

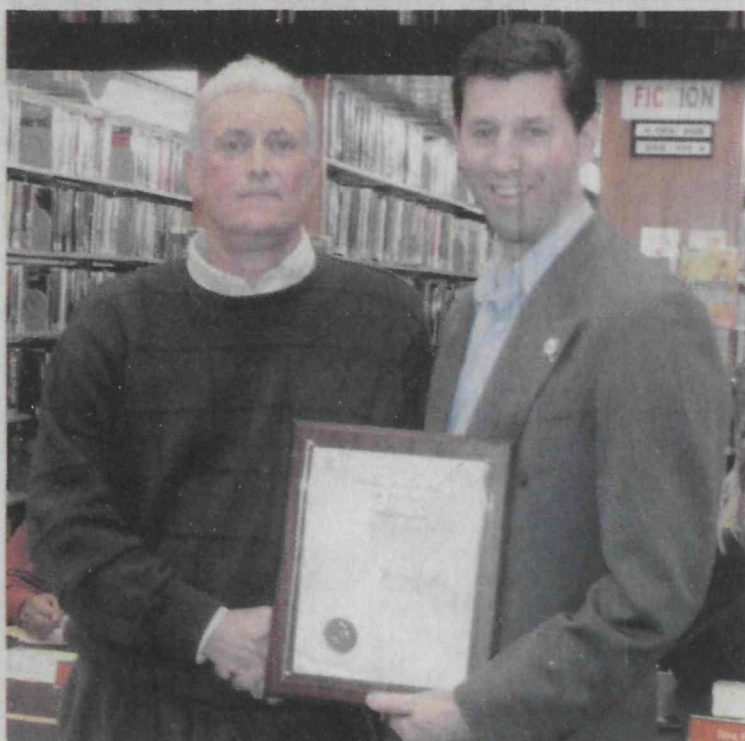
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Mayor Matt Anesh presents Library Board President Eric Aronowitz with a resolution recognizing his years of service.

Library Board President Declines Reappointment Bid

By Libby Barsky

Library Board President Eric Aronowitz has announced that he will not be seeking reappointment to another five-year term on the Board of Trustees after serving for 14 years. During the December 11 library board meeting Aronowitz was recognized by Mayor Matt Anesh, who presented him with a framed resolution on behalf of the Borough Council. Members of the Library Board of Trustees also presented Aronowitz with an etched glass plaque for his years of service.

As president for the past 13 years, Aronowitz consistently supported the library in every way and always promoted the need for more space. Some of his accomplishments include improving the library's operations with a computerized circulation system, public computers with new software, and most recently, a new telephone system. Serving changing needs and bringing the facility into the 21st Cen-

tury are what Aronowitz views as the most significant advancements.

"Appointing Linda Hansen as director after Sunnie Randolph retired last year is the best decision I've made as president," said Aronowitz, who said she has enhanced the children's programs as well as added many new ones for adults.

Before retiring as director, Randolph had Aronowitz nominated for Trustee of the Year by the Libraries of Middlesex in November 2011 for overseeing improvements in the library's operation and for his tireless efforts to improve and expand the current library facilities.

Despite Aronowitz's efforts, acquiring more physical space to accommodate the libraries ever growing needs has yet to become a reality. Fueling his desire to seek a larger library was a 1990 study by Grimm & McPherson of over 12 libraries which stated, "At the time of the South Plainfield

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BOE Fiscal 2012 Audit Reveals \$6.875M Surplus

In Light of Report, Council President Urges Tax Relief for Residents

By Jane Dornick

The Board of Education (BOE) annual state audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 was presented by Jeffrey Bliss, Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP partner at the December 12 agenda meeting.

The report revealed that the board currently maintains nearly \$7M in cash surplus compared to \$5.5M at the end of fiscal year 2011. The 2011 audit showed the board had amassed \$1,343,402 in excess surplus, which is two percent above the legal limit for schools to have on hand based on a \$51M budget (2011). The 2012 audit shows only \$775,393 in excess surplus with a \$54M budget; however, the \$1.3M in excess surplus from 2011 was transferred to the 2012 surplus.

Borough Council President Ray Rusnak commented on the surplus. "The audit report stated a \$6.875M surplus in the General Fund. I'm sure some of those funds are accounted for; however, that is approximately \$6M more than the borough's surplus, and I would hope that the BOE can find some amount to return for their share of the tax appeals and tax relief for our residents."

Over and above the school board's budget is \$1,193,115 in debt service, which is the balance remaining on an outstanding referendum bond used for the construction of Roosevelt School. The budget and debt service are paid through government funding and a \$41,332,297 property tax levy.

Additional surplus and reserve accounts totaling the \$6.875M include \$1,251,600 in Capital Reserve, which is down \$91,801 from last year, Maintenance Reserve of \$449,481 and an Emergency Reserve of \$196,533, both of which remain unchanged from Fiscal 2011. The Capital Projects Fund has maintained a balance of

\$1,685,608 for the past two years.

Also included in the surplus are encumbrances which are outstanding bills from June 2012 in the amount of \$776,018, up \$340,000 from last year, and funds designated for subsequent year's expenditures in the amount of \$397,032.

State and federal funding was up \$2.5M from 2011.

As part of the audit, 15 recommendations were made by Bliss and his firm in regards to bettering the school's accounting practices. Administratively, it was suggested that a Standard Operating Procedures Manual be approved and an automated and integrated Position Control Roster be implemented.

In the Financial Planning and Accounting and Reporting category,

the following seven suggestions were made. All employee payroll deductions for health benefit contributions and unemployment compensation insurance should be transferred from the Payroll Agency Trust Fund to the General Fund and the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund, respectively, in a timely manner; that the district review its procedures for the processing of refunds from tax sheltered annuity companies and its impact on the reporting of employees' taxable wages; year-end closing procedures be reviewed and enhanced to ensure all open purchase orders are properly classified as accounts payable or encumbrances and that they are complete at year end; all debit/credit memos regarding state aid be

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South Plainfield High School kicked off the winter athletic season with a pep rally on December 14. Pictured are members of the girl's basketball team.

District Students Perform in 39th Annual Tuba Christmas



Students representing the South Plainfield School District attend the annual Tuba Christmas in NYC.

Many students from the South Plainfield School District performed at the 39th annual Tuba Christmas concert on December 9. The concert was conceived by tuba virtuoso Harvey Phillips to honor his teacher, the late great William J. Bell.

The first Tuba Christmas was presented in Rockefeller Center in 1974, and was conducted by Paul LaValle of Band of America fame. This unusual Christmas tradition is firmly established in over 200 cities around the world. Enthusiastic audiences become an important part of the concert by singing along with Christmas carols especially arranged for the tuba choir by American composer Alec Wilder.

It was a cold and rainy day, but the turnout was great. Approximately 480 tubas, baritones and euphoniums performed 30 minutes of Christmas carols on the ice rink under the gigan-

tic Rockefeller Center Christmas tree. The conductor of the celebration was C. Christian Wilhjelm, conductor of the Ridgewood Concert Band.

This event has become a tradition in the Middle School and throughout the district, which has had students participating in the concert for the past 10 years.

Middle school students who participated were Scott O'Brien, Joe Reo, Samantha Reo, Kyle Kelly, Daniel Persaud, Sean Ramos, Ryan Berardi, Lindsey Soper, Jameer Robinson, Anthony Hernandez, Steven Nguyen and Tom Tarnawski. James O'Connor, Jon Blanco and Brian Csobor represented the high school. Also attending was Tim Nuber from St. Josephs High School. All of the students were accompanied by middle school teacher Andrew Weiss.

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In My Opinion

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

The following is excerpted from the comments of outgoing Library Board President Eric Aronowitz at the Library Board of Trustees December 11 meeting.

Dear Editor,

One of the benefits of being board president, in addition to the obscenely high salary it pays, is that I get to have the last word at each meeting. As this is my last meeting, I would ask everyone's indulgence for a few minutes.

My current five year term as Library Board Trustee expires on December 31. On that day, I will have been a trustee for 14 years, the last 13 of which having been elected by my fellow trustees as president. Under the relevant New Jersey statute, serving as library trustee is a mayoral appointment, with the advice and consent of

the Borough Council.

As I was not appointed by Mayor Anesh and do not believe that I would be his first choice, I have decided not to submit my application for another term on the Library Board. While my love for our library is as strong as ever, I believe that as the chief executive officer of the borough, he has the right to appoint whomever he wants to the Library Board. However, since this is my last opportunity to speak as a trustee, I would like to provide some thoughts and observations.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure on the board. There were times, such as in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene, when being board president was akin to my second full-time job. As with any position, there have been

many accomplishments and some failures, but in all cases, it was a labor of love. I just hope that, in some small way, I have contributed to making this library a better place.

For whatever it is worth, I would like to put in my two cents regarding my replacement and future appointments to the board. I believe that it is important for any appointee to be a regular patron of the library, so that he or she has a feel for how the library functions. Secondly, while I understand the balancing act that a trustee must perform, I believe that a trustee's most important duty is to be an advocate for the library. Finally, any individual who is appointed to the board should assume the duties and responsibilities with an open mind.

As I look back on my 14 years, my greatest regret is that we are meeting tonight in *this* building. Though the previous efforts to get either a new or expanded library have failed, I am pleased that as I conclude my service as trustee, there seems to be momentum for an addition to the library. I hope that the progress which has been made in the past few months continues. I would like to thank Darlene Cullen for spearheading these efforts in the short time that she has been the Mayor's Representative. Her efforts and dynamism, I believe, bode well for this endeavor. I would implore the leaders of both political parties not to make the library a political football. A library is one of those institutions that should be above politics.

The greatest accomplishment that the board has achieved in my 14 years as a trustee has been the appointment of Linda Hansen as director. To my fellow trustees, I would like to say, "We got it right!" I want to thank Pat and Christine for their insights and efforts on the search committee that led to Linda's appointment.

I know that the library is in fantastic hands with Linda in charge. She has brought new enthusiasm, vigor and a new perspective to the library. I also want to thank former director, Sunnie Randolph, for her friendship and for

teaching me pretty much everything I know about how a library operates. I would also like to thank her again for nominating me as Trustee of the Year in 2011. I can't help thinking that there are some hanging chads somewhere that would have changed the outcome!

I want to thank our staff, from the librarians to the pages, for their efforts. In my almost 35 years in government, at the state, county and municipal levels, I have not come across a finer group of public employees. The working conditions are not the most optimal, but you have persevered to make our library one to which residents of other towns come. I hope that future boards recognize this and act accordingly. I also hope that South Plainfield residents realize the importance of our library.

Now that I am no longer going to be a trustee and am not subject to charges that I am ethically challenged, I would like to say a few things to my daughter, Danielle, who as you all know, is one of our librarians. I am not surprised by the career choice that you have made. At an early age, it was obvious that you inherited your mother's love of books and of reading. As a trustee, I have seen how you have grown from a page to the professional and poised librarian that you have become. I have watched you deal with the public and know that you are just the type of employee every employer wants. More importantly, as a father, you are exactly the kind of daughter every parent hopes for! I just hope you show me the same patience that you show the public when I ask you, for the tenth time, why I can't figure out how to program the DVR!

I would also like to thank all those individuals with whom I have had the pleasure of serving as trustee. I would like to single out those with whom I have served the longest: Pat, Nina and Gary. I remember that, after my first meeting as president, Pat came over to me with this look of pity and said that I looked like a deer caught in the headlights! She was absolutely right. I just hope that I have improved in

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the subsequent 13 years. I have relied on Pat on so many occasions. She was an integral part of our search for the new director. Her professionalism, knowledge and, most importantly, her calmness and reason has brought so much to the board. I want to thank all of our superintendents for allowing Pat to be a member of the board, and hope that Dr. Genco continues to keep Pat in that role. It would be a huge loss to the board if she did not continue.

I would like to thank Nina and Gary for their friendship and their counsel. They have brought unique perspectives to the position of trustee and made me look at things in a manner that I would not have otherwise done. Gary's constant presence at the library gives him a perspective that perhaps the rest of us do not have.

I particularly want to thank Nina for taking the lead in proposing that the board make extra donations to the food bank during these tough times. I am confident that the board will continue to be a caring member of the South Plainfield family. I would like to apologize to Nina for my comments about her punctuality. I have looked at the minutes for the past year and you were on time more often than you were late!

While I will no longer be a trustee, I intend to stay involved with the library, possibly through the Friends, the Foundation, but most definitely as a private citizen.

As we approach the holidays, I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone and their families a happy, healthy and prosperous Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year. As I recently visited Monticello and just completed reading John Meachem's biography of Thomas Jefferson, I would like to end my time on the board with a quote from Thomas Jefferson, who, at one time, had the largest private collection of books in America: "I cannot live without books!"

ERIC ARONOWITZ

Correction

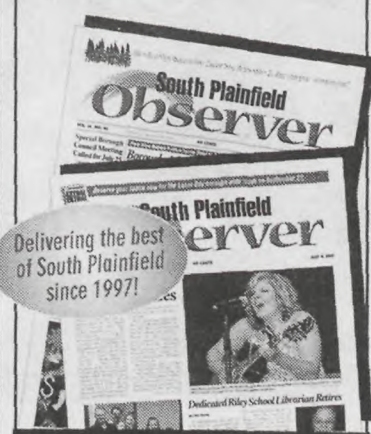
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Roosevelt Administration Building

cultural arts commission

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library board of trustees

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Letters, Cards and Teddy Bears Wanted for Sandy Hook Children



Ma'Sonia McPherson

Ma'Sonia "Soni" McPherson, a member of the South Plainfield Eagles Junior Midget Cheerleading team and reigning Miss New Jersey Jr. Teen Sweetheart is collecting letters, cards and Teddy bears to give to the students at Sandy Hook Elementary School in wake of the tragic events that recently took place. Soni loves little children and this turn of events has affected her in a big way. She wants to let the children know that we are all thinking of them and that they will forever remain in our hearts and our prayers.

Soni has been asking family, friends and classmates to write letters of encouragement or give cards and she will personally deliver them to the school. She is trying to collect Teddy bears and would like to make baskets to give to each student.

Additionally, Soni is in the planning stages of holding a fundraiser in honor of the adult victims as well and is seeking support from the borough.

Soni, who moved to South Plainfield two years ago, is an eighth grade student who attends the Queen City Academy Charter School located in Plainfield. She is the president of the National Junior Honor Society and maintains a perfect 4.0 GPA.

Mail your letters, notes or Teddy bears to: 207 Manning Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.



Residents of the Whispering Knoll Assisted Living Facility in Edison are entertained with Christmas carols by Girl Scout Troop 65042 from Holy Savior Academy.

police report

Once Upon Again Consignment Boutique Opens

By Jane Dornick

Once Upon Again Consignment Boutique recently opened its doors at 27 South Plainfield Ave., a few doors from Sportsworld.

The shop is currently accepting new and gently used fall and winter items including women's and men's clothing, current styles no older than two years and preferably brand name/designer, shoes which must be in great condition, accessories such as jewelry, handbags and belts as well as vintage and designer items. Once Upon Again is also looking for household items—crystal, pottery and furniture; antiques are welcome along with collectibles.

All clothing must be clean or dry cleaned and pressed if necessary, and brought in on hangers. Clothing that is worn out, ripped or damaged will not be accepted. Consignment is by appointment only and is done on Tuesday of each week. A professional will come to your home for those really large items.

The consignment period is up to 90 days, unless other arrangements are made. Once Upon Again will determine the price of the merchandise, and the consignor will receive 50% of the selling price when the item sells within 30 days. Checks or store credit will be given as payment.

Ask about consigning your items

on their Ebay site. Once Upon Again's user name is OUAaboutique.

Owner Lisa Vorreas began her career as a hair stylist and then spent 18 years as a material planner and buyer in the personal care industry; however, she had always wanted to open her own local gift boutique. She currently resides in Edison with her husband, George, and two sons, Jonathon, 11, and Joseph, 10.

Stop in and see their selection of holiday ornaments and figurines. Store hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 to 4 p.m. They can be reached at (908) 561-3898, email sales@onceuponagain.com or visit their website at onceuponagain.com. Watch for their grand opening celebration in January.

• On Dec. 5 Kyle R. Bostick, 26, and Paul C. Corrado, 25, both of South Plainfield, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• On Dec. 7 Gregory C. Purnell, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for outstanding warrants, driving on a suspended license and no insurance.

• A Highland Avenue resident reported the theft of their iPhone which was left on the counter at a doctor's office on Durham Avenue.

• Twin City Pharmacy reported that a male left the store after trying to pass a fraudulent prescription.

• Meenu Singh, 36, of Highland Park was arrested at Kohls for shoplifting jewelry valued at \$66.

• On Dec. 8 Justin T. Henkel, 32, of Somerville was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

• A Vakarich Place resident reported the theft of a Trek Jet 20 bicycle from their yard.

• On Dec. 9 a Central Avenue resident reported a fraudulent charge on

their bank account.

• A Watchung resident reported the theft of credit cards and cash from their wallet in their locker at LA Fitness.

• On Dec. 10 Idris M. Madyun, 21, of Plainfield was arrested for selling a stolen iPhone.

• Tyrell A. Ferguson-Ward, 27, of Plainfield was arrested for two outstanding warrants, maintenance of lamps, driving on a suspended license, failure to make repairs and failure to return a driver's license within five days of suspension.

• On Dec. 11 Darryl W. Tyler, 25 of Linden was arrested for obtaining a fraudulent blank prescription.

• Joseph C. Pistorino, 50, of Hicksville, N.Y. was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• A Murray Avenue resident reported that the passenger side tire on their vehicle had been slashed.

• On Dec. 12 Jennifer Moyd, 27, of Plainfield was arrested at Target for shoplifting \$10 worth of frozen shrimp.

• Maria J. Tobar, 32, of Woodbridge was arrested for an outstanding warrant, driving on a suspended license and failure to exhibit documents.

• A Rahway Avenue resident reported the theft of change and a backpack from their vehicle.

• Target reported the theft of a Canon Rebel camera valued at \$70 by a male who hid it in his coat and fled.

• An Edgar Avenue resident reported that their basement window had been kicked in. No entry was gained.

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Around Town

Community Christmas Caroling

December 22

The Tabernacle Church, along with children of the community, will be traveling through neighborhoods in South Plainfield on Saturday, Dec. 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. to spread holiday cheer as they sing classic Christmas carols door to door—the old fashioned way, accompanied by live music.

For more information, call (908) 222-9990, ext. 13.

Christmas Worship Experience

December 23

The Tabernacle Church, 1253 New Market Ave., will present a special worship experience like no other on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 9 a.m. This Christmas-themed service will feature singing, celebration and a message of hope. Please join us as we bring home the true meaning of Christmas at our sanctuary in South Plainfield.

For more information, call (908) 222-9990, ext. 13, email c.salterlewis@thetabernacle.com, or visit www.thetabernacle.com.

Tabernacle Day of Community Giving

December 23

Children from both the community and The Tabernacle Church will deliver holiday cheer, in the form of gift and song, to developmentally disabled residents of Keystone Community Residence, 154 Front St. on Sunday, Dec. 23 beginning at noon.

The Tabernacle youth and young adults will also be serving the residents of Ozanam Family Shelter in Edison giving gifts and spreading the message of love.

For more information, call (908) 222-9990, ext. 13.

First Baptist Christmas Eve Candle Lighting

December 24

You are invited to First Baptist Church of South Plainfield for the Christmas Eve Candle Light Services at 7:30 and 11 p.m. First Baptist Church is located at 201 Hamilton Blvd.

For more information, call Interim Pastor Tamara Davis or Asst. Pastor Michele Lewkow at (908) 753-2382, or visit www.fbcsouthplainfield.com.

Christmas Eve Celebration

December 24

The Tabernacle Church, 1253 New Market Ave., will hold a Christmas Eve celebration on Monday, Dec. 24 at 2 p.m. There will be something for the entire family to enjoy—singing, comedy, an in-house youth video production, storytelling, gift giving, food and so much more! Every child in attendance will receive a special donated gift.

For more information, call (908) 222-9990, ext. 13.

Christmas Eve Service at St. Stephen

December 24

The South Plainfield community is invited to celebrate the birth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ, at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, located at 3145 Park Ave. Worship services are at 4:30 and 7:30 p.m. The earlier service is a "family service" built around a play about Jesus' birthday. The later service is more traditional.

They will be collecting non-perishable food items at both services, toothpaste, deodorant, disinfectant, laundry detergent, work gloves and heavy duty trash bags, which will be passed on to Lutheran Disaster Response, for the long and hard work of rebuilding after Hurricane Sandy.

Free Spaghetti Dinner at Cedarcroft

January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6

Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., will hold a free spaghetti

dinner on Saturday, Jan. 5 at 5 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, April 6. All are invited to attend.

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

VFW Country Breakfast

January 6

VFW Post #6763 on Front Street will hold a country breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 6 from 8-11 a.m. Come in and enjoy a hearty breakfast and maybe you will win a free meal.

For more information, call (908) 668-9751.

Knights Youth Free Throw Competition

January 26

South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203 will hold the 2013 Youth Free Throw Competition on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. The competition is open to girls and boys, ages 10-14.

For more information, contact Youth Director Al Vill at (908) 421-5386.

— Out of Town —

Upscale Singles Dance Party

December 22

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting an upscale singles dance party on Saturday, Dec. 22 at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Clark, 36 Valley Rd. Ages 40 and up. No jeans/t-shirts/sneakers/shorts. Admission: \$15.

For info, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

MONDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

(Closed Christmas Day)

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

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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(908) 754-1047

Willow Grove Church Christmas Eve Service

December 24

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, located in Scotch Plains at 1961 Raritan Rd., invites all to the annual Christmas Eve service of Lessons and Carols on Monday, Dec. 24 at 7:30 p.m. Besides the traditional lighting of the Advent and Christ Candles, singing of carols, readings from scripture and hearing a special choir anthem, you will be able to view images depicting Jesus' birth in art-work from cultures around the world projected during the service.

For other ministries, visit www.willowgrovechurch.org or call the church at (908) 232-5678.

Upscale Singles Pre-New Year's Dance

December 29

Steppin' Out Singles is hosting a pre-New Year's Singles Dance Party on Saturday, Dec. 29 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 info, call the 24-hour hotline at (862) 397-4723.

Open House at Flight School

January 5

American Flyers Flight School at the Morristown Airport, 50 Airport Road, will be hosting an open house and free lunch on Saturday, Jan. 5 at noon. This free event is designed to bring those with a curiosity about flying small airplanes to the airport for a fun-filled afternoon.

For more information, call (973) 267-3223 or visit www.americanflyers.net/about/aviation_seminars.asp.

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Thomas J. Scalera - Chief ❄️ Gary S. Stevenson - President



Kennedy Holiday Concert

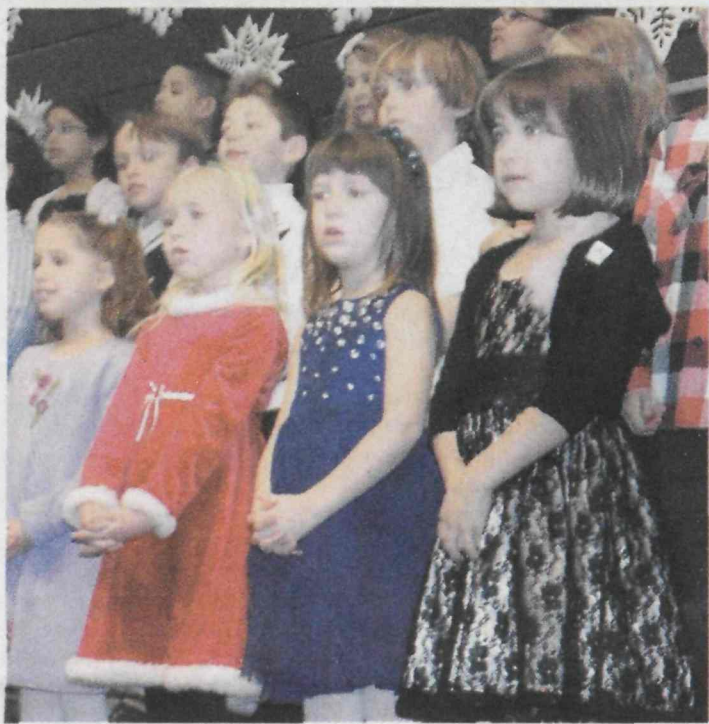
Kennedy Elementary School held its annual Holiday Concert on the afternoon of December 14.

Led by music teacher Barbara Habeeb on piano, the Kindergarten classes sang *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, *Light the Candles* and *Jingle Bells*.

The first grade classes performed *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*, *Hanukkah Hayom* and *All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth*.

Second graders sang *Thirty-two Feet and Eight Little Tails*, *Feliz Navidad* and *Donde Esta Santa Claus*.

The entire third grade entertained the audience by singing *The Little Drummer Boy*, *Candles of Hanukkah* and *Jingle Bell Rock*, and the fourth grade performed *Sing We Now of Christmas*, *Silver Bells* and *Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas*.



From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Eve Pasternak

The most important announcement for this week is that the library will be closed Monday, Dec. 24 and Tuesday, Dec. 25. Regular storytime programs are cancelled for the week and will start up again on Wednesday, Jan. 2. We hope you are enjoying your holidays and vacations.

Do your children love animals? Come to a wonderful live animal program with Rizzo's Reptile Discovery Show on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Dominic Rizzo will be bringing a variety of animals, including lizards, snakes, turtles and frogs for kids to see and touch. Rizzo's Reptiles strives to teach everyone about the wonder and joy that nature has to offer. The program is for children ages four and over, and they must be able to sit still. This way everybody will enjoy the show and the lizards won't be frightened. There's no need to register in advance. The program is free. In lieu of an admission charge, please bring in new, non-perishable food to be donated to the South Plainfield Food Pantry.

Adult programs will be starting up again with a full schedule in January. Movies are scheduled for Monday nights. There will be the regular meetings of the chess club and the genealogy association on Thursday, Jan. 17, and the knitters' and crocheters' club every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. The next lecture in the history of philosophy series will be on Jewish thought from ancient to medieval times, presented by Eve Pasternak on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. There will be a new series led by Jeff Cupo concentrating on Chinese philosophy starting Tuesday, Jan. 8 at noon.

The adult book discussion group has chosen its next two books. For the Thursday, Jan. 31 meeting, they are reading *Game of Thrones* by George R.R. Martin. In February they will be discussing *Emma* by Jane Austen. You don't have to sign up in advance; if you would like to talk about these books come the last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Will you be one of the lucky ones to get new gadgets for Christmas? The library should be your first stop. We've got manuals to get you started with a new computer, smart phone, tablet or e-reader. We have lots of content available, too: music, audiobooks and ebooks.

If you have a new audio player, you can download music from Freegal or audiobooks from eLibraryNJ. The links are on the homepage, at "eLibrary/Downloads." With Freegal, you can choose from thousands of songs and download three each week. Previews are available for every song. There are instructions on the site, and you can always ask our friendly staff for extra help.

For those of you who enjoy listening to audiobooks, you have many options. The library has plenty of traditional books on CD, and a growing number of titles in MP3 format. This more condensed format needs only one CD to hold an entire book. It can be played on your computer or in newer cars or CD players. You can also download audiobooks from eLibraryNJ. Search by author or title, and download them using the free media console available from the site. You'll find the link on our homepage.

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If a new video game system (or school vacation) makes you eager for new games, come and look at the selection in the library. We have games for three systems: Wii, Xbox360 and PS3. There are games the whole family will enjoy in each format. Although there is no professional hockey now, there are still NHL video games, as well as racing, football, fantasy, dance and many more. Some of them even sneak in some educational content, but don't tell the kids. We have increased the number of games you can check out; you can now take out four games on each library card. It's time for a family game night!

Enjoy all the resources of the library in the building and online, but please be aware of one scheduling note. On Friday, Dec. 28, JerseyCat, the state-wide library catalog, will be upgrading its systems. This means that you cannot make interlibrary loan requests for a few days. Some online databases provided by the State Library might also be affected.

Happy holidays to all, and a happy New Year!



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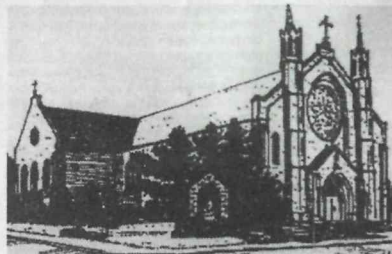
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SP Eagles Cheer Send Two Squads to Nationals

Junior Midgets Place Second and Junior Pee Wees Place Third

It was a great year for South Plainfield Eagles cheerleaders as they once again made history. For the first time ever, two squads from South Plainfield, the Junior Midgets (JM) and the Junior Pee Wees (JPW), advanced to the National Pop Warner Cheer and Dance Competition in Florida. Not only was this the fifth year in a row that the South Plainfield Eagles advanced to the Pop Warner National Competition, but it was the first year that a JPW squad, the youngest squad ever to represent South Plainfield, advanced to Nationals. South Plainfield has now been recognized in all four competition levels: Junior Pee Wee, Pee Wee, Junior Midget and Midget over the past five years.

The first day of the competition week was held on December 3, where the JPW squad competed in the Level 2 Large division. In the division with 12 of the best teams from across the country, the competition was fierce. This young squad, comprised of 27 fourth and fifth graders, performed brilliantly. Their stunts included one-legged liberties with scales and arabesques, express-ups and full extensions. Their pyramid, which included full extensions with liberties and hitches, was performed with perfection. The dance portion was fast-paced and complex, and got the whole audience clapping along placing them third in the nation in their division.

Christine Stankan, head coach of the

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.

**Contact
Lou Peralta at
(908) 756-6406.**



JPW squad is all smiles as they perform their pyramid at Nationals.

JPW squad, said "I am so proud of the girl's accomplishments this year. They are the youngest team from South Plainfield to make it to Nationals and I'm proud to be their coach. They put in tons of hard work and dedication, along with my great coaching staff. Placing third in the nation is just incredible. This was an amazing ending to an amazing year!"

On December 3, it was time for the JM squad to shine as they competed in the Level 2 Large division. In a field with eight experienced teams from across the country, the JM squad came out strong. They opened with

confidence and had the crowd engaged in their cheer in no time. In the music section they dominated with their partner stunts that included a variety of stunting from tic tocs to heel stretches. They ended strong with their dance that was sharp and full of energy. Not only did they finish second overall in the competition but also took home two additional trophies as they were awarded Best in Stunting and Best in Choreography out of 89 teams from across the nation in the JM division.

JM Head Coach Amy Fonti said "It's been an emotional season for the coaches and the girls. Throughout the

season they overcame adversity and became stronger with each challenge. They dedicated themselves to be the very best they could be. We are all so proud to be second in the nation and to come home with two additional trophies for best in stunting and choreography is just amazing."

Another great year of Eagles cheerleading has come to a close, with many satisfied cheerleaders, coaches and parents. The SP Eagles board would like to thank all who contributed to help make these girls dreams come true. Go Eagles!

—Submitted by Terry Reed-Housel

Recycling Center Holiday Schedule

The South Plainfield recycling complex on Kenneth Avenue starts its winter schedule on Saturday, Dec. 22. It will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day and Tuesday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day. The recycling center will be open instead from 12 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 26 and on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

Regular winter hours at the recycling complex are: recycling center open 12 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays; yard waste site open from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays only.

Curbside recycling collection on Tuesday in Section 2 will be done on Saturday, Dec. 29 instead of on Christmas Day. Curbside collection on Tuesday in Section 7 will be done on Saturday, Jan. 5 instead of on New Year's Day.

Register for Spring Semester at duCret School of Art

duCret, New Jersey's oldest non-profit art school, is currently accepting registration for Spring Semester 2013, which begins on Monday, Jan. 14, 2013. Call for a free tour and career consultation Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at (908) 757-7171.

Classes range from graphic and web design, airbrush, stained glass, jewelry making, portrait and landscape painting in oil, acrylic, pastel and water color, drawing and photography. Veterans, high school graduates, college dropouts, adults seeking career changes and active senior citizens are encouraged to apply.

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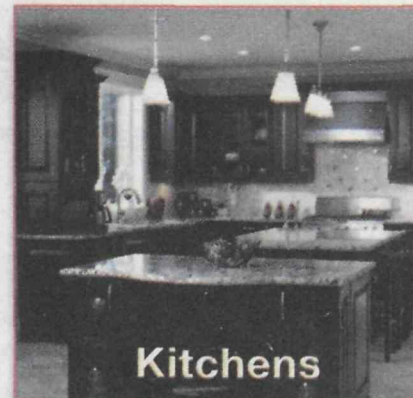
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

PUBLIC NOTICE

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December 21, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

BOND ORDINANCE 1974 STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance 1974, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on December 17, 2012 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: "Bond Ordinance 1974 Providing for Various Capital Improvements of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey, Appropriating the Aggregate Amount of \$325,000 Therefor and Authorizing the Issuance of \$307,500 Bonds or Notes of the Borough to Finance Part of the Cost Thereof."

Purposes:

Purpose	Appropriation and Estimated Cost	Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds or Notes	Period of Usefulness
a) The acquisition of rescue squad radios, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$25,500	\$24,200	10 years
b) The acquisition of a garbage truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$52,000	\$49,300	5 years
c) The acquisition of a tandem dump truck, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$75,000	\$71,000	5 years
d) The acquisition of a police sport utility vehicle, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$65,000	\$61,500	5 years
e) The acquisition of computer equipment and software, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$27,500	\$26,000	5 years
f) The acquisition of a finger print machine, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$45,000	\$42,500	15 years
g) The acquisition of miscellaneous equipment, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$35,000	\$33,000	15 years
TOTALS	\$325,000	\$307,500	

Appropriation: \$325,000

Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$307,500

Grant Appropriated: N/A

Section 20 Costs: \$6,000

Useful Life: 7.84 years

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC

Municipal Clerk

\$65.36

December 21, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 1973

AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE BOROUGH'S AUTHORITY AND OVER A PORTION OF CHELSEA PLACE IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY.

The ordinance #1973 read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on December 17, 2012, and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$29.45

December 21, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 1975

AN ORDINANCE CREATING EMPLOYMENT POSITION FOR THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE POSITION OF ASSESSING FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

The ordinance #1975 read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on December 17, 2012, and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$29.45

December 21, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

ORDINANCE 1976

"AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1875 AUTHORIZING FEES FOR RENTAL OF SENIOR CENTER AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES".

The ordinance #1976 read by title upon second reading herewith has been adopted at the meeting of the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, held on December 17, 2012, and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, has begun to run from the date of the publication of this notice.

Amy Antonides, RMC/CMC
Municipal Clerk

\$28.97

December 21, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

December 12, 2012—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on December 11, 2012.

A. Case #749/Site/Sub./V—Hall's Warehouse/Jayne Enterprise Group, LLP Block 255; Lots 10.01 and 11.02; 401 and 501 Kentile Road. The applicant's request for a minimum side yard setback of 13.09 ft., preliminary and final site plan approval and minor subdivision approval were hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$28.97

December 21, 2012

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,
COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

Public Notice

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2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080
Office of Planning & Zoning
908-226-7641 Office #
908-754-1179 Fax. #
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Please take notice that on Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 6:45 pm, the Planning Board will hold its annual reorganizational meeting in the council chambers/ court room.

Please take notice that the regular Planning Board meeting will commence at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$28.97

December 21, 2012

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COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, NEW JERSEY

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Please take notice that on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. The Zoning Board Of Adjustment will hold its annual reorganization meeting in the courtroom/council chambers.

Please also note, that the regular Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting will commence at 7 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$28.97

December 21, 2012

SPORTS



The South Plainfield High School Boys Soccer season-end dinner was held at the Senior Center on December 8. The event celebrated coaches Perfilio, Han and Correia, and the freshman, JV and varsity seasons. It was hosted by Debbie Boyle, Kelly Butrico, Kim Born and Marie Deffler. Lending a hand was Laura Reedy. Pictured (L-R) are captains Chris Butrico, Jesse Deffler, Patrick Boyle and Taylor Born, who delivered the invocation and season review.



South Plainfield High School swim team captains Patrick Boyle, Caroline Vill and Gracie Piekarski plan their strategy for the events as Aidan McDermott looks on during the team's first meet of the 2012/2013 season on November 29 at Wardlaw Hartridge. South Plainfield, Wardlaw Hartridge, Colonia, New Providence, Cranford and Metuchen competed in relay events. South Plainfield Coach Tom Conneely joined the team in 2012 as head coach.

Elks to Host 40th Annual Elks Hoop Shoot Competition

The local competition for the 40th annual Elks "Hoop Shoot," the National Free Throw Shooting Contest for youngsters ages eight through 13, will be held at Grant School on Friday, Dec. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon. A copy of the contestant's birth certificate or passport is required.

Over three million boys and girls from throughout the country entered last year's competition for boys and girls in age categories 8-9; 10-11 and

12-13. Each contestant has 25 shots at the hoop. The boys and girls in each age group with the best scores will advance to the Central District contest to be held on Sunday, Jan. 6 at the PAL Building.

District winners will go on to the State Contest, which will be held at South Plainfield High School on Sunday, Feb. 10.

From the state, the winners will go

on to compete in the regional contest and then the National Contest which is held in Springfield, Mass.

Names of the national winners are inscribed on the Elks National Hoop Shoot plaque, which is on permanent display in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

For more information, please contact Bill Reuter at (908) 791-1214.

Knights of Columbus Sponsoring Youth Free Throw Competition

South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, Council #6203 will hold the 2013 Youth Free Throw Competition on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 5 p.m. at the PAL Building on Maple Avenue. The

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For more information, contact Youth Director Al Vill at (908) 421-5386.

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7pm V Wrestling-Del Val JV/5:30pm Bus 3:30pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22

9am JV Wrestling-Point Pleasant (A) Bus 6:45am
10am G Fr Basketball-Piscataway (A) Bus 8:45am
10am B Fr Basketball-Sayreville (A) Bus 8:30am
1pm V V Basketball-Piscataway JV/11:11:30am Bus 10:15am
1pm B V Basketball-Sayreville JV/11:15am Bus 9:30am

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

11am B Fr Basketball-Scotch Plains (A) Bus 9:45am
12pm V B Basketball-Cotoia Trn-2, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
5:30pm B JV Basketball-Ridge Trn (A) Bus 3:45pm

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

10am V Wrestling @ Plfd/Quad (A) Bus 8:15am
11am GV Basketball-Mt Olive Trn (A) Bus 9:15am
12pm VB Basketball-Cotoia Trn (H) 2, 5:30pm, 7:30pm
4pm B JV Basketball-Ridge Trn (A) Bus 2:15pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

10am V Wrestling @ Lenape Valley/Quad (A) Bus 7:15am
12pm BV

Angelo L. Vastano, 92

Angelo L. Vastano died on Thursday Dec. 13 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.



Angelo L. Vastano

Born and raised in Plainfield, Angelo enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving his country proudly prior to being discharged in 1946.

In 1952, he settled in South Plainfield with his wife and daughter.

Angelo enjoyed a career and love of the railroad. He retired from Conrail several years ago and had a passion for constructing model electric train sets.

He is predeceased by his parents and four brothers.

Surviving are his wife of 69 years, Mary (D'Ambrosio); a daughter, Mary Blue and husband Terry of South Plainfield; three grandchildren, Kari, Keith and Kenneth and wife Katherine; and two great-grandchildren, Lucas and Kelli.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Charles T. Adams, 94

Charles T. Adams died on Saturday, Dec. 8 at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Charles was born at home in the original farmhouse on the Adams Family Farm, located on the border of South Plainfield and Edison. He remained a lifelong resident, attended and graduated from North Plainfield

High School and enjoyed all the class reunions that were held over the many years since his graduation.

He served in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in 1947.

Employed as a machine operator, Charles initially worked for Cornell-Dubilier, then Bound Brook Bearing before joining S.S. White in Piscataway prior to his retirement.

Charles could often be found tinkering around the farm, tending to his many flowers. He was an avid gardener and he prided himself on knowing all the names of the many species of plants, bushes and trees that were on the farm and he loved to share that knowledge with you by walking around the farm with him. He was proud of his extensive collection of rocks from every state and many countries. Charles was also an excellent ice skater and talented ballroom dancer, which he enjoyed all of his life.

Born to the late Alexander and Catherine (Yuszcak) Adams, he was one of 12 siblings and was the last surviving member of his siblings. He was predeceased by his dancing companion and friend, Helen Grecek.

Surviving are two nieces; Carol Bock and Frances Ammerman; 15 great-nieces and nephews, Margaret, Edward, Cathy, Todd, Darvene, Michelle, Daniel, Margaret, Sherry, Donna, Timothy, Marianne, James, Deborah and Jennifer; and several great-great nieces and nephews. Zena and Frank Kazmierski are two special friends who also survive him.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Virginia A. (Conlon) Mattison, 94

Virginia A. (Conlon) Mattison died on Friday, Dec. 14 at St. Peter's University Medical Center in New Brunswick six days before her 95th birthday.



Virginia A. Mattison

Born in New Brunswick, she was a graduate of New Brunswick High School and Drake College in New Brunswick. She later resided in Metuchen and Middlesex before settling in Piscataway over 60 years ago.

She had been employed as the former director of welfare for Piscataway Township.

Her husband, William, died in February of 2003. She is also predeceased by two sisters; Marie Gebhardt and Lucene Rothfuss.

Surviving are two daughters, Margaret Ratajczak and husband William and Lois Applegate and husband William; and a son, Kevin J. Mattison, all of Piscataway. Also surviving are three grandchildren, Michelle Wetzal, Brian and Todd Applegate; and three great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

Josephine L. Clift, 78

Josephine L. Clift died on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Genesis Eldercare-The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born in Jersey City, she resided in West New York, Union City and Bloomfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1979.

Mrs. Clift had been employed as an administrative assistant for several companies throughout her lifetime including AT&T in New York City.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield where she was also a member of the church choir.

She is predeceased by her husband, William, who died in 2005; a sister, Matilda Di Rito; a brother-in-law, John Di Rito; and a niece, Linda Di Rito.

Surviving are a daughter, Anne Marie Colletti; her husband, Christopher of Denville; a grandson, Sean Colletti; and a nephew, Thomas Di Rito and his family.

Funeral services were held at Mc-Criskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

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NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION Middlesex County DOCKET NO. F-025384-12

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Joseph Stepash, his heirs, devisees and personal representatives and his, hers or their or any of their successors in right, title and interest

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon KIVITZ MCKEEVER LEE, PC, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN PENNSYLVANIA, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center; 701 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (215) 627-1322, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Reverse Mortgage Solutions, Inc. is plaintiff, and Joseph Stepash, his heirs, devisees and personal representatives and his, hers or their, or any of their successors in right, title and interest and Bruce Stepash, individually and as Executor of the Estate of Joseph Stepash, et al are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-025384-12 within thirty-five (35) days after December 21, 2012 exclusive of such date or if published after December 21, 2012 (35) days after the actual dated of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of governing the courts.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated October 24, 2008, made by Joseph Stepash as mortgagor(s), to Bank of America, N.A. recorded on November 12, 2008, for Middlesex County in Book 13184, Page 0460 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Reverse Mortgage Solutions Inc., by Assignment dated March 27, 2012; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 753 Parker Street, Perth Amboy, NJ 08861. Lot: 24, 25 Block: 359.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7600.

YOU, Joseph Stepash, his heirs, devisees and personal representatives and his, hers or their or any of their successors in right, title and interest, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the heirs of the record owner of the mortgaged premises who executed the bond or note and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

Jennifer M. Perez, Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey

\$55.24

December 21, 2012

NOTICE TO ABSENT DEFENDANT SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY CHANCERY DIVISION Middlesex County DOCKET NO. F-022710-12

(L.S.) STATE OF NEW JERSEY TO: Keith Clarke
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to serve upon KIVITZ MCKEEVER LEE, PC, A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION INCORPORATED IN PENNSYLVANIA, plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is Suite 5000 - Mellon Independence Center; 701 Market Street; Philadelphia, PA 19106-1532, phone # (215) 627-1322, an answer to the Complaint, filed in a civil action, in which Deutsche Bank National Trust Company in its Capacity as Indenture Trustee for the Noteholders of AAMES Mortgage Investment Trust 2005-2, a Delaware Statutory Trust is plaintiff, and Keith Clarke and Sylvia Clarke, h/w, et al are the defendant(s), pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Middlesex County, and bearing Docket No. F-022710-12 within thirty-five (35) days after December 21, 2012 exclusive of such date or if published after December 21, 2012 (35) days after the actual dated of such publication, exclusive of such date. If you fail to do so, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. You shall file your answer and proof of service in duplicate with the Clerk of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Hughes Justice Complex - CN 971, Trenton, New Jersey 08625, in accordance with the rules of governing the courts.

This action has been instituted for the purpose of (1) foreclosing a mortgage dated March 14, 2005, made by Keith Clarke and Sylvia Clarke, h/w as mortgagor(s), to Aames Funding Corporation d/b/a Aames Home Loan recorded on March 21, 2005, for Middlesex County in Book 10481, Page 284 of Mortgages for said County, which mortgage was assigned to the plaintiff, Deutsche Bank National Trust Company in its capacity as Indenture Trustee for the Noteholders of AAMES Mortgage Investment Trust 2005-2, a Delaware Statutory Trust, by Assignment dated January 4, 2012; and (2) to recover possession of, and concerns premises commonly known as 1 Haywood Avenue, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Lot: 2 Block: 6305 t/k/a 502.3.

If you are unable to obtain an attorney, you may communicate with the New Jersey State Bar Association by calling 1-732-249-5000. You may also contact the Lawyer Referral Service of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 828-0053. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may communicate with the Legal Services offices of the County of venue by calling 1-(732) 249-7600.

YOU, Keith Clarke, are hereby made a party defendant to this foreclosure action because you are the record owner of the mortgaged premises and because you executed the bond or note and mortgage being foreclosed herein and may be liable for any deficiency thereon, and for any lien, claim or interest you may have in, to or against the mortgaged premises.

Jennifer M. Perez, Clerk
Superior Court of New Jersey

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December 21, 2012

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Linda Hansen
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Library President Declines Reappointment Bid

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Library's dedication in 1964, the building was substandard in size by slightly more than half."

Over the years, the cost to the taxpayers has prohibited plans to build a new library. The borough purchased property adjacent to Borough Hall on Plainfield Avenue and during a Democracy Week vote in 2008, residents voted against constructing a new building on that site. The Library Board immediately began looking into other options.

In September 2010, former Mayor Charlie Butrico organized and headed a library committee to begin exploring other options. At the time, the committee voted unanimously to recommend building a new library where the present library stands. When Butrico lost the mayoral race that November, members of the committee were replaced and plans for a new library were scrapped. The

Library Board subsequently pursued leasing space in a building on Montrose Avenue, which was rejected by the Zoning Board. Another proposal over a year ago to move the library to the Walgreens Shopping Center on South Plainfield Avenue never came to fruition.

The latest plan to expand the library, which was presented at the October library board meeting, is building around the original structure which is approximately 6,300 sq. ft., doubling its size. The appearance would be modernized with an exterior of glass and metal designed to blend in with the existing structure's brick facade. To compensate for the part of the property that is situated in a flood zone, the floor would be raised 30 inches. No cost estimates were ever given.

Although the library has sustained flooding over the years, Hurricane Irene in August 2011 submerged the

building in four inches of water. After closing its doors for two months for cleanup and restoration, it has now been repainted and new carpeting and shelves were installed.

Aronowitz and his wife, Phyllis, have lived in the borough for more than 24 years. Their daughter, Danielle, began working at the library as a page at age 14, and since obtaining a master's degree from Rutgers University has been employed full-time there for over two years. Their son, Jared, is currently in his first semester at York College in New York.

While searching for means to fund a new library, a library foundation was formed five years ago of which Aronowitz is the president and will remain so in the future. He also intends to stay very active with the Library Board and attend their meetings regularly.

BOE Fiscal 2012 Audit Reveals \$6.875M Surplus

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posted to the district's financial record in a timely manner; the General Fund modified budget appropriations as reported in the district's financial records be reconciled to, and in agreement with, supporting documentation; all bank reconciliations be complete and that all intrafund bank transactions be properly recorded and completed timely, and all individuals and their respective salaries are charged to the Title I program and be approved in the minutes and that time and effort records be maintained to support the amount charged.

With regard to the purchasing program, an internal control procedure should be reviewed and enhanced to ensure purchases and contract awards in excess of the bid quote threshold are made in accordance with the Public School Contracts Law.

Student Activity Fund accounts at the Middle and Grant schools should use pre-numbered receipts and supporting documentation maintained for all cash receipts and only transactions for student-related purposes are to be processed through the high school Student Activity Fund.

It was recommended that internal controls over the revenue collection and accounting systems of the Future

Stars Preschool, Latchkey and Adult School Enterprise Funds be reviewed and revised to enhance and strengthen procedures and recordkeeping over program fees.

In the Transportation Department, procedures need to be reviewed and enhanced to ensure accurate recording of information on the District Report of Transportation Resident Students.

The district's Capital Assets should be updated to reflect all current year activity and prior year construction in progress amounts be reviewed and accounted for accordingly. A review of the Capital Projects Fund accounts should take place and appropriate action to close out all completed project accounts.

According to Superintendent Dr. Steve Genco, a portion of the cash reserves will be used on items such as window replacement at various schools, a new roof at Grant School and a new gym floor will be installed at the high school. Since revamping the curriculum this year, new books and materials will need to be purchased as well as the continuing upgrade of technology throughout the district. Additional staffing is also being considered in the literacy area and widening the choice of electives.

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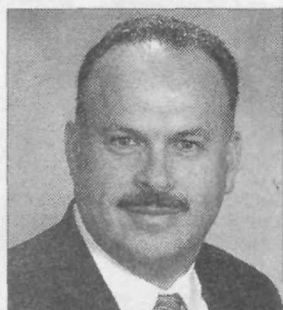


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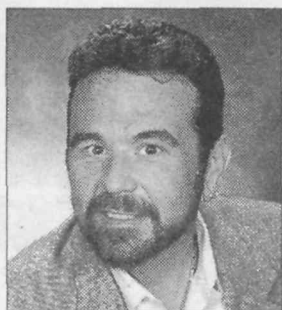
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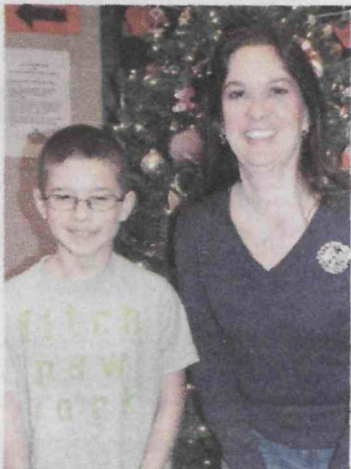
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This Week's **200th** Junior Journalist winner is...

Anthony White



Anthony White with teacher Susan Fenning.

Anthony White, Roosevelt Elementary School fourth grader, is this week's—and the 200th—winner in the Junior Journalist program. His poem, "Sandy," has earned Anthony dinner for his family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

The program, which encourages students to express themselves through creative writing, is a joint cooperation between Hometown Heros and the *South Plainfield Observer*. Students should submit their original works to their teachers, the *Observer* or to Hometown Heros. Winners are selected weekly; students and their works are published

Sandy
By Anthony White

She hit with a
knockout punch,
devastation,
unimaginable winds whirling,
trees falling,
waves crashing,
the ocean overflowing,
lives changed.
She lit up the sky like
4th of July.
Hurricane Sandy.

in the *Observer*. Hometown Heros makes arrangements to deliver dinner for the winner's entire family.

At the end of the school year in May, Hometown Heros and the *Observer* host a banquet celebrating all the weekly winners and their families. Students are recognized by the mayor and the state assembly. A \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond is awarded to one student by Hometown Heros; additional prizes are also awarded.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010.

Boy Scout Troop #207 Retires 5,000 Flags

Approximately 5,000 American Flags were retired at the American Legion Chaumont Post #243 in a ceremony held by South Plainfield Boy Scout Troop #207 and the American Legion on November 10.

The ceremony began with representatives of the troop, joined by Sergeant-at-Arms Jim Yednak, reading the history, symbolism and importance of our flag.

Afterwards, several scouts clad in white gloves presented the flags to Yednak for inspection and authorization to burn, which is the proper means of disposing of a flag. As tradition dictates, the ashes were then buried on the grounds of the American Legion.

In the past, retiring such a large quantity of flags on a relatively small fire has been an all-day event, but the process was sped up significantly, by about two and a half hours, by building fires in a large above ground container and an in-ground pit.

Troop #207 would like to thank Pinto Brothers Disposal for loaning the container and McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals for assistance in procuring the container and the use of their flag drop box.

Anyone with a flag that has become torn, worn, faded or badly soiled to the point that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, please have it retired. A drop box at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals is available year round or flags can be dropped off at the American Legion Post any Thursday from 7:30 to 9 p.m.



Boy Scout Troop #207 members participate in the burning of 5,000 retired American flags.

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Parishioners Assist In Hurricane Sandy Clean Up Efforts

Fourteen Sacred Heart Church parishioners assisted in the Hurricane Sandy Union Beach clean up effort on December 9.

Sr. Kathleen Rooney, SSJ and Sr. Nadine Boyle, RSM, both of whom minister at Sacred Heart, organized the undertaking. The men and women worked in two areas. One group

remained at Borough Hall stocking the food pantry and serving food to volunteers. The other group was sent to do repair work on a severely damaged home.

The Union Beach clean up effort will be an ongoing monthly outreach of Sacred Heart Church.

Anyone interested in volunteering

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Junior Journalist winner Ashlynn Lehman receives dinner from Charlie Kurland of Hometown Heros. Ashlynn is pictured with her mom and brother, Monika and Keith.

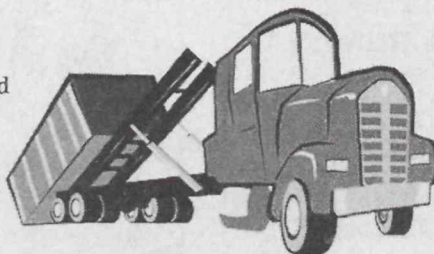
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