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Join the VFW & American Legion
in honoring our deceased
veterans on Monday, May 28.

graves of all
Those those soldiers,
Whose stones
are marked unknown,
Should all be changed to hero signs,
For the courage they have shown

All the ones who went to war,
To fight for you and me,
Should all be pinned with medals.
It's because of them that we are free.

And we should remember them
And thank them for the price
they had to pay
And honor them all year long
Not just on Veterans' Day.

MEMORIAL DAY IS MAY 28

Remember. Honor.

Nominees Sought For Cappy Award

The Police Athletic League, along with the Recreation Commission, will be choosing the 2012 "Cappy" Award winner. Recommendations for nominations are now being accepted through July 20. Recommendations can be made by anyone from the public by sending a letter stating the qualifications of the candidate.

Once recommendations have been received, two Police Athletic League and/or recreational peers will have to approve the recommendations for consideration.

The requirements in service and character for nominees include 10 years of service in youth sports and/or recreation (not just serving as a parent-coach to his/her own children). Nominees will be judged on a case by case basis, preferably voluntary service during their period of service. Nominees must have been a resident

of South Plainfield, exemplify high moral values and ethical judgment, never been convicted of a felony, and possess dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations can be sent to the South Plainfield Police Department, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 Attn: Chris Colucci, PAL president, or sent directly to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 Attn: Kevin Hughes, recreation director.



Public Invited to Attend Memorial Day Ceremonies

American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and VFW Memorial Post #6763 invite the public to attend Memorial Day ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m. at the VFW on Front Street, with visits to the Jewish Cemetery and Hillside Cemetery at Samptown on New Market Avenue and Holy Redeemer Cemetery on

Clinton Avenue. Wreaths will be placed and honors rendered by a combined veterans rifle squad. Final wreath will be placed at the Veteran's Memorial.

Closing ceremonies at the American Legion on Oak Tree Avenue at 11:30 a.m.; light refreshments will be served.



DARE Officer Lloyd McNelly with (L-R) Sarah Abrego, Cassidy Leonardis and Liam Glynn.

Grant School Students Graduate From Annual DARE Program

By Jane Dornick

Led by DARE Police Officer Lloyd McNelly, Grant Elementary School held its annual DARE graduation ceremony on May 15 for fifth grade students. Officer McNelly spent a semester with the children giving them the background needed to answer the sophisticated question often posed by youngsters about drugs and crime through the nationwide Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program.

DARE was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven so successful that it is now being implemented in 75 percent of the nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries around the world. It is a police officer-led series of classroom lessons that teaches children from kindergarten through twelfth grade how to resist peer pressure and live productive drug and violence-free lives.

Overwhelming national and international demand for DARE led to the creation of DARE America, a national non-profit organization that serves as a resource to communities, helping to establish and improve local programs and provides officer training. They also support the development and evaluation of the curriculum, provide student educational materials, monitor instruction standards and program results, and create national awareness for the program.

Attending the ceremony to congratulate the class were Police Chief Jim Parker, Capt. Matt Koep, Superintendent Dr. Steve Genco, CFO Glenn Cullen, Mayor Matt Anesh, Council President Ray Rusnak, Councilmembers Derryck White and Rob Bengivenga, along with school Principal Ellen Decker-Lorys and Assistant Principal Rob Richkus.

To complete the course, students are asked to either draw a poster or write an essay on what they have learned from the program. This year McNelly felt that there were so many worthy entries that he decided to recognize not only the winners, but also gave out numerous honorable mentions to outstanding projects completed by the children.

Honorable mentions were given to Alyzah Ziga, Catherine DeLair, Jillian Holoboski, Divon Pender, Brianna Spadavecchia, Skylar Davison, Marc Giordano, Makhi Lemond and MacKenzie Hall.

Poster contest winners were T.J. Massaro, Karly Almanzar, Anthony Cintron, Aishwarya Rajesh, Brian Maszac, Sarahann Singh, Julie Davis, David Loniewski, Ryan Purcell, Brittany Olsen, Katalina Bedoya and Thomas Sikanowicz.

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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 Editor,

I found the article in last week's paper about the new borough clerk very interesting. I was particularly impressed by her comments about Joann Graf.

Here's a direct quote from the new clerk: "I know I have some pretty big shoes to fill as my predecessor, Joann Graf, I am sure was beloved by many as well as devoted to the community and her role as borough clerk."

No one could have said it better. Joann Graf was a tremendous asset to South Plainfield. She did her job with efficiency and compassion. The only reason she was fired was politics. What a shame.

SINCERELY, FRANKY SALERNO

To the Editor:

I would like to thank McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals for donating several beautiful chairs, end tables and a sofa to the Senior Center.

Their continued generosity is appreciated. Our seniors have been enjoying these comfortable additions to our center.

**SINCERELY, TREE OLANO,
SO. PLAINFIELD SENIOR CENTER**

To the Editor:

In reference to the letter in the Observer issue of May 18 by Joe Sorrentino, I feel that I just want to say that during the time I have been associated with the South Plainfield Senior Forum I have always had the feeling that all the members of the forum

take the interest of all the taxpayers in South Plainfield to heart. This also includes all the areas of our taxes such as the county, open space, school and municipal taxes. The biggest impact is the school taxes. I have not had a child in school for the last 32 years or more and yet we have paid in the area of 60% of our taxes for the school tax during this time. There are many residents in the same boat and who may not have any children at all.

I am replying to the letter for only one reason and one reason alone. When the forum has issues to any of the above and beyond, we discuss these issues and then we ask any member who may have the expertise in that area to compose a letter. It is then given to me, as secretary, to put it in letter form to be submitted to whatever agency we decide to send it to. When this is completed and the majority decides it is appropriate, I then submit it.

Mr. Sorrentino said I attacked him. Mr. Sorrentino, I am the secretary. Please attack the forum, not me personally. I may not even have agreed with some portion of the letter or I may have agreed entirely. On those things, I do not have any knowledge of I abstain. The majority rules. FYI.

RICHARD PETRONE

Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter in reference to the article, "BOE Appoints New Audit Firm," that ran in the May 18 issue of the Observer. After reading the

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article a few times, I find it hard to believe that the BOE actually voted in favor of hiring this firm. I was at the May 9 BOE meeting and listened to the comments that Debbie Boyle read against the firm and then read in the paper that the board had to call the State's Department of Education Office of Fiscal Accountability to perform an investigation into the firm's violations.

Also, Debbie Boyle asked their representative, Jeff Bliss (a partner in the firm) if he knew about the circumstances with regard to the state audit and he couldn't justify what happen. Yet, four members of the BOE: President Jim Giannakis, Sharon Miller, Carol Byrne and Christopher Huber voted to hire them.

THANK YOU, ALFRED LEPORE

To the Editor:

Not long ago my doctor told me he wanted me to use a power wheelchair when possible. The battery in the chair was long dead. While I am not sure how the information got out, (Continued on page 12)

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If you own a business in South Plainfield then the July 1 issue of the Observer is the ideal way to promote your business and reach a wide audience. This special borough-wide graduation issue will feature a pullout section celebrating the SPSHS Class of 2012, including photos of the graduates.



It's Big!

The special borough-wide graduation issue hits newsstands on June 29. Call 908-668-0010 to reserve space or email spobserver@comcast.net.

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PSE&G to Trim Trees

PSE&G began trimming trees in South Plainfield on May 14. The work is expected to be completed by the end of June. Areas to be trimmed include Woodland, Maple, Park and Sprague avenues. The work will be done on weekdays between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Tree trimming improves the reliability of electric service by keeping limbs and branches away from power lines. PSE&G's arborists and tree-trimming contractors adhere to a four-year tree trimming cycle to reduce the possibility of electric outages. Tree limbs can bring down power lines and knock out electricity when there are thunderstorms or high winds. Even in fair weather, trees can interrupt service when they grow and come in contact with energized wires and equipment.

The vegetation management staff and contractors understand the value

and beauty of having trees in front of customers' homes but have to trim them so they don't jeopardize the safety of residents and of the electric system. Growth is pruned away from energized wires and poles along roads and highways using techniques that preserve the health of the tree and direct future growth away from power lines. An attempt was made whenever possible to minimize the impact on the trees.

These environmentally sound techniques meet the standards of the International Society of Arboriculture and the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) A 300 Standards for Tree Care Operations.

PSE&G's website, www.pseg.com/treetrim, has information about the utility's tree trimming program as well as useful tips for selecting the right type of tree to plant underneath or near utility poles.

Brothers Indicted for Making Threats, Conspiracy

By Jane Dornick

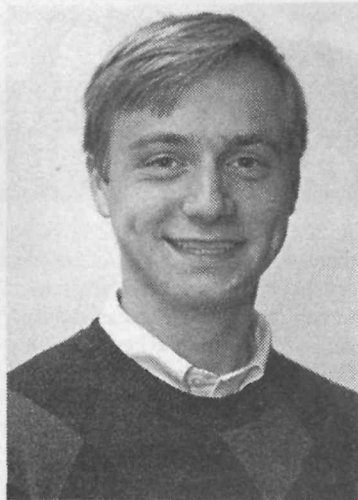
Jaswinder Pinghla, 53, and brother Gursurinder Pinghla, 56, both of South Clinton Avenue, were indicted last Wednesday in Somerset County Superior Court on charges of third degree conspiracy, third degree creating a false public alarm and third degree making threats to create improper influence in official and political matters.

The brothers were originally charged in February for making terroristic threats. The two had been sending 38 page faxes to St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick and other public and private

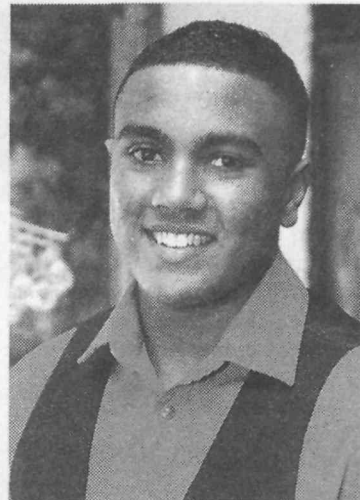
entities threatening to kill upwards of a "thousand people" if they did not get their way in a civil matter regarding a trailer in foreclosure in Franklin Township.

During an interview by investigators, the brothers stated that the correspondence was to "wake up the government" about problems they were having in regards to their trailer being removed and, specifically, the zoning inspector.

Earlier this year, their house, located on South Clinton Avenue, donned two enormous wooden signs painted with violent threats in broken English condemning borough officials all the way up to the president.



Kevin Belanger



Amit Persaud

Kevin Belanger, Amit Persaud To Attend Jersey Boys State

American Legion Chaumont Post #243 will send South Plainfield High School juniors Kevin Belanger and Amit Persaud to the prestigious leadership course conducted at Rider University in June.

Kevin has maintained a 4.3 GPA at SPSHS. His activities include the Model UN Club in which he has won the Verbal Commendation Award at the Boston Model United Nations. He was named the Best Delegate at the Rutgers Model Congress for 2012. A member of the Spanish Honor Society, he has been accepted into the National Honor Society as well. He is a member of the track team and a Columbian Squire. In his free time, he enjoys being a referee at soccer games. Kevin is the son of Valerie and Steve Belanger.

Amit Persaud is a member of the United States Air Force Auxiliary and looks forward to becoming a pilot. He

is involved with South Plainfield EMS and extracurricular activities including Student Leadership and Heroes and Kool Kids, a mentoring group that visits Grant Elementary and the Middle School to present topics such as bullying. He has played football and competes in track at SPSHS. Amit is the son of Desiree and Tillach Persaud.

Joe Penyak, post commander, said "Kevin and Amit represent the future leaders that the American Legion is committed to support."

Kevin and Amit, as well as the Military Grant winner and Legion Scholarship winners, will be honored at the Legion Installation dinner on June 22.

Volunteer PAL Organization Seeks Donations

The South Plainfield Police Athletic League (PAL) is a locally operated, volunteer-driven organization sponsored by the local law enforcement agency, but receives no direct funding from it. The PAL relies, in large part, on the support of the private sector. Over the past 10 years our local PAL has been able to operate without soliciting funds. During that time period the PAL has done the following:

- Increased the chance of academic success for the youth in PAL programs by providing annual scholarships to help student-athletes achieve future goals;
- Provided support to all local youth athletic programs, most recently sponsoring wrestlers and cheerleaders in local, state and national events;
- Donated to South Plainfield High School sports to update the high school weight training facilities;
- Lend support to residents in need by organizing fundraising events in the name of the recipient or through monetary donations.

Consider lending your support to the South Plainfield PAL by making a monetary donation. Donations can be mailed to the South Plainfield Police Athletic League, P.O. Box 176, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Remember, our youth is our greatest asset!

~Submitted by Christopher Colucci, PAL president

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events

Around Town

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 table, log on to www.cedarcroft.org by Saturday, May 26. Free tables; 30 spots available.

VFW Country Breakfast

June 3

The South Plainfield VFW #6763,

located on Front Street, will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, June 3 from 8 to 11 a.m. This is the final breakfast until September. Come in and enjoy breakfast; you may be the winner of a free breakfast or door prize.

For information, call (908) 668-9751.

Pub Theology with Pastor Chris

June 5

Pub Theology with Pastor Chris from St. Stephen Lutheran Church will be held on Tuesday, June 5 from 8 to 9 p.m. at Flanagan's Restaurant, 2501 Plainfield Ave. Topic: What is Mission? This is an informal gathering for fellowship, refreshment and discussion. Everyone is welcome.

SP Fire Department Wine/Food 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, there will also be local microbrewery beer and a selection of local restaurant food. Tickets are \$30 per person. The wine and beer sponsor is Oak Tree Discount Wine & Spirits. Tickets are available at the door.

Meet and Greet, Card Exchange

June 13

The North Plainfield Business Association, Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, South Plainfield Business Association and Tri-County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Meet & Greet Business Card Exchange on Wednesday, June 13 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Vermuele Mansion, 614 Greenbrook Rd. in North Plainfield (at the corner of Clinton Ave).

Relay for Life

June 15-16

Join the 2012 Relay for Life of South Plainfield on Friday and Saturday, June 15 and 16 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. at Jost Field. Registration fee: \$10; return to classroom teacher by

June 8. Make checks payable to South Plainfield Middle School PTO or register online at www.RelayForLife.org/SouthPlainfieldNJ.

For more information, contact Debbie Boyle at (908) 803-1573 or email at bdmmp209@aol.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.holysavioracademy.com.

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

— Out of Town —

Dinner and Music Night At First Presbyterian

May 26

The First Presbyterian Church of

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

June 6—Taj Mahal \$20pp. Bus leaves 9 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

June 21—Bally's \$20pp. Bus leaves 8:30 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center

MONDAYS (Closed Memorial Day)

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

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

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Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave., will host a dinner and music night to benefit the church's mission trip on Saturday, May 26 from 5 to 10 p.m. at Voorhees Hall. Jazz Musician Gordon James will provide music from the Sinatra era, jazz and pop from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost: purchase of food, etc. at serving tables.

For more information, call (732) 356-8059 Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Battle of Princeton Reenactment

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, 500 Mercer Rd.

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.

Memorial Weekend Singles Dance Party

May 27

Steppin' Out Singles is holding a memorial weekend upscale singles dance party on Sunday, May 27 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.

Fruhlingfest Festival

May 27

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold a Fruhlingfest Spring Festival on Sunday, May 27 from noon to 6 p.m. Open to the public. Outdoors, rain or shine. Picnic tables and parking available. German American beer and food available. No outside food or beverages permitted. No pets, skates, skateboards, scooters or bicycles allowed. Donation: \$5 per person; children under 12 free.

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Memorial Day Service at Hillside

May 28

Custer Camp No. 17, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will hold a Memorial Day service on Monday, May 28 at 11 a.m. at the GAR Memorial in Hillside Cemetery on Woodland Avenue. It will be a traditional service in accordance with the original intent of the day. All are welcome to attend.

Depression/Bipolar Support Meeting

May 30

The Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance will feature at its monthly educational meeting Howard Rudominer, M.D., board certified in child, adolescent and adult psychiatry and psychoanalysis on Wednesday, May 30 at 7:45 p.m. using the facilities of Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Rd. in Morristown. The public is cordially invited; a nominal donation is requested from non-members.

For further local information, call (973) 994-1143 or the New Jersey Self-Help Group Clearinghouse at (800) 367-6274.

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Borough Clerk Amy Antonides swears in Paul McCullen as a member of the Cultural Arts Commission at the May 7 borough council meeting.

Department of Education Method Calculates Lower Graduation Rates

By Libby Barsky

The South Plainfield High School graduation rate was approximately 5% lower in 2012 compared to the previous year according to a new method for calculating graduation rates mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education. In 2010 South Plainfield reported a 98.30% graduation rate; in 2011 the new four year adjusted graduation rate was lowered to 93.29% based on the new methodology.

Previously the method of calculating the graduation rate had been to divide the number of seniors who had enrolled at the beginning of the year plus the number of students who had dropped out over the previous four years; however, that system did not account for every student.

The new "four year cohort" graduation calculation rate requires information on every student enrolled in the

district in the ninth grade and those transferring from another school to be placed in the New Jersey Standards Measurement and Resource for Teaching (NJ SMART) database for four years. A student is considered a "dropout" if there is no documentation of transferring to another school. The U.S. Department of Education has required all states to report their graduation rates using the "four year cohort" beginning with 2011.

The NJ Department of Education is also planning to phase out the High School Proficiency Test (HSPT) and the Alternative High School Assessments tests. Replacing the current HSPT will be yearly tests in math, language arts, social studies and science in the ninth, tenth and eleventh grades. The new tests will be phased in with students who will be in the eighth grade, during the 2013-2014 school year and become official for students presently in grade four.

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Accepted donations will be delivered to Jersey Cares, a volunteer organization whose mission it is to help our troops overseas. They package and mail donations they receive along with items they purchase. Letters to our troops are also welcome.

Donations can be dropped off at the South Plainfield VFW, 125 Front St., the American Legion Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave. or the South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave. Monetary donations are also welcome.

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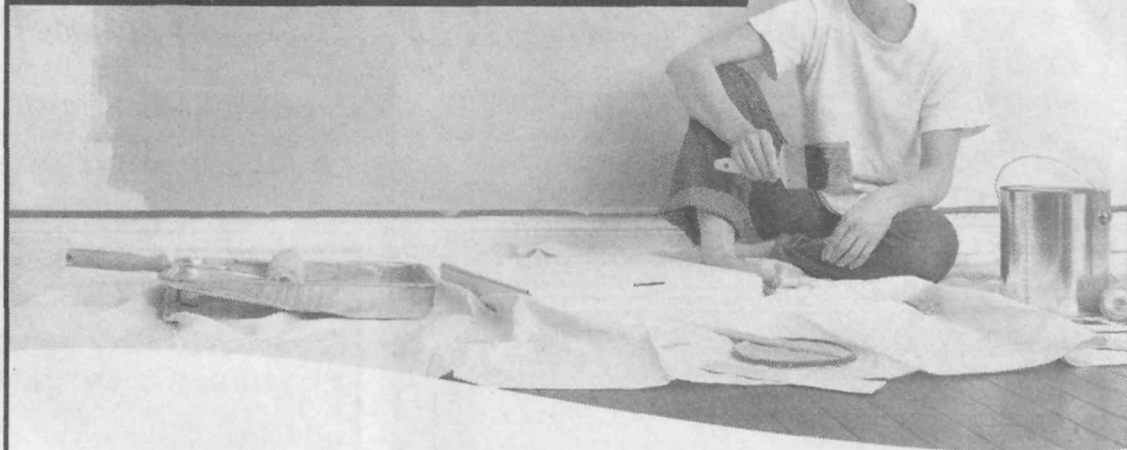
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Grant School Students Graduate from Annual DARE Program



Police Chief Jim Parker congratulates a DARE graduate.

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The essay winners were Vishika Patel, Megan Dineen and Tiffany Parajon. The overall winners for each of the two marking periods were Sarah Abrego and Liam Glynn and the 2012 DARE project winner was Cassidy Leonardis. Each winner received a Daren the Lion DARE mascot stuffed animal for their efforts.

The DARE graduates are: Adam Abdeljaber, Sarah V. Abdelsalam, Sarah E. Abrego, Clifford M. Adkins, Aniket Agnihotri, Carlos J. Aguliar, Maya S. Ahmed, Yenefiker A. Alamerew, Kinza Seerat Ali, Claudia Marie Aljian, Carly J. Almanzar, Nicholas Alvear, Alexander J. Amato, Alexander M. Ardito, Ryan J. Bali, Anthony M. Barge, Yanderi Batista, Hrithik Bawa, Katalina Bedoya, Justin P. Bell, Jillian Noel Bengivenga, Leslie J. Benitez, Branden M. Berardi,

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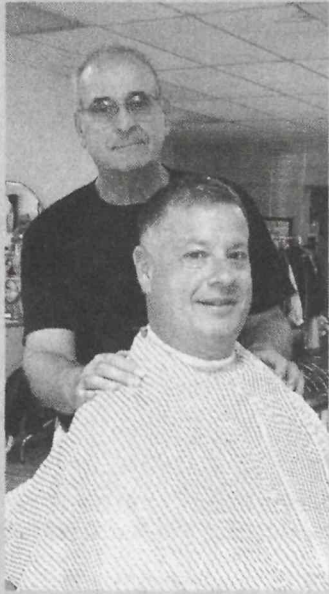
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Al DeRosa is Back in Town



Al DeRosa Jr. with customer Tim Bronish at his new location.

By Jane Dornick

After saying farewell to his clientele in South Plainfield only four short months ago, barber Al DeRosa, Jr. is back and working at Artists & Models Hair Design at 1703 Park

Ave., across from Aldi's.

"I missed my friends and customers," said DeRosa, who has been cutting the hair of mayors, police officers and other longtime borough families for over 50 years.

DeRosa was born and raised in the borough. His father, Al DeRosa, Sr., began cutting hair in a store front on New Market Avenue back in the 1930s. Al Jr. joined his father in the barbering business and most recently had worked out of 1521 Park Ave. since 1961.

Even though DeRosa has lived in Hunterdon County for over 45 years with his wife, Elaine, he is still willing to make the commute to service the customers he now calls his friends.

For an appointment, call Al at (908) 451-2765 or the newly renovated shop at (908) 754-5430. DeRosa will be working at his new location Thursday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Council Approves Liquor License Transfer, Shared Service Agreement

By Libby Barsky

The Borough Council approved the Person to Person and Place to Place Liquor License Transfer from Steak and Ale of New Jersey to Konbrothers, Inc. at a special public meeting on May 15.

Steve Koniarelis, president of Konbrothers, Inc., and brother Demetrios own Cafe Everest Diner located at 2002 Park Ave. Renovations to the existing building were completed last year and the diner reopened for business under a new name, Park Avenue Diner.

In December 2011 Konbrothers, Inc. purchased the inactive liquor license previously held by Steak and Ale. Demetrios and attorney Donald Rinaldi came before the borough council to request the liquor license transfer in order to provide liquor to its patrons along with meals.

The borough's ordinance limits liquor sales to within 2,000 feet from an existing liquor business to prevent "undue crowding and concentration" of licensed establishments; however, it also allows for the waiver of this restriction on the basis that the application "renders convenience and service not otherwise available to persons in the area and is an asset to the neighborhood."

Sal Severini, the owner of Sal's Spirit Shoppe located across the street at 1645 Park Ave., was present at the

meeting but did not officially contest the action.

The code's 2,000-foot provision was tested by Paulo's Restaurant located on Plainfield Avenue a few years ago. After undergoing renovations that enlarged its dining area, Paulo's requested a liquor license that was challenged by Witty's Discount Liquors located across the street. The council initially denied the request at its first hearing, but later granted the owners the ability to sell liquor to its customers, stressing the difference in the customer base of each establishment.

The license transfer was approved with the condition that Park Avenue Diner will not have a bar in its building, nor will packaged goods be sold.

In other business, the borough council approved the amount of \$107,147.98 to renew the shared services contract with Middlesex County for the Middlesex County Health Department to provide health services for the borough. Middlesex County currently provides 32 services including environmental programs (pesticide programs), public health inspections (retail food), public health nursing (rape crisis center) and epidemiology and disease surveillance as well as the Local Information and Network and Communications System monitoring.

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SPHS SPORTS SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MAY 25
4pm B & GV Track State Sectionals (H)
V Baseball-State Trn (H)

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10am B & GV Track State Sectionals (H)

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4pm V Softball-State Trn (H)
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 30
3:45pm V Tennis-New Brunswick (H)

THURSDAY, MAY 31
3:45pm V Tennis-Dunellen (H)

FRIDAY, JUNE 1
3pm B & GV Track-Group Championships (H)
V Baseball-State Trn (A) Bus TBA

Go Golden Tee RESULTS

Wayne Lavender and Vince Powers were the gross winners of the two-man scramble in the Golden Tee Tournament at the Plainfield West Nine on May 16. Wayne Kelley and Bill Gammel won the net division.

In the Jules Gatesy Tournament, Trish Foti and MaryJane Sylvester defeated Wendy Raccamonte and Karen Weglos at the Plainfield Country Club to win the women's division.

Tim Fech and Joe Glowacki defeated Curtis Melton and Bill Canon, and then defeated Rich Duda and Tom Kelly. They will play the winner of the Dennis Johnson and John Henderson match with Guy Severini and Tom Kaufman for the championship at the Plainfield Country Club.

Tournaments are held on Mondays and Wednesdays of each week, and many different interesting golf formats are used.

For more information, call Bill Castner, PGA professional at (908) 769-3672.

Got Sports Results? Submit them to: spobserver@comcast.net.

TEAM ECLIPSE

Submitted By Kathleen Smith



Team Eclipse defeated New Providence to claim the Flight Championship.

Team Eclipse Takes Flight Championship

Last Sunday Team Eclipse defeated New Providence to claim its Flight Championship.

The girls fought a hard battle, keeping the score to 0-0 in the first half. After a much needed rest and a plan of action from Coach Leonardis, they came out ready to attack.

They scored quickly in the second half on a goal by Lynda Farinella with an assist from Jillian Holoboski. Excellent on defense were Catherine Delair, Olivia Leonardis, Gianna Sacco, Kristyn Smith, Alexis Curtis, Jessica Dugtong and Cameron Marks.

The team kept New Providence scoreless throughout the game. Constant pressure from Mackenzie O'Brien, Samantha Pullen and Jillian Holoboski kept feeding the ball up the field. Offensively Sarah Gwiazda, Lynda Farinella, Christina Romano, Kelly Lizano, Melanie Lizano and Julia Parker kept up a constant attack on goal that kept the New Providence goalie and defensive team busy throughout the entire game.

Congratulations girls on a great spring season. Good luck in your divisional play-offs. Team Eclipse members are Alexis Curtis, Catherine Delair, Jessica Dugtong, Lynda Farinella, Sarah Gwiazda, Jillian Holoboski, Olivia Leonardis, Kelly Lizano, Melanie Lizano, Cameron Marks, Mackenzie O'Brien, Julia Parker, Samantha Pullen, Christina Romano, Gianna Sacco, Kaitlyn Smith and Kristyn Smith.

Head coach is Gino Leonardis and assistant coach is Ken Curtis.

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DURATION: June 1, 2012 through May 13, 2013

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LEGAL NOTICE

May 16, 2012-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 15, 2012.

Please be advised that the meeting scheduled for July 3, 2012 at 7 p.m. has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be on July 17, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, what's going on for the next couple of days? Today's the 35th anniversary of the release of *Star Wars* as well as the 29th anniversary of the release of *Return of the Jedi*. This weekend is the generally-accepted, unofficial start of summer. And Monday marks the vastly more important day of remembrance for those who've fallen in defense of our country. First, though, here's news from the library.

As previously noted, Monday is Memorial Day, so the library will be closed. We will be open on Saturday and Sunday.

Except for the Monday closing, we'll follow the more-or-less usual schedule for our children's programs. Storytime, for children age four and over, will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. (One note: Wednesday's Storytime will be a pajama program, so kids can wear their jammies.) Time for 2s & 3s, for children ages two and three, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And Babytime, for children age two and under, will be held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. No sign up necessary. For more information, call us and ask for Director Linda or Miss Mija.

While we're on the subject of children's programs, here are a couple of notes for June. Be advised that our children's programs will be cancelled until June 25; that will give us time to gear up for this year's summer reading program. Speaking of which, registration for this year will start on June 25. We'll pass along more details as we set things up.

For you adults, we've got a movie presentation set for Thursday night at 6:30. It's the first in a series of classic Film Noir movies we'll be showing for the next few weeks. Everyone is welcome to attend; no pre-registration is required. Fedoras and trench coats are permitted, but please leave the guns and shots of whiskey at home.

Guess what? We've made another change in the building's geography. Our PSA (that's Public Service Announcement) bulletin board has been moved. You can now find it above the water fountain (which was fixed a while back) near the rest rooms. If you'd like to post something on the board, please leave it at the circulation desk.

At the last Board of Trustees meeting, it was announced that the Friends of the Library will be holding their first big book sale in several years. We'll let you know the date when it's been scheduled. In the meantime, we're accepting donations of books and audio/visual items (in good condition only, please) for the sale. We ask that, if you're bringing in a large number of items, please call ahead so we'll be ready for them. Also, please *do not* leave them in the book drop; we need the room there for our own items.

That's about all for this week. Feel free to call us at (908) 754-7885 for further details. You can also check our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us or look us up on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southplainfieldlibrary. Thanks for your attention.

Oh, and one last note. The library staff (especially Miss Mija) requests you drive carefully, especially around the area of Spring Lake. The local ducks and geese don't usually use the crosswalks, and we don't want any accidents. We'd appreciate your consideration on this.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION

This Ordinance #1963 published herewith was introduced and passed upon first reading at the regular meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield held on May 21, 2012. It will be further considered for final passage after a public hearing to be held on June 4, 2012, at the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at which time and place any persons desire to be heard upon the same will be given an opportunity to be heard. Copies are available free of charge at the Municipal Clerk's Office prior to the public hearing. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after final passage and publication according to law.

ORDINANCE NO. 1963

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 157 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED "SEWERS"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield, State of New Jersey that the following be and is hereby amended as follows:

Schedule A
Annual Sewer Rental - 2012
(Effective for bill periods beginning July 1, 2012)

This Schedule A hereby establishes three (3) sewer user classes under this ordinance as follows:

(1) Residential structures

(1A) Residential structures unit\$350.00 per service

(1B) Residential structures reduced rate:\$175.00 per service unit

All recipients of the \$250.00 real property tax deduction granted in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 1963, C. 172 (R.S. 54:4-8.41) shall be given a deduction in the sewer rental rate that will result in a net annual rate not exceeding \$175.00.

(2) Commercial users

Minimum annual sewer service unit user charge for any Commercial user connected to the Borough Sanitary Sewer System shall be six hundred and forty dollars (\$640.00). The following rates are for actual consumption in 100 cubic feet of water used per information supplied by the water company(ies).

(2A) Class 1\$7,648.00
(2B) Class 2\$9,159.00
(2C) Class 3\$11,255.00
(2D) Class 4\$6,434.00
(2E) Class 5\$6,188.00

(2F) Class 6\$6,193.00
(2G) Class 7\$7,903.00
(2H) Class 8\$7,695.00
(2I) Class 9\$8,030.00

(3) Industrial Establishments Users

(3A) Monitored Industrial establishments: Notwithstanding any rates set forth herein to the contrary, in no case shall the charge for Monitored Industrial users be less than the charge for an equal volume of flow as otherwise would be determined utilizing the commercial establishments rate set forth in Commercial User (2C) Class 3 rate \$11,255 or for a minimum annual user charge of five hundred dollars and ninety (\$640.00), whichever is higher. In addition to the loading and flow charges, the Monitored Industrial User shall pay for the cost of sampling and laboratory testing of the wastewater.

(1) Flow Million Gallons.....\$4,143.75
(2) BOD per Ton\$960.08
(3) SS per Ton1,232.00
(4) Chlorine Demand per CWT\$101.75

(3B) Unmonitored Industrial User\$12,332 per 100 cubic feet

(4) Sample collection fees and laboratory analysis fees paid by the Borough shall be a pass-through cost to the User being monitored and shall be included on the next bill.

(5) Application for a Certificate of Use for sanitary sewer review shall be through the Borough Building Department. The fee shall be \$100.00 for an application of a change of building use. This fee is in addition to the current Building Department Review Fee. All other fees and provisions of this Article shall remain in full force and effect. This amendment becomes effective after final adoption and advertisement in accordance with the law.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk, South Plainfield

\$56.85 May 25, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that a Professional Service Contract was awarded by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield by Resolution 12-148 on May 21, 2012, as follows:

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Eugene "Gene" Simpson, 71

Eugene "Gene" Simpson passed away on Monday, May 14 at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Atlantic City, he grew up there, began raising his family in East Brunswick then Sayreville, and has resided in Alpha for the last 27 years.

Gene proudly served an enlistment in the United States Army during peacetime. He has worked most of his life in restaurant management, and was a world traveler who was an avid runner and hiker. He loved being a part of the action, but most importantly, he was a supportive and loving father.

Surviving are his loving daughters, Lorraine Simpson, Sharon Simpson Luna and Gena Simpson; a brother, Edward Simpson; a sister, Mary Simpson; a granddaughter, Anya Simpson; and Opi to Michael Love.

Arrangements were under the direction of South Plainfield Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Gene's name to your local food bank.

Elizabeth (Cromwell) Ernst

Elizabeth (Cromwell) Ernst died on Monday, May 14 at home.

Born in Carteret, Mrs. Ernst resided in South Plainfield for most of her life.

She is predeceased by her husband, Donald Ernst, who died in 2000 and by all of her siblings.

Surviving are three daughters, Donna Ernst and husband John of Flemington, Audrey Schuetz and husband Karl of South Plainfield and Nancy Susak and husband Tony of Detroit, Mich.;

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Obituaries

and a son, Donald and wife Cathy of Colorado. Also surviving are nine grandchildren.

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

Arthur "Butch" Fiore, 64

Arthur "Butch" Fiore passed away on Thursday, May 17 at the Morristown Medical Center in Morristown.

Born in Newark on January 1, 1948 to Armando and Jennie (Falcone) Fiore, he was raised in Newark and lived the rest of his life in South Plainfield.

Mr. Fiore was an Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a mark-up clerk for the U.S. Postal Service in Paterson for more than 25 years.

Arthur was a member of the Italian-American Club, was a baseball card collector and enjoyed selling merchandise at the flea market.

Mr. Fiore was predeceased by a brother, Stephen.

He is survived by two beloved brothers, Michael and wife Linda of South Plainfield and Donald and wife Christine of Hernando, Miss.; five loving nieces and nephews, Michael, Denise, Samantha, David and Jenna; and five cherished great-nieces and nephews. Arthur is also survived by his loving companion, Faye.

Marie G. (Schwarz) Cooper, 90

Marie G. (Schwarz) Cooper passed away on Tuesday, May 15 at JFK Hartwyck-Edison Estates in Edison.

Born in Newark to the late Mary and George Schwarz, Marie had resided in Irvington prior to settling in South Plainfield 60 years ago.

A loving wife, mother and grandmother, Marie spent most of her life caring for her family as a homemaker.

She is predeceased by her husband, Matthew, who died in 1998.

She is survived by three sons, Matthew of Neshanic Station, Paul and wife Vickie of South Plainfield and Eugene and wife Diane of Point Pleasant; and four granddaughters, Meredith, Megan, Shannon and Mallory.

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

Memorial donations in her memory may be made to the Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08820.

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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 em-

ployees 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.



Johnny Cash fan Art Sabino (fourth from left) joins Terry Lee Goffee (center) and his three-piece band.

Volunteer Fire Department Hosts Johnny Cash Tribute Concert

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Fire Department hosted its annual fundraiser concert on May 12. This year's entertainment was a Johnny Cash tribute.

The concert was held in the high school auditorium. The room was packed and a hush fell over the large crowd as the lights dimmed. As the stage lights came up, Terry Lee Goffee stepped out and introduced himself, "Hi, I'm Johnny Cash," and the music began.

Goffee doesn't just sing Cash's songs, but portrays him in the first person. He looks like Cash, and sounds and moves like him. In addition to the resemblance, he also dresses like Cash, wearing black. His three piece band was also reminiscent of Cash's.

Throughout the evening people

were clapping and snapping their fingers. One audience member kept time to the music with his cane. A glance around the audience showed many singing along to Cash's hits.

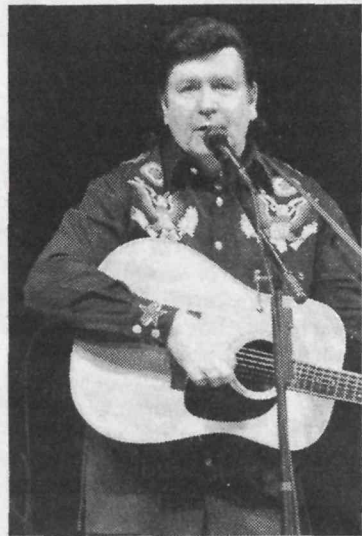
The 34 songs performed in the two-hour concert included classics such as *A Boy Named Sue*, *I Walk the Line*, *Ring of Fire*, *Folsom Prison Blues* and *Ragged Old Flag*.

In between performances, Goffee traced Cash's career, telling stories about his life and songs. The Cash Tribute has taken Goffee across the country, Canada, Ireland and the UK.

The fire department has been sponsoring concerts for 15+ years.

The tribute to the "man in black" marked yet another successful fundraiser for the fire department.

To learn more about Goffee, visit www.johnnycash.cc/.



Terry Lee Goffee performs as Johnny Cash at the fire department-sponsored fundraiser.

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- On May 4 Brianna V. West, 18, of Piscataway was arrested for hindering apprehension, no license and no insurance.
- Munchies on Park Avenue reported the theft of a grease disposal unit from the rear of the building.
- The DPW reported the theft of a catch basin on Somogyi Court.
- On May 5 Anthony A. Kelly, 29, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, reckless driving, no insurance, failure to produce an insurance card and failure to maintain lanes.
- Carol Ann Carnevale, 49, of Piscataway was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$44 worth of jewelry.
- A Toms River resident reported the theft of their 1997 Dodge Dakota that was parked at Cooper's Truck Service on Hamilton Boulevard.
- On May 6 Tammy S. Bass, 32, of New Brunswick was arrested for obstruction.
- Omar J. Porterfield, 30, of Newark was arrested for no registration and an outstanding warrant.
- A Lane Avenue resident reported that the bumper of their vehicle had been spray painted.
- On May 7 Maheshcha T. Patel, 73, of Edison was arrested at Unique Thrift Store on Oak Tree Avenue for shoplifting \$125 worth of men's clothing.
- A South Central Avenue resident reported the theft of a Nikon camera, Magellan GPS, two Bose DVD headphones and a cell phone car charger from their unlocked vehicle.
- Jessica Kijafa Richardson, 30, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to maintain lane, failure to exhibit an insurance card, no insurance and headlights required.
- On May 10 Donna White, 51, of Brooklyn and Pricilla I. Robinson, 51, of Piscataway were arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting assorted clothing.
- Neha V. Patel, 41, of Bridgewater was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$214 worth of clothing.
- Sacred Heart Church reported the theft of three sections of rain gutters from the church wall.
- On May 11 Rodney Mitchell, 53, of New Brunswick was arrested at Marshall's for shoplifting \$225 worth of assorted items.
- Maria Trivino, 53, of Plainfield was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$1,373 worth of assorted items.
- Shop Fair Supermarket on Clinton Avenue reported that a female left the store without paying for \$80 worth of hair extensions.
- Penske Truck Rental on South Clinton Avenue reported the theft of a Liberty 47LED light bar worth \$600 from one of their trucks.
- On May 12 Sushma Baddukonda, 31, of Piscataway was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$154 worth of jewelry.
- William John Woroniecki, 53, of Clinton was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$92 worth of clothing.
- On May 13 a Rahway Avenue resident reported that a cell phone had been fraudulently ordered in their name.
- On May 14 Stephanie D. Waldon, 25, of Irvington was arrested at Dress Barn for forgery.
- On May 15 William G. Ruiz, 41, of Middlesex was arrested at Home Depot for shoplifting \$81 worth of hardware.

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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.



Students from the South Plainfield Middle School Music Department display their winning trophies.

Middle School Music Department Wins 11 Trophies

Members of the South Plainfield Middle School Music Department participated in the Music Showcase Festival in Allentown, Pa. on May 11.

It was a beautiful day and the students performed exceptionally well. At this festival, the musical ensembles played for adjudication in downtown Beth-

lehem and then spent the rest of the day at Dorney Park.

The Gems won first place in the Women's Chorus Division. Addition-

ally, the second soprano section of the Gems received a section award. The eighth grade Concert Choir won second place and the soprano section received a section award.

The Middle School Concert Band also won second place in the Concert Band division, and Nick Gavi-lanes received an outstanding soloist award for his baritone sax solo, *Into the Storm*. The Middle School Jazz Band won a second place trophy and Jonathan Blanco won an outstanding soloist award for his trombone solo, *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*.

The Middle School Orchestra won second place in the full orchestra category. In addition, violinist Kim Lam and oboe player Olivia O'Leary won awards for best soloists.

All of the directors are proud of the students' accomplishments and expect them to continue to do well in the future.

In My Opinion

(Continued from page 2)

I received a phone call from Antoinette from the South Plainfield Elks Lodge. The Elks wanted to replace the dead battery in my power chair. I was thrilled and surprised. The proper replacement battery was found at Williams Surgical in Plainfield.

The Elks had the battery installed and returned to me in about 24 hours. I would like to thank the South Plainfield Elks for their generosity and the speed in which the battery was replaced. The Elks are an integral part of the South Plainfield community. Through their many fundraisers,

they support many groups including veterans, schools and special needs children. Please support the Elks by attending their next event.

Once again, thank you South Plainfield Elks!

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

May 16, 2012-Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on May 15, 2012.

- Case #61-05-Scott Delvecchio, Block 535, Lots 10.01, 14 & 15; 100 West End Avenue. The applicant's request for a waiver, bulk variances, continuation of the existing non-conforming conditions, lot consolidation and preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- Case #6-12-Gul Sanzar, Block 404.03, Lot 1.04, 709 Harvard Avenue. The applicant's request for the placement of a fireplace at 18' whereas 20' is required was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

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

\$30.40 May 25, 2012

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
Public Notice**
RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To Cultech, Inc. for public improvements at 3500 Hadley Road, South Plainfield Lot 46.06, 46.07 and 46.08, Block 528.01.

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 Cultech, Inc. for public improvements at 3500 Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ known as Lot 46.06, 46.07 and 46.08, in Block 528.01 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.

Lynn Volker
3500 Hadley Road
South Plainfield, NJ 07080
\$38.50

May 25, 2012

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

**REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

The Borough of South Plainfield is accepting proposals (RFP's) for Housing Rehabilitation Administrative Services through a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5 et seq. The applicant must have significant experience in the administration of Affordable Housing Programs in the State of New Jersey. The individual or company shall have a minimum of three years of experience in the administration of full service housing rehabilitation on the municipal or county level. Those interested may request a proposal package at the Municipal Clerk's Office, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Proposals should be mailed or delivered to Mr. Glenn Cullen, Administrator on or before Friday, June 1, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk - South Plainfield

\$31.34 May 25, 2012