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The cast and crew of Summer Drama Workshop's 2012 production of *Thoroughly Modern Millie!* take time out from rehearsals for a group photo. Performances are Thursday through Saturday, Aug. 2 through 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. in the South Plainfield High School auditorium. Tickets are available at the door.

Council Approves Budget; Taxes on the Rise

The Borough Council voted unanimously to adopt the final 2012 budget at a special meeting held on Monday.

Up \$310,000 from 2011, this year's budget total is \$26,590,959. The tax levy, however, is down \$427,828 to \$17,892,867. State aid also remains flat again at \$2,715,291. The remainder of the anticipated revenue to cover the \$26M will come in the form of miscellaneous monies, including court and construction permit fees as well as other sources.

New businesses, such as Progressive Insurance and PSE&G, as well as smaller store front businesses moving into the borough have contributed to an increase in permit fees. According to Economic Committee Chair Councilman Alex Barletta, the biggest revenue increase this year came from construction permit fees, which in just seven months are higher than they were in all of 2011. "We're seeing quite a few new businesses come to town," said Barletta. "This means increased ratables and job growth."

The 2012 ratables, however, decreased by \$1.7M from last year to

\$1,416,666,865. Council President Ray Rusnak blames reduced ratables on the real estate market as an ongoing concern. "Like other towns, we're seeing a record number of tax appeals," said Rusnak.

Healthcare costs for employees are on the rise as in previous years; however, pension payments are down \$254,575. Governor Chris Christie's healthcare and pension reform for government employees enacted in 2011 will see healthcare costs take a slower drop than pensions, which will all level out eventually.

The new municipal tax rate of 1.293-up from 1.261 in 2011-will see the average home assessed at \$122,900 increase by \$39.33 a year.

Overall, taxpayers will see a 2.5% increase from 2011 to 2012 in the municipal portion of their tax bill as compared to the county tax, which rose by 3.2% over the same period. The Open Space tax is down this year by 3.5%, and school taxes increased 2.5%. The entire tax bill will show an increase of \$158.54 a year per household.

The borough's recent bond refinancing also saved money for taxpayers. "We're looking at a \$200,000 savings," said CFO Glenn Cullen.

As is the case with other towns, the largest part of the budget is salaries, which were up 1.1% over 2011, but were about equal to where they were four years ago.

The Library Board of Trustees contributed \$146,302 of their coffers back into last year's budget for tax relief. According to Rusnak, he has made attempts to obtain monies again to aid in this year's budget, but has yet to receive a response from the library board.

In March, Rusnak also appealed to the Board of Education to cover their 57% share of \$280,000 in tax appeals last year. "Refunds go back to the residents out of the borough's budget only and we don't come back

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Mayor Matt Anesh, Borough Administrator Glenn Cullen and Public Celebrations Committee member Gary Prendergast visit Arista Care to accept a donation of \$5,000 for sponsorship of the Labor Day fireworks from Arista Care Chairman and CEO Sidney Greenberger and Arista Care executives Moshe Rosenblatt and Aaron Cohen.

Borough Resident Needs Kidney Donation

By Jane Dornick

A South Plainfield resident who wishes to be identified by her first name, Christy, has been battling chronic kidney disease since 2009, and is now looking beyond family and friends for a donor.

Christy has lived in the borough for the past 10 years and is a former elementary school teacher. The 35 year-old wife and mother of three children ages nine, seven and four, was diagnosed with Stage 4 Focal Segmental Glomerulosclerosis (FSGS) after experiencing severe migraine headaches. FSGS is a cause of Nephrotic Syndrome, a nonspecific disorder in

which the kidneys are damaged. There is no known cause or cure, and treatment options are limited.

"While searching for a donor, I've been taking immunosuppressive drugs to slow the progression of FSGS," explained Christy. "I'm also receiving regular, painful injections for severe anemia present in the final stage of kidney disease. Despite all efforts, the disease is rapidly progressing; my kidneys are failing, and my doctors are stressing the importance of having a donor ready as soon as possible."

Anyone in good health with blood type O (positive or negative) can be tested. Compatible live donor transplants, in which blood type and

genetic make-up between donor and recipient match well, are the gold standard of kidney transplant procedures. Potential kidney donors must undergo extensive testing and interviews to determine eligibility to donate.

Potential donors must be between the ages of 18 and into their 70s, are in overall good health, preferably immunologically compatible with the recipient and free of diseases, such as cancer, HIV or Hepatitis C.

Donors may be blood relatives of

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OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES

Concert Series Continues With Family Friendly Rock & Roll

The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Frecholders' free summer concert series continues with Starfish! Family-friendly Rock & Roll for Kids! this Sunday, July 29 in Spring Lake Park.

All concerts are free and open to the public.

For more information, visit www.co.middlesex.nj.us.

Coming up on Sunday, Aug. 5 is The Brio Concert Band, Patriotic American Music-Edward Logue, Leader.



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

council meetings

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

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

Agenda MeetingMonday, August 20 (New Date)
Tuesday, September 4**Public Meeting**Monday, August 20
Tuesday, September 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.

planning board

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

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

Aug. 14, Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27, Dec. 11

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first and third Tuesdays of the month, *except where noted.

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

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

board of education

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

Aug. 7 (New Date), Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, Dec. 12

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

Aug. 7 (New Date), Sept. 19, Oct. 17

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

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

BOE buildings & grounds

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

cultural arts commission

Meets the third Tuesday of the month at the PAL at 7:30 p.m.

July and Aug.-No Meeting, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20, Dec. 18

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

Aug. 14, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11

recreation commission

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

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

taxpayers advisory group

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

site plan sub-committee

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

Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

environmental commission

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

Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9

business advisory group

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

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Quality Auto Glass Specialists is celebrating its 25th anniversary today. Located on South Clinton Avenue, the shop was opened by Ron and Karen Morris in 1987 (who began running it out of their South Plainfield home in 1986). The family-owned business now has two locations with 20 employees. (L-R) are Marla Geis, Kevin Moroney, Courtney Easterday, Melissa Gonzalez, Karen Morris, Ron Morris, Greg Morris and Chris Parelo.

In My Opinion

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

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

Street Dreams Car Club hosted the Cruisin' for Kathy fundraiser on July 21. In spite of the rainy days prior to the event, we were blessed with a beautiful sunny day.

The event was a huge success—we had over 100 vehicles and approximately 200 attendees/spectators.

We would like to thank Kevin Hughes and the South Plainfield Recreation Department, for use of

the park; various car and motorcycle clubs, crafters and vendors, Stick Shift Eddie's music, the food vendors and all those who came to support Kathy.

Thank you to Nancy Grennier and the South Plainfield Observer for publishing the event for two months, and to Pattie Abbott for covering the event.

On a personal note, I would like to thank my club members and their wives for their help and support; this could not be done without you!

You can also make a donation online at www.givekathyhope.com.**RON & MARGUERITE FUSCO****Grand Marshal Nominations Sought**

South Plainfield's 55th annual Labor Day Parade will be quickly upon us, and the Public Celebrations Committee is seeking nominations for honorary grand marshal. The theme of this year's parade is "Throughout the Years, 1860-Present."

If you know of an individual you feel has contributed outstanding service to the Borough of South Plainfield, send the committee a detailed letter stating the reasons why this person should be considered for honorary grand marshal. Include candidate's name, address, evening phone number, your phone number and detailed list of volunteer activities and accomplishments. Deadline for nominations is August 10. Nominations may be sent to the Public Celebrations Committee, John Sorrentino, chairman, 225 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

If you or your organization is interested in marching in the parade, building a float, having a concession stand or informational table at the Middle School at the conclusion of the parade, complete an application available in Borough Hall or at www.southplainfieldnj.com. Send application to the Public Celebrations Committee, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.**KAPE INSURANCE AGENCY**

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BOE Change of Meeting Time

Be advised that the Committee of the Whole and Regular Public meetings, originally scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 15 have been changed to Tuesday, Aug. 7. The Committee of the Whole meeting will be held at 6 p.m. followed by the Regular Public meeting.



(L) Major Rob Fessock on duty in Afghanistan.

Homecoming Party for Major Rob Fessock at KC's Korner

The community is invited to attend Locked and Loaded, a rockin' barbecue luau and party for Major Rob Fessock who recently returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan. The homecoming will be held Saturday, July 28 at 6 p.m. at KC's Korner, 100 Maple Ave., and will feature music by Amp'd. This family-friendly event will also serve as a fundraiser for the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club (SPJBC). Food and beverages can be pur-

chased during the party, which will take place both in the outdoor cafe and inside the restaurant. A bouncy house and face painting will also be set up outside for the kids.

Bring the whole family for an evening of great food and music while honoring Major Fessock and raising money for the SPJBC.

For more information, contact Paul at (908) 295-2587.

Leon Flanagan, Jr. is Selected Chairperson

Leon H. Flanagan, Jr. was recently selected chairperson of the Public Employees Retirement System for the State of New Jersey. This is the sixth consecutive year that Flanagan will be chairperson of the PERS. Being a member of the New Jersey Education Association, he is the only member of the NJEA to ever serve as the chairperson for the PERS Board of Trustees. Flanagan has been on the Board of Trustees since 2001. He is currently serving his fourth term. There are 292,000 active members in the PERS for the State of New Jersey.

Flanagan is employed by the Plainfield Board of Education as a head custodian for the Plainfield Academy for the Arts and Advanced Studies. Flanagan has been with the PBOE for more than 34 years. Being a member of the NJEA, Flanagan also serves on the Plainfield Education Association Executive Board representing 1,200 all inclusive members of the Association.

In the South Plainfield Community, Flanagan served 13 years with the South Plainfield Recreation programs and the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club from 1997-2009.

Fabulous 50s Weekend in Wildwood

Pack your bags for a "Fabulous 50s Weekend" in Wildwood with the South Plainfield Senior Center Sunday-Friday, Oct. 12-14. The trip includes roundtrip deluxe motor coach transportation, two nights oceanfront hotel, two full breakfasts, two sumptuous dinners and a fabulous 50s concert on Friday night; Saturday afternoon street fair features car show, vendors, doo wop back to the 50s tour, a visit to Cape May, Atlantic City and much more. Cost is \$260pp. Reservations required; booking up fast!

For reservations, call the Senior Center at (908) 754-1047.

Brett Temple Cast in Summer Production

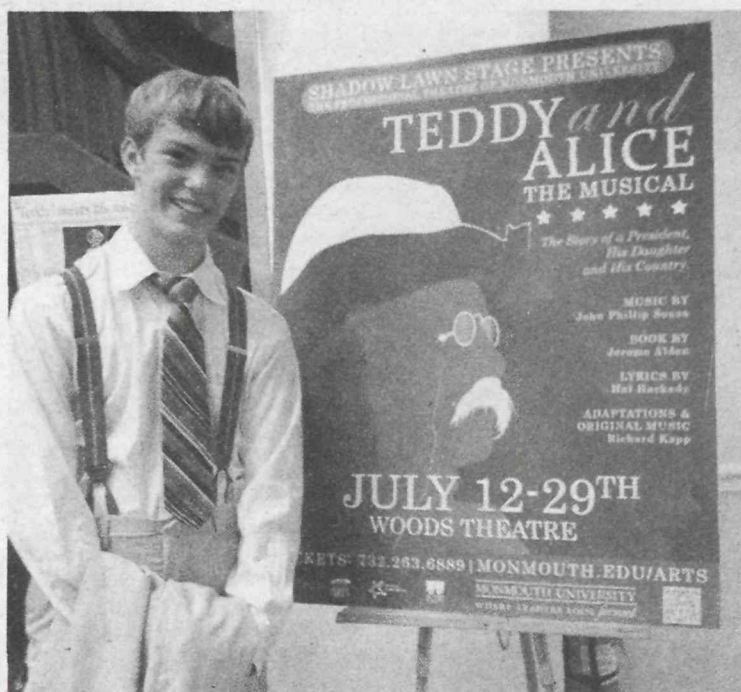
Brett Temple is playing the role of a White House paparazzi and is part of the ensemble cast in Monmouth University's Shadow Lawn Stage summer production of the musical, *Teddy and Alice*. The show is a high-stepping, flag-waving and heartwarming family show set to the immortal strains of John Philip Sousa's marches, *Stars and Stripes Forever*. Jeff is the son of Jeff and Maggie Temple of South Plainfield.

This is the first musical presented by Shadow Lawn in several years and will be presented at the Lauren K. Woods Theatre on the Monmouth University campus in Long Branch.

Timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the founding of Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party, *Teddy and Alice* is a hysterical and historical slice of Americana brimming with rousing marches and featuring a cast of outrageous, larger-than-life characters.

Richard Kapp adapted the music of Sousa for the musical and added some of his own. Lyrics are by Hal Hackaday and the book is by Jerome Alden. This musical ran on Broadway in 1987.

In the fall, Temple will be a sophomore at the School of Arts at the East Brunswick campus of Middlesex County Vocational and Technical Schools. This is his second profes-

Brett Temple stands before poster of *Teddy and Alice* in which he will be performing.

sional show. His first was for the Alliance Repertory Theatre in Rahway as Alex in *The Velveteen Rabbit*. Temple is now an Actor's Equity membership candidate.

Shadow Lawn Stage is a member of the New Jersey Theatre Alliance and an Actors' Equity Stage.

Performances will run Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, July 29 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$35 and group rates are available.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting the box office at (732) 263-6889 or online at www.monmouth.edu/shadowlawnstage.



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Around Town

American Legion Post #243 Picnic

July 28

The American Legion will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, July 28 from 1-6 p.m. at the Chaumont Post, 243 Oak Tree Ave. Cost: \$18, adults over 21; \$12, children age six and over; free for children under six. Picnic food, DJ Aldo Velez, a horseshoe tournament and a water slide for the children will be available. Auxiliary members will again have their spectacular dessert room. Tickets are available at the post.

Basic Personal Finance For Teens Program

August 2

Basic Personal Finance For Teens Program will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Library, 2484 Plainfield Ave. Get tips on how to set a budget, setting reasonable goals and responsible handling of credit cards. While geared towards teens, adults are welcome. The program is free of charge; pre-registration is required. For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Interactive Science Program For Kids

August 2

An interactive science program for children will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, located at 90 Maple Ave., sponsored by the library. The program, presented by NJ-

based Picirillo Sciencetelling, features science experiments used to tell stories. It's for children ages five and over; no younger siblings, please. No pre-registration is required. In lieu of an admission fee, attendees should bring non-perishable food items for the South Plainfield Food Pantry.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885.

SPSDW's Thoroughly Modern Millie!

August 2-5

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop presents *Thoroughly Modern Millie!* on Thursday, Aug. 2, Friday, Aug. 3 and Saturday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. Performances will be held in the auditorium at South Plainfield High School. Ticket prices: \$12, adults; \$10, seniors and students.

For tickets or more information, call (908) 561-5255 or visit our website at www.spsdw.com.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist

August 6-10

First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, 201 Hamilton Blvd., will hold vacation Bible school for children entering kindergarten through eighth grade Monday-Friday, Aug. 6-10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All Aboard the VBS Express! features fun, games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration: \$5 per child.

For more information or to pre-register, call (908) 753-2382 or visit www.fbc.southplainfield.com.

St. Stephen Church Vacation Bible School

August 13-17

St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 3145 Park Ave., fourth anniversary Vacation Bible School, "Sonrise~National Park," will be held Monday, Aug. 13 through Friday, Aug. 17 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registrations are being accepted for children in pre-k through sixth grade. RSVP by emailing Billich@att.net or calling (908) 756-2537 with your child's name, age and grade they will be entering in September.

Sing & Sign Music Program at Senior Center

August 16

Sing & Sign, a children's music program sponsored by the library, will be presented on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave.

Presented by Junior Jam, this interactive program teaches basic sign language through music and song. It's for children of all ages; no pre-registration is required. Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items for the South Plainfield Food Pantry.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us, or the Junior Jam website at <http://juniorjam.com/indexb.html>.

Trip to Bally's/ Air Show in AC

August 17

The Senior Center is offering a trip to Bally's on Friday, Aug. 17. Cost is

\$20pp (\$25 return) and includes the spectacular Atlantic City Air Show, "Thunder over the Boardwalk." Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.

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

Annual Sacred Heart Golf Outing

September 12

Sacred Heart Church will host its third annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Snacks at the turn and a luncheon buffet.

Register online with a credit card at www.churchofthesacredheart.net.

— Out of Town —

Three Generation Art Exhibit

through August 9

New Jersey Workshop for the Arts in Westfield, 152 East Broad St., presents a three generation art exhibit Monday-Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. through August 9 featuring artist Violet Brennan (deceased), her son-in-law Paul Soisson and her granddaughter, Chelsea Soisson.

Authentic German Biergarten/Car Show

July 27

Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold an authentic German biergarten and Mercedes car show on Friday, July 27 from 5:30-10 p.m. Open to the public. Admission: \$2 per person. Rain or shine. Live music, German and American food and beverages available. No outside food/beverages.

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

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

August 1-Taj Mahal \$20pp. Bus leaves 8:45 a.m.

August 17-Bally's \$20pp. (Includes Atlantic City Air Show) Bus leaves 8:30 a.m. Sign up at Senior Center.

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Social Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Exercise Class..... 8:45 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

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

Senior Center is open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays & Sundays.
(908) 754-1047

Singles Dance Party

July 28

Steppin' Out Singles upscale singles dance party will be held on Saturday, July 28 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For more information, call (862) 397-4723.

Silent Film Screening

August 1

The Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission Silent Film Screening Series continues with *Robin Hood* on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 7 p.m. at Crossroads Theatre, 7 Livingston Ave. in New Brunswick.



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

Holy Days 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation-Saturday 10-11:30 a.m. and at other times by appointment

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Airport Open House

August 4
American Flyers Flight School, 50 Airport Road at the Morristown Airport, will be hosting an open house and cookout on Saturday, Aug. 4. Free BBQ lunch, followed by tour.
For more information, call (973) 267-3223.

St. Helen's Caregiver Support Group

August 6
St. Helen's Church Caregiver Support Group, for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones, will meet on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center on Lamberts Mill Road in Westfield. Informational and sharing sessions.
For more information, call Marilyn Ryan at (908) 232-1214.

First Presbyterian Bible School

August 6-10
The First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen, 218 Dunellen Ave., will hold Vacation Bible School 2012, Monday through Friday, Aug. 6-10 from 9 a.m. to noon for ages four to eighth grade. The camp will include fun-filled adventures with Daniel and friends as captives in a strange land. Music, games, crafts, and snacks.
For more information, call (908) 968-3844.

Grace Alliance Church Vacation Bible School

August 6-10
Grace Alliance Church, 2008 Ethel Rd. in Piscataway presents "Babylon" Vacation Bible School from Monday, Aug. 6 through Friday, Aug. 10 for kids pre-K to fifth grade. Free; dinner for the entire family from 5:45-6:15 p.m.; VBS from 6:25-8:30 p.m. Join us for a week full of crafts, games, Bible stories and fun.
For more information or to register, please visit www.gracealliance.org or call (732) 424-0404.

SDW Planning Reunion

A Summer Drama Workshop reunion for the 1970s through 1990s is tentatively being planned for a weekend in October. The event, which will be held in South Plainfield, will be casual and fun—a huge cast party covering many SDW decades. Tentative cost will be \$20-\$30 per person and will include buffet dinner. A minimum of 35 is required to hold the reunion (age 21 and over only).
If anyone is in contact with SDW alumni, please forward this information to them. If interested, email sdw4decades@aol.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

**BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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July 18, 2012—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 17, 2012.

A. Case # 8-12-Palwasha Samim, Block 365; Lot 1.07; R-10 Zone. 400 Arlington Avenue. The applicant's request for a bulk variance in order to erect a 6' high vinyl fence in the front yard was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 9-12-Robert Rudnick, Block 145; Lot 9; R-7.5 Zone. 1401 Fox Place. The applicant's request for (3) bulk variances for: a front yard setback for a pool, a front yard setback for a garage/shed and a max. shed allowance that exceeds 200 sq. ft. was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

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

\$31.34 July 27, 2012

Upscale Singles Dance Party

August 11
Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 8 p.m. at the Woodbridge Hilton, 120 Wood Ave. South in Iselin. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.
For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.

Oktoberfest

August 11-12
Deutscher Club of Clark, 787 Featherbed Lane, will hold Oktoberfest on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 6-10 p.m. with music by Bernies Orchestra, and on Sunday, Aug. 12 from 1-6 p.m. with music by The Adlers. Donation, each day: \$5 per person; children under 12 free. Outdoors, rain or shine.
For info, call (732) 574-8600.

Upscale Singles Dance Party

August 25
Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Aug. 25 at Snuffy's Restaurant, 250 Park Ave. in Scotch Plains. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.
For more information, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.



(L-R) cutting the ribbon are employees Jim Wierdo and Renee Vandever, Council President Ray Rusnak, Mayor Matt Anesh, owner Elvis Valerio, employee Jeanne Romanovsky, and Councilmen Rob Bengivenga and Alex Barletta.

La Pena Products Farmers Market Holds Grand Re-Opening

La Pena Products Farmers Market (formerly Harvest Farmers Market), located at 214 Front St., held a grand re-opening celebration on Sunday with a DJ and plenty of homemade food samples to taste.
La Pena will still offer a wide variety of fresh fruits, vegetables and baked goods along with an expansive deli featuring Boar's Head products. Catering is also available with many platters to choose from.
Seniors 55 years of age and over will receive a 10% discount every day with a minimum purchase of \$20. Coming soon will be a butcher and seafood department.

Isabella Caracta Wins Six World Champion Titles

The American Taekwondo Association (ATA) held its annual World Championships Tournament June 21-24 in Little Rock, Ark. Isabella Caracta of South Plainfield earned six coveted first place World Champion titles in her division.
Isabella competed against nine other top 10 finalists from around the world in the girls 9-11 age bracket, 2nd and 3rd Degree Black Belt ring at the Little Rock Statehouse Convention Center on June 21 and 22.
After a year of hard work and strenuous competition, she earned the first place gold medal in traditional weapons, point sparring, creative forms, creative weapons, XMA forms and XMA weapons. Isabella currently trains at the ATA Black Belt Academy in South Plainfield.
Isabella was one of the 5,000 competitors who traveled to Little Rock for the annual ATA World Championships, which is a weeklong celebration of Taekwondo.
This year's event drew more than 20,000 martial art students, instructors and fans from nearly 20 countries for specialty training seminars, high rank belt testing and world champion competition. The ATA World Championships is the largest annual convention in the city of Little Rock.
For more information on the 2012 ATA World Championships, visit www.ataonline.com.

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Eggplant Parmigiana Panini-Pan-fried chicken topped with mozzarella & tomato sauce
Roast Beef And Mozzarella Panini-Sliced Roast Beef topped with Mozzarella
Veggie Panini-Eggplant roasted red peppers, mushrooms & mozzarella cheese, sprinkled with balsamic vinaigrette dressing
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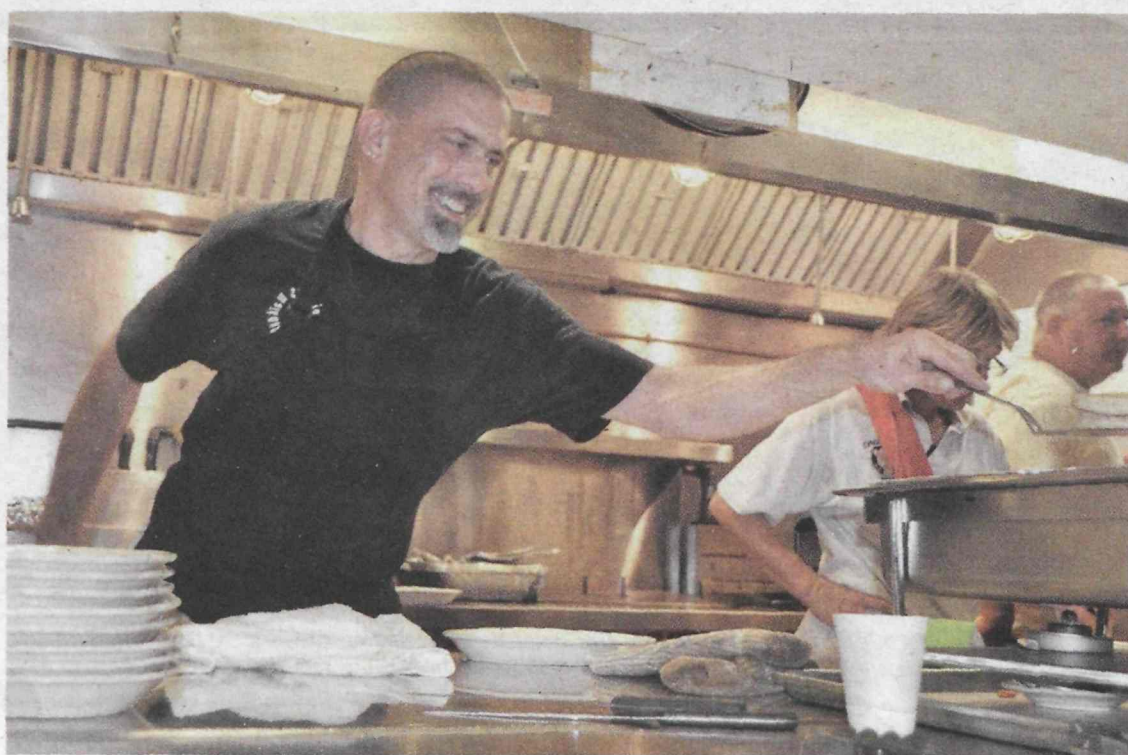
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Past Exalted Ruler Bill Reuter serves up food at Elks breakfast.

Elks Breakfast Benefits Music Students Trip



Rebecca George serves Councilman Alex Barletta breakfast.

When South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 members Sharon and Bill Reuter heard that South Plainfield High School music students were in need, they sprang into action.

The Elks hosted a breakfast on July 22 with proceeds going towards the music department's upcoming trip this fall. The students will have the opportunity for a once-in-a-lifetime experience when they head south in November to perform in the Magic Kingdom, Epcot and at the Boardwalk in Disney World, Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Music Department music teachers Roger Vroom III, Bruce

Mikolon and Donna Markiewicz, will escort the students on the trip.

Music Booster parents and members of the Elks orchestrated the breakfast to a full house. Music students served up some fine fare to all their guests. To top off the event, BOE Vice President Debbie Boyle, who was the lucky winner of the 50/50 raffle, generously donated the winnings back to the students.

The Music Boosters and students want to thank the Elks and all the breakfast guests for their support, and they would like to invite the community to join them again for a spaghetti dinner at the Elks on Sunday, Aug. 12. Give the family cook the night off and come out for dinner. There will be good food, good service and good company. Bring your family and friends for a great night out. Watch the *Observer* calendar of events for all the details.

For more information about the SPHS Music Boosters, visit www.sphs-musicboosters.webs.com.

—Submitted by Donna Teller

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Chris Grippo

The South Plainfield Public Library is offering Basic Personal Finance for Teens on Thursday, Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the library. With many teens entering the workforce and others going away to college, the program will teach skills such as setting a budget, saving money, credit cards and debt and how to set financial goals. Because of the anticipated demand, registration is required.

Also on August 2 there will be a meeting of the Friends of the South Plainfield Public Library at 7 p.m. in the library.

Thursday, Aug. 9 will be the date for the last movie shown in our Film Noir series. Humphrey Bogart and Mary Astor star in the *Maltese Falcon*, the story of three criminals in search of an extremely valuable statue. The movie begins at 6:30 p.m.

The library is very happy to announce that our patrons can now download music free using Freegal (which you access through our website (www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us)). Freegal offers millions of songs from thousands of labels; the songs are free. All you need is a South Plainfield Public Library card (which is also free for the first one). Once you have logged in you can find music by popularity, genre, artist, etc. You are limited to three downloads per week, but the material is yours forever. This is an

unbeatable bargain-free music! While on our website, check out Freading, an audio/e-book program that allows you to check out materials using tokens. Unlike Freegal, you do have to return these, but the procedure is very simple and it is an excellent supplement to eLibraryNJ.

Also, please remember that Nancy Avella will be at the library on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 1 p.m. to teach an origami workshop. This is an adult/teen program; the minimum age for participants is 12. Registration is required, but the program is free.

Miss Mija and Miss Linda are continuing their regular story and craft times. Ages three and up are held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m. Times for 2s and 3s are held Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., and Books and Babies is held Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

There are also movies for young children held Monday mornings at 10:30 and crafts on Monday evenings at 6:30. There is a \$1 fee for the craft, and registration is required. Finally, there is chess on Wednesdays at noon, Pokemon at 1 p.m. and Friday Fun at 3:30 p.m. Again, except for the Monday night crafts, all programs are free.

If you have any questions, call the library at (908) 754-7885 or visit us at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (across the parking lot from Borough Hall).

Knights of Columbus Host Annual Ice Cream Social

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held the annual ice cream night on a hot and steamy July 15 for members, their families and the community.

The Knights of Columbus are all about family and the community, and this event has grown in the four years since it was started. More than 60 people attended this year's event.

Ice cream night is a fun night for

families from South Plainfield to get together and eat some nice, cold ice cream on a hot summer night. Various ice cream flavors were served in addition to banana splits and orange soda floats.

The world famous ice cream servers were newly elected Grand Knight Brian Cargill and Past Grand Knight Bill Buttrico.

—Submitted by Joe Scrudato

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Spring Concert Features Broadway Numbers



The South Plainfield High School Spring Concert held in June featured the Percussion Ensemble, directed by Joan Stasio, performing *Stompin' Grounds*. It featured Ryan Bundy, Kayla Carigma, James Conrad, John Delacruz, Alexa Douras, Richard Duong, Christina Naphor, Nathaniel Persad, Aaron Ritchie and Rusty Teller. The Emeralds, directed by Joan Stasio, sang selections from *West Side Story*, including *America*, *I Feel Pretty* and *Somewhere*. Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander played piano. The Jades, directed by Joan Stasio, sang selections from *Les Miserables*.

Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander was featured on the piano.

The Traveling Choir, directed by Joan Stasio, sang *Baba Yetu*, a Swahili adaptation of the Lord's Prayer. It featured percussionists Rusty Teller, Alexa Douras and Christina Naphor.

The Concert Choir, also directed by Joan Stasio, sang the *Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves from Nabucco* by Giuseppe Verdi, and was accompanied by Roweena Kanj.

The Broadway pieces included: *Over The Rainbow* from *The Wizard of Oz*. The solo group included Madison Miller, Dung Tran, Joshua

Rochotte and Jonathan Reyes and was accompanied by Christina Naphor on the ukulele and James Conrad on the guitar.

Seasons of Love from *Rent* featured Cory Singer, Ashley Ortiz, Joanna Marston, Abby LeBlanc and Catherine Emery. It was accompanied by Rusty Teller on the piano.

A *Fiddler on the Roof* medley was accompanied by Kenneth Faulkner-Alexander and Marc J. Stasio on keyboards, James Conrad on guitar, Ryan Bundy on bass guitar, Rusty Teller on percussion and Allison Wagner on violin. It was narrated by Edward Shaeffer.

Home From the Wiz was accompanied by Roweena Kanj on piano, Marc J. Stasio on keyboard and Alexa Douras on drums.

The orchestra, under the direction of Bruce Mikolon, played *Handel Suite* and featured a march, minuet and bourree. They also played *Concerto for Four Violins in B Minor, Op.3, No. 10*.

The Concert Band, under the direction of Roger Vroom III, played *The Klaxon*, *Espana Cani*, *Kentucky 1800* and *Festive Overture*.

The Concert Band and Orchestra played *Armed Forces Salute* and *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*.

The Jazz Ensemble, directed by Roger Vroom III, played *Jazz Police* and featured Sam Persad on trumpet, Daniel Lyew on trombone, James Conrad on guitar and Joseph Miller on altos saxophone. They also played *Down South Camp Meeting* featuring Roweena Kanj on clarinet. They finished the night with *Black Orpheus*, featuring Aaron Ritchie and Jessie Masters on tenor saxophone, James Conrad on guitar and Alexa Douras on drums.

Photos courtesy of Louis Mormile



Lawn Maintenance During a Drought

By Sandy Pleeter, SP Green Team Associate Member



Want to help conserve water during a drought, such as this one, but hesitate to completely abandon lawn care? With the following tips, you can minimize use of the water supply while still maintaining a yard of healthy, green grass.

First, reduce the use of fertilizer, which makes lawns need more water, or avoid using it until autumn (which is the most crucial time for fertilizing, anyway). Instead, aerate the lawn to let water flow deeper into the ground to help the roots grow.

Next, adjust how you mow. Sharpen your lawnmower's blades, because dull blades can damage the grass, making it require 40 to 60 percent more water while recovering. After you finish mowing, leave the clippings on the grass to help slow the evaporation of water from the lawn.

Finally, rethink how you water. If you use sprinklers, make sure that there are no leaky valves or other

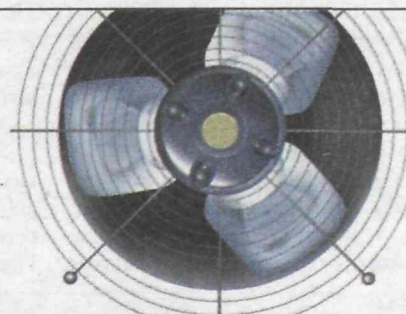
problems that may decrease efficiency and that they are in positions that leave no dry spots on the lawn. Take a soil plug to determine how deep your grass roots

are, and water only to the depth of the roots. (Please note, however, that this method is recommended only during a drought—under normal conditions, it is best to water a minimum of one inch per week, which may be done all at once or under a variety of regimens. Deep watering promotes a healthy root system, which helps turf tolerate drought.) Try to water between 4 and 9 a.m. to avoid heat that can make the water evaporate faster, and, if possible, save 40 to 50 percent more water by doing so every other day rather than every day.

However, needless to say, if your town is limiting water use, follow the limits. They're there for a reason!

Information for this article is taken from *ehow.com*, *lancaster.unl.edu* and *Alice Tempel, South Plainfield Environmental Commission*.

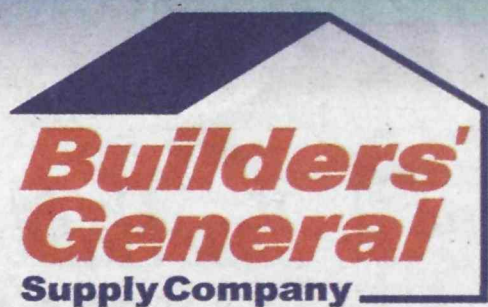
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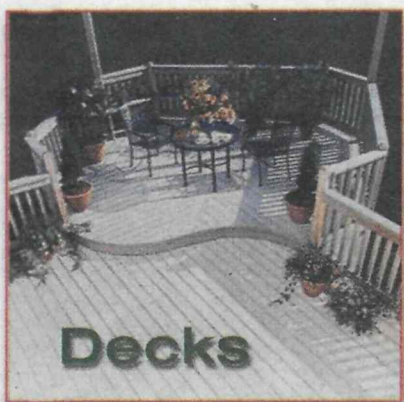
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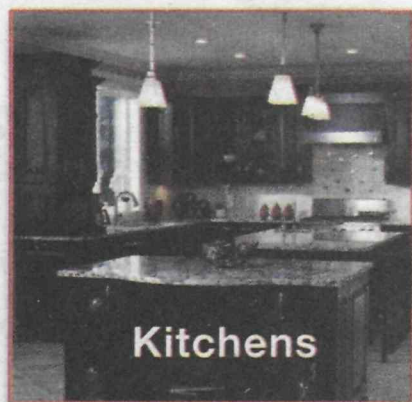
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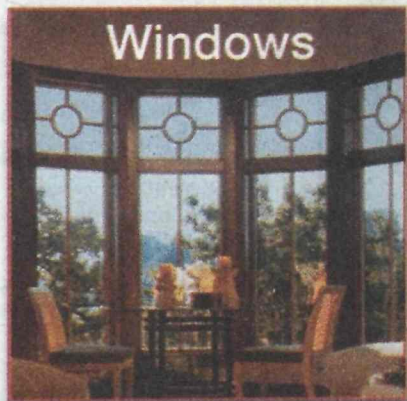
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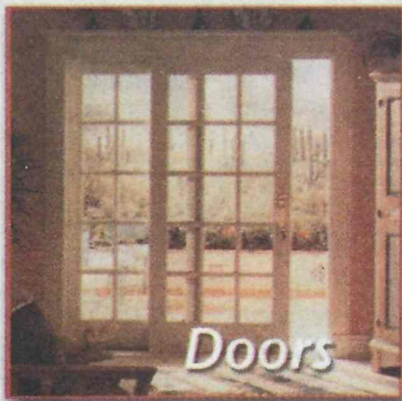
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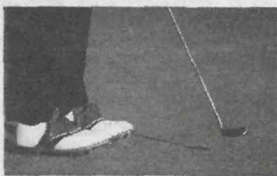
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Sports

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Notes from the Jim Pornovets Memorial Golf League



LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Alfie's Boys	10	3	0	Italian-American Club	8	3	2
KC's Korner	8	3	2	So. Plainfield Funeral Home	8	5	0
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	7	6	0	Sport & Social	4	6	3
McCriskin-Gustafson	5	7	1	Windows Plus	5	7	1
Unique Sports Accessories	4	7	2	Dirty Harry & Friends	5	8	0
Twin City Pharmacy	2	10	1	Witty's Liquors	5	8	0

With just a slim lead over second place KC's Korner, the golfers on Alfie's Boys knew they had to bring their A-games to their match against a very competitive Unique Sports Accessories squad. Dan Griffin and Bill Mann did precisely that and turned in stellar 1-over par rounds of 34 for the American Division leaders, and John Gaven crushed some eye-popping drives on his way to a 36 as Alfie's Boys earned a 14-6 victory over Unique Sports Accessories.

Chris Dillon's tough-luck team got off to a 4-2 start this season that put them, at that point, just a half-game out of first place. Since then, Dillon has

found a soul brother in Guy Severini of Twin City Pharmacy. Both teams play well week after week—sometimes exceptionally well—and still lose their matches. This week, Ted "Old Reliable" Stanik posted another good round, a 3-over 36; Jay "The Sexy One" Bertleson made a nice birdie on the eighth hole on his way to a 37; and Dillon registered a 38. This now makes the seventh week in a row that Unique Sports has gone without a win.

Young Nick Vetuschi again earned medalist honors for KC's Korner with a 37 as he sparked his team to an impressive 15-5 victory over Twin City Pharmacy. Dan Conti and Rich Steele

both carded 38s to keep their team in a position where they still have a chance to overtake the division leaders.

Twin City Pharmacy turned in yet another sterling team performance: Joe Diller tied for medalist honors for the night with a wonderful 1-over par round of 34; Jay Coppola looked really sharp in posting a 35; Super-sub Mike Kavka had a nifty 36; and Guy Severini left a few out there but still came through with a 38. In the end, it was just another loss for the Best Last-Place Team in league history.

McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals went through a terrible stretch earlier in the season when they lost six straight matches. They have really bounced back and beat the first place, Italian-American Club last week, and this week defeated a staggering 2 Buds, 2 Dubs 13-7.

Kris Krantz had two lovely birdies on the fourth and eighth holes on his way to a nice round of 36 to lead McCriskin's to their victory. Mark "The Golden Bird" Chichvar put on his flaming orange shirt and orange and white golf shorts and sneaked out the back door past his wife and pitched in with a 40. Wally Heinzer helped the cause with a 41 and prudently waited until the match was over before lighting up his victory cigar so as not to antagonize his struggling opponents.

Jeff Orth of 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, who is recovering from his recent operation to have his wallet surgically removed from his pants pocket, joined his teammates who all shot in the 40s.

At the start of the season, John Dominic had some problems with the challenging greens at West Nine. He showed that he has mastered that challenge by firing his best round of the season, a lovely 1-over 34, to lead the South Plainfield Funeral Home to a big 14-6 win over the Italian-American Club. Wayne Lavender drove the green and drained a 10-footer for a beautiful eagle on the fourth hole on his way to a 37. Bob Nilan sank a 30-footer for birdie on the seventh hole and contributed a 40, and Vinnie Welch also carded

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Tiger Sharks Defeat Gators

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team won the meet on July 8 and broke two team records at the South Plainfield Community Pool swimming against the Cranford Gators with a score of 172-103.

Matt Chan broke the seven-year team record held by Dylan McDermott (11/12) in the 50M backstroke. Tracy Lu (8 and under) broke the 13-year team record held by Danielle Atchunas in the 25M butterfly.

Taking first place in the 11/12 individual medley was Jenna Yan, while her sister Shannon Yan placed second in the 10 and under event. Aubrey Marish placed second in 11/12 age group. Finishing the event in third place was Ali Huber for the older girls.

Freestyle events had the following ribbon winners:

10 and under boys—Zachary Brown (second) and Sam Zhang (third); 11/12 boys—Andrew Galarza (first) and Peter Zakrevski (second); 13-18 boys—Justin Irizarry (third); 8 and under girls swept the event with Tracy Lu (first), Amanda Pina (second) and Hope Best (third); 9/10 girls—Shannon Yan (third); 11/12 girls also swept their event with Elizabeth Chiu (first), Aubrey Marish (second) and Stephanie Chiu (third); 13/14 girls—Darlene Fung (first) was the only one to win in her age group; 15-18 girls—Ali Huber (second) and Gracie Piekarski (third).

South Plainfield won all the first place ribbons for backstroke. Taking first place from the youngest to the oldest were: Corey He, Tyler Wu, Matt Chan, Daniel Galarza and Bryce Uzzolino. Third place winners were Ethan Tam (8 and under), Peter Zakrevski (11/12) and Patrick Osadacz (13/14).

Butterfly had four out of five first place winners. They were Tracy Lu (8 and under), Kristy Tam (9/10), Darlene

Fung (11/12) and Genifer Huber (13/14). Amanda Pina (8 and under), Jenna Yan (11/12) and Gracie Piekarski (15-18) placed second in the same event.

Breaststroke gave Corey He (8 and under), Samuel Zhang (9/10) and Matt Chan (11/12) first place ribbons. Tyler Wu (9/10), Miles Green (11/12), Daniel Galarza (13/14) and Bryce Uzzolino placed second. Ethan Lee (8 and under), Aris Chung (11/12) and Enzo Butrico placed third.

Heat winners were Andrew Van Herk (25M backstroke), Tracy Lu (100M individual medley), Nicole

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Golden Tee RESULTS

In an alternate shot tournament at the Plainfield West Nine, Bill Gammel and Wayne Kelley shot 1-under par and won the gross. Vince Powers and Wayne Lavender won the net prize. The highlight of the day, however, was Bob Pero. On his 76th birthday, he scored a hole-in-one on the 189 yard, fifth hole. It was Bob's first hole-in-one in over 50 years of golf.

In the rain-swept Senior Club Championship on July 20, John Hendricks shot even par and was named the senior champion. Rich Timbrell was named runner-up. There was a four-way tie for first place in the A Flight between Jack Kudrick, Ron Falcone, Vince Powers and Wayne Kelley.

Golden Tee events are held each Wednesday and are open to all golfers.

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

SPHS/Middle School Football Practice Schedule

Varsity/IV/Freshman

Captains' Practice (non-mandatory)—July 30, 31, August 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 @5:30 p.m. and August 13, 14 @7:30 p.m.

Varsity/IV

First Official Day of Practice (mandatory)—August 15 @7:30 p.m.

Freshman

First official day of practice (mandatory)—August 15 @9 a.m.

Middle School

First official day of practice (mandatory)—August 20 @9 a.m.

Please note: All paperwork, including physicals, must be picked up at the South Plainfield High School Athletic Office prior to your start date.

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Sports

Golf Assoc. Tournament Next Thursday

The 18th annual South Plainfield Golf Association's South Plainfield Open will be held on Thursday, Aug. 2 at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. This tournament is held for the benefit of the SPSHS Golf Team.

Register for the tournament at www.spga.org, or print out and mail

the entry form.

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

From the Jim Pornovets Golf League

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a 40 as the South Plainfield Funeral Home narrowed the gap and are now two games behind the Italian American Club who have been in first place in the National Division all season long.

Bob MacDonald had a solid round of 37 for the Italian-American Club in a losing effort.

Charlie Oates and Kevin McCormack shared medalist honors with a pair of 38s to spark Dirty Harry & Friends to a 14-6 win over Sport & Social.

Scott MacDonald had a 39 for Sport & Social, but he didn't get much help from his teammates who all had some problems on the course.

In the final match of the night, Kevin Bickunas re-discovered some of the boom in his "Boom Boom" and shot a sparkling 2-over 35, highlighted by a fine birdie on the ninth hole following a monster drive. Tony Franczak, Jr.,

who is swinging with more and more confidence each week, made a birdie on the seventh hole and turned in a 36. Jim Parker added to his string of fine rounds with a 37 as Witty's Liquors smashed Windows Plus, 18-2.

Dave Romano had a 40 for Windows Plus who hit a real low after their incredible high last week when they bested 2 Buds, 2 Dubs.

Next week, there will be two key matches in the National Division: First place Italian-American Club, National Division, will take on Twin City Pharmacy, last place in the American Division; and the South Plainfield Funeral Home will go head-to-head against 2 Buds, 2 Dubs.

Low scores for the night: John Dominic, 34; Joe Diller, 34; Danny Griffin, 34; Bill Mann, 34; Jay Coppola, 35; Kevin Bickunas, 35; John Gaven, 36; Ted Stanik, 36; Kris Krantz, 36; Mike Kavka, 36; Tony Franczak, 36.

Sacred Heart Church Third Annual Golf Outing

Sacred Heart Church will hold its third annual golf outing on Wednesday, Sept. 12 at the Cranbury Golf Course in West Windsor.

Registration and continental breakfast at 8 a.m. with a shogun start at 9 a.m. Fee per golfer is \$130 and \$520 per foursome. Prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, longest drive and hit the green. Hot dogs and soda or beer at the turn and luncheon buffet is included.

The following golf sponsorships are available: platinum (\$1,000 donation) includes a foursome, your corporate banner, a sign on the first tee and special recognition at the luncheon; gold (\$750 donation) includes a foursome, a sign on the 18th tee and recognition at the luncheon; and the silver sponsorship (\$500 donation) includes a twosome, a tee sign on the tee of your choice and recognition at the luncheon.

Non-golfing sponsorships start at \$600 and include a corporate banner and recognition at the luncheon. Two or more beverage and breakfast sponsors are needed for a donation of \$250. The personalized sponsorship for a \$150 donation includes a personalized sign on any hole of your choice. Also available is a luncheon only sponsor for a \$35 donation.

Four prizes (one per par 3) include a Ka'anapali golf package for two, a Mexico Tres Marias golf package for two, a Mandalay Bay package for two and a Samsung 51" plasma HDTV.

Sponsorships will help build bridges to the future by supporting Catholic education. Sacred Heart Parish has been committed to the education of children for more than 60 years. This pledge has not wavered despite a declining economy. The proceeds from this golf outing will fund much needed scholarships for parish children on the elementary, high school and college levels.

In today's world, much of the vital infrastructure of any organization is built on technology and the church is

no exception. Parish data storage and management, daily communication among staff, 2,243 parish families, church organizations, diocesan and secular business activity, and ministerial outreach and support are among the many reasons why upgrades to computers, equipment and technical systems are needed.

For more information or to register online with a credit card, visit www.churchofthesacredheart.net. You can also mail the registration form and a check made payable to Church of the Sacred Heart, 200 Randolph Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

All donations are tax-deductible as permitted by law.

Tiger Sharks Defeat Gators

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O'Sullivan (25M freestyle), Deborah Lopez (25M freestyle), Ezinne Ibeku (50M freestyle) and Brianna Padovano (50M freestyle).

The Tiger Sharks took five out of the six relays: 8 and under free relay—Colin Carey, Andrew Van Herk, Corey He and Ethan Tam; 8 and under medley relay—Amanda Pina, Tracy Lu, Hope Best and Olivia Glynn; 9-12 free relay—Tyler Wu, Peter Zakrevski, Zach-

ary Brown and Andrew Galarza; 9-12 medley relay—Shannon Yan, Stephanie Chiu, Jenna Yan and Kristina Kwan; 13-18 free relay—Marcel Green, Patrick Osiadacz, Enzo Buttrico and Bryce Uzzolino.

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team is grateful for all the support from parents and the parents' organization, especially Barbara Valentino who goes above and beyond for the team.

—Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley

Obituaries

Thaddeus "Teddy" Malecki Sr., 102

Thaddeus "Teddy" Malecki Sr. died peacefully early Thursday morning, July 19 at home.

Born in Old Forge, Pa., Teddy settled in South Plainfield in 1925.

Mr. Malecki worked for the former Art Color in Dunellen as a pressman until 1967, and in 1968 he began working for South Plainfield High School as a custodian, retiring in 1975.

A veteran of WWII, Mr. Malecki served with the Army as a rifleman and achieved the rank of sergeant. While serving our country during the war, Teddy was awarded numerous decorations and citations. He was a recipient of three Bronze Battle Stars, a Purple Heart, the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the American Theater Ribbon, a Good Conduct Ribbon and the Victory Ribbon and was qualified as an expert and combat infantryman as well as a sharpshooter.

Mr. Malecki was a charter member as well as a three time past president of the

South Plainfield Polish National Home, and a member of the South Plainfield VFW Post #6763, the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 and South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

He is predeceased by his wife, Mary (Yurinko); two sisters, Chestelle Wrotny and Helen Oschanski; and two brothers, Theophil Malecki Sr. and Felix Malecki Sr.

Surviving are three children, Thaddeus Jr. and wife Patti of Florida, Barbara Malecki and Dennis Malecki, both of South Plainfield; a brother, Stanley Malecki Sr. and wife Helen, also of South Plainfield; five grandchildren, Paige Malecki, Kevin Malecki (Sonia), Scott Malecki (Cara), Mark Malecki and Christopher Malecki. Also surviving are two great-grandchildren, Matthew and Mason Malecki.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or to the Haven Hospice, c/o JFK Medical Center, 65 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818.

John F. Sideck, 96

John F. Sideck died on Wednesday, July 18 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

A lifelong resident of South Plainfield, Mr. Sideck was employed by the U.S. Post Office in South Plainfield for 42 years, retiring as postmaster in 1978.

He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bairoko CVE-115 in the Pacific prior to his honorable discharge.

While in high school, John excelled in various sports and was awarded numerous letters in baseball, basketball and football. He was also an accomplished golfer, playing into his 90s.

He was a charter member of the VFW Post #6763 in South Plainfield, a member of DAV, the National Association of Postmasters, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees and AARP.

John is predeceased by a sister, Jean Krivka, formerly of San Antonio, Texas and Helen Lorincz, formerly of



John F. Sideck

North Brunswick.

Surviving are his loving wife of 67 years, Ann M. (Veracco) Sideck; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jon and Harriet Sideck of South Plainfield and David and Jan Sideck of Camp Hill, Pa.; and three grandchildren, Lesley Sideck of South Plainfield, and Colleen Sideck and Mark Sideck of Camp Hill, Pa.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Charles Banilis, 97

Charles Banilis died on Friday, July 20 peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, Charles worked at Pabst Blue Ribbon Brewery in Newark as a machinist. He also dabbled in real estate through the buying and selling of houses in the Newark area. He took great pleasure in fixing the houses; Charlie was known as "Mr. Fixit" and he would never pass up on an opportunity to lend a helping hand to those in need.

Charlie could often be found at Fountain Blue Diner reading a news-

paper and checking the stock market. He enjoyed working on old cars and gardening, and was always up for a debate about politics. Charlie also rescued many animals throughout his life and gave the neighborhood strays a home.

He was loved and will be missed by many.

He is predeceased by his dear wife, Josephine, who passed away in 1980; a daughter, Linda who passed in 2011; and a sister, Gertrude Hayek.

Surviving are two daughters, Connie and husband Vincent of Piscataway and Karen and husband Minas of Edison; a sister, Marie DelValle; four grandchildren, Joseph and wife Marie, Cristi, Nicholas and Kevin; and two great-grandchildren, M.J. and Allie.

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police report

- On July 5 a South Plainfield resident reported the theft of a gym bag from their locker at LA Fitness. The lock had been cut.
- An employee of Just Packaging Inc., on Oak Tree Avenue reported the theft of cash from their purse that was in their desk.
- On July 6 a Brooklyn, N.Y. resident reported the theft of an iPhone, necklace and gym bag from their locker at LA Fitness. The lock had been cut.
- A Mildred Street resident reported that the window in their garage was damaged in an attempt to pry it open.
- On July 7 Priti A. Bodke, 29, of Edison was arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$120 worth of clothing.
- Marco A. Martinez, 47, of Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.
- A South Plainfield resident reported that their personal information had been used to open three department store charge accounts.
- A South Plainfield resident reported that their credit card had been used to make fraudulent purchases online.
- On July 8 Martha Rosa Andrada, 32, of Plainfield was arrested

- at Kohl's for shoplifting \$175 worth of clothing.
- Sensational Fragrance Inc. on Hadley Road reported that a loading bay door had been partially pried open. Nothing was taken.
- Bimbo Bakery on New Brunswick Avenue reported the office door had been forced open and a bin of items were taken from the manager's office.
- On July 9 an employee of Verizon on Hadley Road reported that a tire on their vehicle had been slashed.
- On July 10 Sharee Shanell Minder, 22, of Plainfield was arrested for maintenance of lamps, driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.
- A Woodland Avenue resident reported the theft of a Mac laptop and Samsung cell phone from their kitchen. The suspect entered through an open window.
- A Kaine Avenue resident reported that one side of the rope holding their hammock to a tree had been cut.
- On July 12 Dr. Mital Patel reported that an ex-employee allegedly took money from her wallet.
- Target reported that a male left the store without paying for two iPads.

Knights Honor Family of the Year

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a Communion breakfast on June 24 and handed out end of year council awards. Past Grand Knight Joe Scudato presented the 2012 Knights of Columbus Family of the Year award to Roberto and Myrna Morales.

The Morales Family received this award for their outstanding support of the Knights youth, community, family and church activities throughout the year. Roberto is an officer in the Knights Council as well as its family director. He is also a 4th Degree Knight, and a member of the 4th Degree Color Corps whose members attend many church functions to show support to our churches and priests.

Roberto and Myrna have also supported the annual paint ball day that Roberto started three years ago. They have supported the Sacred Heart Church Lenten Fish Dinners, the OLC Feast of Saint Anthony Carnival, the Knights annual mums sale and the "Don't Cook Friday" spaghetti dinners. Roberto and Myrna have also always supported the Knights of Columbus Special Citizens Drive each April by volunteering for multiple shifts collecting money for our mentally handicapped citizens.

Myrna is a member of the South Plainfield Columbiettes and is the youth advisor to the newly formed



Past Grand Knight Joe Scudato with Myrna and Roberto Morales

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said Scudato. When you see Roberto and Myrna, congratulate them on this very worthy accomplishment.

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Borough Resident Needs Kidney Donation

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the recipient or they may be unrelated. Better genetic and immunologic matches help reduce the risk of organ rejection. A kidney from a perfectly matched sibling donor can function for an average of 35 years, while less perfectly matched kidneys function for 20 years on average.

So far, there have been no matches for Christy of the 10 people tested. A donor questionnaire can be filled out and sent by fax to New York Presbyterian Hospital (NYP) at (212) 342-0843. It is important to have the process started as soon as possible since donors are thoroughly screened which takes time. All expenses will be billed to Christy; not the donor nor to their insurance carrier.

NYP is a top transplant center in the nation and has excellent organ donor programs. For more information about NYP and their programs, visit nyp.org/services/transplantation-surgery/kidney-transplant-living-donor.html. For those who prefer to discuss something anonymously and/or on a confidential basis, contact the New York Presbyterian/Columbia Renal and Pancreatic Transplant Program directly at (212) 305-6469.

Christy is also active with the NephCure Foundation, which consists of patients, their families and friends, researchers and physicians who are joining forces to create awareness and generate funding for research. NephCure is the only organization solely committed to seeking

a cause and cure for Nephrotic Syndrome and FSGS. The aim is to help science unlock the biological mechanisms that cause these conditions and ultimately find a cure.

For further information on The NephCure Foundation or to make a donation, visit www.nephcure.org.

If anyone is interested in helping Christy in any way, please contact the Observer at (908) 668-0010 or Sister Kathleen at Sacred Heart Church at (908) 756-0633, ext. 142.

"Offering to donate an organ is really something special," said Christy. "Thank you all for taking the time to read this and hopefully you will forward it to others. Your efforts will help me to see my children grow up."

Council Approves Budget; Taxes on the Rise

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to the school board for any of that," said Rusnak. BOE President Jim Giannakis stated at the time, "If we could find some money in our budget I think we should try to give it back to them," but added he wanted to wait until the new superintendent was in place in April.

Board member Joseph Sorrentino expressed his opposition to returning the money in several letters to the editor in the Observer, stating that the money should not be given back to

the town as "it is for the children."

"Superintendent Dr. Stephen Genco and I are planning to meet to ensure that the board and the mayor and council will continue to have a close working relationship," said Rusnak recently. The borough is budgeting \$300,000 this year in anticipated tax appeals.

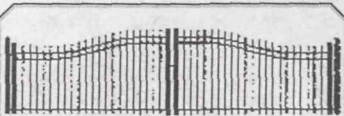
An audit of the BOE budget for 2010/2011 showed more than \$1.3M in excess surplus, and the BOE also received an additional \$750,000 in state aid this year.

According to Mayor Anesh, spending has been steady now for several years. "We've been averaging about \$26M for the past few years. Over three years we're looking at only about a 1% increase."

Councilman Rob Bengivenga, who serves on the Finance Committee, called the budget a "home run for taxpayers." "I don't know any other town that has controlled spending so well over a sustained period. The goal now is to continue to keep the lid on expenses."

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Levine Graduates From UMDNJ



Elizabeth Ashley Levine, DMD

Elizabeth Ashley Levine, DMD graduated from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey on May 22 at NJPAC in Newark. Elizabeth had the privilege of having her father, Dr. Allen Levine, place her doctoral hood, which is an honor bestowed to an immediate family member who practices dentistry.

Elizabeth received her degree of Doctor of Dental Medicine at a commencement held on May 23 at the Izod Center in East Rutherford.

Elizabeth will join her father, and his partner, Dr. James Occhipinti, at their dental practice at The Rahway Dental Group.

Elizabeth is a 2005 graduate of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School and a 2008 graduate of Rutgers University with a B.A. in political science.

Local Residents Named to Rider University Dean's List

Rider University's colleges of Business Administration, Continuing Studies, Liberal Arts, Education and Sciences and Westminster College of the Arts have announced the names of undergraduate students who have been placed on the dean's list for the Spring 2012 semester. They include

Louis Esposito, a fine arts major; Andrew Gray, a communication major; Natia Katsantonis, a journalism major; Rebecca Smith, a general liberal arts major; Gregory Watts, a business administration major; and Sara Wojewodka, a psychology major.

Matthew Olpinski Graduates from RIT

Matthew Olpinski of South Plainfield graduated from Rochester Institute of Technology with a bachelor of fine arts degree in new media design and imaging from RIT's College of Imaging Arts and Sciences in the

Spring 2012 quarter.

Rochester Institute of Technology is internationally recognized for academic leadership in computing, engineering, imaging science, sustainability and fine and applied arts.



Danielle Dembia

Danielle Dembia Graduates

Danielle Dembia, South Plainfield High School Class of 2008, was awarded a bachelor of science degree in economics from the University of Scranton in May.

Danielle has earned her induction into the International Economics Honor Society-Omicron Delta Epsilon, as well as the Omega Beta Sigma-the Women's Business Honor Society. She was also named to the university dean's list.

Danielle's notable milestones include serving as student ambassador to Australia and New Zealand, and studying abroad at the University of Manchester, U.K.

In August, Danielle will begin doctoral studies at Florida State University in pursuit of a Ph.D. in economics.

Local Students Named to Dean's List

Heba Younes and Alishah Rahemtulla, both doctor of pharmacy students from South Plainfield, have been named to the Spring 2012 Dean's List at University of the Sciences.

Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and attaining an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the spring semester of 2012.

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Soisson Named to Dean's List

Nicole Soisson, a senior at Elizabethtown (Pa.) College, has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2012 semester. To earn this recognition, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.60 or better in 14 or more credit hours, of which at least 12 credits are letter-graded course work. Only Elizabethtown's full time undergraduate students are eligible for this distinction.



Amanda Rowlands

Amanda Rowlands Receives Scholarship

SPHS junior Amanda Rowlands recently received a scholarship to continue to assist in coaching the Tiger Sharks Swim Team and perfect her swimming skills by The Boyle Memorial Foundation. She was recommended for the scholarship by high school nurse Ardis DeCamp, guidance counselor Kathy Reilly and Recreation Director Kevin Hughes.

Foresti Named to Dean's List

Roberts Wesleyan College is pleased to announce that Abigail Foresti of South Plainfield was named to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance for the Spring 2012 semester. Abigail received higher honors since her grade point average ranged from 3.7 to 3.89.

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