state's largest Prudential Real Estate Affiliate with 18 offices throughout northern and central New Jersey—both companies have been preparing for the official changeover date of July 15. When gold turns to blue and Guy and Toni Moretti's franchise agreement terminates, their existing South Plainfield office at 225 Maple Ave. will begin operating as Prudential New Jersey Properties Moretti Division. Guy Moretti will maintain his role as office manager, and Regi Reeder, Guy's current career development manager, will transition into assistant office manager.

"It is a unique opportunity for any organization to merge with a company that shares the same culture, core values and profound commitment to its communities," noted Bill Keleher,

chairman and chief executive officer at Prudential New Jersey Properties. "When the opportunity presents itself, the synergy that results is a game changer. For many years, we have known and respected the Moretti team as formidable competitors in the greater South Plainfield marketplace, as well as community advocates who have made a difference in the areas they serve. Now, in addition to deepening our penetration in Middlesex County and capturing market share in South Plainfield, the merger allows us to strengthen our Prudential reach in ancillary markets including Piscataway, North Plainfield, Edison, Somerset and Scotch Plains. As we join forces to outperform the competition, we look forward to leveraging the local market expertise of the entire Moretti team in order to serve our central New Jersey clients and communities better

than ever!"

With the Moretti name as an established entity in the local real estate market, Prudential New Jersey Properties is proud to have Guy and Toni continue their careers in the South Plainfield office. "We've had a lengthy relationship with Guy and Toni. We've competed professionally, we've watched their business grow steadily and we've admired their strong leadership," said Chris Brown, general sales manager at Prudential New Jersey Properties.

Based in Somerset, Prudential New Jersey Properties offers resale, new homes, fine homes and resort and commercial properties as well as relocation, mortgage, title and insurance services. For more information, contact the home office in Somerset at 800-LIVE-IN-NJ (800-548-3466).

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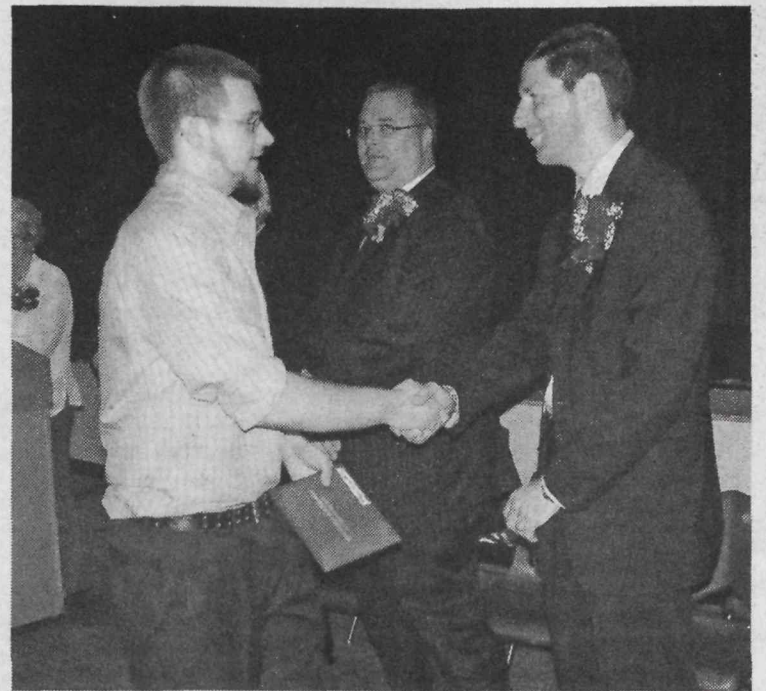
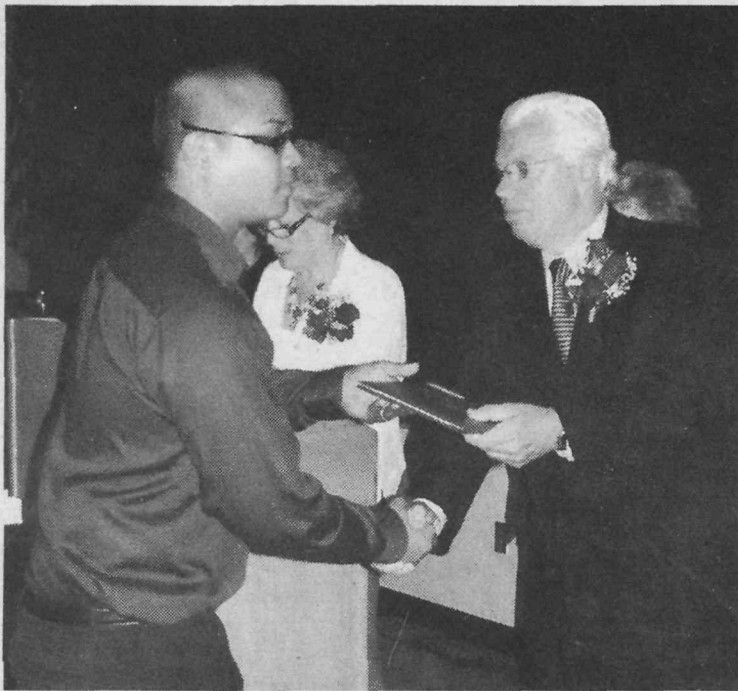
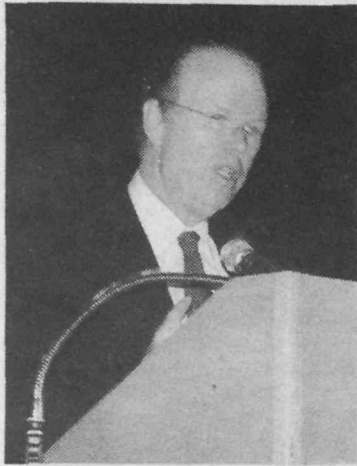
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## Twenty-five Receive High School Diplomas at Adult School Graduation



By Jane Dornick

The South Plainfield Adult High School held its 34th annual commencement exercise on June 8 in the high school auditorium. Last year at this time the program was in danger of being eliminated due to budget constraints, but was reinstated.

Dr. Sophia Domogala, director of Adult and Continuing Education, welcomed the crowd and introduced guest speakers Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola, Jr., Mayor Matt Anesh, Councilman Tim McConville and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan.

Diplomas were then presented to

the graduates and they were congratulated by the staff and guests.

The 2011 Adult High School graduates are: Edward Alvarez, Laurie Ascencio, Joshua Biggs, Christopher Blum, James Bowser, Nicole Chabok, Yolanda Contreras, Albert Jhon Miralles David, Malik Raheem Gaddy, Tom Katowich, Dung Le, Sang

Le, James Lopez, Joseph McCabe, Bryan James McDermott, Keldon Small, Kendra Sweet, Donna Torres, Anthony Troiano, Bobbie Jane Walp, Andy Weber, Amber Noe'l White, Michael A. Whitehurst, Jesse Courtyauch and Timothy Yuill.

Due to cuts made to the 2011/2012 school budget by the Board of Education, Domogala's position is being eliminated.

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

The parade is just the beginning of a whole day's events in South Plainfield. The annual community picnic will once again be held on the front lawn of the South Plainfield Middle School with live musical entertainment, food, games, rides and more!

This is where you have the perfect opportunity for your business to network with the community. A great turnout is anticipated, and we hope you will join us. Space is limited, so participants are advised to return the completed application and the appropriate check donation as soon as possible so that we may accommodate as many vendors as possible.

Applications can be picked up at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Completed applications, along with the appropriate check donation, should be mailed to the address listed below. Any vendors who arrive on the day of the parade that have not sent in an application form and check will not be permitted to participate in the festivities.

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

The completed application (with the appropriate donation amount) must be received by August 12. Check or money order should be made out to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad or the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department and mailed along with the application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Attn: Debbie Leporino, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080. Any applications received after August 12 will require an additional \$50 donation.

If you have any questions, you may email Leporino at [SPLaborDayParade@aol.com](mailto:SPLaborDayParade@aol.com).



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Principal Dr. James Pedersen addresses the South Plainfield Class of 2011 as well as those in attendance at the graduation ceremony.

With the Toss of a Mortar Board, SPHS Graduates Step Into the Future

By Libby Barsky and Patricia Abbott

"I never thought this day would come" were the words stenciled on the back window of a South Plainfield High School graduate's car that was parked in the school lot.

There was never any doubt that the South Plainfield High School Class of 2011 graduation would occur on June 22; it was only the matter of where the ceremony would be held. With the uncertainty of the weather earlier in the day, it was decided that the graduation would be held in the auditorium and simultaneously screened in the gym for those who had tickets.

The *National Anthem* was performed by senior Lainie Harris, followed by a vocal selection by members of the chorus and the school's alma mater, *Hail to Thee*. High school principal Dr. James Pedersen welcomed the crowd. Acting Superintendent Dr. Gary Bowen extended congratulations to the students as well as parents, parent volunteers, athletic boosters, administration and faculty.

School board member Chris Hubner, whose son Riley was in the graduating class, spoke to the students about the importance of continuing to expand their minds through reading. Throughout his speech he quoted

from the many works of Dr. Seuss (Theodor "Seuss" Geisel) to make his point. "Seuss taught us to read, but also to think. Seuss doesn't underestimate your ability to solve your own problems and to make choices," Hubner said. He ended with a quote from *All the Places You'll Go* about an individual venturing out into the unknown world.

Mayor Matthew Anesh quoted playwright George Bernard Shaw, "People are always blaming their circumstances for what they are. I don't believe in circumstances. The people who get on in this world are the people who get up and look for

the circumstances they want, and if they can't find them, make them." I ask that you think about your high school diploma and what it means to you and what it offers you. Your accomplishments tonight will position you for success in the future."

Presentations were made by Student Council President Carly Ashnault, National Honor Society President Michael Parello, Salutatorian Thalia Lopez, Valedictorian Ruchi D. Patel and Class President Joelle Butrico. They each offered thanks to administrators, teachers and their parents for their help and reminisced about their time at SPHS.

Class President Joelle Butrico presented the Class of 2011. Dr. Pedersen officially gave his certification of the class, and Dr. Bowen and Board of Education President Jim Giannakis received the Class of 2011.

Giving out diplomas were Giannakis, BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle and members Carol Byrne, John T. Farinella, Jr., Chris Hubner, Sharon Miller, William Seesselberg, Joseph Sorrentino and Gary Stevenson.

At the ceremony's conclusion was the traditional tossing of mortar boards along with cheers and tears.





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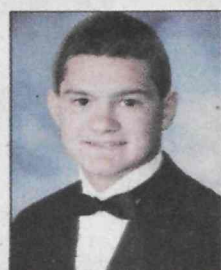
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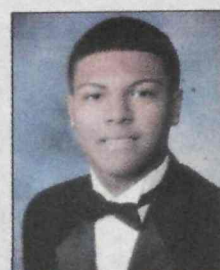
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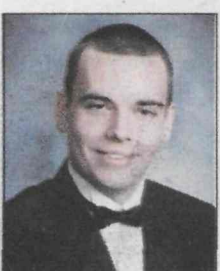
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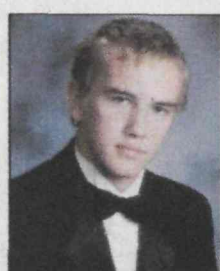
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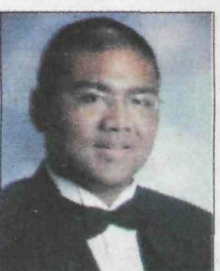
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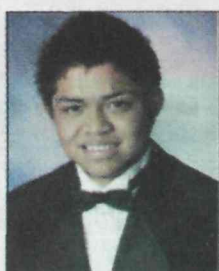
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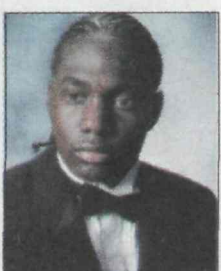
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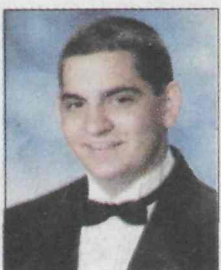
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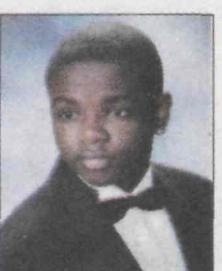
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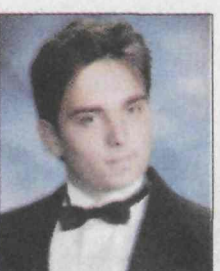
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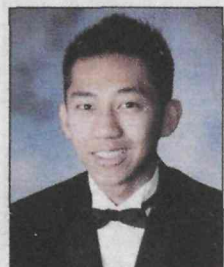
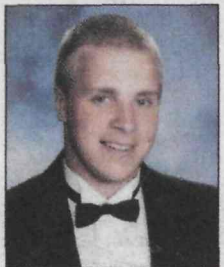
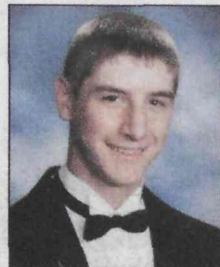
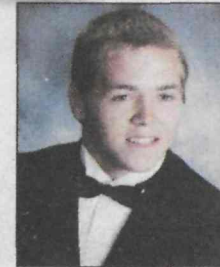
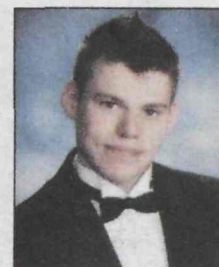
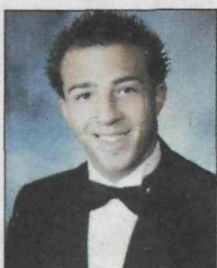
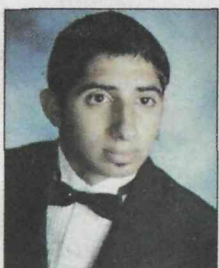
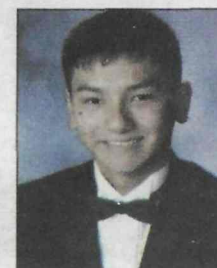
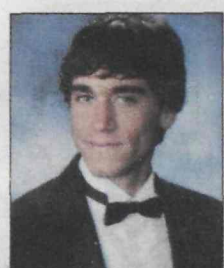
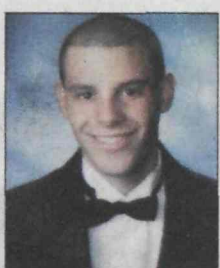
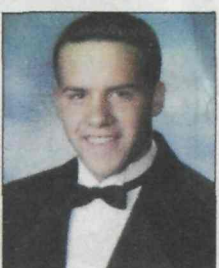
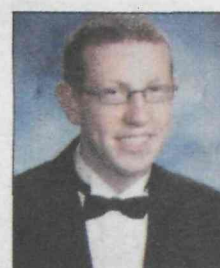
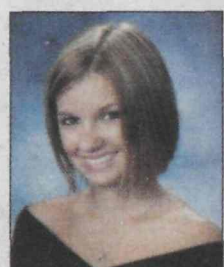
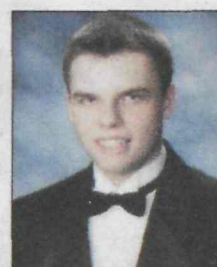
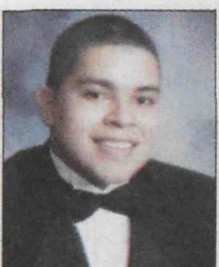
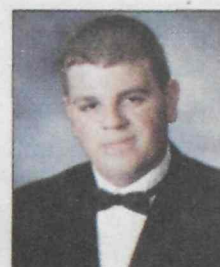
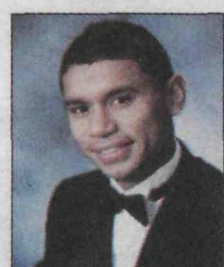
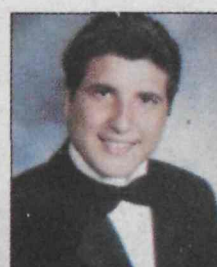
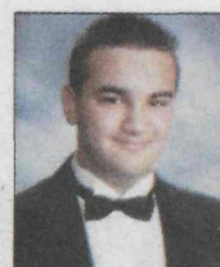
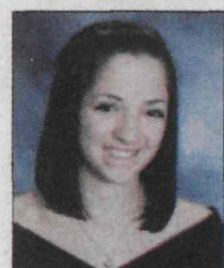
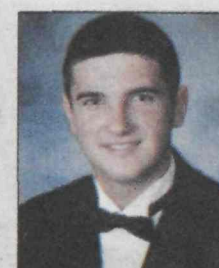
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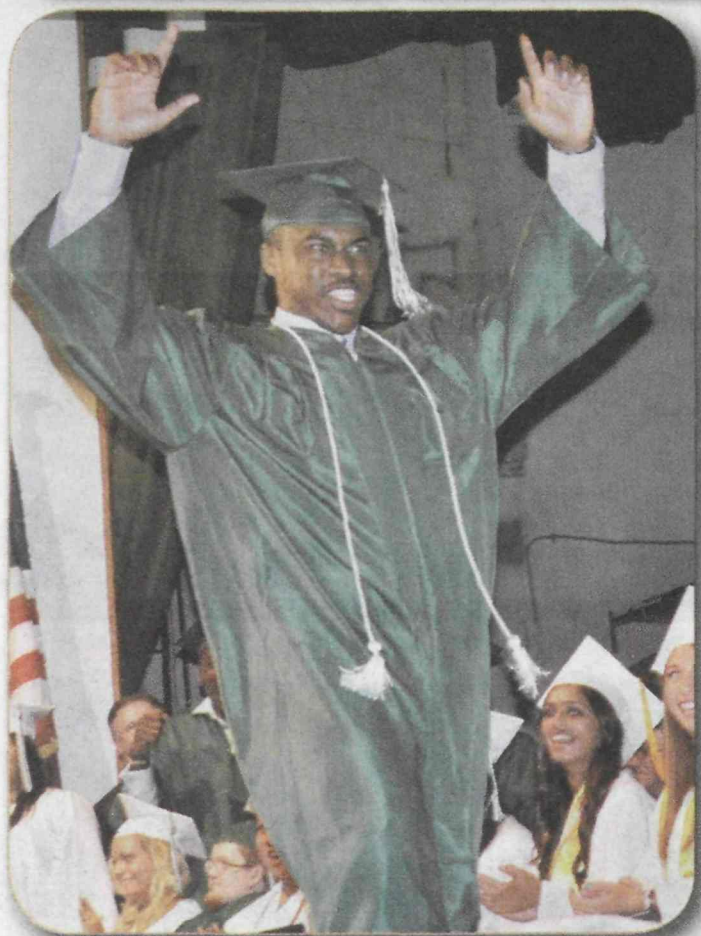


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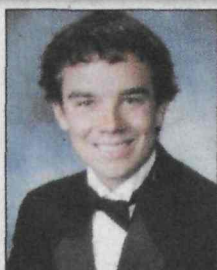
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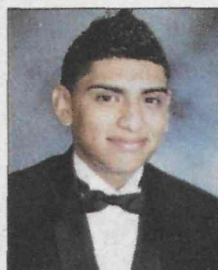
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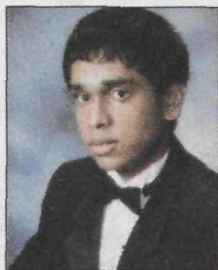
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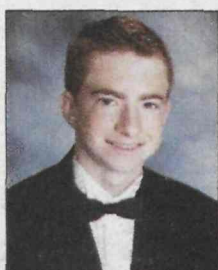
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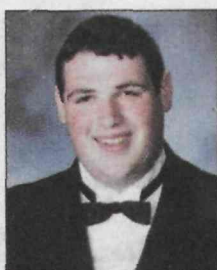
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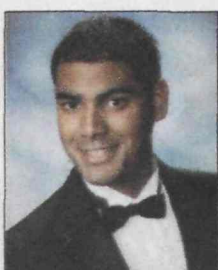
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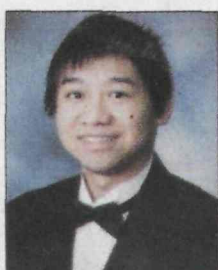
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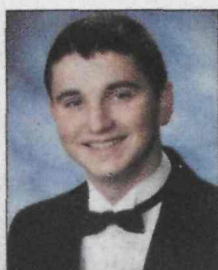
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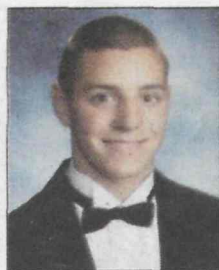
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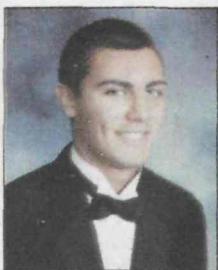
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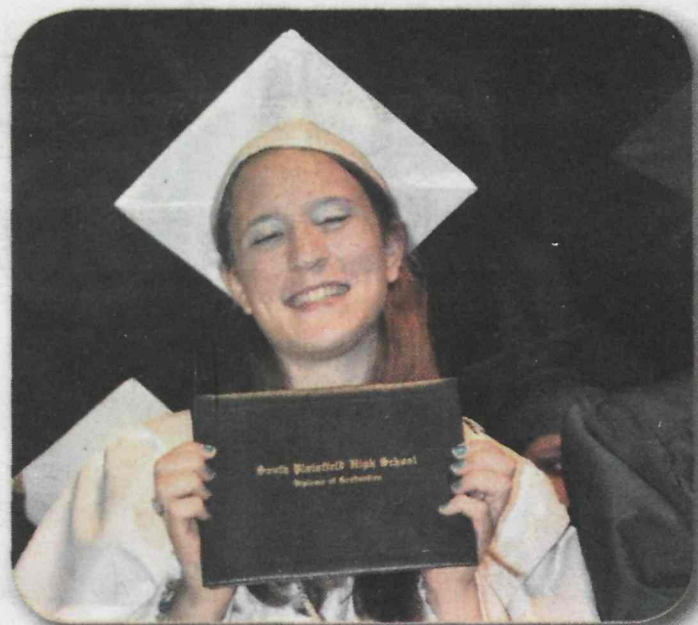
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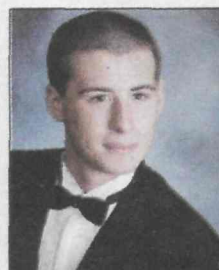
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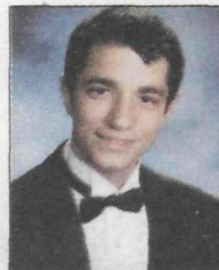
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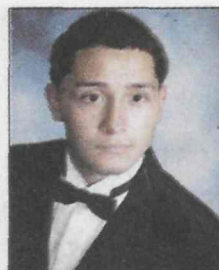
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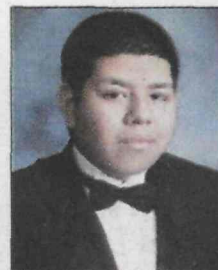
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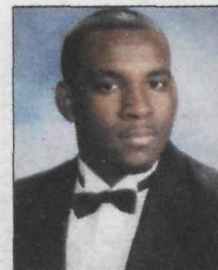
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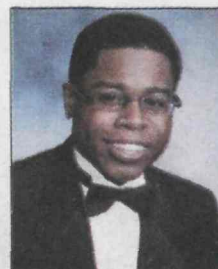
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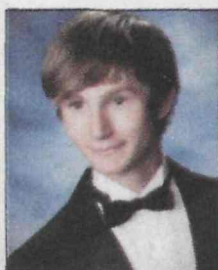
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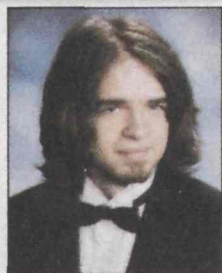
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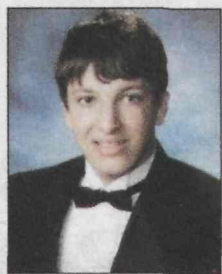
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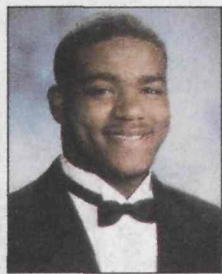
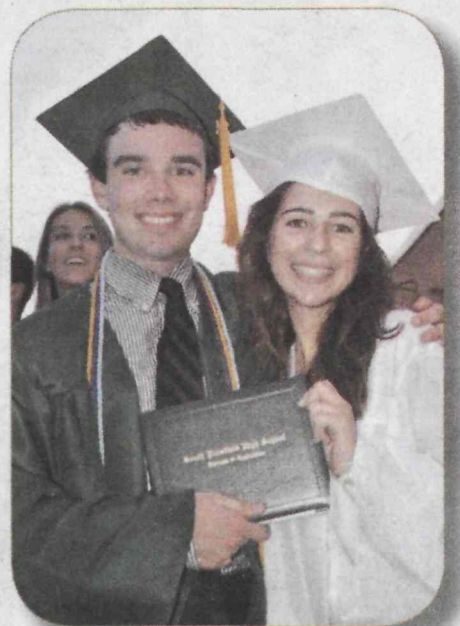
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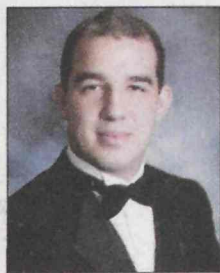
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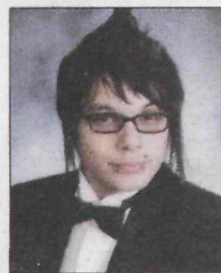
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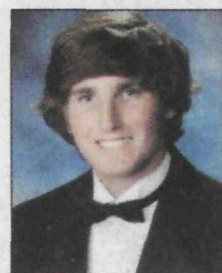
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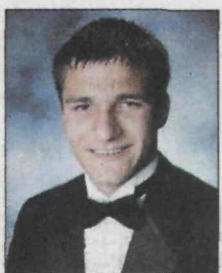
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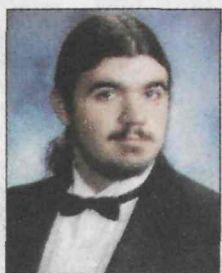
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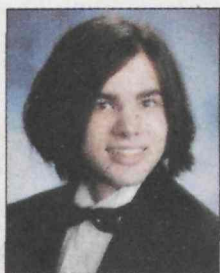
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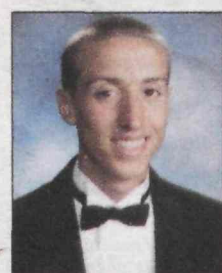
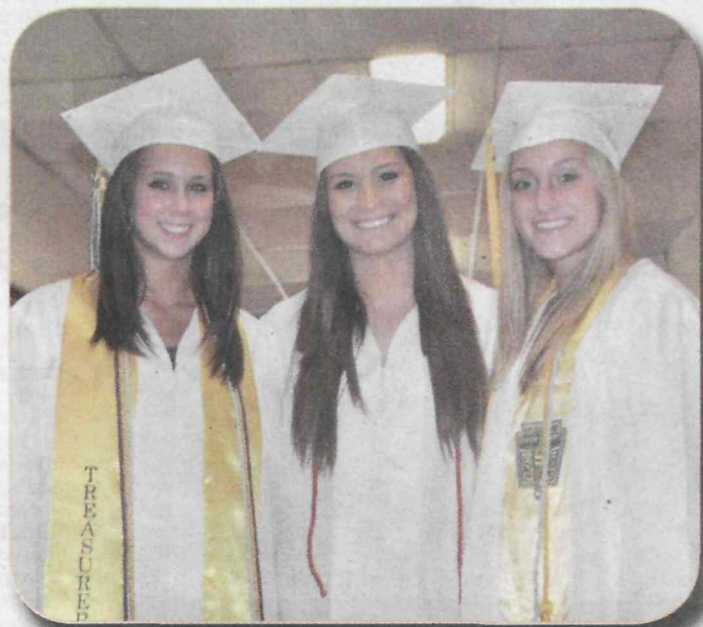
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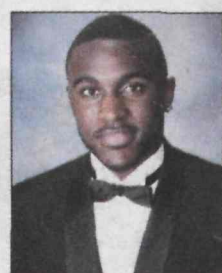
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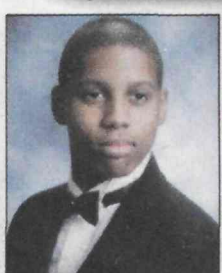
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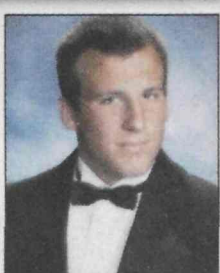
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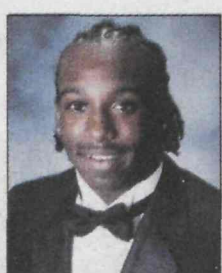
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*Cheers to the Class of 2011...  
 ...All the best in your  
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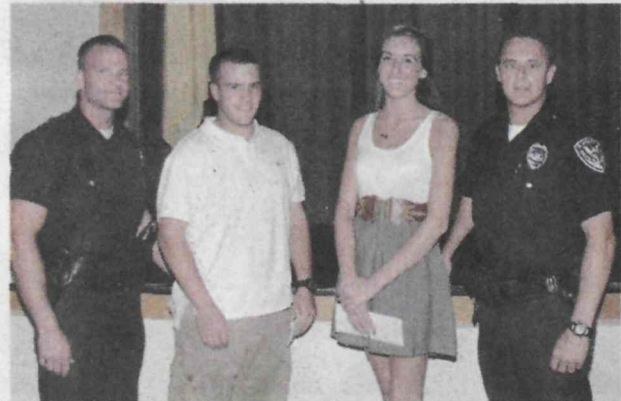
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South Plainfield Wrestling Club



Ken LaFreniere Memorial Scholarship



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Claire and John Graf Family Foundation



South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association



John E. Riley School PTSO



South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Dive Team



South Plainfield Education Foundation



Education Foundation Telethon Winners



Summer Drama Workshop



South Plainfield High School Music Boosters of the Musical Arts

## SPHS Class of 2011 Receives

**South Plainfield Football Eagles** (\$500 each) Rachel Alexa, Carly Ashnault, Chelsey Colucci and Brandon Downes  
*Presented by Anthony Cangialosi*

**South Plainfield Football Eagles Darren Gorman Athletic Scholarship** (\$500) Brandon Downes  
*Presented by Anthony Cangialosi*

**Jems Foundation-Jennifer Metzger Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) Nicole Disch  
*Presented by Lisa Metzger*

**Somerset County 4-H Association** (\$1,000) William Hartmann  
*Presented by Sandy Clare*

**South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club Scholarship** (\$1,000) Shruti Patel

**Sonia Berensten Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) Cindy Ruiz  
*Presented by Lucy Hudson, MaryAnn Iannitto and Frieda Walker*

**Tulio "Cappy" Capparelli Music Award** (\$1,000) Justin Lesky  
*Presented by Brian Capparelli and Heather Hanley*

**Claire and John Graf Family Foundation** (\$500 each) Kyle Pompilio and Cassie Prendergast  
*Presented by Rev. John Graf*

**South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop** (\$500 each) Alyssa Aiello and Danielle Tramutula  
*Presented by Nancy Wagner*

**South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Co. Joseph B. Delaney Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,000) Michael Mocharski  
*Presented by Gary Stevenson*

**Simone O'Leary Foundation, Inc.** (\$1,000 each) Nicole Firmin, Amanda Hoagland, Keely Joaquim and Chante Martin  
*Presented by Simone O'Leary*

**Thomas Glasser Memorial Scholarship Fund** (\$1,000) Janae Goodson  
*Presented by Dr. Mylissa Bauman*

**Plainfield's Chapter of UNICO** (\$1,000 each) Carly Ashnault and Riley Hubner (\$500 each) Amanda Calvi and Toni Teller (\$100) Richard Rotella  
*Presented by Anthony Bengivenga, Robert Bengivenga, Sr., Deborah Boyle and Renato Biribin*

**Brian Piccolo Athletic Award** (\$350 each) Joelle Butrico and Brandon Downes  
*Presented by Erik White*

**South Plainfield High School PTA** (\$750 each) Riley Hubner, Thalia Lopez and Cindy Ruiz (\$400) Rebecca Smith (\$200 each) Lucas Goitandia and Michael Parelo  
*Presented by Susan Barry, Donna Kasmer and Barbara Menutti*

**South Plainfield P.B.A. Local 100** (\$500 each) Nicole Disch and Matthew Little

*Presented by Lloyd McNelly and Peter Magnani*

**South Plainfield Education Foundation** (\$1,000 each) Ryan Billich, Jillian Cortese, Shruti Patel and Richard Rotella  
*Presented by Marjorie Reedy and Carolyn Allen*

**Emil Leporino Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) Daniel Sticco  
*Presented by Debra Leporino*

**Jim Painton Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) Marina Lam  
*Presented by Herb O'Brien and Joan Painton*

**Edward A. Niemczyk Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) Lauren Conrad  
*Presented by Ed Niemczyk*

**Anthony Cotoia Scholarship** (\$1,000) Connor Gillis  
*Presented by Donna Timko*

**Chad Cook Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) William Whitefleet  
*Presented by James Cook*

**Jeannette Smalley Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) Lisa Alfano  
*Presented by Linda Smalley and Marjorie Reedy*

**South Plainfield Soccer Club Scholarship** (\$500 each) Lucas Goitandia and Kyle Pompilio  
*Presented by Marjorie Reedy*

**Grant School PTO** (\$1,000 each) Jesse Allen and Julie Tran  
*Presented by Debbie Peterson*

**Ken LaFreniere Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) Karly Sanko  
*Presented by Nadine Sacco and Christine LaFreniere*

**Franklin School PTO Scholarship** (\$750) Amanda Pileggi  
*Presented by Sue Aleksandrowicz*



Domestic Violence Response Team

**Domestic Violence Response Team** Diane Hunterton  
*Memorial Scholarship* (\$500) Toni Teller  
*Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship* (\$500 each) Beatriz Gaitan and William Hartmann  
*Presented by Marge Ackerman and Sandy Severini*

**Tiger Shark Swim Team Scholarship** (\$350 each) Sarah Hageman and Ellen Zinsky  
*Patty McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship* (\$250) Ellen Zinsky

**Robin Cone Memorial Scholarship** (\$250) Ellen Zinsky  
*Presented by Barbara Valentino*

**South Plainfield V.F.W. Memorial Post #6763** (\$1,000 each) Jesse Allen, Thalia Lopez and Kishan Patel  
*Presented by Marjorie Reedy*

**Trista Moretti Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) Megan Kaczka  
*Presented by Frances Flannery, Judy Moretti and Fred Moretti*

**South Plainfield Middle School PTO** (\$250 each) Riley Hubner and Brigitte Kelly  
*Presented by Deborah Boyle, Suzanne Butrico and Nicole Plate*

**Sons of American Legion** (\$500 each) William Hartmann and Agu Ufondo  
*Presented by Steve Zarra and Mark Zelfiff*

**South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Dive Team** (\$200 each) Beatriz Gaitan, Jairo Gaitan and Sarah Hageman  
*Presented by Diane Schaefer and Michael Boyle*

**Principal Massaro Giveback Scholarship** (\$1,000 each) Taylor Jarema, Troy McNair,



## CONGRATULATIONS SPHS CLASS OF 2011 SCHOLARSHIP & AWARD RECIPIENTS



Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO



JEMS Foundation



South Plainfield High School PTA

# Awards and Scholarships

Erin O'Connor, Samantha Pukash, Arnel Smith and Edward Sullivan  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy

**Boyle Memorial Foundation**  
In Memory of James and Doris Boyle (\$1,000 each) Carly Ashnault, Chelsey Colucci, Angela DeSantis, Brandon Downes, Shannon Haus, Riley Hubner, Richard Rotella, Toni Teller and Kristin Treslar  
Presented by Deborah, Megan, Michael and Patrick Boyle

**P.D. Foundation**  
(\$100 each) Cory Limone, Michelle Nguyen and Jennifer Villacres  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy

**William Beegle Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Rachel Alexa  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy

**Robustelli Family Foundation**  
(\$3,000) Brandon Downes  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy

**American Legion Chaumont Post #243**  
(\$1,000 each) Carly Ashnault and Joseph Ifrach  
Presented by Richard Doerr

**South Plainfield High School Leadership Program**  
Maryellen Martko Leadership Award (\$500 each) Brigitte Kelly and Danielle Schaaf  
Presented by Erica Hapstak

**John E. Riley School PTSO**  
John E. Riley Teachers' Memorial Scholarship (\$500) Riley Hubner (\$250 each) William Hartmann and Matthew Little  
Presented by Kimberly Anesh

**John F. Kennedy PTSO**  
(\$500) Alyssa Aiello  
Presented by Danielle Mendez  
**Kennedy School Variety Show**  
Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship (\$500) Michelle Hernandez

**Betty Bogeatzes Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$500 each) Jillian Cortese and Agu Ufodu

**Loretta Cooper Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$500) Chelsey Colucci  
Presented by Sandra Doyon

**Rotary Club Adele deLeeuw Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Kyle Pompilio  
Presented by Richard DeAndrea

**South Plainfield Golf Association**  
(\$500 each) Riley Hubner, Matthew Little and Kyle Pompilio  
Presented by Michael Alvarez and Richard DeAndrea

**Pink SOCS Foundation**  
Joanne Vargas Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) Riley Hubner  
Presented by Christine Dispenziere

**South Plainfield Wrestling Club**  
(\$500 each) Carly Ashnault, Ryan Billich, Jeffrey Conroy, Eric Niemeyer, Kyle Pompilio and William Whitefleet  
Presented by Bill Ashnault

**South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association**  
Recreation Scholarship (\$500 each) Angela DeSantis and Nicole Disch

**All-Stars Scholarship**  
(\$500 each) Jayme Bishop and Lauren Conrad  
Presented by Nancy McMahon

**SPHS Boosters of the Musical Arts Scholarships**  
(\$500 each) Alyssa Aiello, Sarah Hageman, William Hartmann, Chante Martin and Toni Teller; (\$250 each) G. Bjorn Delacruz, Amanda Hoagland, Sarah McCarthy

and Erin O'Connor  
Presented by Charles Decker

**Daniel A. Spisso Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Richard Rotella  
Presented by Charles Decker

**Fulvio C. D'Alessio Award**  
(\$500) Keely Joaquim  
Presented by Joanne Otlowski

**South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club**  
Edward J. Devine Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000 each) Brandon Downes and Riley Hubner  
Presented by Gary Rohrer

**Roosevelt School PTO Scholarship**  
(\$250) Jessica Scarpitto

**South Plainfield High School Field Hockey Association**  
(\$300 each) Carly Ashnault, Jayme Bishop, Joelle Butrico, Amanda Calvi, Lauren Conrad, Angela DeSantis, Taylor Jarema, Megan Kazcka, Jamie McLean, Shruti Patel and Cassie Prendergast  
Presented by Pat DeSantis

**Italian American Progressive League**  
(\$500 each) Carly Ashnault and William Hartmann  
Presented by Guy Severini

**South Plainfield Education Association**  
(\$1,500) Michael Dispenziere  
Presented by Eileen Boettger and Kathleen Reilly

**Girls Leadership Prize**  
(\$250 each) Sarah McCarthy and Sarah Hageman



Roosevelt School PTO

Presented by Kathleen Reilly

**Guidance Department Scholarship**  
(\$400 each) Heather Calderone and Astrid Mendoza  
Presented by Eileen Boettger and Kathleen Reilly

**South Plainfield Senior Citizens**  
(\$500) Jesse Allen  
Presented by Kathleen Reilly

**Edison Rotary Club Senior of the Year from South Plainfield**  
(\$500) Amanda Calvi  
Presented by Ralph Errico and Kathleen Reilly

**Joseph E. Enright Foundation Health Education Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Thalia Lopez  
Presented by Kathleen Reilly

**Middlesex County School Nurses Association**  
(\$500) Thalia Lopez  
Presented by Kathleen Reilly



South Plainfield Football Eagles



Middle School PTO



Principal Massaro Giveback Scholarship



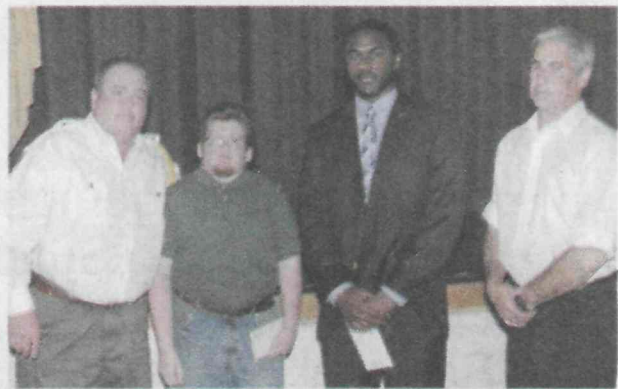
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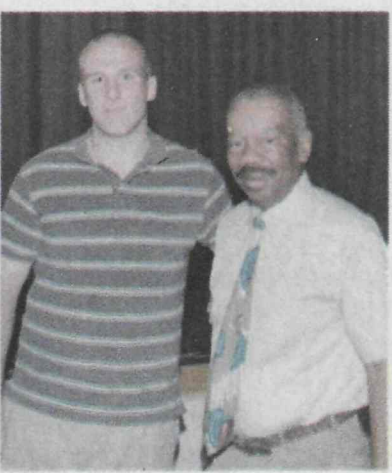
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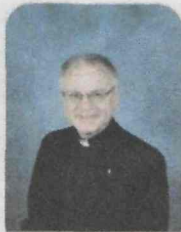
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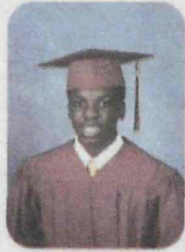
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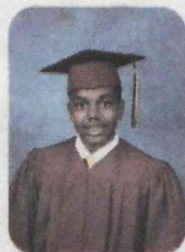
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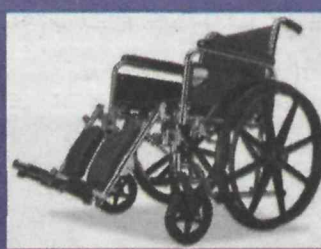
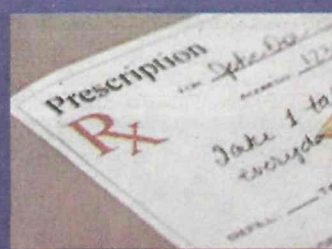


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## Golf Tournament Traffic Delays

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on Monday, Aug. 29, Woodland Avenue will be closed to regular traffic from Oak Tree Road to Maple Avenue. The road will be designated as a one way street to accommodate buses. Residents who reside along that road will be issued special passes so they can access their residences. The following streets that abut Woodland Avenue will also be closed: Francesca Court, East Fairview Avenue, East Crescent Parkway, East Hendricks Boulevard, Wexler Place, Fairmount Avenue and East Golf Avenue.

All streets and roads bounded by Sprague Avenue to the north, Park Avenue to the west, Oak Tree Road to the south and Woodland Avenue to the east shall be designated so that parking will not be allowed on the north and east boundaries of all streets and roads. No parking signs will be posted on these streets by the borough in advance of the start of the tournament.

During the entire tournament, police will be utilizing seven message boards around town to remind motorists of the road closures, detours and to designate where parking is prohibited. The West Nine Golf Course will be closed and used by the golf pros for practice. Woodland Avenue traffic will be diverted along Park Avenue from

Oak Tree Road to Plainfield.

Residents are reminded that if they are considering the sale of water, hot dogs or any other refreshment, they must obtain a permit from the health department. If any resident is intending to charge spectators to park on their property, they should be aware that there is an ordinance which prohibits autos from parking on lawns. Residents can use their driveways to park cars, but not lawns. According to Police Chief James Parker, these laws will be strictly enforced during the week.

Approximately 20 extra South Plainfield police officers will be on duty daily the week of the tournament. The Barclays Tournament has already agreed to reimburse South Plainfield for all costs incurred during the week, which is estimated at approximately \$100,000. The borough will also utilize CERTS volunteers during the week.

If anyone has any questions about the tournament, they can call Council President Ray Rusnak at (908) 561-7076 or Police Chief James Parker at (908) 226-7676.

The *Observer* will be publishing information on a regular basis on the Barclay's Golf Tournament to report on any changes or updates that may occur before the start of play.

## Democrats Announce Candidates

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absolute corruption. And as the only female, Buteas brings a voice of a demographic woefully under-represented."

Concerned about decreasing revenues and financial sustainability, the Democratic candidates say that the current budget crafted by the Republican majority relied on one-time-gimmicks that can not be repeated. The Democrats propose an economic summit to develop a realistic financial plan to face the problems of the future. "We can't continue to rely on raiding library funds and selling off property to support basic maintenance," said Buteas. "We need to have a discussion as a community to understand where we are and how we move forward together."

Councilwoman Chrissy Buteas is the council liaison to the Environmental Commission and Health Advisory Board. She has also served as liaison to the Parade Committee, Recreation Commission and the Cultural Arts Commission. She has been a member of the Parade Committee for the past seven years and is also a member of the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club, the Booster Club, the Green Team and the borough's 9/11 Ceremony Committee. Buteas is also the vice president of the Women's Political Caucus of New Jersey, a state-wide organization dedicated to electing women to public office.

John Sorrentino has been a member of the South Plainfield Parade Committee for 16 years. In his role as the committee chair for the last nine years, he is responsible for the planning and coordination of the entire Labor Day parade. Sorrentino also enjoys the recreational opportunities the borough offers him and his family. He has coached his children and their teammates in the Ponytail League, Little League and the Pop Warner football program.

Paul McCullen is an active musician in the tri-state area and a member of the Livingston Symphony Orchestra. He performs at the Crescent Avenue

Presbyterian Church. McCullen has been active with the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop and works as a music researcher and sales promoter for a local musical establishment. Paul is dedicated to working on environmental issues.



DaVita @ Durham Corners, a dialysis center located in Durham Professional Center, held a grand opening ceremony on June 16. (L-R) Kristina Horniacek, biomed tech; Jeannine Hahn, PD RN; Dr. Samir H. Sutaria, medical director; Margaret DiBona, RN facility administrator; Dianne Singh, RN clinical coordinator; Carol Devine, renal dietitian; Dorelis Cambero, floor RN; Mary Acevedo, master SW; and Ian Baptiste, CCHT.

## Third Quarter Tax Bills Reflects Increase

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in expenses this year. Mayor Matt Anesh said that the council is "always looking to make further cuts."

"I expect the final borough figure to be in the \$40 per household range based upon the recent note sale and some other items that have recently come up," said Cullen. "If the library was willing to work with the governing body on the surplus issue, municipal taxes would have decreased again about \$15 per household."

At the June 30 council meeting, Democratic Councilwoman Chrissy

Buteas voted against sending out estimated third quarter tax bills, but voted in favor of paying the bills. Councilman Rob Bengivena questioned her as to how expenses will be covered by the borough if she does not agree with sending out tax bills.

"Based on the information regarding the increase, I reserve the right to change my vote when the budget is voted upon," said Buteas. "I know that the Finance Committee worked hard on this budget, but I believe they put all their eggs in one basket. The Republican Majority just assumed,

without initially discussing their plan with the library trustees, they would receive money from the library; they failed to look at other areas of the budget that could be reduced. I offered a number of ideas to reduce the budget which would not rely on one time revenue gimmicks. Each of these could have netted substantial benefits to the borough. Unfortunately due to the inaction by the Republican Majority, we are now seeing an increase in our taxes," Buteas added.

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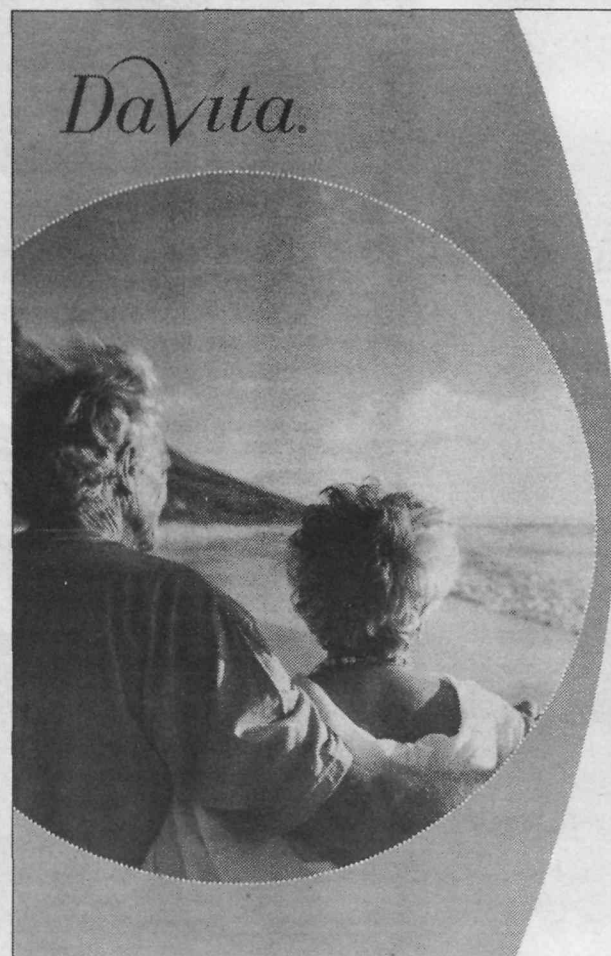
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# Colonial Village in Edison Offers Unique Shopping and Dining

By Jean Fultz

Colonial Village Shopping Center, located on Route 27 and Parsonage Road in Edison a short distance from JFK Medical Center, offers an eclectic mix of specialty shops, service businesses and fine dining just 15 minutes from the heart of South Plainfield.

Specialty shops include Alan's Fine Footwear, Bernstein's Fashions and Lingerie by Susan. Service businesses include Ace Instant Shoe Repair, Coin Laundry and Lamp Dry Cleaners. Salons include Lookin' Good Day Spa, a full service hair salon/day spa catering to both men and women; Vogue Nails and Spring Spa, specializing in relief from back and neck pain through massage and reflexology.

Among the restaurants and eateries at Colonial Village is LouCas Italian Seafood Restaurant, celebrating its 25th anniversary this year; Uncle Ralphie's Gourmet Pizza & Caterers,

Ichiban Japanese Restaurant, The Original Soup Man, featuring a new menu that includes gourmet deli sandwiches and salads, as well as premium soups; Starbucks Coffee and Meemah, a Chinese/Malaysian restaurant that just may be Central Jersey's best kept secret.

Meemah is Zagat-rated and has been reviewed by and named one of the best restaurants in New Jersey by *New Jersey Monthly Magazine*, among others. For more than 15 years, owner Kathy Kuo has been a fixture at the front entrance, greeting her customers by name, remembering their favorite dishes and making sure that everything runs smoothly in the kitchen.

After sampling several menu items (with portions large enough to share), it is clear that standard Chinese dishes become extraordinary when prepared by the chefs at Meemah. Among the favorites are sliced chicken with

perfectly sautéed broccoli in a light and flavorful brown sauce (\$9.95); General Tso's Chicken, which can be ordered with all white meat (\$12.95) and Moo Shu Pork (\$9.25). The House Special Fish Fillets, crispy fish fillets served with vegetables in a spicy garlic sauce, was outstanding. The fish was light and flaky, and the garlic sauce had just the right amount of 'kick' to make this dish unique.

Meemah's offers a wide variety of poultry, beef, seafood, fish, noodles and vegetable dishes, as well as fried rice, chow mein, sizzling platters and special diet choices.

More than a dozen appetizers are offered, including Malaysian Satay, marinated chicken or beef on skewers served with peanut sauce (\$6.95); minced chicken in lettuce wrappers (\$8.25); and steamed chicken or pork dumplings (\$5.95). Soups range from chicken noodle and wonton (small \$1.75) to Tom Yum soup, seafood and vegetables Thai style (\$7.25).

Meemah's extensive menu can be viewed online at [www.meemah.com](http://www.meemah.com). Take-out orders are available by calling (732) 906-2223 or (732) 548-0323. Meemah serves lunch and dinner Tuesday-Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. and from noon to 9:30 p.m. on Sunday.



Scholarship winners with Grand Knight Joe Scrudato. Not pictured is Kerry Yorkanis and Christina Zujkowski who were unable to attend the breakfast.

## Knights Hold Awards Communion Breakfast

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a Communion breakfast on June 12 and handed out end of year awards and scholarships.

The 2011 Catholic School and College Scholarships were given to Knights members' children and grandchildren.

More than \$7,000 was raised to provide for these scholarships and awards, including manning the Somerset Patriots concession stand throughout the year.

The Catholic High School Scholar-

ship was awarded to Enzo Butrico, who will attend St. Joseph High School in Metuchen. Enzo is the son of Knight Vinny Butrico.

College scholarships were awarded to the following: Colleen Roarty, who will attend Clemson University, is the granddaughter of Past Grand Knight Bill Sheedy; Kerry Yorkanis, who will attend Kean University, is the granddaughter of Knight Joe Rea; Bridgette Kelly, who will attend Richard Stockton College of NJ, is the daughter of Knight Pat Kelly; Christina Zujkowski, who will attend the University of Wyoming, is the granddaughter of Knight Ted Rubino; Jayson Bolton, who attends Kutztown University, is the son of Knight Harold Bolton; Heather Calderone, who will attend Kean University, is the daughter of Knight Roy Calderone; Willie Hartmann, who will attend Defiance College, is the son of Knight Bill Hartmann; and Joelle Butrico, who will attend Montclair State University, is the daughter of Knight Mike Butrico.

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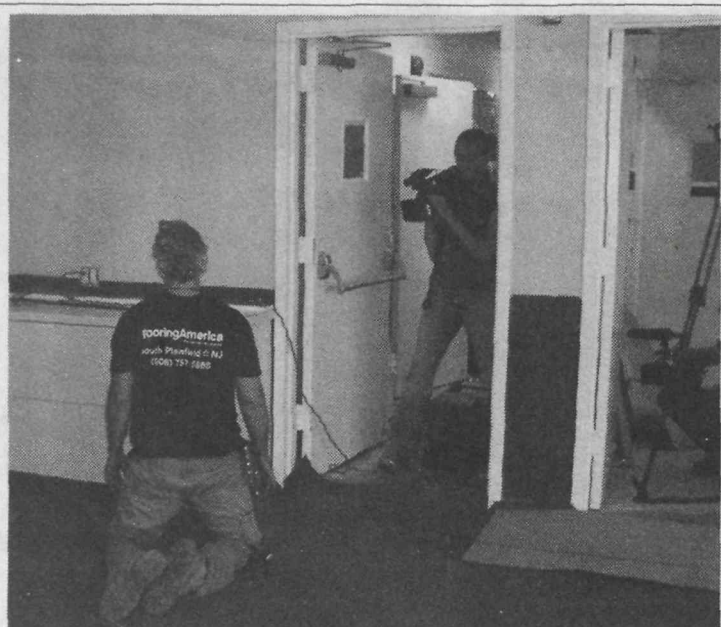
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Gary Columbus and Paul Ignoscia, owners of Flooring America located in the Middlesex Mall, recently appeared on the TV show "George to the Rescue," hosted by Emmy Award winner George Oliphant. The weekly show on NBC teams up with design and construction experts to rescue a family or community in need of home improvements. Columbus and Ignoscia volunteered the labor needed to install carpeting in the Plainsboro EMS building in Plainsboro, which was the topic of that week's TV show.

## DPW Implements Tree Preservation Program

The Public Works Department is currently in the process of implementing a tree preservation program. As a proactive approach in maintaining our trees, they will be trimming and elevating our throughout the borough

on an as needed basis.

All residents are welcome to call the Department of Public Works at (908) 755-2187 if they are aware of any trees that need attention.

# Nancy Donahue Retires After 41 Years

By Libby Barsky

Nancy Donahue has been teaching for 41 years in the fifth grade classroom and during that time she has emphasized displaying the work of her students.

"I always make the classroom child centered. They love when you recognize them and recognize their achievements. I wanted them to know it was their room and out in the hall I make displays," said Donahue.

An annual display in social studies emphasized the diversity of the United States with each student choosing one state out of the 50 and demonstrating through various items the physical and economic features of that state.

"I've been known to do all sorts of things. For instance, when I did the Westward movement I'd have them dancing and singing because the pioneers did that," she added.

After she graduated from Newark State College (now Kean University) Donahue worked for a year for the North Plainfield School District as a sixth grade teacher. In 1997, she began working at Franklin School, then moved to Grant School nine years ago when all the fifth and sixth grades in the district merged to form an intermediate/elementary school.

When James Doggett, the first Grant School principal, retired, Donahue was on the interview committee that selected Leo Whalen as principal.

"Right from the beginning I knew that Mrs. Donahue was someone I could count on whenever I needed help around the school," Whalen said. "She would always volunteer to work on committees in the school: Cultural Arts, Leadership, PTO and most recently, the School Improvement Team. When parents talk to me about Mrs. Donahue and her class the theme is always the same: It's about how much their child likes Mrs. Donahue and how they like to be in her class," added Whalen, noting Donahue was selected teacher of the year twice and also was a mentor to many student teachers.

"The principals I've had have offered such wonderful guidance to me, that's why I want to mentor new teachers. It's a passion of mine. It's my way of giving back," said Donahue.

"She's had at least one student teacher a year, sometimes two, even three," observed fellow Grant teacher Kathryn Boyle, adding, "She's the last one to leave the building. She is always prepared. She is dedicated. The children love her."



Nancy Donahue

"It makes me feel so good to know that I'm helping someone enter the field of teaching and make a smooth transition. Obviously being in a classroom in a college isn't the same experience as being in an elementary classroom. What I do basically is to help them [student teachers] through the rough spots and offer encouragement. We've had marvelous student teachers. I learned as much from my students including new techniques as they did from me. I loved every minute. They keep you on your toes," Donahue said.

After so many years at Grant, Donahue is planning to spend time taking trips with her husband. But she isn't forgetting Grant School and will return to Grant during the next school year as a substitute teacher.

## LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Award of Contracts

Pursuant to the Local Public Contracts Law of New Jersey, be advised that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield awarded a contract at their public meeting on June 20, 2011. By Resolution, the governing body awarded contracts to the lowest responsible bidder as certified by the Borough's professional consultant and Borough Attorney. The companies receiving contracts are as follows:

- #11-168 Award a contract for street sweeping services to Stilo Excavating, 2907 So. Clinton Ave, South Plainfield, NJ, the lowest responsible bidder, at a cost not to exceed \$39,695.00.
- #11-173 Award a Professional Service contract to Zumu Software, 120 E. Washington Ave, Atlantic Highlands, NJ to provide Web Hosting service to the Borough, from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00.
- #11-176 Award a professional service contract to T&M & Associates for engineering and technical services for outstanding NJDEP permits for the South Plainfield Senior Center and Cedar Brook Pump Station, at a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00.

Joann L. Graf, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

June 27, 2011—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on June 23, 2011.

- A. Case #12-11—Renata Dolinski, Block 239; Lot 6; R-75 Zone. 3208 Beverly Road. The applicant's request for a secondary front yard setback variance from Beverly Road in order to erect a 3' by 6' platform and stairs was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Beth Khidre  
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$28.50 July 1, 2011

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

### LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Charlie F. Garcia requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed 14' x 18' (252 square feet) deck exceeds 25% lot coverage; 27.8% is proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 128 Waverly Place, Block 208, Lot 10 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 14, 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.

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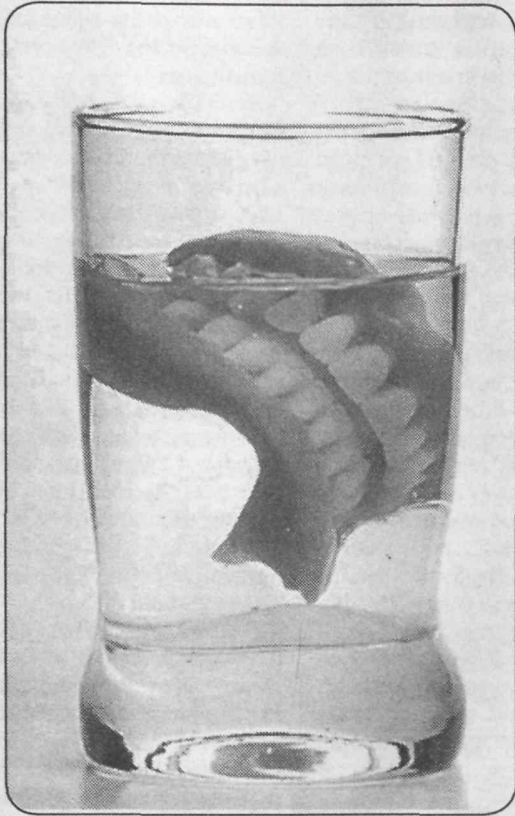
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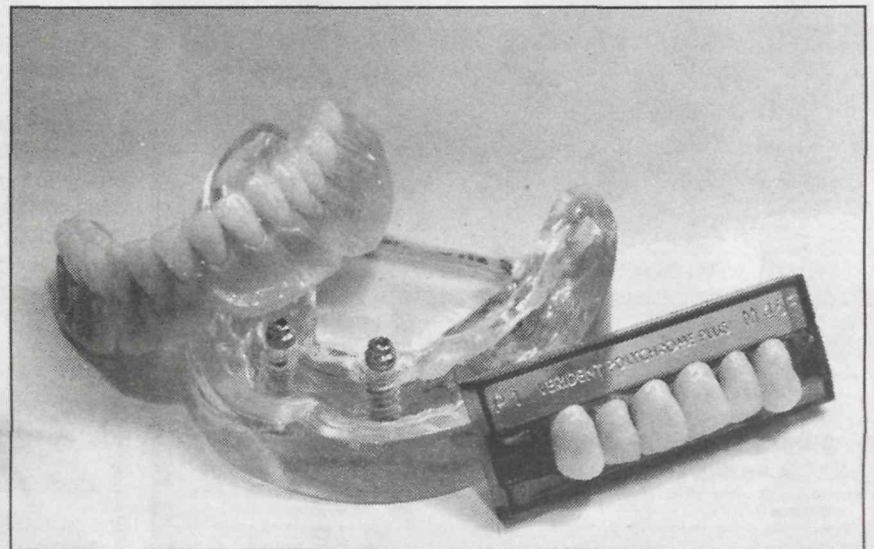
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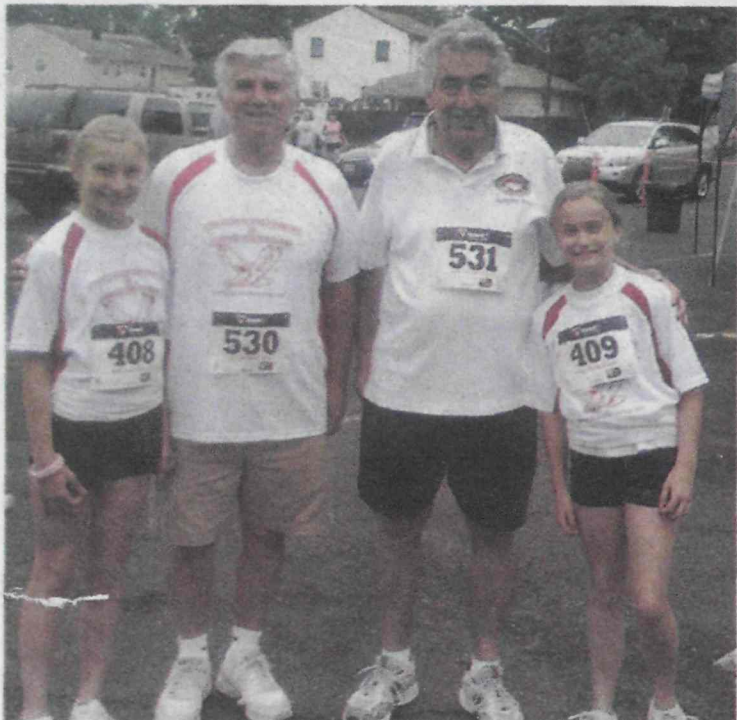
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Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO participated in Sacred Heart School's 5K Run and Family Fun Walk on June 11. Pictured (L-R) are Sacred Heart School student Gina Bengivenga, granddaughter of Anthony Bengivenga (president of Plainfields' Chapter UNICO); Bob Bengivenga, deputy governor UNICO District X; Renato Biribin, past national president UNICO; and Sacred Heart School student Jillian Bengivenga, granddaughter of Anthony Bengivenga.

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We will sleep in tents, shower in trucks, and push ourselves far beyond what we ever thought we were capable of doing. I can't do this alone, I need your help. To donate to this cause and support my efforts, please go to [www.avonwalk.org](http://www.avonwalk.org), click on "Sponsor A Walker," click on New York City then enter my name. This will take you to my personal page to make your donation online. Or you can mail a check made out to "Avon Walk for Breast Cancer" directly to me. Your gift will be appreciated more than I can possibly tell you.

I would like to thank everyone who has already donated to me; thank you guys for the support! My mailing address is P.O. Box 130, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 and my email address is [vkonya31@gmail.com](mailto:vkonya31@gmail.com).

THANK YOU,  
 VERONICA KONYA

To the Editor:

Thank you from the Maszczak Miracle Day Committee!

On behalf of the committee for the Maszczak Miracle Day, we want to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to all of those who helped make this day as successful as it was. The outreach of support from our South Plainfield community and beyond was overwhelming. It came in all forms such as donations, volunteering and especially attending the tricky tray itself.

For \$2, children were able to enjoy all the activities offered such as a bounce house, face painting, washable tattoos, sand art fun and Ugly Doll coloring. SpongeBob SquarePants and Timbo the Clown also made a special visit!

DJ Roger Flores also donated his time that day playing music from noon until 6:30 that night.

Our tricky tray itself had over 385

baskets up for raffle including a Disney World Vacation, two flat screen TVs, an iPad 2 and Taylor Swift concert tickets, to name just a few.

We estimate the attendance that day to be around 400 people if not more! When a resident or even former resident of our town needs help and support like the Maszczaks do, no one rallies together quite like South Plainfield. It's a town you can be proud to call home.

First off, we would like to thank a few people that were accidentally left out of our program: Edison Heating and Cooling for a very generous donation. PBA Local 100 President Pete Magnani and Vice President Lloyd McNelly for being so helpful and generous with their time before, during, and after the event-thank you both. The South Plainfield Wrestling Club for sponsoring the snack stand that day and the Corner Deli for donating a large portion of the food that was sold. Everyone that donated baked goods which were sold at the bake sale table. All the proceeds from everything sold that day went to the Maszczak Family.

Once again we would like to thank the following people for whom this day would not have been possible: Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc. and especially foundation trustee Andrea Lacerda for sponsoring our cause and working with us every step of the way. When we approached them with our idea to help the Maszczak Family with the uphill battle they were going to face, they did not even hesitate to say yes. This is a wonderful organization that garners money through various community based fundraisers as well as monetary contributions, to help families that have children battling cancer and other life threatening blood disorders. For more

information on this organization, please visit their website: [www.openyourhearttochildren.com](http://www.openyourhearttochildren.com).

To the South Plainfield Recreation Department for allowing us to hold the event at the PAL building and for other resources along the way. Straight Edge Striping made and donated all of the signs posted around town as well as the Ugly Doll "Winner Sticks" which were handed out at the time of the drawing. COACHES Care organization sponsored the "Maszczak Miracle" wristbands which were handed out upon admission. For all of the donations that were submitted for the Tricky Tray; it was truly a heartwarming moment when we took a step back and realized that the majority of the baskets that day were donated by friends, family members and even those who did not know the Maszczaks at all.

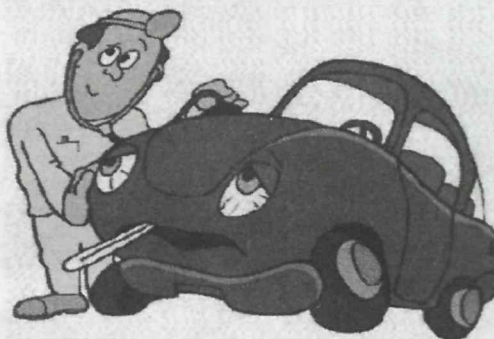
So thank you once again for all of those who came out to show your support. It was an unforgettable day for an unforgettable little boy. For more information on Stephen Austin's journey, please visit his website at [www.stephenastinmiracle.org](http://www.stephenastinmiracle.org).

SINCERELY,  
 SHELLEY KING & KRISTEN  
 CELENTANO, EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Dear Editor,

The Tough Mudder was a success! With all your support, we managed to raise over \$2,000 in my name. I want to thank you all for your help. This is truly a cause dear to me. These men and women have risked and sacrificed so much to help keep us safe. These sacrifices may impede their living conditions for the rest of their lives, and your contributions help these hero's lives become a little easier in one way or another. Knowing that you stand behind and support these courageous

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men and women proves how patriotic we are as a country.

I want to say thank you to everyone who supports our armed forces as well as wounded warriors. Without the support of the civilians of this country, their job becomes a lot harder. Those two words, "thank you," never get old. I have spoken with soldiers who have been sent over to Afghanistan and Iraq, and they still can tell me stories of how just by hearing thank you every once in a while they remember why they signed their name on that dotted line, and gives them a sense of pride for doing it. As a parting note, I would like to leave you with this quote from General of the Army, Omar N. Bradley: "Battles are won by the infantry, the armor, the artillery and air teams. But wars are won by the great strength of a nation—the soldier and the civilian working together."

**THANK YOU AGAIN.  
ANTHONY MORETTI**

### To the Editor:

We sincerely thank Louise Mruz for 39 years of dedication and loyalty to the hundreds of children in South Plainfield. You have enriched their lives with your extensive knowledge and creativity, and by instilling the love of learning in them. It is evident just by looking into their faces when they speak of you—they all love Miss Mruz! Your commitment to them will not be soon forgotten. They are better students and better people because of you.

Besides fulfilling your duties as a full time teacher, your dedication to your colleagues is unsurpassed. We, as a district, are so grateful to have had your support and leadership for all these years. You always took care of us; no issue was ever too small for you to resolve.

I have many fond memories of our times together. We started our journey at Roosevelt School and ended it here at Franklin. We've had lots of laughs through the years, and it has truly been a pleasure working with you. Please know that you will be sorely missed, and not easily replaced.

I wish you good health, happiness and peace in your retirement. Relax and

enjoy it—you certainly deserve it!

**ELLEN DECKER-LORYS  
FRANKLIN SCHOOL PRINCIPAL**

### To the Editor:

When I was a child I always remember Vacation Bible School (VBS); the crafts, the games and the camaraderie of the other children at VBS. I often think back and see the other children's faces that participated in the event. The times were short but the memories last a lifetime.

Now that I have grown into an adult I try to assist at VBS as much as I can to give others the same experience I had. I often just place an advertisement, put a sign in front of my house, or just announce it to all families I know.

There is a good VBS right here in town at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel from July 25-29; all are welcome to attend. If you are interested in giving a free, wholesome experience to your child that truly has lasted my lifetime, come out and see what the Lord has provided. More information can be obtained any Sunday or by calling Cedarcroft Bible Chapel (1715 Kenyon Ave.) at (908) 756-8244 or visiting us on the web at [www.cedarcroft.org](http://www.cedarcroft.org).

**MARTIN CONNOLLY**

### Dear Editor,

As candidates for Borough Council, we want to thank the voters who came out to the polls to support us in the June primary. All three of us are anxious to begin meeting voters and talking about the future of South Plainfield, and we hope we can earn the trust of those who will be deciding that future in November.

Continuing to make South Plainfield a safe, affordable community that our seniors can call home and where parents can raise their children is a priority for us.

We know, from experience, that it's tough out there. The economy is taking its toll on everyone. At the same time, we also know that people rely upon the town's services. That's why it's important that we work together to get the job done. It's about results, not talk.

We believe we have a lot to offer the borough. We're not career politicians

or people who are running so we can build a resume or move up the next rung on the ladder. Instead, we're your neighbors, people who are working to raise our families and to build a better community by being part of groups like the American Legion, the PTAs, and kids' sports programs. We think we can do a good job representing you because we are just like you.

As November approaches, we're anxious to tell you more about the direction we'd like to take South Plainfield, but more importantly, we want to listen to you and hear your ideas about building a better community. In the meantime, thank you again to everyone for your support, and we look forward to meeting everyone as we visit your doors in the fall.

**ALEX BARLETTA, DERRYCK WHITE  
AND DICK FRANK**

### Dear Editor,

While I realize plenty of other people have written to the paper about the Library Board's refusal to help the council provide tax relief for our residents, I recently learned some news that makes that board's decision even more troubling.

At a recent Library Board meeting, the board voted to give 3% raises to board employees, including its director, who makes about \$100,000. Like all our borough employees, the library employees work hard and do a great job for our residents. But at a time when other borough employees are getting raises in the one- and two-percent range, I can't understand what the Library Board was thinking.

Back in March the council negotiated a new contract with the PBA. Our police officers, realizing the hard economic times, agreed to 1.9% increases. On top

of this, they agreed to concessions on healthcare, starting salaries and longevity. In fact, South Plainfield became only the second town in the county where longevity is being phased out and eliminated.

At a time when the Library Board is refusing to help the council provide meaningful tax relief, it is inconceivable that the same board would dole out raises that are higher than those the other public employees in town are getting.

I hope the board's actions are not partisan, but I'm beginning to get the impression that the board, which is still controlled by Democrat supporters, is doing everything it can to thwart the efforts of the new administration. I hope I'm wrong, but it's getting to the point that the board's decisions leave me with no other conclusion.

Whether it's partisan politics or narrow parochial interests, the board's decisions don't serve the best interests of the taxpayers. It's time for the Library Board to do what's best for the entire community.

**SINCERELY,  
RAY RUSNAK, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

### Dear Editor,

In answer to another letter about the library and how if we move to this building all our problems will be solved.

I think anyone who has been to the library certainly knows that our building is too small. To find a building large enough to make our library capable of holding our collection of books, DVD's CD's magazines, etc. in this modern age has to be more than double in size. It would be nice to be able to keep books on our shelves instead of constantly weeding them because of lack of space. Double is not big enough. We should have space for a meeting room, study rooms, space enough for more computers, more books. A much larger children's room with tables for crafts, etc. so as not to disturb the rest of the patrons during the day.

If anyone has gone to other libraries in different towns they would notice

how large they are and what facilities they offer. Libraries will not be obsolete. Think—the books in the library are free. Also, you can download books from the library website and that is also free.

I like books to hold, old-fashioned as that might seem, I'm not into Kindle or Nook. Also, not everyone has a Kindle/ Nook or can afford it, I can't, and not everyone has a computer. And no matter if there is a great deal of information on the internet we know that all of it is not accurate. We need someone to help point us in the right direction for information that is reliable.

And the cost. Do you really know how much it cost to run the library every year? We have a small staff of very good people who try their utmost to give the best service to any patron who enters the library. If we need to relocate to another building in town, we will have to put aside money for electric work for lights, internet, outlets; partitions for walls for offices, meeting rooms, study rooms, storage closets; tables, chairs, shelves are just some of the things that would need to be done. No building is move-in ready unless it was another library. All the shelves, tables, etc., we have in the library now we will still need more and not everything in the library can be relocated to a new building.

So while the suggestions are appreciated we really need to think clearly, without politics, to have a library that will serve this community now and in the future that we can be proud of.


**SINCERELY  
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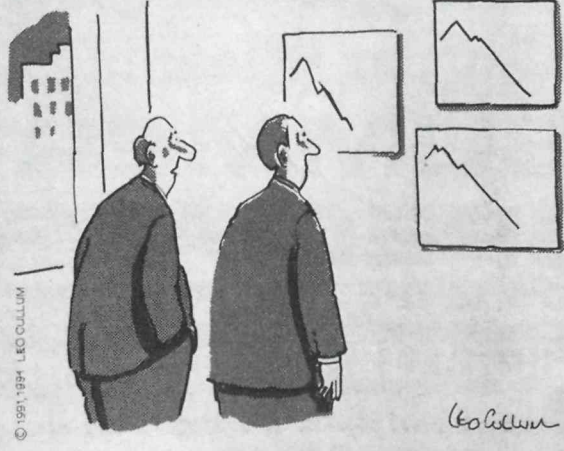
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By Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team hosted their first meet of the season on June 23 against Hillsborough. While South Plainfield lost in a very tight match with a score of 159-115, Darlene Fung broke two records that had been held for 16 years by Laureen Reed. In her first race Darlene broke both the team and pool record in the 100m freestyle for 9/10 year-olds with a time of 1:21.75. In her next race she broke the team record for the 9/10 year-olds 50m backstroke with a time of 43.38. Darlene and her teammates, Aubrey Marish, Brianna Tang and Jenna Yan, also broke the team record for 9-12 freestyle relay with a time of 2:37.15.

Swimming Individual Medley and coming in first place was Brendan Tang; third place was Arid Chung (10 and under). Brothers Andrew Galarza (11-12) and Daniel Galarza (13-18) placed second in their age groups and Manav Shah placed third for 11/12.

Freestyle events: Girls (10 and under)—first place-Darlene Fung, second place-Jenna Yan; (11/12)—first place- Aubrey Marish, second place Brianna Tang; and (13-18)—third place-Allie Huber. Boys (8 and under)—first place- Tyler Wu, third place-Ryan Park; (9/10)—first place-Brendan Wang; (11/12)—second place-Andrew Galarza, third place-Nicolas Gurrieri; (13/14)— third place-Eugene Kim; (15-18)—third place-Anthony Gurrieri.

# Sports

## Darlene Fung Breaks Two Sixteen Year Old Records at Community Pool

At this point the Tiger Sharks were in the lead, but the next events were very challenging. In backstroke the only first place winners were Shannon Yan (eight and under) and Darlene Fung (9/10). Aubrey Marish placed second for the 11/12 age group, while Amanda Pensa (eight and under) and Geri Huber (11/12) placed third.

The younger swimmers held their own in the breaststroke. Taking first place were Shannon Yan, Jenna Yan and Brianna Tang for the eight and under, 9/10 and 11/12 age groups, respectively. Geri Huber placed second for the 11/12 year olds, while Grace Chung and Maggie Valentino placed third for the 13/14 and 15-18 age groups.

Butterfly events had only one first place winner, Tyler Wu for the eight and unders. Zach Brown (9/10) was the only second place ribbon holder. Arid Chung (eight and under), Nicolas Gurrieri (11/12) and Joe Cornelius (15-18) placed third.

## South Plainfield Tiger Sharks

Heat events had Amanda Pina (eight and under breaststroke), Ellen Zinsky (15-18 freestyle) and Caroline Vill (15-18 breaststroke) placing first in their heats.

Besides the 9-12 girls freestyle relay team that broke the team record, the eight and under girls also took first place. Swimming that event were: S. Galarza, J. Clark, G. Glover, and N. O'Sullivan. The eight and under boys medley relay team also placed first. Swimming that event were T. Wu, J. Tam, M. Strassburger and R. Park.

Head coach for the Tiger Sharks is Laurie Post.

## Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League

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Dirty Harry & Friends	3	3	1	Sport & Social	2	5	0
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Jeff Orth was more than a bit dejected when he got the word that his buddy, Dale Dube was under the weather and would not be able to play. Then he got another call that the sub would be congenial Danny Nuzzo.

Inspired by the warmth of his new playing partner's amiable personality, Orth played brilliantly and put together an awesome round, a sparkling 3-under 30, highlighted by two beautiful birdies and an absolutely spectacular eagle.

Orth struck a gorgeous tee shot on the third hole and drained the putt for his first birdie and then hit a lovely drive on the fourth hole that led to birdie number two. After three routine pars, Orth hit his only errant drive of the night on the eighth hole, hooking his drive so far to the left that the huge tree near the ninth tee box blocked his view to the green.

Orth then took out a wedge and lofted the shot of the night, a parabolic beauty that soared over the tree and kerplunked in the hole without ever touching the green for an amazing eagle.

After practically single-handedly leading his 2 Buds, 2 Dubs team to a

12-8 victory over the South Plainfield Funeral Home, Orth did not linger to receive all the richly deserved commendations from the other league members. He modestly strolled to the parking lot where the gods of golf were waiting to fly him home.

Jovial Matt Ward earned the medal for the South Plainfield Funeral Home with a 39 and left the course in a daze.

In a handicap league, when the first-place team takes on the last-place team, anything can happen. Captain Frank Matthews and the cellar-dwellers from Sport & Social were not at all intimidated in facing the division leaders, Unique Sports Accessories, and Myrtle Beach Matthews came through with a 38 that included a pretty birdie on the seventh hole as Sport & Social pulled off a surprise 15-5 victory. Good old reliable Ted Stanik posted a 36 for Unique Sports who maintained their number one place despite the loss.

Frank Ferraro swept all his points in registering a 40 to spark his Italian-American Club team to a 12-8 win over McCriskin's Home For Funerals.

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# Sports

## Boston Red Sox Win "A" League's Championship



South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club "A" League Boston Red Sox

The 2011 South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club "A" League season came to an end on June 13 with the Boston Red Sox beating the New York Yankees 8-4 in the championship game.

During the regular season, the Red Sox had a league best 13-2 record. With great pitching all year from Dillon Harris, Jared Marks, Ricky

Pelligrino and surprise "pitcher of the year" Larry Lanue, the Red Sox gave up very few runs and their defense was just as outstanding in the field.

In the playoffs the Yankees were on a roll; they beat all the top teams and having gone undefeated got to the championship game. With losing to the Yanks once in the playoffs already,

the Red Sox had to beat the Yankee's twice in a row to win the championship. In having beaten the Yanks in the first championship game, it set up a winner take all one game playoff.

In the second championship game with the Red Sox leading 5-2 after four innings, the Yankees came back to get within one run in the fifth inning, but the Red Sox added three runs in the top of the sixth inning with a monster home run by Dillon Harris off of Billy Keane. The Yankees were led by Manager John Wizda and players Billy Keane, River Dress, Brandon Wizda and Jake Giordano.

Dillon Harris started for the Red Sox and had a rough first inning, then settled down and pitched two great innings. Jared Marks came in to close the game out giving up no hits in his two innings of relief. Billy Keane pitched a strong five and a third innings for the Yankees.

Players on the Red Sox are Dillon (Lover Boy) Harris, Ricky (Ricky Bobbie) Pelligrino, Jared (Lights Out) Marks, Larry (MVP) Lanue, TJ (the DJ) Scott, Chris (Babe Ruth) Jeffries, Mike (Squints) Castagno, Donny Grabinsky, Charles Lovett, Jack (The Hammer) Scrudato, Michael (The Polish Hammer) Stanczak and Anthony Palmieri.

The manager of the Red Sox is Joe Scrudato and assistant coaches are Jerry Harris, Dave Scott and Paul Jeffries.

The Red Sox would also like to thank the parents of the players for their support this year.

## Notes from Memorial Golf League

(Continued from previous page)  
Steve Schock's 40 was the low round for McCriskin's who have now dropped four in a row.

Over in the American Division, KC's Korner, led by Billy "Cappy" Capparelli who is having a terrific season and their super-sub, Mike Behr, whipped Alfie's Boys, 15-5. Capparelli fired another 2-over 35, Behr chipped in with a nice round of 37, and Tony Cotone, Jr. added a 38. Irish Danny Griffin looked good in carding a 35 and Bill Mann, a very consistent golfer, shot a 38 as Alfie's Boys held on to their slim lead in first place.

The Twin City Pharmacy powerhouse did it again and just overwhelmed their opponents, Dirty Harry & Friends, 14-6. Joe Diller had another gem, a 1-over 34, Guy Severini continues to hit fairways and greens and had a 35, and Danny Stazione pitched in with a very solid 36. Charlie Oats earned medalist honors for Dirty Harry & Friends with a 38.

Now that Kevin has the "Boom Boom" back in Bickunas, Witty's Liquors has become a match for any team in the league. Bickunas bombed some majestic drives on his way to a lovely even-par round of 33 with birdies on the fifth and eighth holes, and Jim Parker had a terrific round of his own, a 35, that he finished off in fine style with a birdie on number nine. In

a close contest, Witty's earned a 12-8 victory. Marty "Mr. Amazing" Van De Vaerst was the low-man for Oak Tree Dental with a 2-over 35.

**Low Scores for the Night:** Jeff Orth, 30, Kevin Bickunas, 33; Joe Diller, 34, Danny Griffin, 35; Guy Severini, 35; Marty Van De Vaerst, 35; Billy Capparelli, 35; Jim Parker, 35; Ted Stanik, 36; Danny Stanzione, 36.



The South Plainfield U12 Allstars (Ponytail Softball) won first place in the North Edison Firecracker Tournament this weekend. The team won six out of six games. Coaches are Kevin Hughes, Al Pace and Tim Nagle. Scorekeeper is Mary Cargill.

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## Ping Pong Craze Causes a Racket at the High School



Munib Abdeljaber, left, with Model UN Club members.

For the first time ever, a Ping Pong Tournament was held at South Plainfield High School on the evening of May 24. Hosted by the Model United Nations Club, this tourney had 40 total participants, including both high school students and adults.

Over the sound of ping pong balls being hit back and forth and the chatter of South Plainfield residents, a sense of excitement was felt by all. Emerging as the winner of the tournament was the Bagel Pantry's Munib Abdeljaber, who generously donated his winnings back to the high school as a symbol of his ongoing support for the school and the community.

Beginning as an idea by members of the Model United Nations Club, the ping pong tournament was seen as a way to allow students and community members to have fun while also raising funds for the organization.

With the support of South Plainfield High School, the equipment was provided to host the tournament in the school gym. Model United Nations Club members spread the word quickly throughout the school and the community. As a result, 40 individuals signed up for the tournament and a chance to bask in glory. The first three rounds of single elimination had many

close contests decided by a mere few points as fans cheered on their favorites. Emerging into the semifinals were high school students Zack Haupt, Nick Tuyp and Dustin Guzman, along with Abdeljaber. In closely watched matches, Guzman and Abdeljaber triumphed over their opponents, both of whom fought well. In the finals, Abdeljaber's years of experience, despite not having played in more than 20 years, proved to be the deciding factor in his win over the worthy Guzman.

Better than the tournament itself was the fact that all individuals who attended had a chance to play ping pong themselves in between matches on unused tables. Model UN Club advisor Miten Shah offered to play any student who attended the tournament, defeating some while losing to other worthy challengers. With support and requests to have another ping pong tournament, the club plans on having several in the upcoming school year. Consideration is being given to a students' bracket and an adults' bracket in the upcoming tournament, with winners of each pitted in a final competition.

Altogether, there was a very positive atmosphere at the high school that day as all participants had a chance to have fun while competing for a cash prize.

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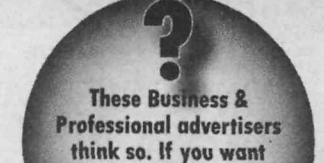


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## Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

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Join our summer reading program, "One World Many Stories," which started on June 27. Children of all ages are invited to participate in our annual summer reading club. This program runs through Saturday, Aug. 16 and encourages children to set aside time each week to read. Every child will be given a booklet to record the titles of books/magazines/books on tape/CD that they read/listen to (the majority of materials that are used should be borrowed from our library). Each week they will be awarded a small participation prize and will have the chance to earn more prizes based on the amount of reading they complete. Throughout the summer we will have various special programs. There will also be a young adult summer reading club entitled "You Are Here," for students entering grades 5-12 with prizes. If you have any questions please see the library staff.

In addition to our regular storytimes, Miss Mija and Miss Linda will be adding a special 1 p.m. storytime called "Tuesday Tales," beginning Tuesday, July 5 and running through August 16. Kids will explore folktales from a different country each week, make a craft and taste some food.

These storytimes are for children entering grades two and up. Registration is required. Space is limited, so please come to the library and register.

The library will hold a KidCraft program on Mondays, July 18 through August 15. Registration is required. Each week there will be a different craft. There is a \$1 materials fee for each registered child. There will be no phone registration for KidCrafts. A few of the special programs we have lined up for the summer are: Peacock Surprise on Monday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m., for ages three and up, Introduction to Japanese on Saturday, July 16 at 1 p.m. for ages 12 and up, Origami workshop with Nancy Avella on Monday, July 18 at 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. for ages 12 and up, and a Magic Workshop with Joe Fischer on Thursday, July 28 at 7 p.m. for ages eight and up. All of these programs will be held at the library and all require registration. Spaces for the programs fill up quick, so if you would like to register, please stop by the library.

Beginning July 7 and continuing on July 21 and August 4, there will be a young adult movie shown beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is no age limit and no registration required. The movies to be shown could be rated PG-13 and may not be appropriate for younger kids. Snacks will be provided. For movie title information, call or come to the library. On the alternating Thursdays when there is no movie, we will be having Wii gaming night beginning at 6:30 p.m. There is no age limit and no registration is required.

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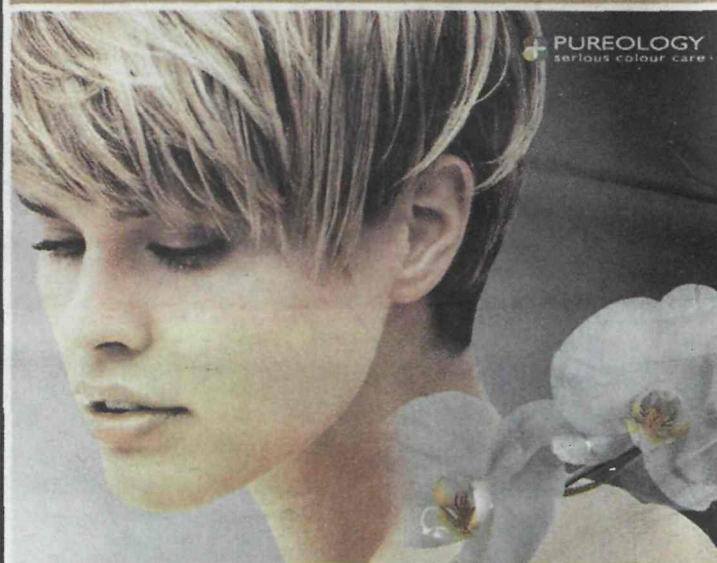
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