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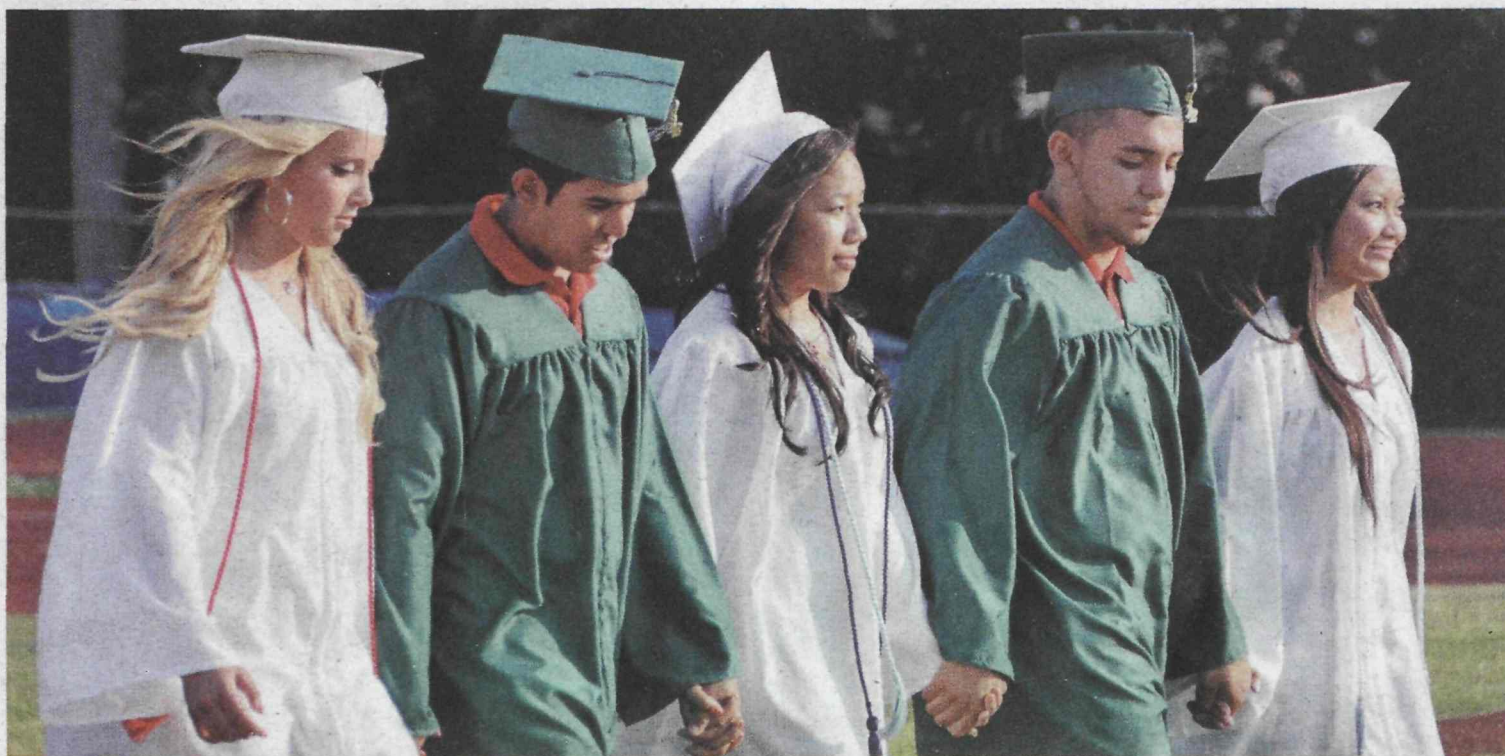
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## Reap the Rewards: SPHS Class of 2012 Graduates



Members of the South Plainfield High School Class of 2012 clasp hands for the last time as fellow students as they enter Jost Field for graduation exercises on June 20. See pages 11 through 18 for a special graduation/awards pullout. —Photo courtesy of Louis Mornile

## BOE Awards Roof Repairs Contracts

By Jane Dornick

The Board of Education awarded contracts for school building re-roof designs totalling nearly \$1.8M at the June 13 public meeting.

ARMM Associates of Cherry Hill, a commercial roof consulting firm, was hired by the board on April 18 as the architect to perform preliminary specification work at a cost of \$112,150. Out of nine bidders, E.R. Barrett, Inc. of Newark was the lowest bidder (\$939,310) for repairs to the roof at the high school.

Ten bids were received for work at the middle school. The two lowest bidders were ARCH Concept Construction of North Haledon (\$752,000) and E.R. Barrett, Inc. (\$766,250). The numerically low bid from ARCH was rejected as

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## Paul McCullen Announces Bid for Borough Council

Independent Paul McCullen has announced his intent to seek a seat on the Borough Council this November.

Last year's race was decided by a couple of hundred votes, with just a fraction of the electorate voting.

When asked why he is running again this year, McCullen commented, "I enjoyed the chance

last year to run for office. Quite often I heard from residents of the borough, 'Why don't you run as an Independent?' Well, after giving it some consideration, I decided to follow my passion to serve the residents of South Plainfield."

His slogan, "Restoring our Town, Improving our Community," makes up the centerpiece of McCullen's poli-



Paul McCullen

tics. "I think this is going to be an exciting November. My family has lived in South Plainfield for almost 35 years. I want to see our community grow stronger," he said.

"We've seen what happens when one party is in control of South Plainfield. For years the Democrats have been in control, and the town has suffered. Recently, the Republicans have taken over, and it has gotten worse. Things don't change. Both political parties only work to get re-elected, and only help people on their side. With me, voters will have someone who votes only in the best interest of all citizens," said McCullen.

McCullen's bid will be a welcome challenge this November. He will be one of a few citizens in the history of South Plainfield to run as an independent for local elected office.

"I think the voters will respond to an honest candidate—one who will get the job done," said McCullen.

McCullen currently serves on both the Cultural Arts Commission and Tax Advisory Board. He also has spent time in the past performing with and conducting shows for the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop. He is active with music ministry at South Plainfield Wesley United Methodist Church and Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield.

McCullen is a graduate of South Plainfield High School and William Paterson University, where he received a bachelor of music performance with a minor in political science.

You may contact McCullen via email at [McCullen4SP@gmail.com](mailto:McCullen4SP@gmail.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mccullen4sp](http://www.facebook.com/mccullen4sp).

## Borough Hires Two Police Officers

By Jane Dornick

The borough hired two police officers at the June 16 council meeting, 24 year-old Justin Melanson and 31 year-old Craig Magnani. Both are lifelong residents. Their starting salary is \$39,640.

Melanson attended St. Joseph High School and graduated in 2005. He then attended Rutgers University earning a degree in criminal justice. Melanson is currently employed by Target in South Plainfield as a reverse logistics team member.

Magnani graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1998. He briefly attended Middlesex County College and is currently employed by Total Sono, LLC, a family courier business. Prior to that, Magnani was a loan officer for Secure Lending Solutions in Glen Rock, Prospect Mortgage in Linden and Indymac Bank FSB, also in Linden. His brother, Peter, is a police officer in the borough.

There is a strong bond that connects police officers—a bond that feels like family. The passion and desire to protect and serve the community is often passed on to siblings and children of police officers. The South Plainfield Police Department carries on that tradition and considers it to be a credit to the department and the borough.

With the addition of Magnani, there are now five immediate (parent or sibling) family members on the force simultaneously; brothers Antonio and Michael Grasso, brothers Michael and Daniel Hoppe, brothers John and James McConville and Joseph Papa and his son Peter.

The first immediate family members to serve at the same time were Robert Merkler, who joined his brother Steven on the force in 1983. Other



Police Officer Craig Magnani is sworn in to the South Plainfield Police Department by Police Chief James Parker. Magnani is joined by his brother, South Plainfield Police Officer Peter Magnani; his mother, Juli Magnani, and daughter, Adriana. Councilman Bengivenga is also pictured.



Police Officer Justin Melanson is sworn in to the South Plainfield Police Department by Police Chief James Parker. Melanson's brother, Shane, holds the Bible and Councilman Rob Bengivenga looks on.

immediate family members who have served as police officers with the department in the past, although not all simultaneously, are: Thomas Bullock, his son Mark and daughter Taralyn; brothers John and Paul Brembt;

Philip Campagna and sons Vincent and Joseph; William Cochrane and his son Christopher; brothers Mark (deceased) and David DeLair, Peter Piro and son Michael; and brothers, Richard and Robert Rogers.

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## Property Tax Bills to be Mailed Next Week

Estimated third quarter 2012 property tax bills will be mailed to residents next week. As always, payments for third quarter tax bills are due August 1 and can be paid until August 10 without interest. You will be receiving your final bill for the year toward the end of the summer after the borough adopts its annual budget.

You can now view your tax bill and make payments online at [www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com).

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# FYI

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Council  
& BOE

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### councilmeetings

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Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting  
Monday, July 16

Public Meeting  
Monday, July 16

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### planningboard

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Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

July 10, July 23\*, Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25,  
Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

### zoningboardofadjustment

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

July 3, July 17, Aug. 7, Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18

### boardofeducation

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

Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 6:30 p.m.) except where noted\*  
Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17

### BOEcurriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month at 4:30 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room,  
Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

### BOEbuildings & grounds

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

### culturalarts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.  
July & Aug.-No Meeting, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

### libraryboard of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.  
July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

### recreationcommission

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  
Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

### taxpayersadvisorygroup

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.

### siteplansub-committee

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## In My Opinion

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

Dear Residents,

As current members of the Borough Council, and as candidates to continue in these positions, we want to thank those of you who supported us in the recent primary election. We're honored to receive your endorsement, and we will do our best to make you proud of the choice you made when you entered the voting booth.

This year's election promises to be an exciting one. The addition of two independent candidates to the mix means that South Plainfield voters will have a choice unlike any other they've had in recent memory.

As some of you may know, one of last year's Democrat candidates, Paul McCullen, will be one of the two people running as an independent. Paul is a serious, thoughtful candidate, and while we disagree with Paul on some key issues, we look forward to a robust discussion with him and the other independent candidate, Pat DeSantis, about the direction of our town.

South Plainfield has been making great strides in moving forward over the past two years. While the national economy continues to struggle, many of the programs our team put in place to expand the town's economic development are beginning to bear fruit. The new PSE&G expansion is just one example of the aggressive way in which we are working to at-

tract new businesses to town and to retain those businesses that already call South Plainfield home. More of these types of projects are in the works, and they all share the same goals: creating an expanding tax base and bringing much-needed jobs to our community.

Under Mayor Matt Anesh's leadership, South Plainfield is regaining its reputation as a vibrant, business-friendly community. Both of us are anxious to continue to be a part of the mayor's team and to keep South Plainfield moving in the right direction. As the election gets closer, we look forward to sharing our vision for how to do that with residents. In the meantime, though, thank you again to everyone who supported us on June 6.

**SINCERELY,  
COUNCILMAN ROB BENGIVENGA  
COUNCILMAN DICK FRANK**

South Plainfield Residents,

C.J. Diana and Franky Salerno wish to thank voters for their overwhelming support in the June Democratic Primary election.

Diana said, "It's difficult for me to express in words how thrilled I am to be officially running for council in the town where I was raised; it is an honor, one that I promise not to take lightly. If I am fortunate enough to become

### Submit Your Letters to the Editor

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](mailto: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.

a member of the borough council next January I will always work for what is best for the residents of South Plainfield."

Franky Salerno echoed his running mates comments saying, "It is a pleasure to be on the same team with C.J. Diana. The Diana Family is synonymous with service. I am pleased that during my term on the borough council I was always complemented for being non-political and doing what I thought was right. C.J. has that same attitude."

We are both committing ourselves to an issue-oriented campaign and look forward to meeting residents when we campaign door to door.

If you have any questions or suggestions, you can call Diana at (908) 616-6931 or Salerno at (908) 251-1777.

**C.J. DIANA AND  
FRANKY SALERNO**

## County's Free Outdoor Summer Concert Series Kicks Off

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders' free summer concert series kicks off with performances at Spring Lake Park in the gazebo from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

"We are pleased to present our

residents," said Freeholder Stephen J. "Pete" Dalina, chair of the county's Infrastructure Management Committee. "It's a great way to spend quality time outdoors."

All concerts are free and open to the

Jackie Neill, recreation supervisor, at (732) 745-3936 or visit [www.co.midsex.nj.us](http://www.co.midsex.nj.us).

**Sunday, July 1**—The Garden State Symphonic Band, Patriotic American Music—Chris Pedersen, Leader

**Sunday, July 8**—The George Krauss Memorial Band—Barbara Krauss Santoro, Leader

**Sunday, July 15**—Sandy Sasso's Swingin' Big Band

**Sunday, July 22**—The Mark Heter Band—Wonderful Music from the Circus

**Sunday, July 29**—StarFish!—Family-friendly Rock & Roll for Kids!

**Sunday, Aug. 5**—The Brio Concert Band, Patriotic American Music—Edward Logue, Leader

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## R&C Auto Body Celebrates 50 Years



Pictured with owners Rich and S. Carl Adlassnig are Manager Carl Adlassnig, Office Manager Debbie Sickle and technicians Lionel Panarra, Jahiro Ojeda, Ixai Lopez, Baldeo Tulsie, Wilson Perez, Danilo Jurado and Troy Waidner. Not pictured are technicians Henry Maurath and Anthony Garcia.

By Jane Dornick

Born and raised in Newark, brothers Rich and S. Carl Adlassnig took their small local automobile mechanical shop, that was outgrowing its location, to South Plainfield in 1962. When they purchased the shop, Rich and Carl moved their families to the borough and purchased the property at 3330 Park Ave. They began performing auto body repair under the name R&C Auto Body and started out with six employees.

The building in the early 1900s originally housed a horse and buggy repair shop. When the automobile became the new mode of transportation, the structure was eventually updated by its previous owners to accommodate an automobile mechanical shop.

In 1965, Rich and Carl suffered a major loss when a work related accident caused a fire that gutted the building, injuring four firemen and one employee. The fire did not stop the brother's

determination to reopen the shop.

During the 1970s, the Adlassnig's became very active in community activities by sponsoring the Pop Warner football team and a golf team that played at the West Nine Golf Course. They had also been members of the Rotary Club for over 25 years and now belong to the South Plainfield Business Association.

In the 1980s, the men would use the facility to build floats for Pop Warner to participate in the annual Labor Day parade. Rich and Carl also had a passion for building race cars during the same time period. They built the Fireball Monza funny car and 1940 Chevy Coupe dragster which they raced up and down the East Coast and in Canada. The Monza won several races in Englishtown.

R&C Auto Body also assisted the high school by running a cooperative education program in the 1970s and 1980s. Students would spend half a day at school and the other half learning a

trade at the shop. "We broke in over 50 kids," said Rich, who recalled working with children who were troubled and needed to learn a trade.

Rich and wife Karen have a daughter, Jennifer, who lives in Nashville, Tenn.; S. Carl and wife Dianne have a son, Carl, and two daughters, Sharon Ferraro, from South Plainfield, and Kim Cherichello, who resides in Texas.

In 1994, after graduating from Rutgers University with a B.A. in business management, son Carl joined the business. He worked hands-on in the shop until he was eventually promoted to manager. "We treat every car as if it were our own and every customer how you would want any of your family members to be treated. R&C Auto Body's objective is to fix it right the first time," said Carl.

Carl and wife Michele continue the legacy of remaining active within the community. Both are members of Sacred Heart Church and daughters, Sarah and Kaitlyn, attend Holy Savior Academy. Carl and his family volunteer their time at Holy Savior Academy's 5K Run and for the American Cancer Society. He is also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Michele is co-president of the Holy Savior Academy PTA.

R&C Auto Body is an A+ rated member of the Better Business Bureau and they are the only AAA Certified Auto Body Repair Facility in the area. They are an I-Car Gold Class Certified Facility and a direct repair shop for most major insurance companies. Their motto is to "perform excellent workmanship at a fair price" and "help make the stressful situation of having your car repaired as painless as possible."

The shop is currently in the process of converting from using urethane solvent paint to water borne paint. When completed, it will be the first body shop in South Plainfield that has made this conversion. It is an environmentally-friendly paint that will be less harmful to the atmosphere and create less waste. Virtually all new vehicles are painted in the factory with water based paints so the color matching will be flawless.

For more information, contact R&C Auto Body at randcautobody@aol.com or (908) 757-1933. Stop by for a free car wash on Saturday, June 30 (rain date July 7) from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. to help celebrate their 50th anniversary.



Boy Scout Troop 125 retire old and damaged flags at a special ceremony at VFW Post 6763 held on Flag Day. The flags were placed in the flames in memory of those who were killed in the line of duty.

## April Bengivenga Named Delegate To Republican National Convention

April Bengivenga, chair of the South Plainfield Republicans, will be heading to Tampa Bay, Fla. in August, where she will be a delegate to the Republican National Convention.

Bengivenga was on the ballot during the June 6 primary and elected to serve as one of two delegates to represent New Jersey's Sixth Congressional District for presidential candidate Mitt Romney, former governor of Massachusetts. The Sixth Congressional District encompasses nearly 50 municipalities and has a population of over 600,000 people. Delegates to the convention come from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories, and at the convention they choose their party's candidates for president and vice president.

"This is a huge honor for South Plainfield," said Mayor Matt Anesh. "I don't know that anyone from our town has ever been elected to serve

as a delegate to a national nominating convention before, and I know nobody has in recent memory."

Bengivenga will be one of 2,286 delegates, but she won't be the only one from South Plainfield. Joining her as honorary delegates will be GOP Vice Chair Stephanie Bartfalvi, former Chairman Bob Jones and Councilman Rob Bengivenga.

The convention runs from August 27-30 and is expected to draw over 15,000 credentialed media from around the world. Delegates travel to the convention at their own expense and devote considerable time to attending convention floor sessions. The highlight is the nominating session, where the delegates cast votes for the Republican nominee to be president and vice president. The vote is the culmination of a primary process that began back at the beginning of the year.

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# Kake Queen Francis Ruiz “Bakes Magic” in South Plainfield

By Jean Fultz

Francis Ruiz is the quintessential “cake queen” of South Plainfield. Always the first to make special cakes or cupcakes for her daughters’ classmates at Riley School, Ruiz would bring the intricately-themed treats to school for holiday and birthday parties. When a Riley teacher was getting ready to go on maternity leave, Ruiz baked cupcakes for the mother-to-be.

Soon, teachers at Riley would send notes home with her children, Kaylah, now 13, and Jaydah, now 11, asking if she could bake them cakes for special occasions. But it wasn’t until Ruiz’s husband lost his job as a computer technician in New York City when he suggested she start her own business selling cakes to supplement the family income. Ruiz didn’t think she was good enough, nor had she entertained the idea before.

“Everyone at Riley School was my guinea pig,” she laughed. “I don’t think they even knew it, but I was practicing on them!”

The more she baked, the better she got, and the more confident she became. Always her biggest supporter, Ruiz’s husband pushes her even when she thinks she can’t possibly create a cake as requested by a customer.

“No one taught me how to do this. Most of what I learned was from watching the Food Network Channel,” Ruiz said.

Now known as Kake Queen LLC, Ruiz is booked weeks in advance, baking the cakes at her Newark church and decorating them in her South



Kake Queen Francis Ruiz

Plainfield home. She has created every kind of cake imaginable, from novelty cakes, to her very first wedding cake in June (above), to one of the more challenging projects she has undertaken: a cake in the shape of a slot machine.

It was Pat Hajduk, a secretary at Riley School in 2011, who asked Ruiz if she could make a cake for her brother-in-law, Mike, who was throwing a surprise 50th birthday party for his wife, Kathy, in February of 2011. As part

of the surprise, Mike was going to take Kathy on a trip to Las Vegas, so he asked Ruiz if she could create a “Wheel of Fortune” slot machine out of cake.

“I didn’t know what he was talking about! I never gamble! So, I spent time talking to him on the phone and in person, and sketched out what he wanted. It was so intricate and detailed, it was crazy to make a cake like that!” Ruiz recalled.

Last year, Ruiz was chosen to be a volunteer baker for Icing Smiles, “a non-profit organization that provides custom celebration cakes and other treats to families impacted by the critical illness of a child.” Her first project, a beautiful purple birthday cake for a 13 year-old cancer patient, was featured in the *Observer* in December.

In March, Ruiz competed in a bake-off at the Garden State Cake Club in Mt. Laurel at the urging of many of her Facebook fans. Her entry was a cake in the shape of a sneaker, and although she did not win, she was chosen to compete against another contestant in a live cake challenge. It was her dream come true when she was paired up with Norman Davis and Zane Beg from the Food Network Channel and given two hours to decorate a three-tier wedding cake. She won the challenge and received a goodie bag of cake decorating tools that she has since put to good use.

Ruiz is quick to donate to many charities in town as well as her hometown of Newark. She donates cakes to a school for autistic children in Newark as well as to the pediatric Christmas

party at St. Michael’s Peter Ho Clinic.

A 1995 graduate of the former Jersey City University with a B.A. in sociology, Ruiz worked for 10 years at St. Michael’s as a social worker for children and adults living with HIV/AIDS.

Her deep compassion for those less fortunate stems from personal tragedy in her own life. One of six children born to hardworking parents in Newark, Ruiz’s brother, Jose Melo, ended up living on the streets in Newark. Not the stereotypical homeless person, Melo holds a master’s degree in Spanish Literature from Rutgers, but had dropped out of society due to mental illness.

“I was able to keep track of him while I was working in Newark, but now I’ve lost touch with him and we don’t know where he is,” said Ruiz, tears in her eyes. She has not seen nor heard from her brother in at least five years. “Maybe someone somewhere will read this and get me back in touch with my brother.”

Ruiz, who also has a five year-old daughter, Laylah, dreams of opening her own storefront bake shop in South Plainfield. She also has plans to sponsor a scholarship at the high school for a student interested in pursuing the culinary arts next year.

And, she continues to “bake magic” that brings smiles to the faces of so many of her loyal customers and friends on Facebook.

To view Ruiz’s custom made cakes or to place an order, visit Kake Queen LLC on Facebook or email francis@kakequeen.com.

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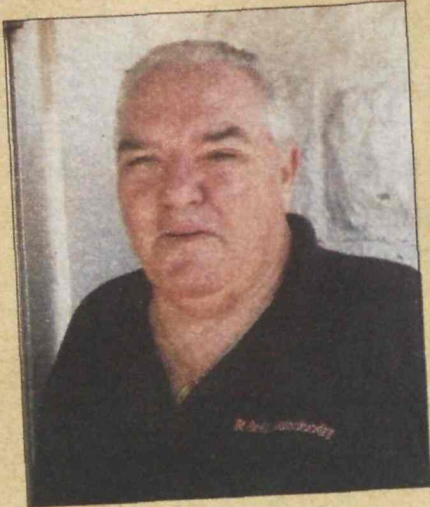
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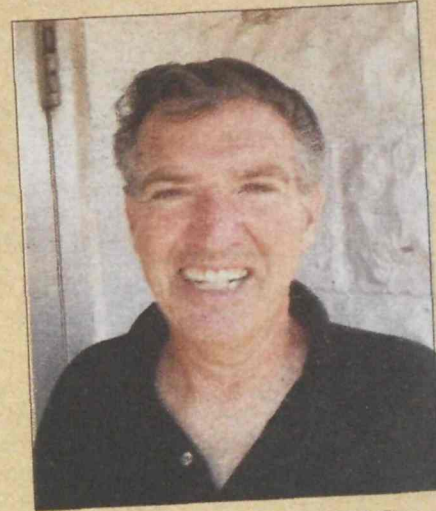


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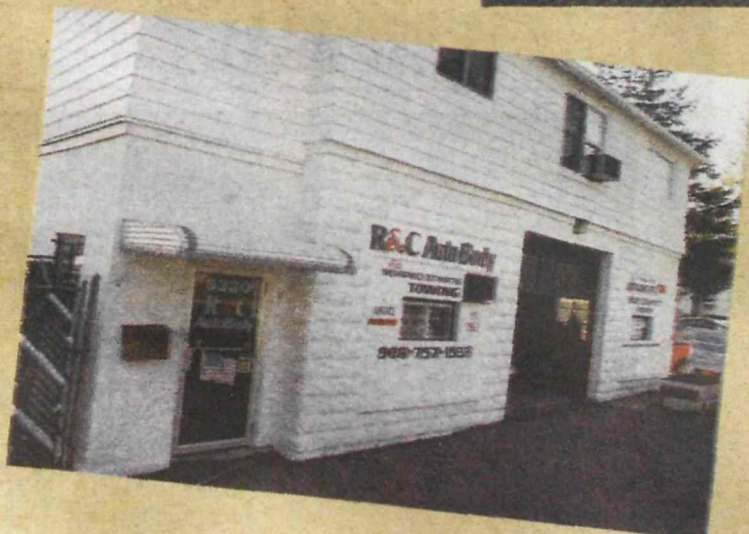
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## Around Town

### Miele's Art Studio Opening Reception

July 1

Miele's Art Studio is holding an opening reception for its Student Art Exhibit II on Sunday, July 1 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The artwork will be on display for the entire month of July.

Miele's Art Studio is located at 30 South Plainfield Ave. Entrance is on Front Street.

For more information, please call Dorothy Miele at (908) 548-3179.

### Rescue Squad Car, Truck & Bike Show

July 8

The fifth annual Rescue Squad Car, Truck & Bike Show will be held on Sunday, July 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (raindate July 15) at the squad building, 2520 Plainfield Ave. Proceeds will benefit the South Plainfield Volunteer EMS Squad.

Show trophies for the best custom bike, best muscle car, best street rod, best import, best truck and more. All vehicles are welcome. Vehicle registration is \$20; general admission is \$5 and includes two hotdogs or two hamburgers. Food, a 50/50 raffle, and music by DJ Stick Shift Eddie. Vendors are also wanted.

For registration or vendor information, please contact the Rescue Squad at (908) 420-3721 or email [webmaster@southplainfieldems.org](mailto:webmaster@southplainfieldems.org).

### "Sharpen Your Skills" At Pilgrim Covenant

July 9-August 20

Pilgrim Covenant Church is hosting a Sharpen Your Skills tutoring program offered by Three Bridges July 9-August 20 for children in grades K-5 to improve their reading, math and writing skills. Parents may choose a 90-minute tutoring session for two, three or four days per week.

For more information, call Rosie

Bayak at (732) 662-8277 or email [threebridgesllc@gmail.com](mailto:threebridgesllc@gmail.com).

### Library Bd. of Trustees Special Meeting

July 10

The Board of Trustees of the South Plainfield Free Public Library will hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 10 at 6 p.m. at the library, located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. The meeting is to discuss personnel issues related to the library. It is anticipated that the board will go into executive session immediately after convening the meeting. Formal action may be taken at the conclusion of the executive session. The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held following the special meeting.

### Car/Motorcycle Cruise Fundraiser

July 21

Street Dreams Car Club will hold a car/motorcycle cruise fundraiser for

Kathy Regenye on Saturday, July 21 from 5 to 9 p.m. at Veteran's Park in South Plainfield. Rain date: Saturday, July 28. Kathy recently had her third surgery for brain cancer and we hope to help her with her mounting bills through this event.

In addition to the cars and motorcycles, there will be music and crafts/vendors. Vendors are needed.

For more information, please contact Ron at (908) 482-0008.

### Trip to Bally's/Air Show in AC

August 17

The Senior Center is offering a trip to Bally's on Friday, Aug. 17. Cost is \$20pp (\$25 return) and includes the spectacular Atlantic City Air Show, "Thunder over the Boardwalk." Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

Sign up at the senior center or call (908) 754-1047.

### — Out of Town —

### Stars n' Stripes Review at Washington Crossing

June 29-30, July 1

The Washington Crossing Open Air Theatre Stage presents *Stars n' Stripes*, a Salute to America's Greatest Composers on Friday, June 29, Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$15, adults; \$10, children (12 and under); seniors, \$12.

The theatre is located inside Washington Crossing State Park at 355 Washington Crossing-Pennington

### SENIOR CENTER Calendar

July 5-Taj Mahal \$20pp. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center.

July 19-Bally's \$20pp. Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

#### MONDAYS

Zumba Gold ..... 9:30-10:30 am  
Crocheting ..... 9:30-11:30 am  
Yoga ..... 10:30 am  
Active Seniors ..... 10:45 am  
Art Class ..... 11:30 am

#### TUESDAYS

Bingo ..... 10 am-2 pm  
Ladies Social Group ..... 10 am

#### WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class ..... 8:45 am  
Shopping ..... 9 am  
Line Dancing ..... 10 am  
Computer.. 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm  
Crocheting ..... 1 pm  
Tai Chi ..... 2 pm

#### THURSDAYS

Active Seniors ..... 9:00 am  
Crafts Class ..... 10 am  
Computer.. 10, 11:30 am, 1:00 pm  
Exercise Class ..... 1:15 pm

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June 30

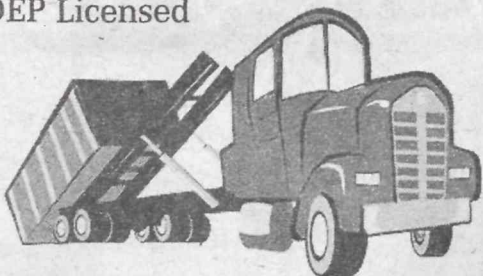
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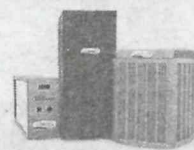
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### Free Silent Film Screening Series

June 30

Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission kicks off its free silent film screening series on Saturday, June 30 at 7 p.m. with the Academy Award winning film, *The Artist*, in Voorhees Hall, Room 105, College Avenue Campus, Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

Screenings are free and open to the public. Please call to register.

For more information and to register, call (732) 745-4489.

### Singles Dance Party

June 30

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, June 30 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 20 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (732) 494-6200.

### Middlesex East WOWs Business Meeting

July 2

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, July 2 at 7 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues in Carteret. All widows or widowers are invited to attend.

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

### 4th of July Singles Dance Party

July 3

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting a 4th of July singles dance party on Tuesday, July 3 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/shorts/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (732) 494-6200.

### American Flyers Open House

July 7

American Flyers Flight School at

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

### NP Baptist Vacation Bible School

July 9-13

North Plainfield Baptist Church, 543 Rockview Ave., will hold Vacation Bible School for pre-K through sixth grade children the week of July 9-13. No charge.

For more information, call (908) 753-8686 or email [pastor.npbpc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.npbpc@gmail.com).

### Art Camp/Workshops At duCret School

Beginning July 9

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able workshops.

For more information, call (908) 757-7171.

### German Biergarten

July 13

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will host an authentic German biergarten on Friday, July 13 from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Open to the public/outdoors/rain or shine. Admission: \$2 per person. Picnic tables available.

For information, call (732) 574-8600.

### St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group

August 6

St. Helen's Church Caregiver Support Group, for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones, will meet on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Informational and sharing sessions.

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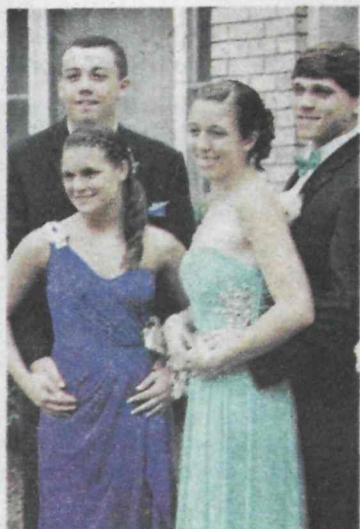
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## Senior Prom 2012—An Evening Under the Stars

By Payal Sindha

Approximately 300 students and several teachers boarded the Cornucopia on June 1 to attend the 2012 Senior Prom, "A Night Under the Stars." The Cornucopia is a majestic yacht docked in Perth Amboy.

This year, for the first time in South Plainfield, senior class advisors Gloria Naso and Allison Dressler organized the prom on a beautifully ornamented dinner cruise boat. The bottom deck was used for the cocktail hour (non alcoholic) and the dance floor, while the other decks were used for dinner seating.

Throughout the night, students won a variety of raffled prizes which included a Kindle Fire, GPS and a TV. They were also treated to an elegant dinner buffet that included a variety of salads and meats and a carving station.

In years past, prom royalty was either chosen by the senior class or chosen randomly. This year, the prom committee agreed that the prom king and prom queen would be decided by the faculty and staff of South Plainfield High School. With great enthusiasm, Gloria Naso crowned Albert Vill as the prom king and Samantha Zelasko as the prom queen. Albert stated, "I was pleasantly surprised, and it made

the night even more memorable than it already was."

Due to unfortunate circumstances, the Cornucopia could not leave the dock; however, the special night was not affected. Senior Emily Sella says, "Regardless of the events, it was still a great venue for prom." Since the boat did not leave the dock, students and teachers were allowed on the balcony and the top deck of the boat, something that truly made prom a "night under the stars."

After four hours of dancing, eating, and having the time of their lives, the seniors left the dock with tired feet and a night full of memories.



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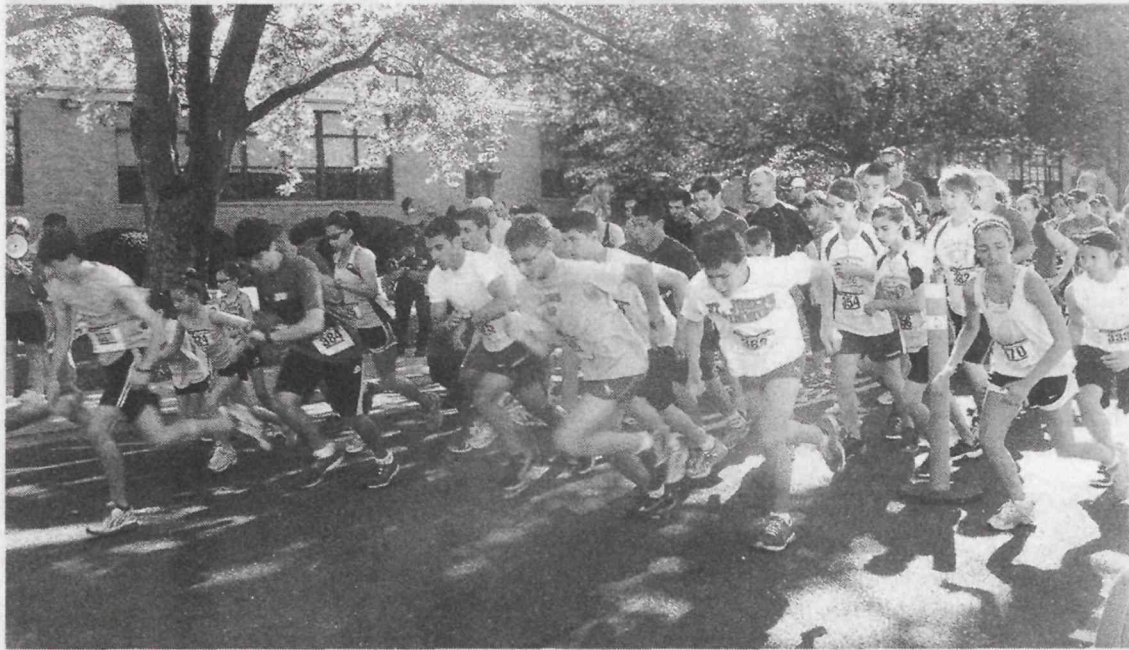
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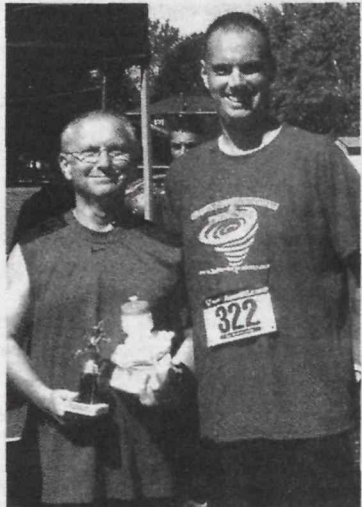
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# Holy Savior Academy 5K Run/Fun Walk Draws More Than 100



The racers are off at the Holy Savior Academy 5K Run to benefit the school sports program and the American Cancer Society.



Event coordinator Carl Adlassnig with winner Terrence Robak

By Jane Dornick

The first Holy Savior Academy 5K Run/Fun Walk held on June 16 raised nearly \$1,500 to support the school sports programs and the American Cancer Society.

In the girls 12 years and under category, first place winner was Julianne Ferraro and second place winner was Sarah Adlassnig. In the boys 12 years and under category, first place went to Jordan Derkack and second place went to Aiden Derkack.

The winners in the girls 13-17 year-old category was Dianne Ferraro in first place and Bridget Simmons in second place. The boys 13-17 year-old winners were Joshua Coupe in first place and Charlie Butrico in second place.

In the men's 18-59 year-old category the first place winner was Christopher Marrone and the second place winner was David Kressner. In the women's 18-59 year-old category, the winners were Elizabeth Campbell in first place and Theresa Campbell in second place.

Terrence Robak took first place in the male category age 60 years old and over.

Sponsoring the event were R&C Auto Body, Knights of Columbus, South Plainfield Observer, McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, South Plainfield Funeral Home, AKA Inc., Bagel Pantry, DNR Auto Center, Fitness 19, Harvest Market, Helicopter Museum, Imagine That Museum, Maggianos, The Club at Ricochet,



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## District Receives Race to the Top Money

By Jane Dornick

In an effort to promote "innovation, reform and excellence in America's public schools," President Barack Obama created the Race to the Top monetary incentive for states. The Board of Education accepted its portion at the June 13 Regular Public Meeting in the amount of \$24,827.

New Jersey was awarded nearly \$38M in Federal Race to the Top funding last December to bolster Governor Chris Christie's education reform agenda, including plans to use test scores to evaluate teacher

performance.

The funding was awarded after the state lost out on \$460M in two previous rounds of the Race to the Top competition, including a failed bid last week for \$60M that would have benefited pre-schoolers statewide.

"America will not succeed in the 21st century unless we do a far better job of educating our sons and daughters... and the race starts today," said Obama in July 2009. "I am issuing a challenge to our nation's governors and school boards, principals and teachers, businesses and non-profits, parents and students: if you set and

enforce rigorous and challenging standards and assessments; if you put outstanding teachers at the front of the classroom; if you turn around failing schools—your state can win a Race to the Top Grant that will not only help students outcompete workers around the world, but let them fulfill their God-given potential."

Backed by a historic \$4.35B investment, the reforms contained in Race to the Top is intended to help prepare America's students to graduate ready for college and career, and enable them to out-compete any worker, anywhere in the world.

## Michael L. Marcus, Attorney, Opens New Office

Michael L. Marcus, Esq. recently opened a general law private practice located at 2509 Park Ave., Suite 1B in South Plainfield. Marcus has more than 20 years



Michael L. Marcus Esq.

of legal experience. He is a graduate of Fairleigh Dickinson University in Madison, and received his law degree from the Emory University School of Law in Atlanta, Ga. Marcus is a member of the

South Plainfield Business Association.

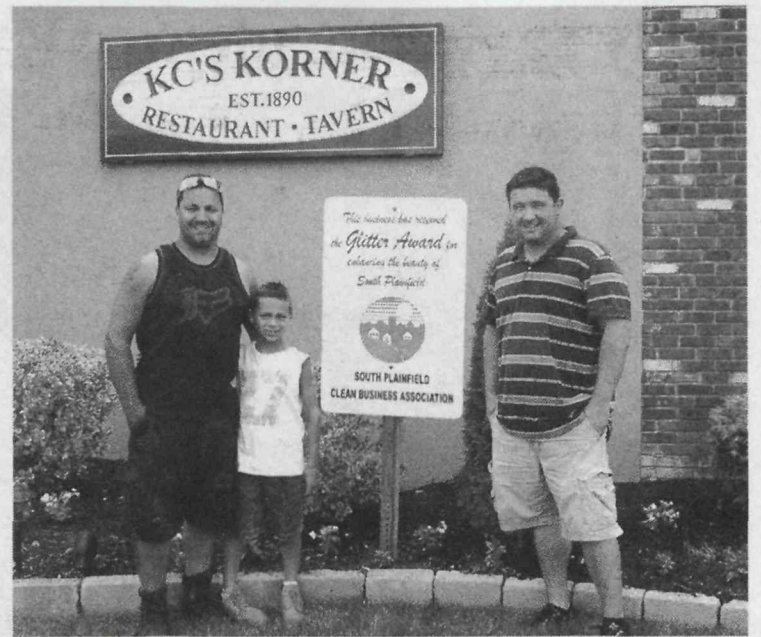
Marcus has represented clients in matters involving general civil litigation, personal injury accident claims, divorce and family law matters, criminal cases, municipal court and traffic matters, real estate transactions, wills, business and corporate legal matters as well as individual and commercial contract disputes. Marcus handles many types of legal matters and has experience in various areas of both civil law cases and criminal legal matters.

He has successfully tried numerous cases in New Jersey Superior Court

involving civil and criminal matters before judges and juries and also represented clients in traffic and criminal matters in many municipal courts throughout the State of New Jersey.

Whether a case is large or small, or involves you or your business, he will be able to provide you with personalized and comprehensive legal services at fair and reasonable rates. Each client he represents is important to him and he looks forward to being able to assist you with your legal needs.

Contact the law office of Michael Marcus, Esq. at (908) 753-0900 for a consultation to discuss all of your legal matters.



(L-R) Mark DeVito, M. DeVito Landscaping with his son, Thomas, and Harold Schulz from P&M Plants in front of KC's Korner.

## KC's Korner Wins Glitter Award

Walter Kurilew, owner of KC's Korner at 100 Oak Tree Ave., accepted the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award on June 19 from CBA President Joseph Diegan. Recent renovations starting in 2008 have produced a stand-out exterior, with brick facing, large windows and a landscaped frontage. Designed and maintained by Mark DeVito of M. DeVito Landscaping, the shrubs

and perennials provide a green oasis in the concrete and brick center of town. A secluded outdoor dining area is enhanced by lush hanging flower baskets, designed by Harold Schulz from P&M Plants.

The restaurant has a history that is bound up in the history of South Plainfield. Kurilew purchased the business 29 years ago, but Norman's Bar opened originally on the opposite corner of Front and Oak Tree (previously Curves) in the 1890s. It eventually moved across the street to the building now occupied by Jack Pederson Realty and again in 1967 to its current location. The corporation is still called Norman's Bar.

Kurilew enlisted friends to help him with the renovations, which included a complete interior as well as exterior remake. The large, airy bar has tiled floors, and walls that serve as a canvas for colorful murals. The scenes of the old train station and Hadley Airport were painted by local artist Chelsea Sasone.

Kurilew is not finished. He plans to improve the back of the building so that it matches the front façade. He said he has invested a lot of time and work and he has done it for a reason. He remembers fondly the thriving center of town of former years, and wants to contribute to bringing the district back to life. He would like his business to serve as a model for others in the area.

Asked if he has a problem with litter, Kurilew responded that the staff is very careful about keeping the outside dining area clean so that litter does not escape to the street; however, he noted that the worst litter problem he has is cigarette butts. Many people do not use the butt bucket provided in the parking lot, preferring to drop their butts on the ground.

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

For more information, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

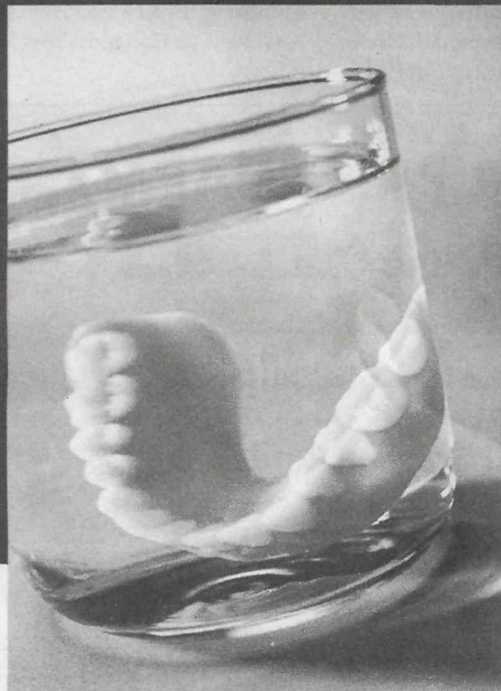
## Fourth of July Recycling Schedule

The South Plainfield curbside recycling collection schedule in Section 8 is changed because the Fourth of July is a holiday. Recyclables in section 8 will be collected on Saturday, July 7 instead of on Wednesday, July 4.

The recycling complex on Kenneth Avenue will not be affected by the Independence Day holiday. The recycling drop-off center and the yard waste site will be open as usual on Saturday, June 30 and July 7.

Regular hours at the recycling center are 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. The yard waste site's summer schedule is 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays.

For updates, call the recycling hotline at (908) 226-7620.



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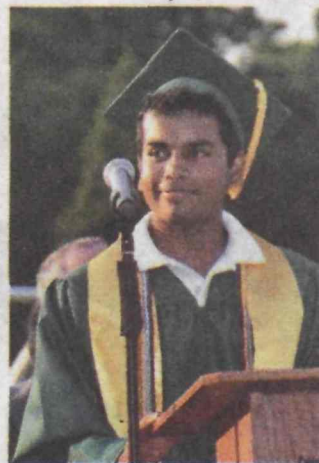
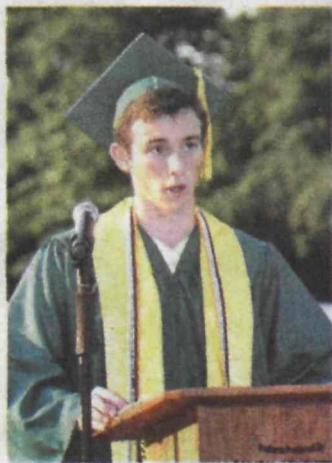
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## Congratulations South Plainfield High School Class of 2012

# Reap the Rewards: SPHS Class of 2012 Graduates

The South Plainfield High School Class of 2012 was escorted on to Jost Field by their teachers and advisors on a very warm June 20 evening. Due to the oppressive weather that evening, precautions were taken to ensure that the graduates and guests would not suffer from the heat. Plenty of water was available to distribute to the students and guests. A spray booth was set up at the

entrance so that people could cool off.

The National Anthem was performed by senior Kathleen Vincent, and The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Laine Harris. The high school performed the school alma mater, *Hail to Thee*. SPHS Principal Dr. James Pedersen welcomed the crowd. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stephen Genco extended congratulations to the students

as well as parents, volunteers, athletic boosters, administrators and faculty.

Presentations were made by Student Council President Laine Harris, National Honor Society President Albert Vill, Salutatorian Nicholas Pleeter, Valedictorian Rajath Kenath and Class President Kathleen Vincent. Each offered thanks to administrators, teachers and their parents for their help and remi-

nised about their time at SPHS. Also speaking were Mayor Matt Anesh and Board of Education President Jim Giannakis.

Class President Kathleen Vincent presented the Class of 2012. Dr. Pedersen officially gave his certification of the class, and Genco and Giannakis received the Class of 2012.

Handing out diplomas were Giannakis, BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle and board

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.

*Editor's Note: If you would like to purchase candid photos of the graduation exercises, please visit [www.louismornillephotography.com](http://www.louismornillephotography.com).*



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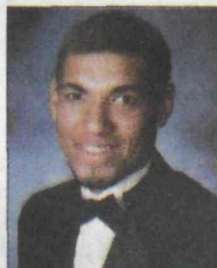
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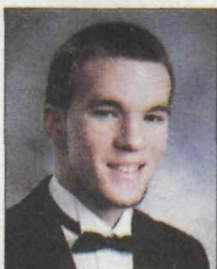
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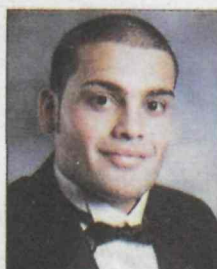
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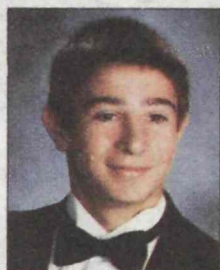
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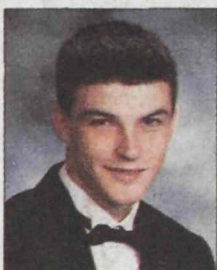
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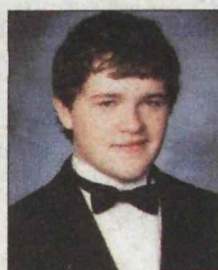
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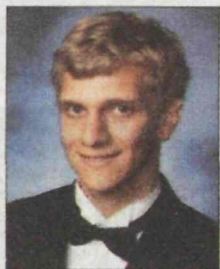
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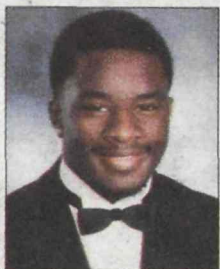
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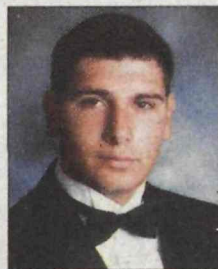
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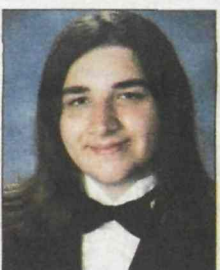
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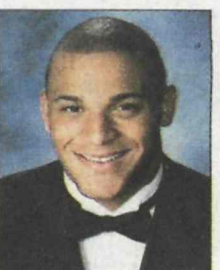
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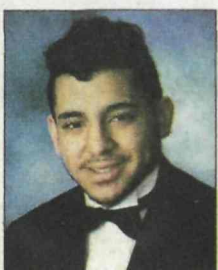
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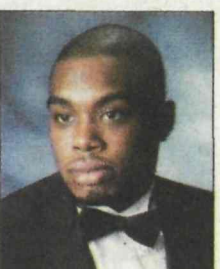
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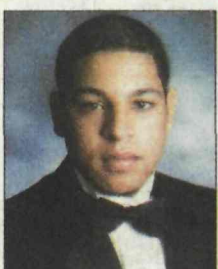
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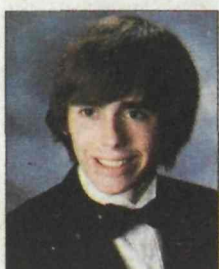
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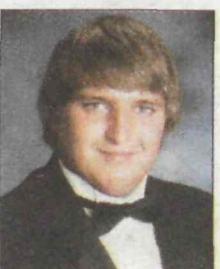
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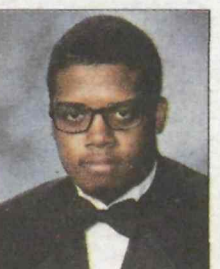
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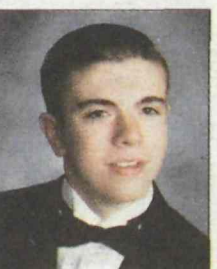
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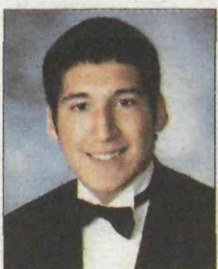
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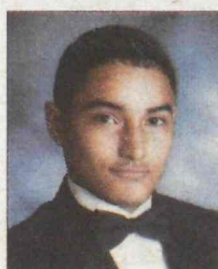
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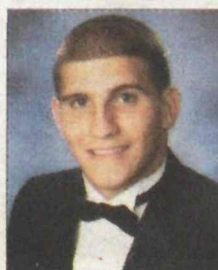
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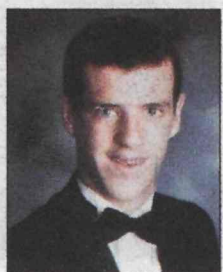
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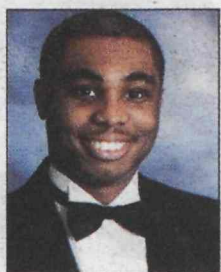
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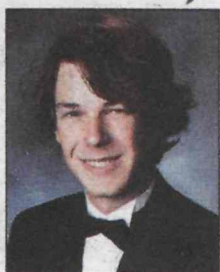
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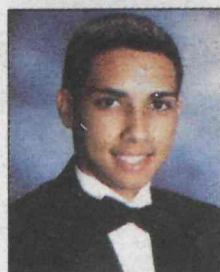
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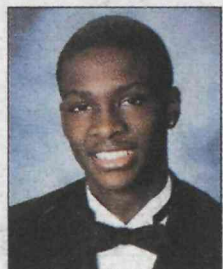
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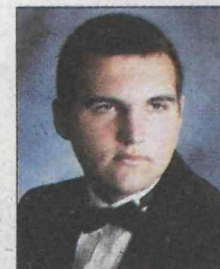
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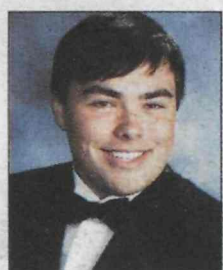
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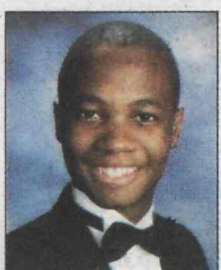
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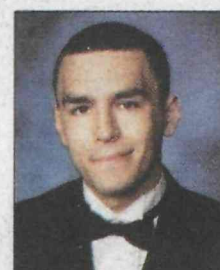
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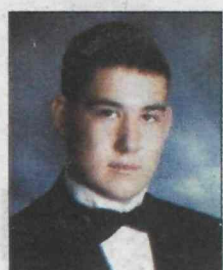
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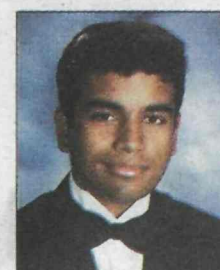
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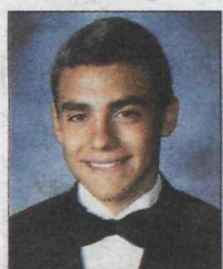
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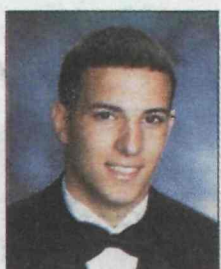
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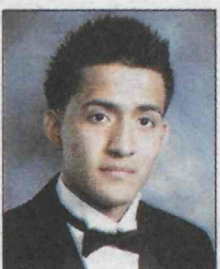
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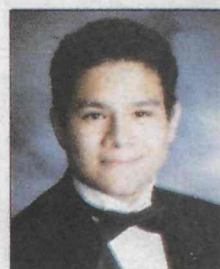
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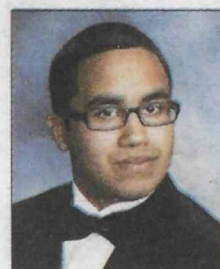
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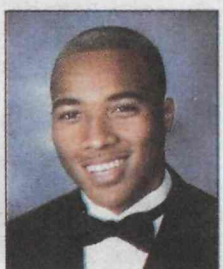
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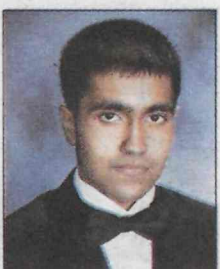
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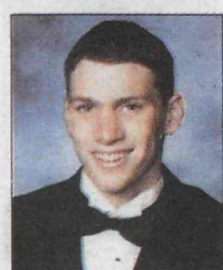
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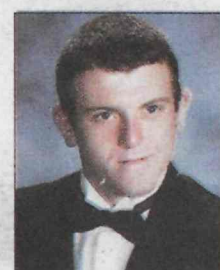
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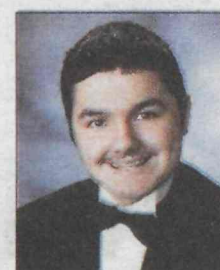
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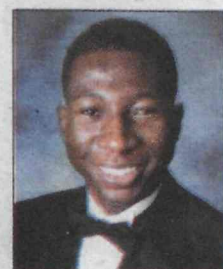
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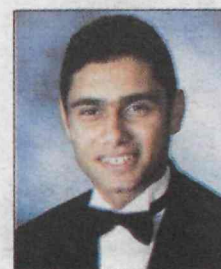
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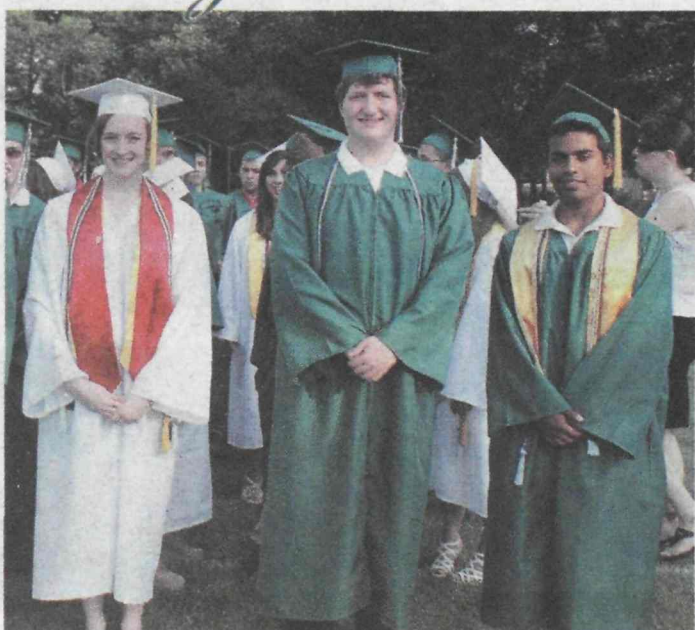
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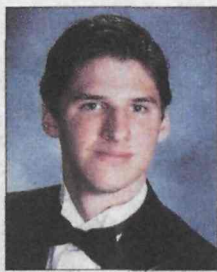
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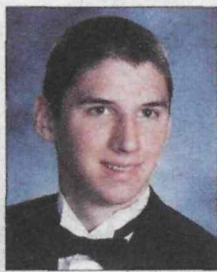
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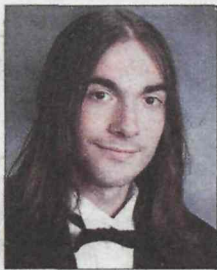
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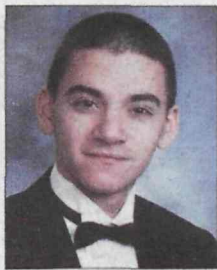
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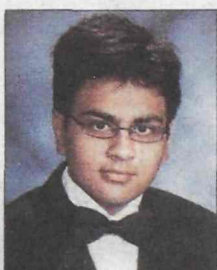
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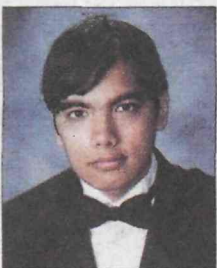
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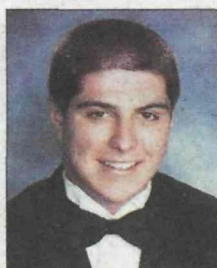
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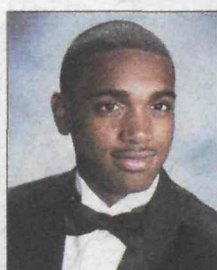
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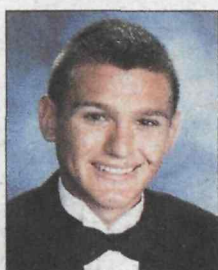
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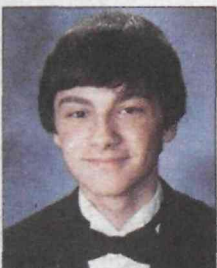
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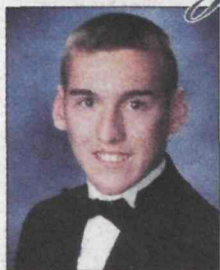
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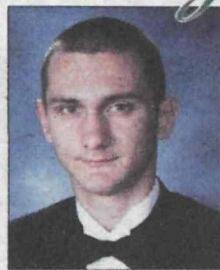
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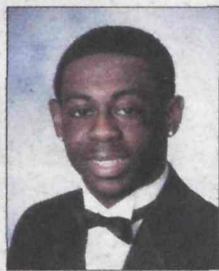
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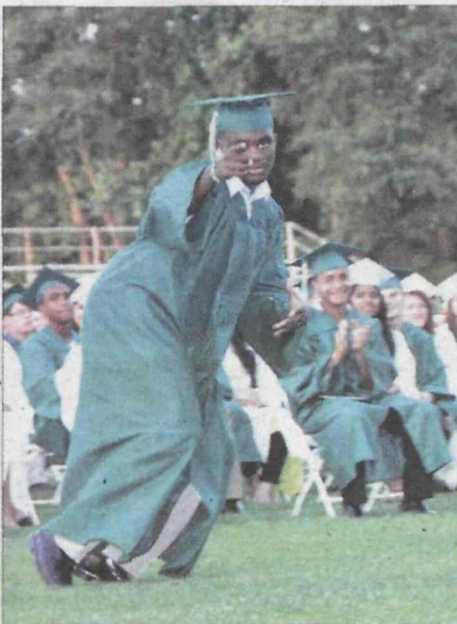
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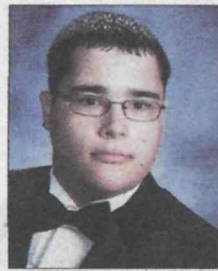
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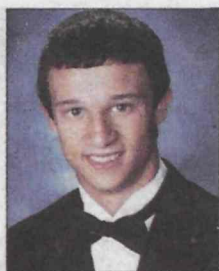
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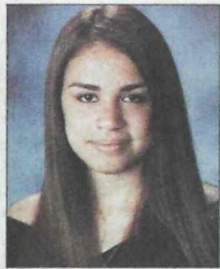
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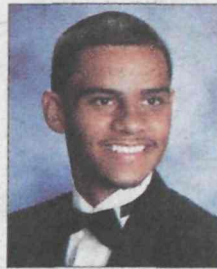
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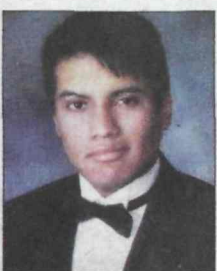
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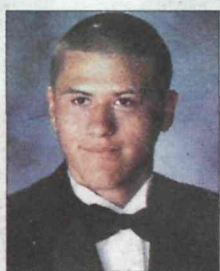
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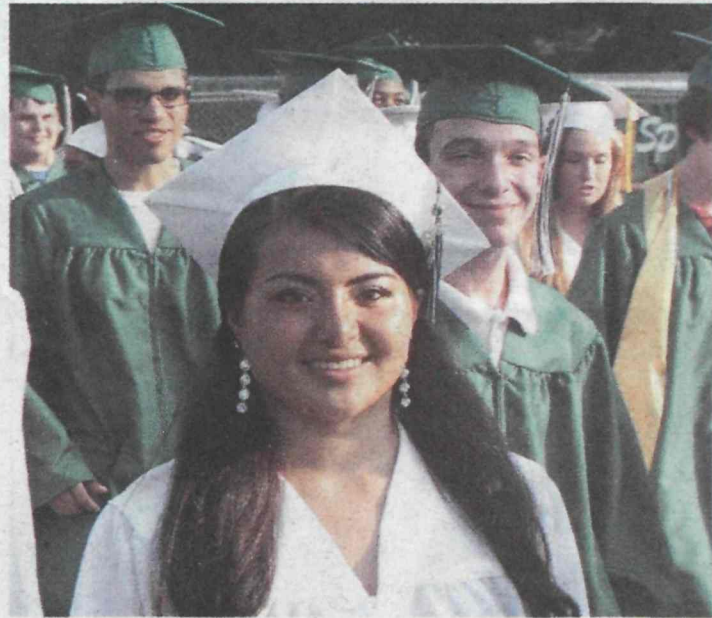
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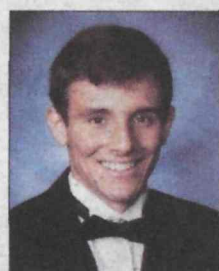
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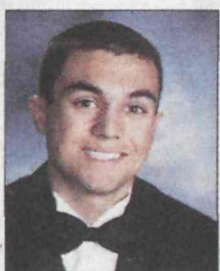
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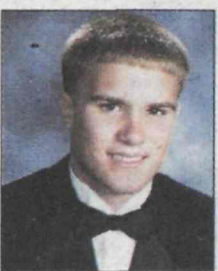
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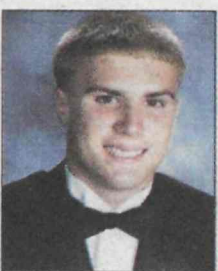
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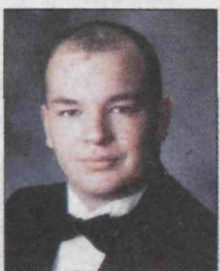
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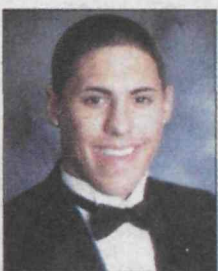
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# Congratulations SPHS Class of 2012 Scholarship & Award Recipients



Trista Moretti Scholarship



Tiger Sharks Dive Team Scholarship



Sons of American Legion Scholarship



Central Jersey Winter Bowling Classic Scholarship



South Plainfield Football Eagles Scholarship



Italian American League Scholarship



South Plainfield PBA Local 100 Scholarship



Knights of Columbus Scholarship



Boyle Memorial Foundation Scholarship

## SPHS Class of 2012 Receives

**South Plainfield Football Eagles**  
(\$500 each) Frank Malecki, Laine Harris, Allison White and Shawn Gorman  
**Darren Gorman Athletic Scholarship**  
(\$500) Shawn Gorman  
Presented by Abra Hodge

**South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Jessica Thompson  
**Sonia Berentsen Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Kyesha Nietzer  
Presented by Lucy Hudson, Kathy Tracy and Nancy Stillman-Pender

**Tulio "Cappy" Capparelli Music Award**  
Joseph Miller  
Presented by Heather Hanley

**Claire and John Graf Family Foundation**  
(\$500) Tyler Hunt  
**Richard Hunt Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$500) Tyler Hunt  
Presented by Rev. John Graf

**South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop**  
(\$500 each) Joseph Palazzo and Tyler Holoboski  
Presented by Fran Tramutola

**South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company Joseph B. Delaney Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$2,000) Courtney Calvey  
Presented by Gary Stevenson

**SPHS Boosters of the Musical Arts Scholarships**  
(\$500) James Conrad, Miranda Garcia, Joseph Miller and Payal Sindha  
**Daniel A. Spisso Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Allison Wagner

Presented by Christa Reineke and Marianne Decker  
**Fulvio C. D' Alessio Award**  
(\$750) Desiree Jackson  
Presented by Joanne, Jen and Mary Ottowski

**Central Jersey Winter Bowling Classic Scholarship**  
(\$1,250) Ryan Riccardi  
Presented by Ralph Fech and Lori Gerstl

**The DeSantis Family Field Hockey Scholarship**  
(\$250) Khadija Martin-Gilmore  
Presented by Pat DeSantis

**Plainfield's Chapter of UNICO**  
(\$1,000 each) Sabrina DelPiano, Allison White and Casey Butrico

**Brian Piccolo Athletic Award**  
(\$350) Gina Longo  
Presented by John DeAndrea, Deborah Boyle, and Robert Bengivenga, Sr.

**South Plainfield High School PTA**  
(\$500) Alexis Alba (\$750 each) Casey Butrico and Alyssa Ragno (\$400 each) Alexis Cargill, Allison White and Shianne Martinez  
Presented by Teri Pileggi and Patti Porzio

**John E. Riley Teacher's Memorial Scholarship**  
Allison Wagner and Emily Sella  
Presented by Andrea Yuill

**South Plainfield Education Foundation Scholarship**  
(\$1,000 each) Miranda Garcia, Alexis Alba, Allison Wagner and Jennifer Tercek  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy,

Shannon Jeffreys, Ralph Errico and Michele Fugazzi  
**Education Foundation Telethon Awards**  
(\$250) James Butrico (\$150) Austin Jenkin (\$100 each) Nii Mills, Alyssa Ragno, Sofia Abd Elhady (\$50 each) Anthony Muccigrossi, Albert Vill, Miranda Garcia, Casey Butrico, Janine Colicchio, Andrew Sanchez and Laine Harris

**Emil Leporino Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Joseph Krawiec  
Presented by Debra Leporino

**Umicore**  
(\$3,000 each) Payal Sindha and Stephen Petriello  
Presented by Richard Schultz

**Jim Painton Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) James Conrad  
Presented by Herb O'Brien and Lisa Painton

**Anthony Cotoia Scholarship**  
(\$1,000) Ryan Marcoux  
Presented by Donna Timko

**American Legion Chaumont Post #243**  
(\$1,000 each) Troy Kurlew



Ken LaFreniere Memorial Scholarship

and Tyler Stranzenbach  
Presented by Richard Doerr

**Ken LaFreniere Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$500) Sara Yocum  
Presented by Marge Reedy, Joe, Jenne and Jordan Sacco

**Domestic Violence Response Team Diane Hunterton Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$500) Kelly McLaughlin

**Overcoming Obstacles Scholarship**  
(\$500 each) Troy Kurlew, Ryan Marcoux and Joshua Peery  
Presented by Marge Ackerman and Sandi Severini

**Tiger Shark Swim Team Scholarship**  
(\$500) Margaret Valentino  
**Patty McLaughlin Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$250) Kelly McLaughlin  
**Robin Cone Memorial Scholarship**  
(\$250) Margaret Valentino  
Presented by Laurie Post, Jen and Mary Ottowski

**Franklin School PTO Scholarship**  
(\$750) Tanya Joshi  
Presented by Tara Rocco and Jennifer Cassio



South Plainfield High School PTA Scholarship



South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team Scholarship



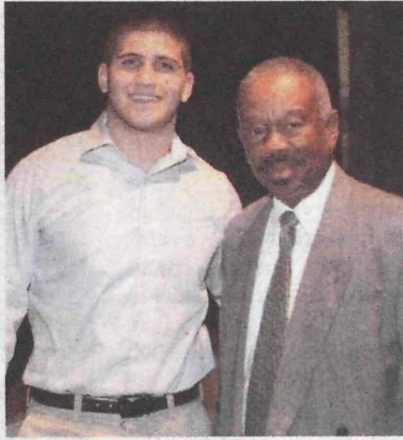
South Plainfield Golf Association Scholarship



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South Plainfield Ponytail Softball Scholarship



Chad Cook Scholarship



Plainfields' Chapter of UNICO Scholarship

## Awards and Scholarships

**South Plainfield V.F.W Memorial Post #6763** (\$1,000 each) Sabrina DelPiano, Kyesha Nietzer, and Joshua Peery  
Presented by Vincent Perry and Metro Kopchak

**Edward A. Niemczyk Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000) Ryan Marcoux  
Presented by Ed Niemczyk and Arlene Hayack

**Trista Moretti Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) Jessica Bohn  
Presented by Frances Flannery, Judi and Fred Moretti

**The Grant School PTO** (\$1,000 each) Brendan Berry and Allison White  
Presented by Barbara Rhoads and Mindy Gerber

**Brenda Hamilton Memorial Scholarship** (\$250) Jennifer Barone  
Presented by William Hamilton

**Sons of American Legion** (\$500) Alexis Alba and Brian Nguyen  
Presented by Steve Zarra

**South Plainfield Tiger Shark Dive Team** (\$200) Miranda Garcia, (\$100) Allison Wagner (\$50 each) Alexis Alba, Nicole Phillips and Jessica Bohn  
Presented by Diane Schaefer

**South Plainfield Business Association** (\$1,000 each) James Butrico and Payal Sindha  
Presented by Nancy Grenier, Shannon Jeffreys and Marjorie Reedy

**Boyle Memorial Foundation in Memory of James and Doris Boyle**



Umicore Scholarship

(\$1,000 each) James Butrico, Casey Butrico, Jessica Bohn, Alexis Cargill, Ryan Marcoux, Joseph Krawiec, Ashley Linick, Stephen Petriello and Maggie Valentino  
Presented by Deborah Boyle, Michael and Patrick Boyle

**Boyle Memorial Foundation Video Taping Scholarship** (\$1,000) Troy Kurlew and Nick DeMarco  
Presented by Deborah Boyle, Alex and Kimberly Domick

**South Plainfield Middle School PTO** (\$1,000) Allison White and Albert Vill  
Presented by Deborah Boyle and Suzanne Butrico

**Knights of Columbus Scholarship** James Butrico, Brendan Berry, Rachel Scudato, Kevin Flanagan, Albert Vill, Gina Longo, Ryan Bundy, Austin Jenkin and Alexis Cargill  
Presented by Joe Scudato and Gerry Butrico

**P.D. Foundation** (\$100 each) John Diaz, Justin Harris and Melissa Pasternak  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy

**Rotary Club Adele deLeeuw Scholarship** (\$2,500 each) Sofia Abd Elhady and Sabrina DelPiano (\$1,000) Hailey Carone  
Presented by Richard DeAndrea

**South Plainfield Golf Association** (\$500 each) Kevin Flanagan, Robert Austin Jenkin, Joseph Krawiec, Andrew Sanchez, Albert Vill and Antoni Franczak  
Presented by Richard DeAndrea and Michael Alvarez

**Italian American Progressive League** (\$500 each) Tanya Joshi, Troy Kurlew and Albert Vill  
Presented by Guy Severini

**Pink Socs Foundation-Joanne Vargas Memorial Scholarship** (\$1,000 each) Katherine Podlovits, Shawn Gorman and Melissa Plasse  
Presented by Christine Dispenziere and Lou Vargas

**South Plainfield Wrestling Club Scholarship** (\$500 each) Alex Lundy, Dylan Dorey, Tyler Hunt, Kelly Walsh, Shawn Gorman and Liza Vallone  
Presented by Joe Sacco and Nick Heilmann

**South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association Recreation Scholarship** (\$500 each) Alexis Cargill and Allison White

**All-Stars Scholarship** (\$500) Nicole Phillips  
Presented by Nancy McMahon

**South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Edward J. Devine Memorial Scholarship** (\$2,000 each) Brendan Berry and Ryan Marcoux  
Presented by Scott Waters

**William Beegle Scholarship** (\$1,000) Gina Longo  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy

**Robustelli Family Scholarship** (\$1,500) Erika Ritchie and Brendan Berry  
Presented by Annemarie Stoeckel

**South Plainfield Soccer Club Scholarship** (\$500) Albert Vill and Marissa Smith  
Presented by Marjorie Reedy

**John F. Kennedy School PTSO Scholarship** (\$500) Allison White  
Presented by Danielle Mendez and Susan DiFrancesco

**Kennedy School Variety Show Scholarships**

**Eve Hook Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) Katherine O'Brien

**Betty Bogeatzes Memorial Scholarship** (\$500 each) Jonathan Viola and Miranda Garcia  
Presented by Sandra Doyon, Sherry Lawrence and Mr. Bogeatzes

**Loretta Cooper Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) Michelle O'Sullivan  
Presented by Sandra Doyon

**South Plainfield High School Field Hockey Association** (\$300 each) Jessica Bohn, Courtney Calvi and Khadija Martin-Gilmore  
Presented by Gayle Butrico and Christine Dispenziere

**South Plainfield PBA Local 100 Scholarship** (\$500 each) Melissa Plasse, Stephen Petriello, Sabrina DelPiano, Jennifer Barone and Shawn Gorman  
Presented by Det. Lloyd McNelly and Off. Peter Magnani

**Chad Cook Memorial Scholarship** (\$500) Shawn Gorman  
Presented by James Cook

**South Plainfield Education Association Scholarship** (\$1,500) Jennifer Tercek  
Presented by Dolly Glus

**Guidance Department Scholarship** (\$300) Ida Peery and Daniel Sims  
Presented by Eileen Boettger

**Middlesex County School Nurses Association** (\$500) Allison White  
Presented by Eileen Boettger



South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship



South Plainfield Business Association Scholarship



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Grant School PTO Scholarship



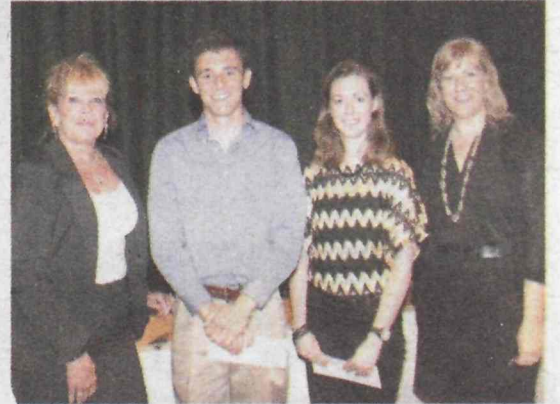
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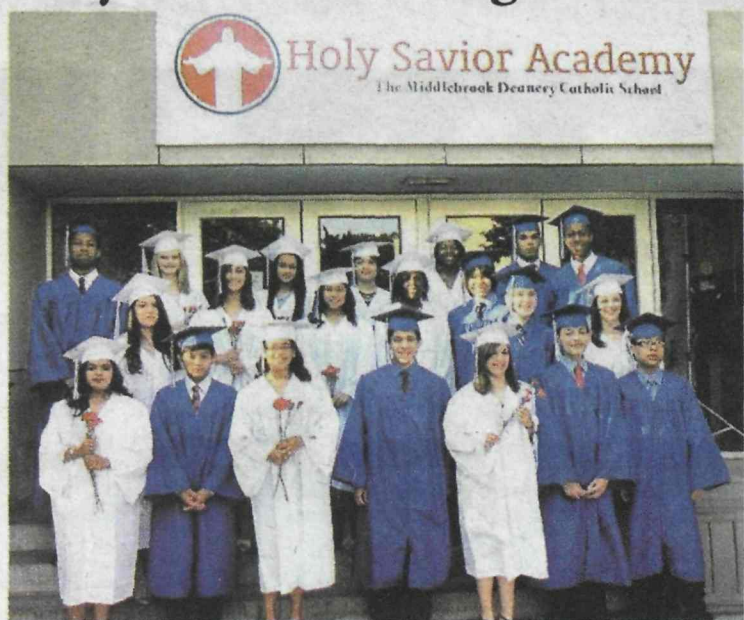
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## Holy Savior Academy Graduates Inaugural Class

Tears and smiles mingled with pride and joy at Holy Savior Academy's first graduation ceremony for 23 eighth grade students on June 8. The ceremony was held at Sacred Heart Church and presided over by Rev. Patrick Kuffner, dean of the Middlebrook Deanery, and Melinda Hanlon, school principal.

Graduating students will attend St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, Immaculata High School in Somerville, Bishop Ahr High School in Edison, St. Anthony's High School in Jersey City, South Plainfield High School, Union Catholic High School in Scotch Plains, Mother Seton Hall, Hunterdon Central High School and Allied Health Magnet School.

Valedictorian Nicole Walker spoke of the past and the future, telling her classmates and assembled parents that the students recognized the sacrifices that many parents had made to enable their children to attend Holy Savior Academy. On behalf of the students, Walker expressed their gratitude for years of academic achievement, prepa-



**Holy Savior Academy Class of 2012**

ration for the future, and memories that they will carry with them into the future.

Several students earned high honors during the ceremony. Nicole Walker and Lauren Yanick were named to the Principal's List for achieving straight As in all academic subjects. Honor Roll students who earned all As and Bs in academic subjects are Nkechi Amadiogwu, Mary Bach, Tyus Battle, Joshua DeCastro, Daisy Garcia, Angela German, Hilary Medina, Vilton Mellijor, Gabrielle Mendonez, Matius Moncada, Bhumi Patel, Dhara Patel, Lizelle Policarpio and Madison Zieger. Fully 70 percent of the graduating class achieved these academic honors.

Honors in specialized subjects were also awarded, including Valedictorian Nicole Walker for the highest grade-point average in her class; Salutatorian Dhara Patel for the second highest grade-point average in her class; outstanding achievement in mathematics

to Lizelle Policarpio; in language arts to Gabrielle Mendonez; in writing to Mary Bach; in literature to Dhara Patel; in social studies to Nicole Walker; in religious studies to Alexandra Antonucci; in science to Nicole Walker; in foreign language study to Lauren Yanick; in sportsmanship to Daisy Garcia; in music to Brandon Ruiz; in art to Angela German. The School Spirit Award went to Madison Zieger; Home School Association Award to Vilton Mellijor for best exemplifying academic excellence and Catholic Christian values; and Board of Trustees Award for Leadership to Joshua DeCastro for outstanding achievement in leadership and character.

Ending the ceremony to the music of Algar's *Pomp and Circumstance*, the graduates were met with loud and sustained applause. The applause was as much for a very successful inaugural year for Holy Savior Academy as for the students and what they had achieved.

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## Pat Hajduk Retires from District After 30 Years

By Libby Barsky

Roosevelt Elementary School secretary, Patricia Hajduk, is retiring after 30 years in the district.

Pat and her husband, Paul, have lived in South Plainfield for 36 years. They raised four children here—Paul, Christopher, Rebecca and Kevin. Kevin is currently the South Plainfield Middle School principal.

Pat first began her career as a duty aide in the cafeteria at Roosevelt School when her youngest child began kindergarten in 1982. "I would bring Kevin to Roosevelt for the afternoon half day kindergarten classes," Pat said. "They started before noon and the lunch program began at 11:20 a.m. Because the hours overlapped, I never needed a babysitter."

Four years later she accepted a job as a secretary at Roosevelt School. It was a Friday afternoon when then-Principal Mario Barbieri spoke to her and said, "Just try it for one week and if you don't like it you can go back to the cafeteria." At the end of the week, Barbieri said to her, "You're going to stay."

"And I did," said Pat. "And I couldn't have had a better job or a better boss."

When Barbieri was promoted to assistant superintendent Pat worked



Pat Hajduk

in the administration office for a year; however, elementary school was really where she wanted to be.

Pat spent the next 16 years as a secretary at Roosevelt, then was transferred to Riley School for six years and returned to Roosevelt this past year.

"This job has been everything," she said. "It's been exciting. Every day is a challenge. Every day is new. My best memories will be of working with children, professionals and parents who have touched my life."

Pat feels after all of these years that she knows what works and what doesn't. "In an elementary situation you have to know so many things—making sure that every child gets

to where they are supposed to be. We have to be accountable for those children. That's the big difference," explained Pat. "I came from a time when parents were at home. I never had the problem with security and needing to make sure who the child is with."

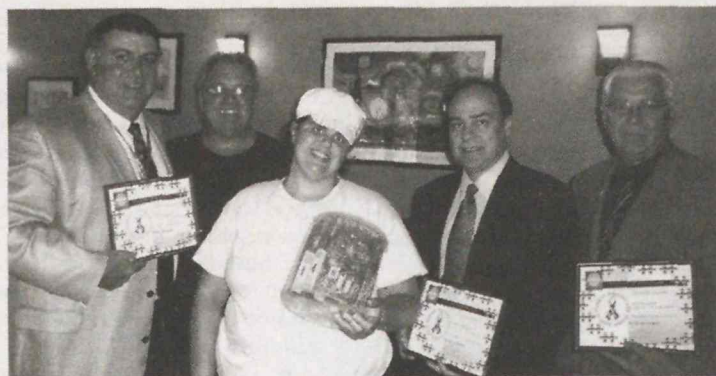
This past year working at Roosevelt again is the "best year of all the years" according to Pat. She would like to stay another year to be with Principal Bob Diehl; however, she said, "It's time to go."

Pat credits the other school secretaries at the time, Betsy, Alice and Marie, for their professionalism and helping her with her new position as a secretary. She was also a member of the PTA while her children were in school.

Pat and her husband, who retired from Verizon five years ago, will be spending time traveling and are currently planning a trip to Las Vegas.

A move to Pittsburgh to be near her daughter and visit her grandchildren may be in the offing for Pat. She would also like to take a class in photography and try her hand at Zumba.

"I want to enjoy every day and not worry about alarm clocks," said Pat. "Every day will be a new challenge to enjoy."



Erika Lynn (center) presented plaques of appreciation to Franklin School Principal Ralph Errico, Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco and Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. Frank Cocchiola for their help with a clothing drive fundraiser for the Erika Lynn Foundation. Also pictured is Erika's dad, Mike Dixon.

## The Stage is Being Set for SDW's Production of "Thoroughly Modern Millie"

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SPSDW) held auditions last week for its 41st summer production, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*.

Rehearsals are already underway at the high school theater and will continue Monday through Friday, 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. Any South Plainfield student still interested in participating in this year's production can stop by the high school during rehearsals to sign up. Ask to see a SPSDW board member. Children must be a resident of South

Plainfield and have completed sixth through 12th grade or their first year of college. It is recommended a parent accompany any interested child under 16 years old.

Mark your calendars: evening performances will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 2, 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. with a Sunday matinee on August 5.

For more information on upcoming fundraising events or rehearsals, call (908) 561-5255 or visit us online at [www.spsdw.com](http://www.spsdw.com).

From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Chris Grippio

Sign-ups for the South Plainfield Library Adult Summer Reading program begin Monday, July 2. Like its sister programs for children and young adults, participants will receive a variety of rewards based on the number of books they read. Also, for every five, 10 and 15 books read, participants will receive five tickets towards two surprise prizes. Winners will be chosen at the end of the program in August. Sign up at the Circulation or Reference desks.

Sign-up for the reading programs began June 25; however, children and young adults cannot begin redeeming prizes until July 2.

Something new this year for all the summer reading programs is Freading. Like ListenNJ, it is a source for e-books which you can borrow the same as print books in our collection. The only difference is that you don't have to come into the library. Freading is a little different in that each book is assigned a number of tokens according to popularity (the number is displayed next to each title). Every patron of the library will get five tokens per week to use. At the end of the month the number is reset so you can lose any saved up to that point; however, within the month they do accumulate. Access to the database is through [www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us](http://www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us). And, don't forget that eLibraryNJ—also accessible through our website—has e-books and audiobooks. Both are perfect to take to the beach or on vacation, and you can download books wherever you are.

Monday evening starts the kidcraft summer program. The program meets Monday nights at 6:30 p.m. There is a materials charge of \$1. Registration is required. The children's movie (a drop-in program) will be shown on Monday mornings at the library.

Miss Linda and Miss Mija are back to the regular story and craft time programs. Storytime and craft for children three and up is Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m.; Time for 2s and 3s are Wednesday and Thursday at 10:30 a.m.; and Babytime is Friday at 10:30 a.m.

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## Obituaries

### Phillip (Coach) Graham, 92

Phillip (Coach) Graham passed away on Sunday, Father's Day, June 17 at the age of 92.

Despite his poor physical condition and being wheelchair bound the past two years, he continued to maintain a sharp mind and his customary bravado. World War II stories and tales of South Plainfield football were the daily norm. He stated on several occasions that his greatest triumph as an educator was the success many of his former students obtained, some who became coaches; "I didn't teach them, I learned from them." Coach Graham outlived many of his peers.

Formerly of Bridgewater, Phillip was born in Wales, Great Britain arriving in the United States at the age of 10.

He was a veteran of WWII serving in the Pacific. He received a master's degree and bachelor of science degree from Seton Hall University.

Early in his career, he was a physical education teacher in Wharton from 1954-1956.

Among his long list of accomplishments in South Plainfield, Coach Graham was head football coach at South Plainfield High School from 1962-1974; track and field coach from 1958-1961; basketball coach from

1957-1960; freshmen baseball coach from 1959-1962; junior varsity football coach from 1956-1962; and freshman football coach from 1959-1962; physical education, health/driver education teacher from 1956-1977; faculty business manager/assistant athletic director from 1962-1969; and supervisor of transportation/attendance officer from 1979-1980.

From 1977-1978 he was the assistant football coach in Monroe, and from 1979-1987 he was head football coach at Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison where he was also the athletic director and department chair of physical education and health.

His honors and affiliations include Distinguished Coaches Award-Central New Jersey Chapter, National Football Foundation, 1982-1984; A.A. Halden Scholarship Award-National Starch & Chemical Company, 1975; Coach of the Year-Football, Central New Jersey Group III, *Courier News* and Radio Station WERA, 1972; Montclair State Merit Award for helping advance college football-Montclair State College, 1970; Coach of the Year-Football, Central New Jersey Group III, *Courier News*, *New York Daily News*, *New York Times* and Radio Station WCTC, 1965; and Coach of the Year-Football, New York Giants Tri-State Award, 1965; member American Football Coaches Association; AARP Legislative Chairman-Sarasota Section 13, Division 3; and a certified track official, The Athletic Congress of the U.S.A.

Surviving is a daughter, Charlotte Malko and husband Don of Lakewood Ranch, Fla.; a son, Gary Graham of St. Augustine, Fla.; a granddaughter, Kristin Durick and husband Jeff of

Lakewood Ranch, Fla.; two grandsons, Kevin Malko and wife LeeAnn of Sarasota, Fla. and Matthew Graham of Mesa, Ariz.; and two great-grandsons, Kyle Malko and Graham Durick.

A private family service was conducted on June 25 at the Sarasota National Cemetery.

A scholarship in his memory is being established through the Education Foundation. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Phillip Graham Scholarship, c/o Marge Reedy, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

### James R. "Buddy" Mosier, 74

James R. "Buddy" Mosier died on Thursday, June 21 surrounded by his family after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

He was born in Taylor, Pa. on December 25, 1937 and resided most recently in South Plainfield.

Formerly of Irvington and Scranton, Pa., Buddy was a longtime member of Local 472.

He was a Tip-Top Bread salesman, the former owner of the Wainwright Bar in Newark, Ciminis Restaurant and Bar in Scranton, Pa. and was also an independent truck driver.

Buddy enjoyed his family, pets, gardening, sports, woodworking and vacationing especially in Daytona Beach, Fla. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

He is predeceased by two brothers, William and Ronald; and a sister, Jane.

Surviving are his loving wife of 57 years, Maureen (Tighe); five chil-

dren, James, Debra Wojcik and husband Charles, Christopher, Maureen Lavender and husband Stuart and Denise Hoppe and husband Charles; 11 grandchildren, Charles and Lisa Wojcik, Luke and Jennifer Tighe, Bobbie Jo Raposo, James and Laura Mosier, Christian, Jamie and Bryan Mosier and Jonathan Lavender.

Also surviving are two great-grandchildren, Charles Wojcik and Kyleigh Tighe; two brothers, Richard and Charles; three sisters-in-law, Claire Mosier, Mary and Dorothy; an aunt, Judy Edsell White; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are private under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service celebrating his life on Sunday, July 29 at 1 p.m. at his family's residence.

### Rudolph E. Penza, 83

Rudolph E. Penza died on Friday, June 15 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Kenosha, Wis., Mr. Penza raised his family in Leonia before retiring to Pennsylvania where he had spent much of his youth.

He was a social studies teacher at East Chester High School in East Chester, N.Y. and also coached their high school football team.

Mr. Penza was a graduate of Lafayette College in Easton, Pa. and also served with the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

He is predeceased by his wife, Sally, and by a brother, Gale Penza.

Surviving are four daughters, Karen Clark of Pennsylvania, Jill Penza of Connecticut, Debbie McDermott and husband Ed of River Edge and Kristine Dziomba and husband Tim of South Plainfield; a son, Rudy Jr. of Queens, N.Y.; a sister, Nancy Penza of Thomaston, Conn.; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild, as well as a niece and nephew.

Funeral services were private under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

### Mary Alice Silance, 84

Mary Alice Silance died on Thursday, June 21 at the Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights.

Born and raised in Elizabeth until she was 12, Mary lived in Roselle Park until her marriage in 1951 and then resided in Carteret, Linden and Colonia. Upon retirement in 1991 she, along with her late husband, Paul, moved to Dallastown, Pa. After his death in 1994, Mary relocated to Toms River prior to moving to her daughter's home in South Plainfield in 2009.

Throughout her life, Mary was a member of several churches. She had been a Rosarian since 1955, was a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic and belonged to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Dallastown, Pa.

Mrs. Silance was a member of St. Joseph's RC Church in Roselle Park, St. Cecelia's RC Church in Iselin and was an original member of St. John Vianney RC Church in Colonia. In addition, she was a member of St. Joseph's RC Church in Dallastown, Pa. and most recently she was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church in South Plainfield.

In addition to her late husband Paul, Mrs. Silance is predeceased by a brother, Edward McCarthy.

Mary is survived by six loving children and their spouses, JoAnn Ramskow (Carl) of Dover, Pa., Rosemary Lewczak (Eric) of South Plainfield, Margaret Lyons (William) of Scotch Plains, Michael (Letecia) of Riverside, Calif., Dennis (Diane) of Saylorsburg, Pa. and Thomas (Gina) of Canadensis, Pa. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; several step-grandchildren; a sister, Joan and husband Richard Muholland of Chatham; and a brother, John Hurley also of Chatham.

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

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# Plainfield Fire Department Chief Arrested for DUI

Frankie R. Tidwell, 57 of Plainfield, was arrested on June 20 at approximately 1 a.m. by Officer Michael Hoppe for driving while intoxicated. Officer Hoppe observed a 2004 Dodge Durango traveling northbound on Hamilton Boulevard when the operator allegedly crossed over the double yellow lines on at least two occasions as he traveled northbound near New York Avenue.

The vehicle then traveled straight in a marked left turn lane on Hamilton Boulevard at New Market Avenue. Officer Hoppe stopped the vehicle on Plainfield Avenue.

Tidwell had the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and was administered the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests after which he was arrested. Tidwell was then transported to police headquarters where he pro-

vided breath samples for testing. His blood alcohol concentration was .09%.

Tidwell is the chief of the Plainfield Fire Department. The Dodge Durango, which is owned by the City of Plainfield, was impounded pursuant to John's Law.

Tidwell was charged with driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to keep right and using a hand held cell phone while driving.

## police report

On June 11 Edward Smith, 40, of Summit was arrested for a cracked windshield, no registration, possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, driving on a suspended license, headlight out and four outstanding warrants.

A Plainfield Avenue resident reported the theft of a 1997 Honda Civic.

On June 12 John J. Fallet, 46, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

Jenna M. Meoni, 21, of Metuchen was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$554 worth of various items.

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reported that the lock had been pried open on a container of grease that was stored in the rear of the building. All the grease had been drained out.

Metuchen Taxi reported that a couple fled the vehicle after paying only \$3 for a taxi ride.

A Maple Avenue resident reported the theft of their credit card that was left behind at Zen Nails on Hamilton Boulevard.

On June 13 Janelle K. Moore, 29, of South Hampton, N.Y. was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

Ami J. Shah, 29, of Iselin was

arrested for endangering the welfare of a child.

On June 14 Phillip E. Scott-Jones, 24, of North Plainfield was arrested for lewdness.

An Oakmoor Avenue resident reported the theft of a sewer grate.

On June 15 Rodolfo Betanzo-Galvez, 32, of South Plainfield was arrested for disorderly conduct.

An employee who works at 20 Harmich Road reported that the passenger side door of their vehicle had been scratched.

On June 16 a Maltby Avenue resident reported that their screen door had been damaged.



The High School Boosters of the Musical Arts awards banquet was held on June 8. Pictured (L-R) are award winners Ryan Bundy, Christina Na, Joe Miller, Aaron Ritchie, James Conrad, Corey Singer, Band Director Roger Vroom and Rusty Teller.

## Wesley Church Summer Worship Schedule

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., summer worship schedule is as follows: Traditional worship service-9 a.m.; Contemporary worship service-10:30 a.m.; and Sunday School-9 a.m.

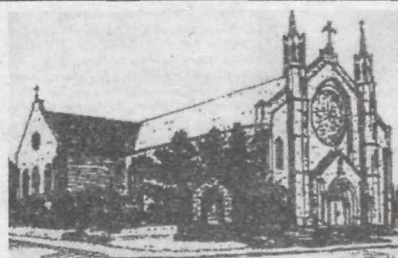
All are welcome. Pastor Gina Kim will be preaching at both worship services. Fellowship time with refreshments between the services will be held.

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Sunday 9:00, 11:30 a.m.

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7:00 p.m. Monday (Church), Thursday (Parish Center Chapel)

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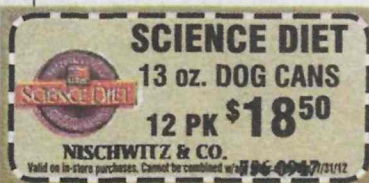
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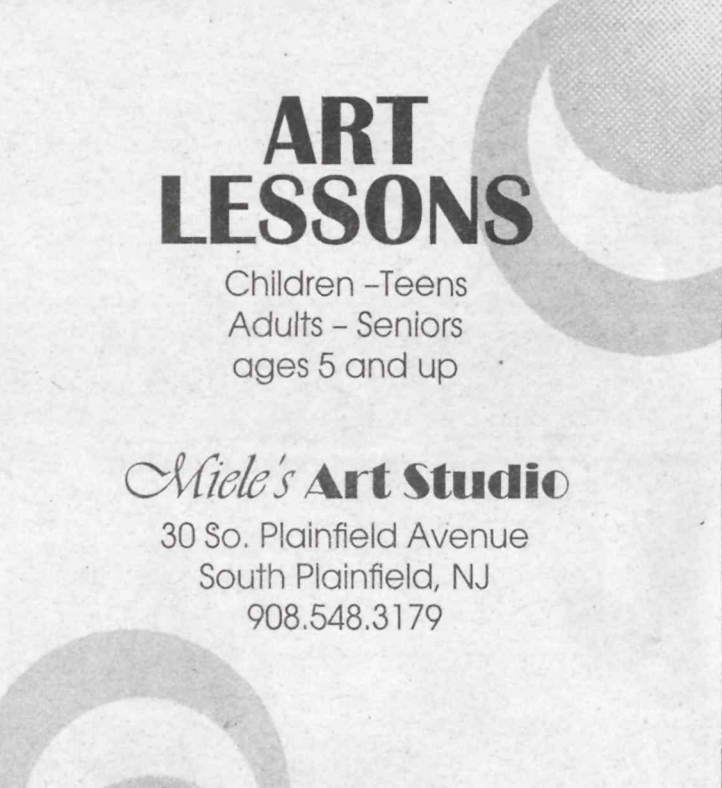
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# sports

**Go Golden Tee RESULTS**

In an interesting team event at the Plainfield West Nine during last week's Golden Tee Tournament, the first three holes were a scramble; the second three were best ball; and the third three were alternate shot. Bill Gammel and Bob Pero won low gross, and Jack Ford and Don Hall were the runners up. Herb Bradley and Steve Raynor were low net.

Tournaments are open to all golfers and are held each Wednesday. For more information, call the Plainfield West Nine at (908) 769-3672.

## SPGA 18th Annual Tournament to Benefit HS Team

The South Plainfield Golf Association's (SPGA) South Plainfield Open will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. This is the 18th annual golf tournament held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team. The tournament will be a scramble format.

The entry fee of \$115 includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in is at 11 a.m. Lunch will be provided from 12 to 1 p.m.; shotgun start at 1 p.m. Dinner and awards will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the tournament. Prizes will be awarded for low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin, closest to the line and a special hole-in-one prize.

Registration and payment is due by July 23. Players can register for the tournament online at the association's website, [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org), or print out and mail the entry form.

Corporate sponsorships are available. All proceeds from the event goes to support the activities of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team as well as the South Plainfield Golf Association's college scholarship program. Each platinum sponsorship includes this year's tournament entry fees for one foursome. Gold, silver, bronze, hospitality and beverage sponsorships are also available. Sponsorship information is also available on the website.

For more information about the tournament, sponsorships and entry forms, players can contact Mike Alvarez at (732) 259-0591; Dick DeAndrea at (908) 755-1700; Matt Ward at (908) 754-4766; or visit [www.spga.org](http://www.spga.org).

Submitted By Bob Nilan

## Notes from the Jim Pomovets Memorial Golf League

American Division				National Division			
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Alfie's Boys .....	7	2	0	Italian-American Club .....	8	0	1
KC's Korner .....	5	3	1	So. Plainfield Funeral Home 4 .....	5	5	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubes .....	5	4	0	Windows Plus .....	3	5	1
Unique Sports Accessories 4 .....	4	4	1	Sport & Social .....	3	5	1
McCriskin-Gustafson .....	3	6	0	Witty's Liquors .....	3	6	0
Twin City Pharmacy .....	2	6	1	Dirty Harry & Friends .....	3	6	0

Mike King of Alfie's Boys doesn't pay much attention to the bantering by Dale "The Needler" Dube—he just lets his clubs do the talking for him. And his clubs sent a strong message as King fired the low round of the night, a sparkling even-par 33, to lead his team to a 12-8 victory over 2 Buds, 2 Dubes. King got excellent support from Bill Mann who added to his string of fine rounds with a 35, and Capt. "Irish" Danny Griffin chipped in with a 37.

Jeff Orth turned in another solid round, a 37, highlighted by a beautiful tee shot on the seventh hole that earned him the closest-to-the-pin award, while the rest of his 2 Buds, 2 Dubes squad had their problems.

KC's Korner edged slightly ahead of 2 Buds, 2 Dubes in their 10-10 tie with Unique Sports Accessories. Efrain Solis again won medalist honors for his team with a 3-over 36, and teammate Nick Vetuschi contributed a 39 for KC's Korner. Unique Sports Accessories got three very nice performances from Chris Dillon and Jay "The Sexy One" Bertleson who both posted 36s, and Ted "Old Reliable" Stanik shot a 38.

It was unfortunately the same old story for Guy Severini and his Twin City Squad. Severini looked really sharp in putting together a terrific 2-over 35, Jay Coppola and Joe Diller were both just one stroke behind with 36s, and Frank Gaspari came through with a 38. That's a fine team effort, but it resulted in another loss as Twin City dropped their match to McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, 14-6. Steve Shock was the medalist for the victors with his 37.

Severini is now having sleepless nights, wondering just how low his team has to shoot in order to win a match.

Over in the National Division, the utterly amazing undefeated Italian-American Club kept their incredible winning streak alive by whipping Dirty Harry & Friends, 12-8. Lou Colicchio led the way with a 40, and Capt. Frank Ferraro, Sr. pitched in with a 42. Dirty Harry & Friends put up a tough fight—

Kevin McCormack shot a 37, and Charlie Oates was solid as usual and carded a 38, but their efforts fell short and the Italian-American Club juggernaut keeps rolling along.

Dave Romano was an inspirational force for Windows Plus as he shot an impressive 2-over 35 with two lovely birdies to power his team to a decisive 16-4 win over the South Plainfield Funeral Home. John Dominic crushed some monster drives on his way to a 36 in a losing effort. Despite the loss, the South Plainfield Funeral Home maintained its second place standing.

In the biggest upset of the night, Sport & Social hammered Witty's Liquors, 18-2. Scott MacDonald and Mike Warren both shot 39s that, with their handicaps, meant net scores below 30. Those fine performances were just too much for Witty's Liquors. Jim Parker is swinging smoothly again and registered a 37 in a losing effort.

The most competitive action of the night, however, did not take place on the fairways, but on a runway where a fashion show preceded league play. Danny Griffin wore his spiffy new team golf shirt and pink pants. Dale Dube came attired in a striking green shirt with narrow white and blue stripes and his Richie Fowler blue and white golf shoes. And Bob Nilan chose a hot flamingo pink golf shirt, a Father's Day gift from his daughter Linda, black golf shorts and a black visor from Costa del Sol. The surprise winner was Mark Chichvar who shone far above the rest with his canary yellow golf shirt and very vivid yellow shorts. The effect was so dazzling and so luminous that some spectators put on sunglasses.

Chichvar, who earned the nickname "Mr. Steady" because of his consistent, solid play, acquired a new sobriquet. From now on, he will be "The Golden Bird."

**Low scores for the night:** Mike King, 33; Bill Mann, 35; Dave Romano, 35; Guy Severini, 35; Chris Dillon, 36; Jay Bertleson, 36; Efrain Solis, 36; Jay Coppola, 36; Joe Diller, 36; John Dominic, 36.

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# sports

## Special Athletes Track and Field Team Clean Up at States

South Plainfield Tigers Special Athletes Track and Field team recently competed at a regional and a state competition. The team, practicing hard since March, competes in events such as softball and tennis ball throws, javelin, long jump, relays and various dashes and walks. They had their first regional competition at Carteret High School in April and all competing athletes showed true sportsmanship and South Plainfield pride, winning many medals to add to a wonderful day.

To close out the season this June, they competed at the state level which requires athletes to take part in a series of events throughout a three-day weekend. Opening ceremonies were held at The College of New Jersey on June 8. The Rutgers football team met with the athletes and signed autographs, also taking pictures with all participating athletes. All competing athletes paraded onto the TCNJ football field and track where the state police and local police greeted them and shook their hands. The Special Olympics Oath was recited and the Torch Run of New Jersey ran in to light the Special Olympics torch to begin the competitions.

Competition took place June 9 and 10, and the Tigers cleaned up. Captain Robbie Fallet earned medals in the following events: relay-third place and 100M dash-sixth place. Co-Captain Thelma Morgan took medals in softball throw-first place, relay-third place and 100M dash-second place. Dave Micabalo took a second place medal in both softball throw and 100M walk. Kobe Reid took a second place medal in softball throw and a fifth place medal in 100M dash. Laquan Kalman earned a first place medal in softball throw and a third place medal for 100M dash. Yuri Zakrevski took a fourth place medal in softball throw, a seventh place medal in 100M dash and a first place medal with his relay team. Jason Seay came in second place for softball throw, third place with his relay team and second place for 100M dash. David Agnew won two first place medals for tennis ball throw and 50M assisted walk. Kyle Both took a second place medal in tennis ball throw and a third place medal in 100M dash. Kevin Conroy won two first place medals one in tennis ball throw and one with his relay team. He also took third place in



South Plainfield Tigers Special Athletes Track and Field team

100M dash. Ryan Olson placed first in long jump and fifth in 100M dash. Nicky Vu earned a third place medal in long jump and a fourth place medal in 100M dash. Ryan Bucklew took a fifth place medal in long jump and a first place medal with his relay team. Karen Baymen won a third place medal with her relay team and a first place medal for 100M dash. Charlie Clark took home a seventh place medal in 100M dash and a first place medal with his relay team.

A new event was offered this year, Turbo Javelin, and four athletes were brave enough to try it this season. Robbie Fallet, Karen Baymen, Charlie Clark and Ryan Bucklew practiced hard to perfect their javelin techniques.

Their hard work paid off as they all earned medals in the event. Robbie won a third place, Karen a first place, Charlie a second place and Ryan a third place medal.

Other dedicated members of the team are Stephanie Tercek, Chris Mayorga, Alex Uba, Mikey Heim, Anish Patel and Dylan Magalong. The team is coached by Brittany DeNitzio, Heather Hearne, Assistant Coach Sharon McGrath and numerous volunteers. Coaches DeNitzio and Hearne extend special thanks to Assistant Coach McGrath, the many volunteers and the wonderful parents without all of your help and support we would not have had such a great season.

## Tiger Sharks Open Season

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team opened the season with a loss to Hillsborough YMCA on June 20. One of the major reasons for the

loss was due to graduation night in South Plainfield and many of the senior swimmers and their younger siblings were not able to be at the meet.

The following swimmers were able to bring home first, second or third place ribbons:

Individual Medley—first place Andrew Galarza (11/12) and Anthony Gurrieri (13-18); second place Sam Zhang (8 and under); and third place Tyler Wu (8 and under).

Freestyle—first place Darlene Fung (11/12) and Daniel Galarza (13/14); second place Samantha Soto (13-18), Zachary Brown (9/10), Aris Chung (11/12), Enzo Butrico (13/14) and Anthony Gurrieri (15-18); third place Shannon Yan (10 and under), Aubrey

Marish (11/12), Ethan Tam (8 and under), San Zhang (9/10) and Bryce Uzzolino (15-18).

Backstroke—first place Tracy Lu (8 and under), Kristy Tam (9/10), Jenna Yan (11/12); second place Darlene Fung (13/14); third place Shannon Yan (9/10) and Stephanie Chiu (11/12).

Breaststroke—first place Tracy Lu (8 and under) and Jenna Yan (11/12); second place Kristy Tam (9/10) and Aubrey Marish (13/14); third place Kristina Kwan (9/10) and Grace Chung (13/14).

Butterfly—first place Daniel Galarza (13/14) and Bryce Uzzolino (15-18); third place Ethan Tam (8 and under), Tyler Wu (9/10), Isaac Nathoo (11/12) and Enzo Butrico (13/14).

Home swim meets are held at the South Plainfield Community Pool on Maple Avenue under the direction of head coach Laurie Post.

—Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

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### Byrne Honored by NJ School Boards Assoc.



NJSBA President Raymond R. Wiss and BOE member Carol Byrne

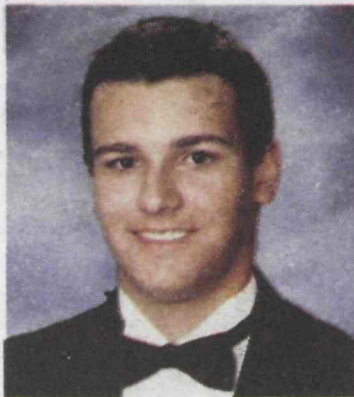
South Plainfield Board of Education member Carol Byrne was honored by the New Jersey School Boards Association at its board of directors meeting on May 18 in Plainsboro. She was presented with a plaque by President Raymond R. Wiss commemorating the attainment

of a singular achievement as a board member. She became one of only 22 board members in the history of the NJSBA to reach the status of Certified Board Leader (CBL).

The CBL represents the highest level an individual board member can achieve. Criteria for the CBL include attendance at the leadership conference, earning 15 credits beyond Master Board Member for a total of 55 credits, and serving as a board officer or county association officer for a minimum of one year.

In addition, the candidate must fulfill one of the following tasks: submit a portfolio, participate in a simulation, or complete a practical exam.

Having served on South Plainfield's board for over 18 years, Byrne brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board through her continuing pursuit of training and her determination to do her best for the school district.



Devin A. Kile

### Kile Named to Dean's List

Devin A. Kile, a 2007 South Plainfield High School graduate, went on to earn his associate's degree at Middlesex County College.

To further his education, he enrolled at East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C. to pursue a bachelor's degree in finance.

Devin was named to the dean's list for the spring semester at East Carolina University.

### Katie Yankoski Completes Master Degree Program

Katie Yankoski completed her masters degree in the graduate program of Pastoral Ministries at Santa Clara University. She completed her bachelor of arts degree as a music major in May 2010 at the University of Virginia.

Katie has accepted the position of Pastoral Youth Minister at St. Edward the Confessor Parish in Richmond, Va.

Katie is the granddaughter of Carolyn Yankoski and niece of Anna Grzybowski. Her parents are Robert and Lori Yankoski.



Dharm Patel

### Dharm Patel Graduates From Monmouth Univ.

Dharm Patel of South Plainfield received a bachelor's degree with honors in biology at Monmouth University's 80th commencement ceremony held recently at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel.

Dharm will begin a Ph.D. program in biomedical sciences at Rutgers University this fall.

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October	1 15 29	2 16 30	3 17 31	4 18	5 19
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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. Rechargeable Batteries: bring to Recycling Center or Municipal Building.

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**Kimberly Bishop, Eric Mills are Married****Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mills**

Mr. and Mrs. Scot Bishop announce the marriage of their daughter, Kimberly, to Eric Mills, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mills Sr. The couple was married on June 24, 2011 at Vanity Fair in Lakewood.

Maid of Honor was Ashley Bishop, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Shannon Bishop, sister of the bride; Denise DiMeglio, Kaylu Fortuna and Roseanne Krylowski, friends of the bride. Best man was Robert Mills Jr., brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Scot Bishop, brother of the bride; Marc Arancio, cousin of the bride; Aaron Fries and Peter Worrell, friends of the groom.

The couple spent their honeymoon in Antigua and reside in Piscataway.

**Airman Brian George Amigroni  
Airman Brian  
Amigroni Promoted**

Airman Brian George Amigroni was promoted to Senior Airman, United States Air Force, on May 22 at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He has been in the military since November 2008.

Brian will be stationed to Moody Air Force Base in Georgia in the fall. He has been chosen to join the 820th Squadron, an elite group that can be sent anywhere in the world, when needed.

Brian, a 2008 graduate of SPHS, is the son of RoseAnn and Louis Amigroni of South Plainfield.

**South Plainfield  
Students Named  
To Dean's List**

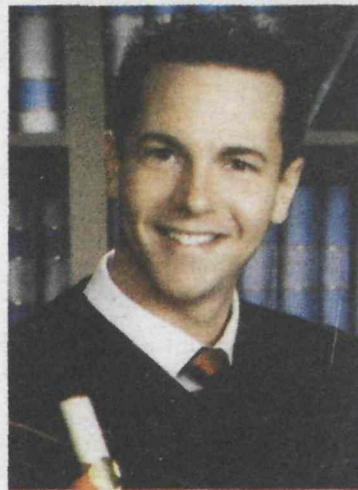
Jennifer Vasquez and Kimberly Percario, both of South Plainfield, have been recognized for academic achievement during the 2012 Spring Semester, and have been named a dean's list honoree at the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station.

Jennifer is pursuing a bachelor of science degree and Kimberly is pursuing a bachelor of arts degree.

**Keraga Graduates  
Centenary College**

Andrew Keraga, a resident of South Plainfield, graduated on May 12 from Centenary College with a bachelor of fine arts degree.

Founded in 1867 by the Newark Conference of the United Methodist Church, Centenary College is an independent, coeducational liberal arts and career studies college distinguished by an accomplished faculty, small class size and diverse student body. Centenary is the only baccalaureate and master degree granting institution in Northwest New Jersey.

**Michael Benak****Michael Benak  
Graduates from  
Seton Hall**

Michael Benak of South Plainfield graduated from Seton Hall Law School on May 25.

Mike is a 2005 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a 2009 graduate of the University of Delaware.

He is the son of proud parents, Frank and Marie Benak.

**Kate Reichert Named to Dean's List**

Kate E. Reichert of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list at The University of Rhode Island for the Spring 2012 semester. To be included on the dean's list, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average. Part time students qualify with the accumulation of 12 credits with a 3.30 quality point average.

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intelligence and breakthrough solutions to today's puzzling problems. URI's pioneering research extends the university's influence well beyond its coastal borders, while its unique interdisciplinary courses provide its 16,000 undergraduate and graduate students with global opportunities in an intimate environment.

**Michael Picciottoli  
Graduates College  
Of St. Elizabeth**

Michael Picciottoli, a resident of South Plainfield, was one of 500 graduates from the College of Saint Elizabeth and received a masters of arts in educational leadership at the 2012 commencement.

Sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, Convent Station, the College of Saint Elizabeth enrolls more than 2,100 full and part time students in more than 25 undergraduate, 10 graduate and one doctoral degree programs.

For information on other activities or programs, visit the College of Saint Elizabeth website at [www.cse.edu](http://www.cse.edu).

**LEGAL NOTICES**

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by James Corry requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit proposed front porch roof lacks 30' front yard setback; 25' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1404 Shadyside Place, Block 528.02, Lot 6, R-10 zone 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 Tuesday, July 17, 2012 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 June 29, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,  
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Jamie Wolff requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit (1) Proposed addition lacks 30' front yard setback; 6.46' proposed; (2) Deck lacks 30' front yard setback; 6.46' proposed; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2703 Maple Avenue, Block 70, Lot 10, R-10 zone on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

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## BOE Awards Contracts

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materially defective because they were not properly qualified by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority as required by the bid documents and specifications. E.R. Barrett was fully responsive to all material conditions of the bid documents and specifications and had the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

Initially, ARMM estimated the total cost of repairs at both schools to be approximately \$2M; however, a third contract was awarded to perform minor roof repairs at the rest of the schools and the administration building. Two bids were received from E.R. Barrett and Pravco, Inc. of Rahway. Pravco was awarded the bid at \$91,700, which was almost \$37,000 less than E.R. Barrett.

According to board member Carol Byrne, chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, in April of this year, 30,000 sq. ft. of roof and insulation of the high school—including the main two-story part of the building and the shop hallway—were slated to be replaced. The bid work specifications now show that only 2,000 square feet of existing roof composite and 5,000 square feet of existing wet roof composite will be removed on the 155,620 sq. ft. building. An infrared scan from last year showed that 3,272 sq. ft. of the insulation was wet.

At the middle school, the gym

roof was to be replaced along with installation of new windows and interior repairs. According to the work specifications, 12,000 square feet of existing roof composite and 1,000 square feet of existing wet roof composite will be replaced, far more than initially estimated. As per the architectural drawings ARMM used for the bid specs, half of the building's roof where the gym is located will receive a second layer. The windows will be caulked in lieu of replacement.

The total cost of the repairs is unknown because the bids were awarded on a "base cost." Estimates were also given by bidders as to the necessity of adding or deducting material costs once the re-roof and repairs begin. If further dampness is found in the roofs' insulation through supplemental infrared scans, there may be a substantial increase in the cost of materials and labor.

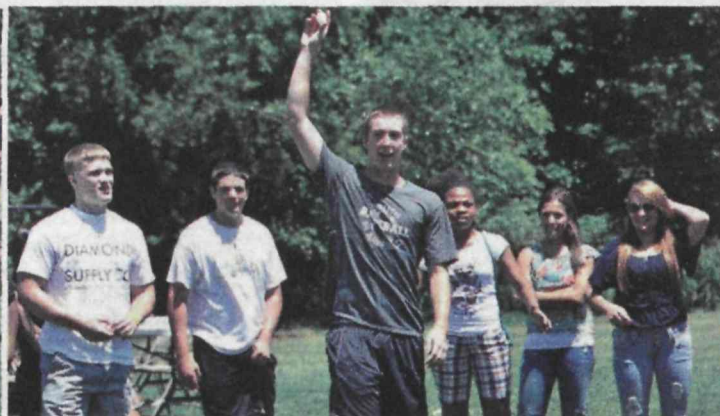
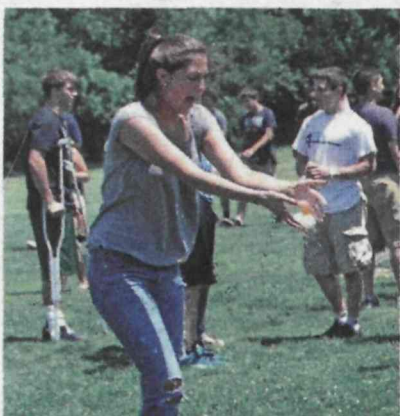
The Thermoplastic PolyOlefin (TPO) roof system membrane that will be used in the re-roofing areas has a manufacturer's 20-year, no dollar limit warranty. The isocyanurate—a rigid foam—hardboard insulation also carries the same warranty.

Repairs began last week and should be completed prior to the opening of schools on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Funding for the project will come from the capital outlay and reserve accounts.



South Plainfield High School held the annual Gold Card picnic for honor roll students on May 31. The Gold Card program is an incentive program to encourage students to reach their fullest academic potential. The festivities included outdoor games and food. The picnic was sponsored by South Plainfield Education Foundation, which donated movie theatre tickets, prom tickets and yearbooks that were raffled off, and was also responsible for the printing of the Gold Cards. Food was donated by Sodexo, The Boyle Family, Hometown Heros, Rita's Italian Ice, Imperial Deli, Ciccio's Pizza, Bruno's Pizza Factory, Haisch's Bakery, Pizza Stop, Mr. Subs and B&C Deli. Franklin School supplied the tables and chairs. Teacher Bonnie Vigneri and secretary Andrea Gustafson arranged the event.

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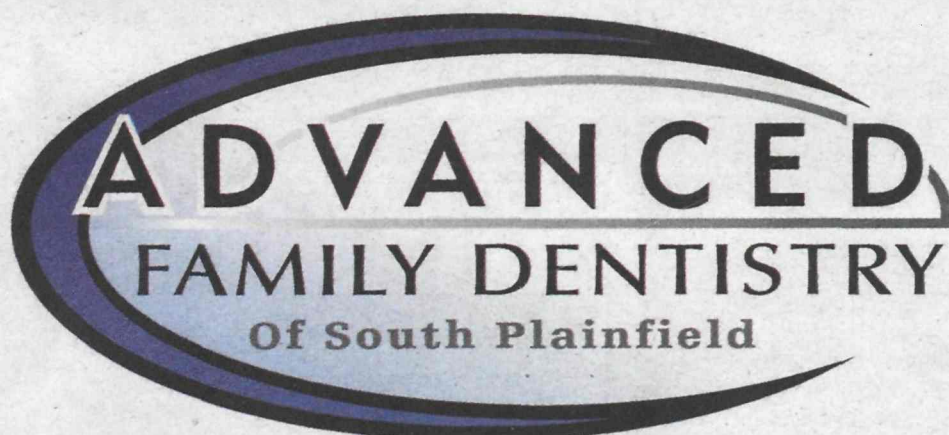
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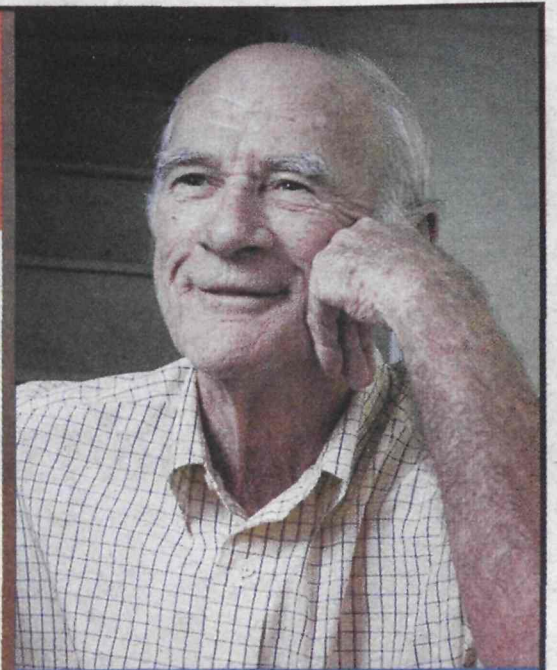


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