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Two Youths Charged in School Fire

The South Plainfield Middle School was evacuated on May 2 after the report of a fire in a boys' restroom shortly before 1 p.m. Police and fire officials located the small fire that had been intentionally started in a towel dispenser.

The fire was contained within the restroom and a moderate smoke condition was reported in a hallway.

Approximately 800 students were transferred to the PAL building on Maple Avenue where they were dismissed on schedule.

There were no reported injuries or incidents during this event.

Six students were questioned in connection with the investigation, and charges were brought against two male juveniles. One was charged with arson, creating a risk of widespread damage or injury and criminal mischief. The other juvenile was charged with disorderly conduct for failure to report a fire. Both were released to the custody of their parents pending a court hearing in Family Court in Middlesex County.

Two other juveniles were involved in the incident, but not charged, and will be required to complete a course at Middlesex County Fire Watch.

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, along with an engine company from Plainfield, responded to the middle school. South Plainfield Office of Emergency Management assisted with the evacuation and transfer of students.

The investigation is ongoing and being conducted by Detective Garrett Cassio. Anyone with additional information should contact Cassio at (908) 226-7662.



Richie Romano, mom Michelle and sister Natalie.

Squirreltes Sponsor Walk for Autism

Nearly 200 people, including Mayor Matt Anesh, spent April 29 in Putnam Park at South Plainfield's Squirreltes Walk for Autism.

The event, inspired by Richie Romano who was celebrating his 16th birthday, raised money to be shared between two charities, The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation for Adult Autism and the Hope Autism Foundation.

In addition to walking a lap around the park, participants played games of chance and bid on gift baskets provided by Oak Tree Discount Liquors, Fitness 19 and Hometown Heros. Carousel Hair Salon donated all the proceeds from their booth sale, and Home Depot provided crafts for kids.

Over \$1,600 was raised by the newly forming Squirreltes, a group of

young girls associated with the Knight of Columbus.

Many of Richie's family and friends were on hand, including sisters Natalie and Christina, who both offered heartfelt speeches about their brother.

If you didn't make the event and would like to donate to a worthy cause, visit www.hopeautismfoundation.org or www.djfiddlefoundation.org.

Johnny Cash Tribute Concert to Benefit SPVFD

Performer Terry Lee Goffee brings Johnny Cash back to life on stage. He looks like Johnny, sounds like Johnny and moves like Johnny. Nobody does Johnny Cash like Terry Lee. The popular "Johnny Cash Tribute," sponsored by the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department, will be held this Saturday at 8 p.m. at South Plainfield High School.

Among the 34 songs included in the tribute are *A Boy Named Sue*, *Sunday Morning Coming Down*, *I Walk the Line*, *Ring Of Fire* and *Folsom Prison Blues*. Lee's tribute act was performed in Nashville with Cash's brother and sister attending. Tommy Cash stated, "My brother would be proud."

Goffee said, "I wanted to make my show a little different and unique by

portraying Johnny Cash in the first person, rather than just standing there singing the songs. Like an actor in a play, I literally become my character, Johnny Cash, from the moment I walk on stage until the end of the show."

Tickets are \$16 general admission and will be available at the door.

Borough Seeks Summer Intern Candidates

This summer, highly motivated high school students residing in South Plainfield may be able to participate in the borough's internship program and learn about the functions of local government.

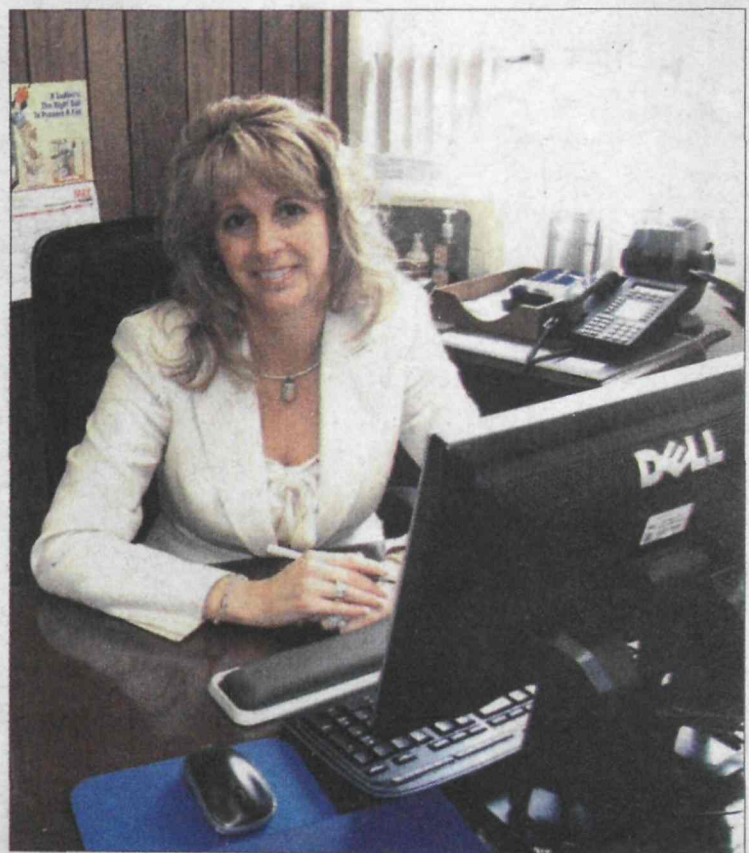
Interested students may apply for unpaid internship opportunities designed to introduce them to the many aspects of South Plainfield's government services. Students will work various hours each day starting July 1 through August 31 with borough employees in South Plainfield's Health Department, Clerk's Office, Finance Department, Assessing Department, Recreation Department, Senior Center and Building Department.

Interested applicants may obtain an application from Anne Daley, assistant to the borough administrator, by emailing adaley@southplainfieldnj.com or calling (908) 226-7604. Interviews will be arranged once all applications are received.

The deadline to apply is June 8.



Patrick Flanagan displays the South Plainfield Observer gift basket he won at SPHS Project Graduation Auction on May 5. For story and photos, see page 6.



Borough Clerk Amy Antonides

New Borough Clerk Welcomed

By Jane Dornick

Amy Antonides began her full time position as borough clerk on April 30. She had been appointed by the Borough Council as the acting clerk on April 2 after former Borough Clerk Joann Graf's departure on March 30.

A resident of Freehold, Antonides began her career in Colts Neck in 1997 as deputy clerk and administrative assistant to the township's administrator, registrar and website coordinator. She left that position in 2005 to become municipal clerk, registrar, website coordinator and treasurer in Interlaken.

In 2010, Antonides was hired by North Hanover as municipal clerk, registrar, deputy tax collector, Board of Health secretary, assessing clerk, Clean Communities, recycling and safety coordinator and the Joint Insurance Fund commissioner.

Antonides holds certifications as a Registered Municipal Clerk, Certified Municipal Clerk and a Certified Municipal Registrar. She is currently enrolled in the Master Municipal Clerk Program.

A member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Antonides also belongs to the Burlington County Clerks and New Jersey Clerks associations, Registrar's Association of New Jersey and serves on the Burlington County Joint Insurance Executive Safety Board. She is a former executive board member of the Monmouth County Joint Insurance Fund and served on the Colts Neck Historic Preservation Committee and Friends of the Carnegie Library in Freehold.

Antonides is a State of New Jersey Notary Public, CPR certified by the American Heart Association and was recognized in the *Cambridge Who's Who of Executives and Professionals 2007-2008*.

Antonides said she left the "country-side community of North Hanover" to pursue the clerk's position in the borough. "It was an opportunity I just couldn't pass up. While I sincerely will miss my coworkers, the governing body and the residents of North Hanover, I look forward to becoming acclimated to South Plainfield," said

Antonides. "It will be a real pleasure to get to know the community as a whole and my new coworkers welcomed me with such kindness."

"I welcome Amy to the borough and wish her all the best. Amy brings a wealth of experience to the borough and a friendly demeanor that will be well received by the residents," commented Mayor Matt Anesh.

"I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill as my predecessor [Graf], I am sure, was beloved by many as well as devoted to the community and her role as borough clerk," commented Antonides. "I tip my hat to her and wish her the utmost happiness and success with her future endeavors."

Antonides feels "very blessed" and is thankful for the "challenging new opportunity" as clerk that she has been given by the mayor, council and administrator.

"I know I won't let them down."



Want to stay informed about the business of your Council and BOE?

FYI

Borough Council & BOE

Council meetings air on Comcast Channel 96 Mondays at 7 p.m. BOE meetings air on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*. (Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.

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

Agenda Meeting

Monday, May 21

Monday, June 4

Public Meeting

Monday, May 21

Monday, June 4

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

planningboard

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

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

May 22, June 12, June 26, 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

May 15, June 5, June 19, 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.)

June 6, June 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 6:30 p.m.) except where noted*

June 13, July 18, 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.

May 15, June 19, 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.

June 12, 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

June 12, 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

Meets once a month (third Wednesday), 7 p.m.

May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.

Questions? 908-226-7621

June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

businessadvisorygroup

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 6:30 p.m.

(No meetings July and August)

In My Opinion

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

To the Editor:

On Sunday, April 29 we had the (future) Squirette Walk for Autism inspired by Richie. For our first walk it was fantastic and we were able to raise over \$1,600 for two adult with autism foundations: Daniel J. Fiddle Foundation and the Hope Autism Foundation.

We would like to thank the town of South Plainfield for its support, Carousel Hair Salon, Bagel Pantry, Piscataway Stop & Shop, Oak Tree Liquors, Fitness 19, Mrs. Dorothy Miele, Mobile Tan, Hometown Heros, Mr. Hajduk, The Knights of Columbus, Debbie Vokral, Deb the bus driver and The Home Depot. We would also like to thank the following families: The Prices, The Berrys, The Affinitos, The Rattis and The Romanos. Thank you, thank you! We could not have had the walk without your contributions and support.

SINCERELY,

**CHRISTINE "CHRISSY" LEE
ADVISOR (FUTURE) SQUIRETTES
OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD**

To the Editor:

In the April 27 edition of the *Observer* was a small blurb on page 3. Maybe most skimmed it or didn't view it as particularly newsworthy; however, my eyes grew wide and a bitter-sweet smile crossed my mouth. Mayor Anesh declared May ALS month!

Many do not even know what ALS is, but it's also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. If you are squeamish, stop reading. Basically, ALS is a disease where a person is pretty much slowly buried alive, each day a little at a time. My mother died of it in 2003. My father was her primary caretaker, who has since moved to South Plainfield to live with me.

I remember CVS in town designating May as ALS Awareness Month, and I would stand in line hearing cashiers ask customers if they'd like to donate to the cause of ALS. Ninety percent of the time, I heard, "What is that?" Well, thank you, Mayor. Thank you Mr. Peller. Some of us in town lived your struggle. If even 10 more people are now informed, it counts.

RENEE COUPLAND

To the Editor:

There were four events that occurred during the April 18 Board of Education meeting that need to be addressed openly. These events put a dark cloud over the BOE and schools. They are listed in the order that they happened:

1. BOE President Jim Giannakis made derogatory comments towards Bogdan Fryszczyn when he asked the board what was being done to improve SAT scores. South Plainfield High School scores are below the state average and other schools in our same demographic. Jim, you owe Bogdan an apology for your comments. Not doing so is wrong.

2. Dr. Pedersen, principal of SPHS, stated that he thinks the low test scores were because of economic times. Students didn't need high scores if they can only afford local schools. Really? This is horrible if it is true. And why would he announce this without knowing for sure? This is as bad as when Dr. May announced in a public meeting that he was a "blue collar" worker. Dr. Pedersen should know better and if he doesn't then he shouldn't be principal.

3. BOE member Carol Byrne read a statement to the public regarding Dr. Bowen's tenure with the district. The fact that she was complementing him wasn't bad. It was that she was stating how bad the district was when he came to us. This is ironic because she was one of the few BOE members who defended Jose Negron and voted for his three-year contract extension before he was dismissed. She read a similar letter complementing Jose Negron. Was it the same letter? Quite possibly.

4. BOE member Joseph Sorrentino's rant regarding the money that the town council requested for tax relief was the icing on the cake. While he is entitled to his own opinion, it was disrespectful to continuously refer to the town council as "Republicans" rather than councilmen. Joe, leave the politics out of it. Your demeanor was completely inappropriate.

While there was the usual craziness throughout the meeting, including the SPEA Union arguing over the hiring

of the high school football coach, these four events at the end of the meeting make us wonder why we should support the current BOE members and schools. We need a change.

**RICHARD PETRONE
SECRETARY, SOUTH PLAINFIELD
SENIOR FORUM**

Dear Editor,

The recent letter published in the *Observer* from the Board of Education explaining the financial cost of repairing the roofs for two schools leaves many unanswered questions which need to be addressed. The taxpayers of this town need to know just exactly how and why our money is being spent. It is my understanding that the ARMM Architect Company from Cherry Hill was contracted to do this project. Why weren't qualified local architects chosen or was ARMM chosen because members of the Board of Education personally know them? Did the Board of Education advertise in the local papers or was this firm picked regardless of what our local companies can offer us? What is the name of the manufacturer of the roofing material and how many years is their product guaranteed for? If there are any defects in the materials used or the roofing job itself, who will pay future costs?

Will the architect set guidelines to make sure his roofers get the job or will the school board open this job to one of our local qualified companies? Specifications on this project should be made available to all residents of South Plainfield to review and comment on. The amount of money that is being used to repair these roofs is enormous and the taxpayers need to see where, why, and when their tax dollars are being spent. To my knowledge there are no members of the school board that are certified or qualified architects or roofers and I hope they are not just listening to hearsay. In these difficult times of rising taxes, unemployment, outrageous fuel costs and the economy on the downside, we need to be very, very cautious and careful about the way we spend taxpayers money.

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To comment on the content or to suggest a story idea, contact the editor at (908) 668-0010.

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Danielle Aronowitz

Get involved with your library and become a Friend! We are restarting the South Plainfield Friends of the Library. This group will hold fundraisers that help the library and hold special programs and events. All are welcome to join; you do not have to be a resident. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month. The next Friends meeting will be Thursday, June 7 at 7 p.m. in the library. Any questions please see the library staff.

Have you recently bought or received an e-reader and have no idea how to use it? Come to the library and we will help you learn how to get free e-books from E-LibraryNJ. Stop by and make an appointment with a librarian who will be more than happy to walk you through the process of getting an e-book and answering your questions.

The library is offering introductory computer classes. These classes will offer a basic tutorial on the Internet, Microsoft Word and email. The first class will be Introduction to the Internet. Classes are Wednesday, May 16 from 12 to 1 p.m.; Monday, May 21 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; and Thursday, May 24 from 12 to 1 p.m. It will be the same class offered three times. Some topics that will be covered in this class are setting up Internet options, text size, zoom, how to go to

Calling All Veterans And Their Families

The South Plainfield VFW Post #6763 is looking for new members. There will be a luncheon held on Saturday, June 2 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Join us for a relaxing afternoon and spend some time talking with other veterans. We will also have a service officer there to assist you with any problems or questions you may have about benefits. Bring along your DD214 and think about joining our post. RSVP to (908) 668-9751.

a website and how to use the South Plainfield Library website. Space is limited and registration is required. Come by or call the library to register. Next month will be Introduction to Email, where users will learn how to create their own Gmail account.

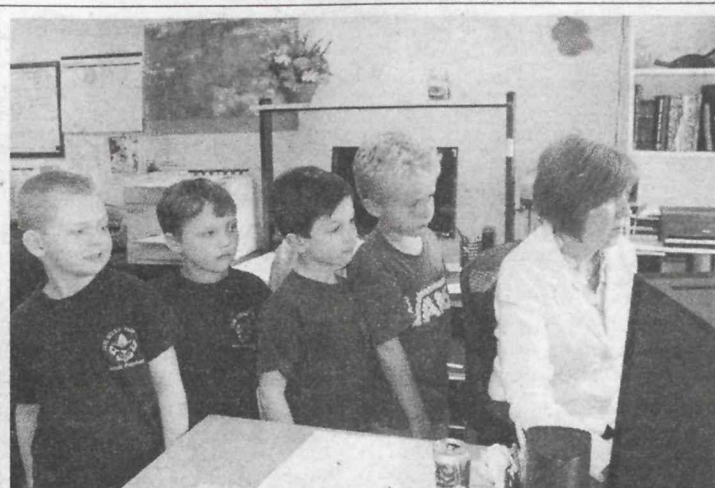
Missed a movie you wanted to see in the theaters or don't want to pay for the DVD? Come to Monday Night Movies at the library. It's all the fun of a movie theater, but none of the cost. We show brand new releases every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. in the main area and we even provide popcorn for all who attend. Call the library to find out title information or come by and pick up a schedule. There is no registration required.

Storytime programs for two and three year-olds are held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. Storytime for ages three and up is Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday night at 6:30, and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. The Babytime program for ages up to two years is Friday morning at 10:30.

There is a new program, Friday Fun, held Friday afternoons in May from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. We craft, play games, read stories and have fun. The program, for ages seven to 10, will be held on the following Fridays: May 4, 11, 18 and 25. These programs do not require registration. Please try to get to the Storytime programs on time because it can get very disruptive for Miss Linda, Miss Mija and the children if people come in the middle of the program. For more information about the programs, call (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

The library is open seven days a week except on holidays. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit us at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.



Tiger Cubs from Kennedy School visited the South Plainfield Observer on May 1. Pictured with Susan Kaneps are Ryan Gregory, John Nagy, Tommy Smiljanic and Sam Strassburger.

Maria Luisa de Moreno Foundation Adopts South Clinton Avenue

Doris Bohorquez, branch coordinator, has signed an agreement with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association on behalf of the Maria Luisa de Moreno International Foundation (MLMIF) to adopt the entire length of South Clinton Avenue. Twelve to 14 volunteers will be removing litter from the roadside once a month.

The road runs through an industrial section and carries very heavy truck traffic. Despite repeated visits by the street sweeper truck, litter accumulates along the shoulders. Boy Scout Troop #124 cleans part of the road every year during Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week, but this road needs much more attention. During this year's spring cleanup, volunteers from MLMIF joined the scouts and other residents in bagging litter along South Clinton from New Market Avenue to Hamilton Boulevard.

The Maria Luisa de Moreno International Foundation was formed to assist immigrants succeed in their new countries. Coordinating with existing government and non-profit programs, the organization offers

support through social programs that will give immigrants access to a higher education so they can improve their quality of life and become contributing members of the community. There are branches throughout the United States and in Latin America. The local branch is based in Middlesex Borough, and the volunteers who will be maintaining this Adopt-A-Spot live in South Plainfield and other area towns.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

police reports

• On April 27 Irene E. Polanco was arrested for driving while intoxicated, careless driving and failure to keep right.

• All Action Architectural Metal & Glass on Sylvania Place reported that one of their tarps covering fire proof insulation had been set on fire.

• A 2nd Place resident reported the theft of Recreation Department baseball team equipment from their vehicle.

• On April 30 Anslem C. Ufom-bah was arrested for careless driving and an outstanding warrant.

• On May 1 a Fox Place resident reported the theft of an aluminum break from their yard.

• On May 2 Darnell S. Caldwell was arrested for hindering apprehension, driving on a suspended license, no insurance and illegal passing.

Join Riley School Walk To A Cure

John E. Riley School invites everyone in the community to its fifth annual 39 Minute Walk To A Cure on Friday, May 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Riley School.

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events

Around Town

Schoolhouse Rock At Forum Theatre

May 11-13

The Forum Theatre, 314 Main St. in Metuchen, will present a stars on stage production of Schoolhouse Rock Live! featuring Grant School students on Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m., Saturday, May 12 at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 13 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available at www.forumtheatrearts.org. For more information, call (732) 548-5600.

Fire Department Benefit Concert

May 12

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual benefit concert on Saturday, May 12 at 8 p.m. at South Plainfield High School in the auditorium.

This year's show is a Johnny Cash tribute featuring Terry Lee Goffee. General admission: \$16. Tickets available at the door.

Elks Mother's Day Breakfast

May 13

The South Plainfield Elks #2298, 1254 New Market Ave., will host a Mother's Day breakfast on Sunday, May 13 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The menu will feature eggs made to order, French toast, pancakes, bacon,

sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee. Cost: adults, \$7; seniors, \$6; children age 3-12, \$4; Under two, free. All mothers in attendance will receive a carnation.

For more information, call (908) 668-9750.

SPHS Class of 1962 Plans Reunion

May 16

South Plainfield High School Class of 1962 is holding a 50th reunion on Wednesday, May 16 at Resorts Casino on the boardwalk in Atlantic City. Banquet is \$65 per person and includes appetizers, Italian buffet, desserts and coffee/tea. Cash bar from 6 to 11 p.m.

For more information, call Jeanette (Reynolds) Keleher at (908) 246-8861 or Diana (Maniscalco) Zaslow at (203) 227-1346.

Elks to Host Sausage And Pepper Night

May 18

The South Plainfield ELKS will host a sausage and pepper sandwich night on Friday, May 18 from 6 to 9 p.m. Authentic Italian sausage and pepper sandwiches served with homemade sauteed peppers and onions along with homemade salads.

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Hot sandwich and three beers is \$10; sandwich only is \$6.

The evening will also feature a Pie in the Face Contest. Anyone can volunteer to be "pied" for a price. Proceeds will benefit the Special Children's Committee and help defray the cost of campers at Elks Camp Moore.

Zumba Fundraiser at Wesley Church

May 19

Check out Zumba, the new exercise craze, at Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., on Saturday, May 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. All are welcome, no reservations necessary. Donation: \$10.

Proceeds will go to purchase educational supplies for our Kenya mission trip in July.

For more information, call the church office at (908) 757-2838, Connie Palmer at (908) 755-3850 or email us at wumcsp@verizon.net.

Republicans Host Comedy Night

June 1

The South Plainfield Republicans will host a comedy night featuring Uncle Floyd and comedian Richie Byrne on Friday, June 1 at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Includes dinner, dessert, wine and beer. Advance tickets: \$50 per person; \$60 at the door.

For tickets, call (908) 753-0247.

Cedarcroft Yard Sale and Car Wash

June 2

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, located at 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold a yard sale and car wash on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Rain date is

June 9). To reserve a free table, logon to www.cedarcroft.org by Saturday, May 26. Free tables (first 20 only); 30 spots available.

SP Fire Department Wine Tasting

June 9

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will hold a wine and local food tasting fundraiser on Saturday, June 9 from 7-11 p.m. at the American Legion located at 243 Oak Tree Ave. In addition to a wide variety of wine, there will also be local micro-brewery beer and a selection of local restaurant food. Tickets are \$30 per person. The wine and beer sponsor is Oak Tree Discount Wine & Spirits.

For tickets and additional information, email Daryl Forster at dforster@qualcomm.com.

Holy Savior 5K Run/One Mile Walk

June 16

Holy Savior Academy's first annual 5K Run/One Mile Family Walk will be held on Saturday, June 16 starting at 9 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and Holy Savior Academy sports programs. Race information is available at www.holsavioracademy.com.

Email Carl Adlansnig with any questions at randcautobody@aol.com.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

May 11

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, May 11 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at the American

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

May 17-Bally's Atlantic City \$20pp Bus leaves 8:30 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

May 20-23-Trip to Wildwood (trip is full)

MONDAYS

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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

FRIDAYS

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Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

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

International Olympic Horse Trials

May 12/13

The Horse Park of New Jersey is hosting the 10th annual "Jersey Fresh" International Olympic Horse Trials on Saturday and Sunday, May 12 and 13. The NJ Horse Park is located in Allentown, Route 524, exit 11 off Interstate 95. Open to the public, competitions begin at 9 a.m.

Anyone interested in being a vendor or crafter can download the application at www.horseparkof-newjersey.com.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

May 12

Steppin' Out Singles is holding an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, May 12 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.

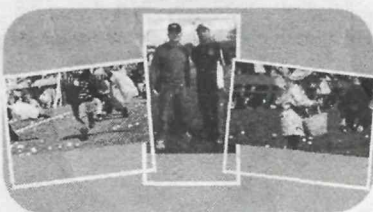
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Photographs of local events by South Plainfield Observer contributing photographer Louis Mormile are available for sale at www.louisormilephotography.com.

The website has password protected photo galleries. To request the password, click on "Contact" at the bottom of the web page and fill out the form by providing the name of the event you are inquiring about, along with your name, address and telephone number.

Currently, available photographs include more than 150 shots from the April 8 Easter Egg Hunt at the PAL. Additional photos of various local sporting events, etc. are also available.



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Blackrose to Perform

May 12

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at the Stagehouse Tavern, 366 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains on Saturday, May 12 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

Temple Sholom Hosts Casino Night

May 12

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains, located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 South Martine Ave., will hold a casino night fundraiser on Saturday, May 12 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$36 for \$100 worth of casino chips, refreshments included. Benefits Temple Sholom's educational and religious programs.

For tickets or information, call (908) 889-4900, visit www.sholomnj.org or email office@sholomnj.org.

Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area Meeting

May 14

The annual meeting of Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area will take place on Monday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church, 218 Dunellen Ave. Open to all volunteers, donors and all those who have an interest in Fish, Inc. The public is encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, call Lisa at (732) 356-0081 or visit www.fishdunellenarea.org.

Basket Auction at Randolphville School

May 19

Randolphville Elementary PTO in Piscataway will host its annual basket auction on Saturday, May 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. A 50/50 raffle will also be held. Bring your own food. Credit cards, bank cards and PayPal will be accepted. Adults only, please.

For more information, call Dawn Smith or Nora Kuderka at (732) 699-5988 or email Randolphvillepto@yahoo.com.

'Paws4Laughter' Benefits PAHS

May 19

A 'Paws4Laughter' comedy show to benefit the Plainfield Area Humane Society will be held at The Dunellen Theater, 458 North Ave. in Dunellen on Saturday, May 19 at 8 p.m. Five comics; food and drink will be available. A 50/50 will also be held. Tickets: \$20, online or in advance at the theatre; \$25 at the door.

For tickets or information, visit www.brownpapertickets.com/event/245193.

Pray & Play at Temple Sholom

May 19

Temple Sholom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains located in the Fanwood Presbyterian Church at the corner of Martine and LaGrande avenues in Fanwood, invites families with children ages four and under to a Shabbat Pray & Play on Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. featuring music, maracas, puppets and parachutes. Free bagel brunch in the playroom. Older siblings are welcome.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900, email sholom@sholomnj.org or visit www.sholomnj.org.

Monmouth Orchestra Season Finale

May 20

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra will present a program featuring two well-loved compositions for cello and orchestra on Sunday, May 20 at the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank.

Tickets: \$35, adult; \$30, seniors; and \$5, students. For tickets, call (732) 842-9000.

Battle of Princeton Re-enactment

May 26 and 27

The Princeton Battlefield Society presents "Washington at Princeton" on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Princeton Battlefield Park.

Come see the re-enactors of the American Revolution present a portion of the Battle of Princeton featuring General George Washington. Both American and British units will portray the soldiers who participated in the 1777 battle.

For more information, contact Joe Carney at (973) 271-8333.

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Hometown Heros Celebrates 10th Anniversary With a Customer Appreciation Day

By Jane Dornick

Hometown Heros owners Charlie and Debbie Kurland celebrated their tenth anniversary on April 21 with a Customer Appreciation Day. A buffet of fresh sandwiches, homemade salads and hot food was available to sample as well as raffle prizes. Many borough officials stopped by that day to wish them continued success.

Raffled off were movie tickets, lunch for two, candy, popcorn and soda; a three-foot hero; assorted gourmet sandwich platter for 10; five pound tray of potato salad and complimentary lunch gift certificates.

Over the years, the menu has grown along with an increase in staff and size of their shop to accommodate the numerous patrons who frequent there.

Employee Jack Reid has been with Hometown Heros since before the store opened. "He has helped us build the store, including painting and cleaning," said Charlie. "He had been a fixture in our restaurant, and at age 83, we joke that he has cooked more chicken than Colonel Sanders."

Each day Jack can be seen frying up cutlet for their menu. "Jack is a family friend and an important part of our business," said Charlie fondly.

Hometown Heros offer a wide variety of sub sandwiches, gourmet wraps, chicken cutlet, grilled chicken and sandwiches hot and cold, all on a



(L-R) Jack Reid, Manuel Linares, Sam Quinones, Francesca Castro, Joanna Carmona, Joseph Matos, David Martinez, Michael Martinez and owners Debbie and Charlie Kurland at their tenth anniversary Customer Appreciation Day.

large selection of fresh baked breads. Their homemade salads are made with top quality ingredients only. Catering and delivery are also available.

They are open for breakfast at 7 a.m. Monday through Friday, and at 8 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Breakfast can be ordered all day, every day. They also offer a free coffee and juice bar (8 a.m. to noon) on the weekends

with any breakfast item. Children's breakfasts are \$2.99 and include the juice bar and chocolate milk.

Hometown Heros is located at 340 Hamilton Blvd., before the intersection at New Market Avenue. For more information, call (908) 755-HERO (4376) or visit them on the web at www.hometownherosdeli.com.

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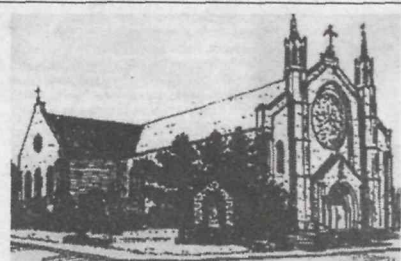
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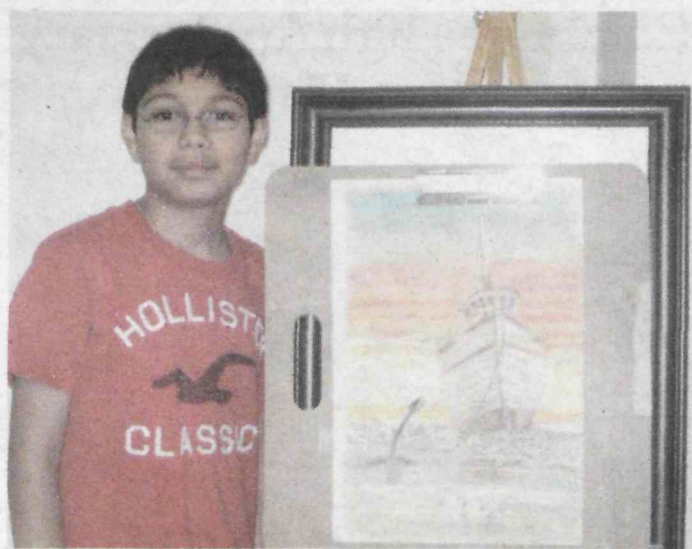
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Karan Patel of South Plainfield holds his artwork prior to framing for the May exhibit at Miele's Art Studio.

Local Students Featured at Miele's Art Studio

The public is invited to a display of artwork by four local art students at Miele's Art Studio during the month of May.

Sandy Pleeter, a 2009 graduate of South Plainfield High School and currently a junior at Rutgers University, began art lessons at Miele's Art Studio when she was a student at Roosevelt Elementary School. Sandy's favorite medium is acrylic paint, but she shows versatility in pastel, watercolor and colored pencil artwork. A cat fancier, her subjects include felines as well as beach scenes of parents and children at play. She has recently teamed with art-

ist/photographer and studio instructor Sarah Miele to recreate Sarah's photos in pastel and paint.

Art is only a hobby for this English major/psychology minor student. Utilizing her writing skills honed at the university, Sandy writes public information articles for the South Plainfield Sustainable Jersey Green Team in her spare time.

For Aaron Yang, art has been a family affair. He started at Miele's Art Studio in elementary school, attending weekend classes with six cousins. Aaron lives

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Project Graduation Auction a Success!

By Patricia Abbott

The Project Graduation Auction was held at the high school on April 28. The annual event is popular with the community and was sold out a full week prior to the event. Auction goes lined up at 5:30 p.m., one half hour before the doors opened.

About half of the 30 volunteers were senior parents; the remainder were underclassmen parents or were parents of past graduates who strongly value Project Graduation.

After placing the abundance of food on luau-themed tables, the crowd returned to the hallway for ticket buying. The ticket tables were manned by numerous volunteers, teachers and senior parents.

Hundreds of prizes were set up on bleachers around the perimeter of the gym. Guests began to make the first trek around the gym to pick the perfect prizes they hoped to win.

There were over 200 prizes to choose from. The five raffle categories were potpourri with 72 prizes; theme basket and gifts with 72 prizes; and super raffle with 78. The most coveted prizes were the 14 grand prizes and the two mega raffle prizes. The grand prizes were a Nikon camera, Yankees tickets, a dinner certificate, Broadway and dinner tickets, an iPad2 tablet, a Kindle 7, an Apple iPad touch 32GB and more. Mega raffle prizes included a Dell Inspiron15R laptop computer and a Toshiba 55" LED LCD HDTV 1080P. They also held a 50/50 raffle, which was won by resident Fran Tramutola.

Prizes were donated by South Plainfield High School families and area businesses.

Norm Loesner began calling ticket numbers at 7 p.m. as the auction goes organized their tickets and began to enjoy their assorted fare, ranging from chips and soda to gourmet food



trays. One group opted to work on needlepoint and crocheting during the event.

As numbers were called, student runners brought the prizes to happy winners. About halfway through the evening an intermission allowed for an opportunity to purchase additional tickets.

Fourteen student runners helped pick the winning tickets and deliver the prizes to the winners. Those volunteers included Amanda Boronkas, Mike Grzenda, Danielle Caputo, Rajath Kenath, Shivam Patel, Albert Vill, Jessica Thompson, James Butrico, Allison Wagner, Alexis Cargill, Allison White, Kristen Hoelzel, Anthony Muccigrossi and Tanya Joshi.

The Project Graduation Committee is Susan Barry, Mary Cargill, Renee Daubert, Tracey Hartmann, Barbara Mennutti, Sharon Miller, Teri Pileggi and Patricia Porzio. The committee was joined by dozens of volunteers. Board of Education members on hand to help were Debbie Boyle and Bill Scesselberg.

At evening's end Sue Barry and Patty Porzio, on behalf of the committee, presented Miller with a bouquet of flowers for her hard work and dedication.

Miller, PTA president and committee member, thanked committee members for the months of hard work and dedication to make this event a great success for the Class of 2012.

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Peter Worrell and Ashley Bishop

Ashley Bishop, Peter Worrell Engaged

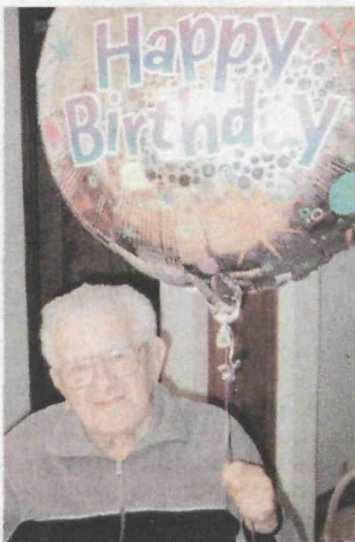
Mr. and Mrs. Scot Bishop of South Plainfield are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ashley,

to Peter Worrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Worrell of Marlton.

Ashley is a 2005 graduate of South Plainfield High School and a 2009 graduate of Rowan University.

Peter is a 2005 graduate of Marlton High School and a 2010 graduate of Rowan University.

A fall wedding is planned.



Thaddeus "Teddy" Malecki, Sr. celebrated his 102nd birthday on April 8.

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Debra Outeiral and Kyle Baker were married at Sacred Heart Church.

Debra Outeiral and Kyle Baker Wed

Debra Stephanie Outeiral and Kyle Patrick Baker have been sweethearts since they attended middle school together. On May 6 they were married at Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield by Deacon Gregory Caruso.

The bride is the daughter of Gustavo

and Silvia Outeiral and the groom is the son of Thomas and Sally Baker, all of South Plainfield.

The bride and groom plan to reside in South Plainfield, where both of their families live and where they both grew up.



Simone O'Leary

Doug Radford, president of Realty Executives New Jersey and Simone O'Leary, broker owner of Northeast Signature Properties in Piscataway, are pleased to announce that Northeast Signature Properties has joined Realty Executives.

A graduate of Cornell University with a bachelor of science degree in communications, O'Leary is a 17-year real estate veteran who has earned numerous industry awards. In 2002 she became the first African-American female to be awarded a Keller Williams Realty Franchise, thereby paving the way for other minority owners. In addition to her many accolades, she was awarded the Phenomenal Woman Award from 98.7 WRKS-FM, The Network Journal "40 Under Forty" Achievement Award alongside "The Apprentice" winner Randal Pinkett. She was also a recipient of The New Jersey Labor Advisory Board Service Award for the United Negro College Fund, and other numerous awards.

In March 2006 Simone established The Simone O'Leary Education Foundation. The foundation grants scholarships to underprivileged high school seniors continuing their education at an institution for higher learning. Since its inception, the foundation has awarded over 50 scholarships.

O'Leary resides in South Plainfield with her husband, Sean, and their three children.

Gould Achieves Academic Excellence

Keri Gould of South Plainfield was recognized for outstanding academic achievement at Buffalo State's 55th annual Honors Convocation on April 19. Keri is an art education major at Buffalo State.

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Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the **Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League**

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
2 Buds, 2 Dubes.....	3	1	0	Italian Amer Club.....	3	0	1
Alfie's Boys.....	3	1	0	Sport & Social.....	2	1	1
Unique Sports.....	3	1	0	So. Plfd Funeral Home.....	2	2	0
McCriskin-Gustafson.....	2	2	0	Witty's Liquors.....	1	3	0
Twin City Pharmacy.....	1	2	1	Dirty Harry & Friends.....	1	3	0
KC's Korner.....	1	3	0	Windows Plus.....	0	3	1

Witty's Liquors had a full squad of four golfers for their match against undefeated 2 Buds, 2 Dubes, and whacked their opponents around for two hours and left Dale Dube reeling around the parking lot wondering why the referee hadn't stopped the bout in the third round. The final score was 18-2.

Jim Parker of Witty's played a key role in this big win, but he got off to a rough start with double bogey, par, double bogey. Parker's frustration kept building over the course of the round so when he reached the final hole he was at the boiling point. He let it all

hang out as he launched a missile on the 309-yard ninth hole that found the green, and he then made birdie for a 39. Captain Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas matched that score with his own 39, highlighted by a lovely birdie on the third hole.

Jeff "Bam Bam" Orth had a few glitches early in his round but finished par, par, birdie for a 38 to earn the medal for his team, and Dale "The Needle" Dube posted a 39.

Ever since their stunning loss to 2 Buds, 2 Dubes on opening night, Alfie's Boys has looked very sharp in beating

Witty's Liquors and KC's Korner. They put together another superlative team effort in whipping the South Plainfield Funeral Home 16-4, to extend their winning streak to three-in-a-row and share in a three-way tie for first place in the American Division.

"Irish" Danny Griffin and Mike King played extremely well in carding a pair of 35s, and Bill Mann and John Gaven were both just one stroke higher with a pair of 36s. That's 10-over for the entire team—and that was far more than the South Plainfield Funeral Home could handle. In a losing effort, John Dominic turned in another solid round, a 36, that featured three birdies.

Before their match, the guys on Twin City Pharmacy were doing some justified grumbling about their misfortune in having a winless record even though they've been playing really well. In taking on Dirty Harry & Friends, once again they had to give a lot of strokes. But this time around, their talents were properly rewarded as they crushed Dirty Harry's, 19-1.

Joe Diller was absolutely terrific in firing a 34 with birdies on the fourth and seventh holes. Diller was so elated with the way he was playing that he didn't finish all the adult beverages in his cooler and generously gave some presents away at the end of his round.

Jay Coppola was thrilled with his birdies on the fourth and ninth holes and was grinning broadly when he turned in his 36, and Guy Severini actually cracked a smile when he also registered his own 36.

Kevin McCormack earned the medal for Dirty Harry's with his 41.

When he's got his A-game, Ted "Old Reliable" Stanik is a tough match for any player in the league. He demonstrated that once again by putting together an impressive 2-over 35, highlighted by a lovely birdie on the seventh hole. Stanik's fine performance was the key to Unique Sports Accessories 13-7 victory over Windows Plus. Jay "The Sexy One" Bertleson contributed a 38, and Chris "The Hawk" Dillon pitched in with a 39.

For Windows Plus, Dave Ramano continued his fine play by earning the medal with his 38.

Rich Pellegrino is riding tall in the saddle these days as he led his Italian-American Club teammates down the Handicap Trail for another big win. This time around, the Italian-American Club trampled KC's Korner 16-4, to remain the only undefeated team in the league. Pellegrino was the medalist for the victors with his 42.

KC's Korner was very happy to welcome Dan Conti back to their line-

up. Conti's been on the DL since the beginning of the season. Even though he's still not 100% and his tee shots are not traveling as far down the fairways as usual, Conti still managed to post a 41 to share medalist honors with Nick Veruschi.

After McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals got buried last week, 16-4, by Unique Sports Accessories, Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar asked his secret weapon, his mother-in-law Eleanor, to whip up one of her magical Harry Potter potions, and Chichvar had all of his players take a big drink of Eleanor's Elixir just before teeing off. Lo and behold, McCriskin's lost to Sport & Social, 12-8. Chichvar left the course in a hurry, picked up Eleanor, drove her to Metropark and put her on the Hogwart's Express so she could re-check her formula. In this high-scoring match, Scott Macdonald was the low-man for Sport & Social with his 43, and Butch Steigmyer was the medalist for McCriskin's with a 39.

Low Scores For The Night: Joe Diller, 34; Danny Griffin, 35; Mike King, 35; Ted Stanik, 35; Jay Coppola, 36; John Dominic, 36; John Gaven, 36; Bill Mann, 36; Guy Severini, 36.

U-13 ARSENAL By Mark Resende

Arsenal Suffers Tough Loss

Arsenal, the U-13 boys team of the South Plainfield Soccer Club, traveled to Wayne this past Sunday and squared off against Real Madrid of the NASA United Club. The boys battled hard, as they always do, but came away on the wrong end of the 4-0 final score.

After starting off the season strong with a 2-1-1 record, Arsenal lost three straight games to fall to 2-4-1. There have been injuries to key players that have had some effect on the team's fortunes, including starting goalkeeper Nick Plate, starting midfielder Jason Belanger and starting forward Jake Hoffman, all missing several games, and starting defender Mason Resende got knocked out of this last game midway through the first half.

Arsenal is not looking back, and with three games remaining will finish the season strong. The injured players should all be back in action this coming weekend as the team travels to Franklin to face the Stingrays, and they, along with William Arias, Caleb Kuberiet, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Jared Marks, Dylan O'Connor, Alec Paez, Ricky Pellegrino, Edwin Rivas, Elijah Robinson, Kevin Solano and Wallace Truesdale will continue to play hard for coaches Dave Cieszkiewicz, Greg Hoffman and Steve Belanger. Go Arsenal!

Golden Tee RESULTS

Five hearty souls braved extreme elements to compete in the Golden Tee event at the Plainfield West Nine on May 2. Vic Palmer was declared the winner.

On May 7, the two-man scramble tournament was won by the team of Bill Gammel and Len Bednarski with Bob Pero and Chico Perez coming in second.

Tournaments are held Monday and Wednesday mornings. Call Bill Castner, PGA professional, at (908) 769-3672 for more information.

Ponytail Scholarship Deadline Monday

Applications for four Parents' Ponytail Softball Association \$500 college scholarships for girls must be received no later than Monday, May 14.

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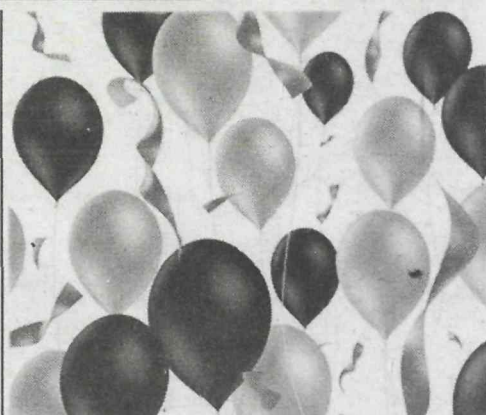
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SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 11

3:30pm V Golf-Middlesex @W9 (H)
4pm V & JV Baseball-Metuchen (H)

SATURDAY, MAY 12

10am B & GV Track-GMC Champions (H)
11am V Softball-Metuchen (A) bus 9:30
11am JV Softball-Metuchen (H)
11am Fr Baseball-Ridge (H)
6:30pm V Baseball-Briarcliff @St. Island
Yankees bus TBA

MONDAY, MAY 14

3:45pm V & JV Softball-Johnson (A) bus 2:30
3:45pm V Baseball-GMC Prel (H)
3:45pm Fr Baseball-GMC (H)
3:45pm V Lacrosse-Clifton (H) JV/5:15
4pm V Tennis-New Brunswick (H)
JV Baseball-GMC (A) bus TBA

TUESDAY, MAY 15

3:45pm V Lacrosse-Mt. St. Mary JV/5:15
(A) bus 2:30

TUESDAY, MAY 15 (CONT.)

3:45pm V & JV Softball-Middlesex (A)
bus 2:30
3:45pm V Baseball-GMC 1st Rnd (H)
4pm GV Track-P. Amboy (H)
BV Track-Piscataway (A) bus TBA
V Golf-GMC (A) bus TBA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

3:45pm BV Tennis-Bishop Ahr (A) bus 2:30
3:45pm V Lacrosse-Union Catholic
(H) JV/5:15

THURSDAY, MAY 17

3:45pm V Baseball-GMC Qtrs (H)
V Golf-GMC (A) bus TBA

FRIDAY, MAY 18

3:45pm GV Track-Metuchen (A) bus 2:30
3:45pm V Tennis-Colonia (H)
4pm V & JV Baseball-Edison (A) bus 2:30
4pm Fr Baseball-Edison (H)

Eagles Scholarship Deadline Monday

The South Plainfield Eagles are pleased to announce that they will once again be offering four \$500 scholarships to graduating seniors who have participated in the Eagles program for a minimum of three years who are continuing his/her education.

Applications are available at the

guidance office at the high school or on our website at www.leaguelineup.com/speagles.

All applications must be returned to the South Plainfield High School Guidance Office no later than May 14.

—Submitted by Abra Hodge,
Cheer Commissioner

Varsity Softball Enjoying Winning Season

The South Plainfield High School Varsity Softball Team is off to an incredible start this year. Through May 2, their record is 15-2, which is among the leaders for most wins of any high school in the state. The team has a great combination of defense, timely hitting and superb pitching that makes them a real threat to win a county championship.

This varsity team is truly the pride of South Plainfield, as all of the girls honed their skills through participation in the South Plainfield Ponytail Program run by the South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association and the South Plainfield Recreation Department.

The Tigers have a great mix of youth and experience, many of whom have overcome injuries to have stellar seasons. Sisters Caroline Ratti (freshmen, third base) and Allison Ratti (junior, outfield), playing together on varsity for the first time, have combined to give the team excellent speed and defense. Caroline has played like a veteran at third, while Allison has shown great value as a pinch runner and defensive specialist.

Sophomore Kate McLaughlin has played a solid left field while displaying a versatile bat in the lineup, hitting

both line drives and dropping down important bunts to key several rallies. Sophomore Shannon Hughes has been flawless in center field, making several spectacular plays, while showing some true power at the plate. Junior Jackie Dvorak has shown the ability to play all three outfield positions and hit for power, providing the team excellent bench strength. Junior Becky Eustice has come into her own this season in right field, providing excellent defense and many clutch hits. Sophomore Haley Hlavka has taken over the catcher's position, handling pitches smoothly despite being hampered all season by an ankle injury sustained during basketball season. Junior Emily Skula has overcome a severe knee injury that kept her out the entire soccer season to handle the second base job, tracking down pop flies and ground balls all over her side of the diamond while wearing a knee brace. Senior Ashanti Bishop has also come back from an injury and commitments that made her miss the last two seasons. She's been a revelation at first base, displaying the amazing speed she had playing on the varsity team as a freshman years ago. Junior Gina Louise has had a great season as

designated hitter. She has consistently come up with big hits game after game and leads the team in runs batted in (RBIs). Junior Shannon McMahon, coming off an All County season in 2011, has been great on the mound, ranking among the state leaders in innings pitched and strikeouts. Senior Captain Jamie Quail, now in her third year as varsity shortstop, continues to snag line drives and gun out runners with rocket throws to first while showing a strong bat, leading the team in hits. South Plainfield's record with her at short is an amazing 58-10.

The coaching staff is also a mix of youth and experience. Coach Don Panzarella is now in his 31st season as head coach. Panzarella's staff includes Nancy Cuntala, a longtime head softball coach at JFK High School, as well as new staff members Cheryl Hughes, SPHS's very successful field hockey coach and Bissy Martin, who was an All County centerfielder for the high school just two seasons ago.

This team seems destined for big things. They started the season off by handing Coach Panzarella his 600th win and have now set their sights on winning a county championship.

Obituaries

C. Theresa Dohanyos, 87

C. Theresa (Wielichoski) Dohanyos died on Friday, May 4 in The Woodlands Center in Plainfield.

Mrs. Dohanyos was a lifelong resident of South Plainfield.

A seamstress by trade, Mrs. Dohanyos worked at various dress shops in South Plainfield including the former Bruno's Dress Shop on South Plainfield Avenue. Prior to learning her trade she worked for Mack Trucks in Plainfield during WWII.

In addition, Mrs. Dohanyos was a longtime parishioner of St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church in Perth Amboy. She is predeceased by all of her siblings.

Surviving is her beloved husband, Zoltan and several loving nieces and nephews.

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

Joseph "Cliff" Gubernat III

Joseph "Cliff" Gubernat III passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 1 in the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Hempstead, N.Y., he was raised in Livingston where he spent the majority of his life prior to settling in South Bound Brook a few years ago.

He proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Cliff received several medals during his service, such

as the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Vietnam Service Medal. In addition, he was a sharpshooter.

He was employed in the maintenance department for Foster Wheeler in Clifton prior to retirement.

Surviving are a son, David Gubernat and wife Barbara of South Plainfield and two grandchildren, Shawn and Christina.

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

Mary E. Diamond, 86



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Mary E. Diamond of Haines City, Fla. died on Tuesday, May 1.

She was born to James and Rose (Horan) Caffrey in Plainfield. She moved to the Haines City area in 2002, coming from Lake Placid, Fla.

Mrs. Diamond was an accountant in the banking industry and was a member of St. Ann Catholic Church, Women of the Moose, Colulmbiettes, and was active in the NF Society. She loved camping and gardening, and has traveled around the world.

She is predeceased by her parents; a son, Leonard Diamond, Jr.; and two brothers, John and James Caffrey.

She is survived by her husband,

Leonard Diamond, Sr.; a son, Anthony (Holly) Diamond; three daughters, Bernadette (Julius A.) Elias, Mary Ellen Diamond and Elizabeth Baldwin. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Yvonne "Eve" Hook



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Yvonne "Eve" Hook passed away suddenly on Friday, May 4 at Robert Wood John University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Newark to the late Irene (Mrvichin) and Ivan Gruytch, Eve grew up in Irvington and later married Alan R. Hook in 1967. They began their lives together in Irvington and moved to Korea upon Al's call to military service. They returned home and settled in South Plainfield in 1976 where she became a well known and active member of the community.

Eve's employment began with the Borough of South Plainfield as the welfare director and she assisted in the payroll department prior to becoming a teachers aide for the South Plainfield Board of Education. She also served as a member of the board of education during that time.

Her true passion was as an advocate for domestic violence awareness. She had been employed at the Middlesex County Rape Crisis Center and for

Women Aware, Inc. in New Brunswick. She had served on the Middlesex County Commission for Child Abuse and Missing Children, served as a member of the South Plainfield Juvenile Conference Commission for the past 35 years, ran the Silent Witness Program at Rutgers University and was a member of the South Plainfield Domestic Violence Response Team.

As a devoted wife and mother, she found time to assist as a volunteer and coach for many of the local youth sporting organizations for many years. Eve coached Pop Warner cheerleaders, assisted with the recreation wrestling program, Pop Warner football and the Junior Baseball Club.

She will be sadly missed by her surviving husband of 44 years, Alan R.

Hook; a son, Craig and wife Colleen, a sister, Marylou Deladitch; a brother, Michael Ives; and two beloved grandsons, Nolan and Hayden.

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

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Kennedy School Father/Daughter Dance

By Patricia Abbott

Kennedy School girls and their dads recently walked the famous red carpet accompanied by Hollywood stars such as Marilyn Monroe, Fred Astaire, Humphrey Bogart, Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. Despite the fact that they were cardboard stand-ups, it added extra special appeal to the Hollywood-themed father/daughter dance. The couples entered the gym that had been transformed into a Hollywood extravaganza complete with stars, lights, glitz and glamour.

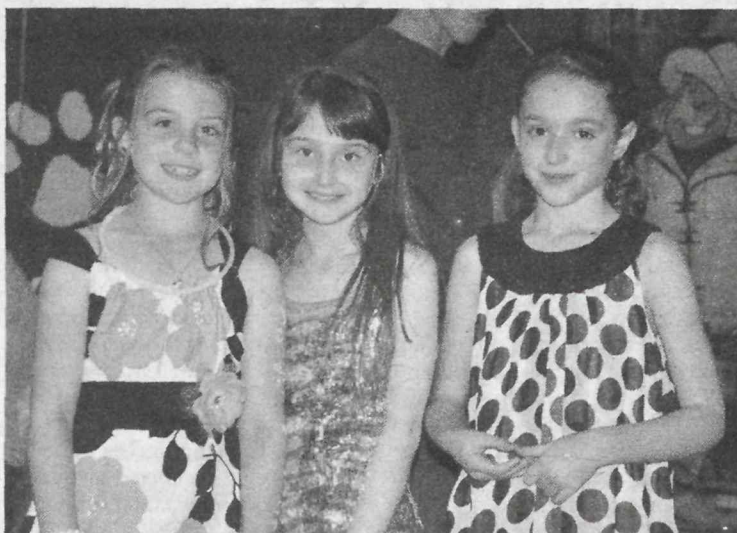
The dance is a long-standing tradition at Kennedy School. Each year the PTO devises an amazing theme to please the little girls and their dates.

The attire of the attendees was as eclectic as any Hollywood bash, from formal dresses, flowers and heels for the girls and suits for the dads to sun dresses and casual wear. Photos of the pairs were taken with a red curtain backdrop and an Oscar statuette. Following this formality, dads and daughters entered the transformed gym where the girls immediately ditched the flowers and the shoes, deserted dads in favor of snacks and and hit the dance floor for some fun.

Dancing is a hunger inducing activity, and the food was plentiful. Offerings included various baked goods donated by Kennedy families and two trays of pretzels and assorted dips from the Pretzel Factory, as well as cold and hot beverages.

In between dancing to their favorite songs, deejay John Lymansky played several slow songs that brought dads and their dainty divas on the dance floor for a few special moments together. Several dads had multiple dance partners as sisters shared time with their dads.

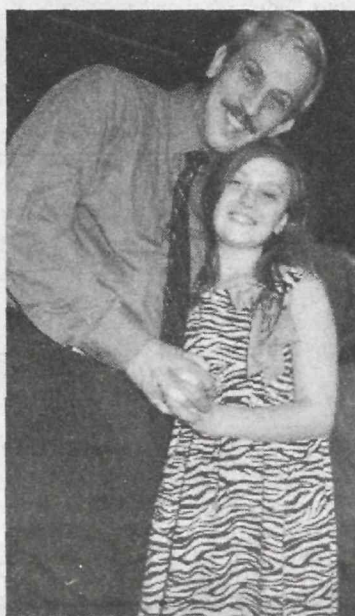
The dance was sponsored by the Kennedy School PTO and was organized and run by Susan DiFrancesco, Sharon Ciullo, Erin Farrell and



Danielle Mendez, PTO president. Mendez noted that there were many mothers who volunteered their time to help make the event successful. Approximately 90 girls and their dads attended the event.

Mendez was thrilled with the

turnout for the dance, saying, "It was a night full of smiles, dancing and Hollywood glamour for our divas and their fathers. This is what Kennedy School is all about-making memories to last a lifetime."



Worker's Memorial Day Observed

By Ronald G. Rios, Middlesex County Freeholder Deputy Director

Every year, millions of men and women lose their lives or suffer debilitating illnesses or injuries while at work. To honor these workers, Workers' Memorial Day was established nationally in 1989 and is commemorated each year on April 28.

In honor of this year's Workers' Memorial Day, Middlesex County held a special ceremony in New Brunswick on April 27 to recognize those who have been injured or killed on the job over the past year, and to focus on the importance and need for better health and safety conditions in the workplace. The event was held at the future site of the New Brunswick Wellness Plaza.

Worker safety is very near and dear to my heart because I lost two of my union brothers on the job. Both were great friends, colleagues and men. Eddie was killed in an accident and

Charlie died from an illness due to workplace hazards. Their deaths had a deep and lasting impact on both my life and my work. So, it is with great passion that I commemorate Workers' Memorial Day each year and continue to campaign for ongoing inspections and safety programs in the workplace.

We also cannot forget that just a few weeks ago Michael Simermeyer, a construction worker in Manhattan, was killed when a crane collapsed. He, like many others, was killed in the daily course of his day, trying to provide for his family.

The time to act is not after the loss of a hard, dedicated worker but before the accident takes place. And though major improvements in worker safety have been made through the years, we must, as a nation and as a community, persevere with job safety programs. We need to ensure that every work environment is made a safer and healthier place for current and future employees.

Artwork Featured at Miele's

(Continued from page 6)

in Warren and is a senior at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Among his exhibited pictures are several in pastel including religious portraits, a large landscape of Yellowstone Falls and a wolf pack hunting prey in the snow.

The 17 year-old is college-bound in the fall and has a strong interest in science. Aaron plays soccer and tennis, and volunteers at the Warren Public Library.

Karan Patel, an eighth grade student at South Plainfield Middle School, has been a student at Miele's since the age of three and a half. Over the years, Karan has worked in just about every medium possible but prefers pastel. Among his pictures exhibited this month are an owl in pen and ink, a tiger in acrylic paint and a beached ship at sunset in chalk.

Karan, now 14, is an avid chess player who aspires to be a surgeon.

Twelve-year-old Nikhil Jain is a seventh grader at John Adams in Edison. He has been with the studio for four years, originally attending classes with his older sister who is now in college. Nikhil is quite versatile in subject matter and mediums. Among his pictures that are exhibited: a fisherman's portrait in pastel; mixed media (pen and ink with watercolor) wagon wheel; and several acrylic paint landscapes.

In his leisure time, Nikhil plays the violin, tennis and ping pong.

Upcoming gallery showings include a June photo exhibit by Sarah Miele and Jason Koralja of Surf City. A second student body art exhibit is scheduled for July.

The gallery at Miele's Art Studio, 30-32 South Plainfield Ave., is open on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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237 Volunteer to 'Clean Up' Borough During Litter Cleanup Week



The mayor and council collect trash along Hamilton Boulevard near The Home Depot. (L-R) Alex Barletta, Rob Bengivenga, Matthew Anesh, Dick Frank, Ray Rusnak and Tim McConville.

South Plainfield Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week—April 21-28—marked another successful town wide pickup event. Nearly 200 volunteers came out to scour the borough for litter and trash on April 21. Every sector of the borough was represented, including Scout troops, church groups, families, students, non-profit organizations, businesses and politicians. Volunteers from out of town also joined in the cleanup effort. By the end of the week, a total of 237 people had worked 520 hours to fill 131 orange bags with litter. Eight miles of roads and 71 acres of parks and woods at 46 different locations were cleaned.

Volunteers who returned to borough hall at noon for the free pizza pickup picnic remembered last year's cleanup day, which was nearly washed out by a steady rain. Even though the number of workers and hours was greater this year than last, the estimated amount of litter increased by only 0.1 ton, from 3.3 to 3.4 tons. Thus, the amount of litter collected per person was lower. Possibly this means South Plainfield is getting cleaner.

The pick up picnic was set up in the courtroom. Mayor Matt Anesh and members of the council, the Environmental Commission and the Clean Communities Advisory Board served pizza, sandwiches and soda to the hungry workers. McCrisky-Gustafson Home For Funerals donated the pizza from Bruno's Pizza Factory again this year, and Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros provided two large plates of sandwiches. Walgreen's brought water for workers to take along to their cleanup spots as well as for lunch. A free raffle of eco-friendly door prizes entertained the workers—tote bags and back packs made from recycled soda bottles and Clean Communities Program t-shirts. An environmental quiz carnival wheel was an added attraction. Volunteers waited in line for a chance to spin the wheel and answer the questions that came up under their numbers. Those who answered correctly received a steel water bottle, replacing the kind of disposable water bottles they had been picking up all morning.

The piles of orange bags around town bore witness to the dedication of the volunteers as well as to the thoughtlessness of fellow citizens who left the litter for others to clean up. Pinto Brothers Disposal offered to dispose of the bagged trash free of charge, and shared this task with the borough's road department.



Boy Scout Troop 124 cleans up South Clinton Avenue from Jersey Street to Montrose Avenue. Troop members who worked that day were George Smith, Bill Ball, Paul, Jared and Colin Campos; Mark and Daniel Sprenger; Hunter Higgins and Diane and Dion Pender.

Groups that participated in Cleanup Week included Adopt-A-Spotters South Plainfield Funeral Home, The Lyte Family, The Roscoe Family and The Bourbeau Family; Girl Scout Troops 65042, 65109, 65734 and 65137; Brownie Troop 17; Boy Scout Troops 124, 125 and 309; Cub Scout Packs 207 and 324; Keystone Community Vocational Program, Middlesex County Labor Assistance Program, Knights of Columbus Squires, Cedar-croft Bible Chapel, Middle School Stu-

dent Council and Peer-to-Peer group, South Plainfield High School National Honor Society, Leadership Group and Student Council; Al Minhaal Academy, South Plainfield Democratic Organization, the mayor and council, South Plainfield Environmental Commission, members of UNICO, Maria Luisa de Moreno International Foundation, Walgreen's and at least 25 unaffiliated residents who came out during a lovely week in April to help keep their community a great place to live.



Knights of Columbus Squires clean up at the former bus terminal on New Market Avenue at Rio Street.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND
To 455 Highland Avenue LLC for public improvements at 455-457 Highland Avenue, South Plainfield, Lot 15.01 and 15.02, Block 311.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by 455 Highland Avenue LLC for public improvements at 455-457 Highland Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ known as Lot 15.01 and 15.02 in Block 311 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2012 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

455 Highland Avenue LLC
21 Ravenswood Lane
Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

\$38.50 May 11, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY SPECIAL MEETING

Please take notice that a special meeting of the South Plainfield Mayor and Council has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2012 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the South Plainfield Municipal Building located at 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. The purpose of the meeting is for consideration of as well as a public hearing for a proposed person to person and place to place plenary retail consumption liquor license transfer from Steak and Ale of New Jersey to Konbrothers, Inc. Action may be taken. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-26 objections should be made in writing and submitted before May 15, 2012 to the Municipal Clerk.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$28.97 May 11, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Take notice, that the undersigned shall expose for sale, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, at public sale/auction a 1993 Nissan, VIN/Identification Number JN1EB31F4PU503976 on May 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at 100 Main Street, South Plainfield which came into possession of Gemini Towing through abandonment or failure to owner to claim same. The motor vehicle may be examined at: 100 Main Street, South Plainfield, N.J.

\$70.00 May 11 and 18, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

The below ordinance was read by title upon second reading and has been adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of South Plainfield Borough, held on May 7, 2012, and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice. Copies of this ordinance are available free of charge at the Municipal Clerk's Office during normal business hours.

ORDINANCE #1962 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND REVIEW ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD"

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

May 2, 201—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 1, 2012.

- Case # 30-11-TFB Trucking, LLC, Block 468; Lot 4; M-3 Zone, 90 Tyler Place. The applicant's request for a use variance, bulk variances, waivers and preliminary and amended site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- Case # 38-11-Olexion Hauling, Inc. Block 467.01; Lot 32; M-3 Zone, 75 Tyler Place. The applicant's request for a use variance/ expansion of a non-conforming use was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$30.86 May 11, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

Take notice, that the undersigned shall expose for sale, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 39:4-56.6, at public sale/auction a 2000 Mercedes, VIN/Identification Number 4JGAB54E2YA166555 on May 25, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at 100 Main Street, South Plainfield which came into possession of Gemini Towing through abandonment or failure to owner to claim same. The motor vehicle may be examined at: 100 Main Street, South Plainfield, N.J.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD - COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY BOND ORDINANCE #1961 STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance #1961, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on May 7, 2012 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance Providing for Road and Resurfacing Improvements in and by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$608,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$376,000 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Periods of Usefulness
a) Road and resurfacing improvements, including, but not limited to, Hampton Avenue, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto. (Includes the State Grant)	\$468,000	\$243,000	10 years
b) Road and resurfacing improvements, including, but not limited to, West 8th Street, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.	\$140,000	\$133,000	10 years
TOTALS	\$608,000	\$376,000	

Appropriation: \$608,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$376,000

Grant Appropriated: \$225,000 from the State of New Jersey Department of Transportation

Section 20 Costs: \$175,000

Useful Life: 10 years

Submitted By:
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Municipal Clerk

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