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The South Plainfield Library was filled with residents during an Open House last Sunday. See additional photos on page 12.  
Photo by Chris Abbott

## Kubala/Vokral Unanimously Endorsed For South Plainfield Borough Council

By a unanimous vote of committee people, the South Plainfield Democratic Organization has endorsed the nomination of Councilpersons Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral.

Mayor Dan Gallagher expressed the enthusiasm of the local democrats saying, "Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral are the two individuals who first took back South Plainfield from the out of control Republican council. It's hard to believe, but South Plainfield's municipal budget is actually less today than when Ed and Jim first took office on January 1, 1994. On top of that more has been accomplished in the last five years

than in the prior 20 years put together. For the first time in memory, there will be no tax increase for two years in a row. That kind of record doesn't happen by accident. Ed Kubala and Jim Vokral deserve credit for making South Plainfield a model of open and efficient government."

In accepting the nomination Councilperson Kubala thanked all of those who have helped turn South Plainfield around. "The entire Democratic team is responsible for restoring fiscal responsibility to our borough. 'Pay as you go' government is only possible because everyone works as a team for the good of all the people. I'm honored to be nominated to run with an individual with the integrity, intelligence and dedication of my friend, our Council President Jim Vokral," Kubala said.

Council President Vokral echoed his running mates' sentiments saying, "Ed Kubala works full time for the people of South Plainfield. Ed, along with Mayor Gallagher and all the members of the council, only care about one thing... what's best for the people of South Plainfield. It is an honor and a privilege to serve on the Borough Council and it is twice as rewarding to serve with an individual as respected as Ed Kubala. Ed and I promise to continue to do our best if we are fortunate enough to be re-elected to another term as our councilpeople."

**VOTE APRIL 20—**  
**SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION!**



Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilmen Ray Petronko and Ed Kubala try out the newly-acquired senior citizen bus. Story on page 5.

## School Board Candidates Debate Election Issues



Frank LaFreniere



Dan Smith

Monday evening the five candidates running for three seats on the school board faced off for Candidates Night, sponsored by the South Plainfield PTA/PTSO. Moderator for the evening was Ann Armstrong from the New Jersey League of Women Voters.

Candidates seeking a seat on the board of education are incumbents Myra Stillman and Ken LaFreniere; Carol Byrne, who lost her board seat at last year's election and Daniel Smith and Jeff Seider, running for the first time. The candidates gave opening statements and then answered questions submitted by the audience. Most questions centered around summer school and an allegation that some students had to sit on the window sills in classes in the Middle School due to overcrowding. Most of the questions, asked by the same four or five people, contained the same theme. Overcrowding in the schools as well as long range plans dealing with proposed future growth was also discussed.

Incumbent board members were asked to explain why summer school was not in the budget the past few years. They all responded that the funds were just not there, but added that because of extra funding from the state this year, summer school will be included in the budget. Dan Smith and Jeff Seider charged that the board should have been able to find the money for summer school in their budget the last few years since the budget was in the black. Ken LaFreniere said it is a state mandate that school budgets stay in the black and they must have a surplus.

As for the allegation that students are sitting on window sills at the Middle School, when asked directly, no candidate or anyone who submitted questions about the situation could site a class in which this had happened. Most said that it was a story being passed around.

The candidates all support this year's budget and urged everyone to get out and vote 'yes' on April 20. It was explained that if the budget doesn't pass, the mayor and council have the right to dictate how much must come out of present budget. This year's budget totals close to \$34 million and if passed, will result in a decrease in the tax rate.



Jeff Seider



Myra Stillman



Carol Byrne

## Borough Website Celebrates First Birthday

At the start of last week's council meeting Pat Vargo, court administrator, and Sgt. Mike Grennier demonstrated how far the borough's website has come in its first year. The mayor and council, along with residents attending the meeting, were treated to a visual tour of the website and shown

some of the information that can be seen found on the webpage.

The front page of the borough website displayed a birthday cake and balloons while happy birth-

day music was played in the background, celebrating the first birthday of South Plainfield's website.

The website has a lot of information. *Continued on page 11*

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Council President Jim Vokral presents Sgt. Mike Grennier, Pat Vargo and Mike Rossi (not pictured) with Certificates of Appreciation from the council for their innovative work on the Borough's webpage.



In My Opinion

# Letters

To the Editor,

We have the highest praise for South Plainfield Police Officers Michael Redden and Garrett Cassio for their professionalism and assistance with our handicapped vehicle last evening. They were both compassionate and helpful in a very frustrating and stressful situation.

Being handicapped and restricted to a motorized chair which does not fold and weighs over 150 pounds created a challenge to transport me home. In addition to providing for our safe return home, they arranged for the delivery of my chair and the towing of the van to the dealer for repair. They provided us with alternatives and suggestions, stayed with us and escorted us home safely.

Their assistance was exemplary and is appreciated.

**SINCERELY,  
FAITH AND TOM GAUL**

Dear Editor,

We, as the Lions Club of South Plainfield, would like to take the time to thank all the many people that helped make this year's Lions' Palm Sunday Breakfast a huge success. First and foremost, to all those who attended our breakfast. Thank you. Without you, we wouldn't have a breakfast.

Secondly, to all the businesses that sponsored an ad on our placemat sponsorship as well as Lynn Graphics for their help in designing and printing the placemats.

Next, to Nancy Grennier and the *South Plainfield Observer*, South Plainfield's hometown newspaper. It is very refreshing to have the coverage you supply. Both you and Patricia Abbott have always been there for us.

Lastly, to Mike Grennier and Pat Vargo for their help and support in setting up the web page for South Plainfield. ([www.southplainfieldnj.com](http://www.southplainfieldnj.com)). You both should be commended for taking us into the next century and keeping the town current with technology.

Funds raised by Lions sponsored activities goes towards helping support the visually and hear-

ing impaired. Last year, we were able to sponsor a seeing-eye dog as well as to contribute to St. Joseph's School for the Blind, among our many contributions. For over 50 years, the Lions Club of South Plainfield has been working to aid the visually and hearing impaired. We look forward to continuing that tradition.

Again, thanks to everyone for their support and we look forward to seeing you next Palm Sunday.

**APPRECIATIVELY YOURS,  
DR. PATRICK M. AIELLO,  
PRESIDENT**

Dear Editor,

I think the articles written by Ms. Patti Abbott are prime examples of quality journalism. It is her articles that add a special depth of humanity and warmth to your paper. Please tell that I hope she keeps up the excellent work. Thank you.

**MIKE H. SILVERMAN,  
MASSACHUSETTS**

Dear Editor,

The *South Plainfield Observer* carried an article on April 9 mentioning the plans of the U.S.S. Hayter (DE212/APD80). The Hayter crew will be having a reunion from May 20-24 at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Rd. I want to say thanks to both your staff and Bill Tuthill (South Plainfield Historical Society) and *South Plainfield Observer* for their excellent layout and Bill Tuthill for his generosity and energy in the writing the article...I am responsible for organizing this affair. This will be our 16th reunion in 17 years.

On my behalf and that of my shipmates, you have our deepest gratitude.

**SINCERELY,  
JOE BERGEN**

To the Editor,

I have taken notice of the work that Mrs. Carol Byrne, Mrs. Myra Stillman and Mr. Ken LaFreniere have done while serving on the board of education. I rarely write any letters to the editor and I hope this can lend support to

these candidates.

I have known Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. Stillman since my involvement with the High School Music Boosters. Their efforts include work and planning on the Facilities Committee; initiating of the *Community Contact* newsletter which keeps South Plainfield residents aware of the board's programs, annual self-evaluation and supported staff development programs; help in developing the Transportation Efficiency Plan and Legislative Awareness to take note that our school district also needs help along with those "Special Needs" districts.

Mr. LaFreniere has proven to me that he should be re-elected by lending his computer knowledge to the ever-changing/upgrading of the district's Computer Technology Programs and chairing the Curriculum Committee that helped improve the Math, Science, Foreign Language and English, Special Education and Guidance Departments. He implemented the new High School Attendance Policy and was the catalyst for Staff Development Shared Services.

I would also mention the fact that Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Stillman and Mr. LaFreniere supported advance placement classes, instituted cost containment measures on service contracts, health and liability insurance and utilities and took active rolls in legislation in support of our school district.

Let your voice be heard. Vote YES for the school budget which has a 3 point DECREASE and will repair our school's badly needed problems and replace outdated furnaces and other equipment. Vote Lines 1, 2 and 3 for Byrne, Stillman and LaFreniere on April 20, 1999.

**EMIL LEPORINO**

To the Editor,

I am writing to the residents of South Plainfield to endorse the candidacy of Carol Byrne, Myra Stillman and Ken LaFreniere. These three candidates have the experience necessary to move our district forward into the next century. We are faced with new construction on the south side of town. We will have many new students within the next three years. We need to plan for this growth and with these three candidates, we will be able to proceed on a timely basis.

Carol, Myra and Ken have al-

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## Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award

South Plainfield Elks Lodge No. 2298 Exalted Ruler Briggs Longbothum presents Nancy Grennier, publisher of *South Plainfield Observer*, with the Elks Distinguished Citizenship Award. The award was given to Mrs. Grennier for launching a newspaper which covers local news specific to South Plainfield.

## IMPORTANT MEETING DATES

### Zoning Board of Adjustment 1999 Meeting Dates

First, third and fifth Tuesday of the month as follows:

April 20, May 4, May 18  
June 1, June 15, June 29, July 6, July 20  
August 3, August 17, August 30  
September 21, October 5, October 19  
Nov. 4 (Thursday), November 16,  
November 30, December 7, December 21

### Site-Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Dates: Fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

April 22, May 27, June 24, July 22,  
August 26, September 23, October 28



### Planning Board 1999 Meeting Dates

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as Follows:

April 27	September 14, September 28
May 11, May 25	October 26
June 8, June 22	November 9, November 23
July 13, July 27	December 14, December 28
August 10, August 24	

**ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

### Council Meetings

<b>AGENDA MEETINGS</b>	<b>PUBLIC MEETINGS</b>
Monday, Apr. 19	Thursday, Apr. 22
Monday, May 10	Thursday, May 13
Monday, May 24	Thursday, May 27

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Logon to [southplainfieldnj.com](http://southplainfieldnj.com) for the latest meeting agenda.

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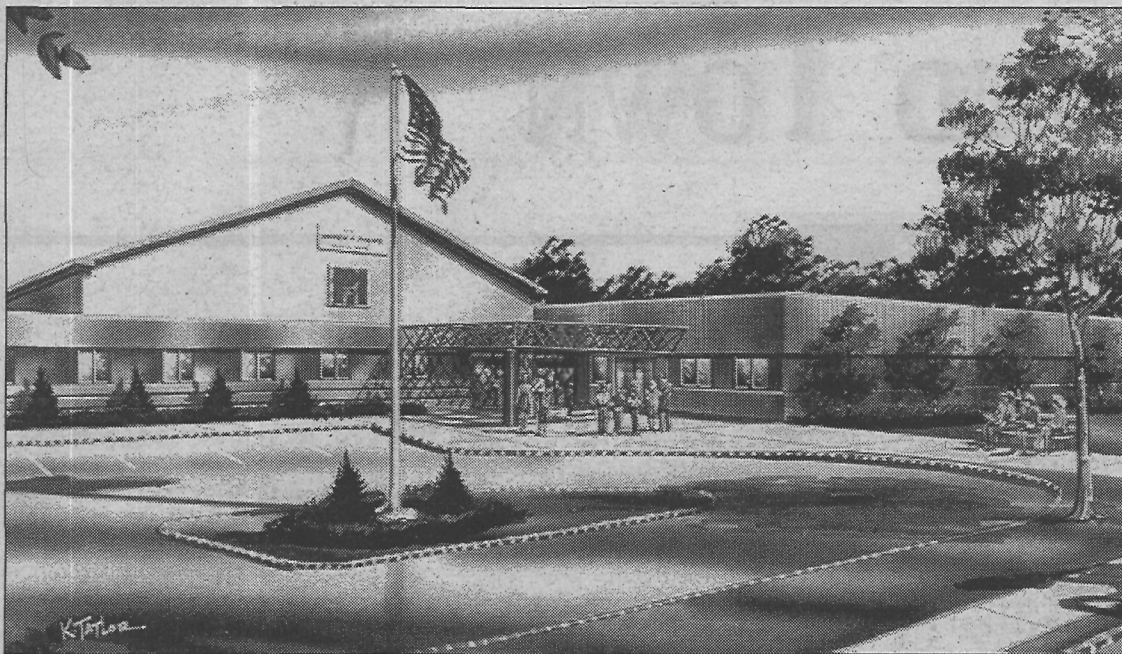
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Artist's rendering of the new PAL Building

## Residents Asked to Join 'Quality of Life Walkway' at the New PAL Building

For those who have always wanted to become part of a community effort, now is your opportunity to join the South Plainfield Recreation's Quality of Life Walkway.

Designers will bring together beautiful landscaping, surrounded by comfortable park benches to create an inviting walkway at one of the focal points in our community. The most unique feature, however,

will be the personalized bricks that will form the pathway to the up-graded Recreation facility.

The Quality of Life Walkway will be constructed and located at the new entrance of the Chief Andrew Phillips Recreation Center. Your brick will be placed in the walkway and sealed for life.

Each decorative eight inch brick will be personalized with your name. It is an exceptional

way to show your support for this aggressive undertaking. Your commitment to the community will remain with the building for all to enjoy.

Only a limited amount of bricks will be offered. A four level program makes it affordable and convenient for the entire community to participate, starting at \$50 for individuals, \$125 or \$250 for families and \$500 for corporations.

For more information, call the South Plainfield Recreation Department at 226-7713 or drop by the PAL Building.

## Borough Notes

### Council

■ A resolution was passed to support pending state legislation entitled, "Parental Notification of Abortion Performed on a Minor." (Law A-527/S-813). This law will "...require that before a doctor may perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant, unemancipated minor, written notice must be given to the minor's parent or guardian." Copies of this resolution will be forwarded to all Assembly and Senate officials.

■ Opening day for the community pool will be June 5. Everyone is invited to an open house at the pool on June 6 to see the facilities and what the pool has to offer members this year.

■ The following promotions were announced: Maria Perry to deputy court administrator, Karen Costantino to assistant violations clerk and Yesenia Rios to senior clerk typist.

■ The mayor has asked the borough attorney to find a way to allow renters to receive coupons to compactor. Currently only residents who are homeowners are eligible for compactor coupons. If a house is rented, neither the renter nor the landlord are eligible for the coupons.

■ The Land Management Advisory Committee is in need of members. The mayor is asking any residents who are interested in serving on this committee to send in their resumes.

### Board of Adjustment

■ Thomas and Karen Magner of Maple Ave., were granted approval to construct a wood deck.

■ David Terry of Maple Place was granted approval to construct a detached garage.

■ Leslie Graham of Lewis Ave. was approved to construct a single family home.

## Junior Baseball, Ponytail Softball Leagues' Opening Day This Saturday

Opening day for both Junior Baseball and Ponytail Softball will be held this Saturday morning. A parade will kick off the Junior Baseball season. It starts off at Borough Hall at 10 a.m. and proceeds over the overpass, left onto Spicer Ave. and then on to the baseball complex.

The South Plainfield Marching Band will lead the festivities. Miss Junior Baseball, along with most of the participating teams, will be marching. Opening day ceremonies will be held at the baseball complex.

Immediately afterward everyone is invited to Pitt Street Park for the official opening of the

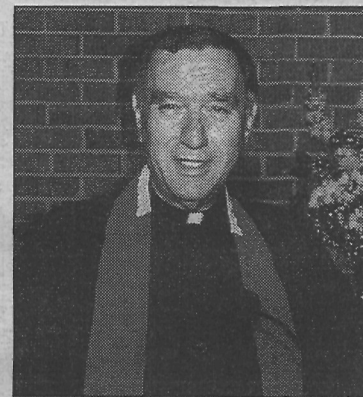
Ponytail Softball League. Councilwoman Darlene Pinto will have the honor of throwing out the first ball. Pitt Street Park, the official Ponytail Softball field, has been spruced up and new benches donated by Ponytail Softball Assoc. have been installed. Ponytail Softball is run by the Recreation Department and has over 250 girls participating.

Members of the Junior Baseball Club have also been busy at the baseball complex getting the grounds in shape for opening day. More than 650 boys and girls participate in Junior Baseball.

Everyone is invited to join in the celebration by attending opening day for both leagues.

## OLC to Honor Pastor John M. Skwara at Dinner-Dance

On Sunday, May 23, Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will hold a "40th" Ordination Anniversary Celebration dinner-dance in honor of the Pastor, Rev. John M. Skwara. The dinner-dance will follow the 11 a.m. Special Anniversary Mass. Music will be by Frank Sendzik and The Happy Tones. Tickets are on a first come basis and must be paid by May 8. The cost is \$25 per person. For reservations, please call Marie (908) 755-7328 or Carolyn (908) 755-2516.



Father John Skwara

## SPHS Celebrates 25 Years With a New Production, *Little Shop of Horrors*

South Plainfield High School is celebrating their 25th anniversary this year and what better way to celebrate then put on a contemporary musical. This May, about forty South Plainfield High School students are taking part in an innovative production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Because this is an anniversary production, the staff decided to invite several South Plainfield High School alumni to be in the production. One alumni stated, "It's a chance to re-live my high school days and celebrate the anniversary of my alma mater."

As many area residents may remember, last year's hit revision of *Godspell* was record breaking and *Little Shop* promises to be as well, since it is going to be directed by the same production team.

This musical by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken (cre-

ators of Disney's *The Little Mermaid* and *Beauty and the Beast*) portrays "Seymour" (Jason Kolarik), an orphan working in a run down florist shop in the slum of "Skid Row." When out of the blue he finds sudden success custom-made for him by a big green plant from outer space, "Audrey 2" (James Foster/A. Papa). Everything would appear to be perfect for Seymour and Mr. Mushnik (Brad Tierney), the shop owner, except that Audrey 2 needs to eat human blood to stay alive. With TV offers and money rolling in Seymour can only think about what is best for his romantic interest, the short skirted and squeaky "Audrey" (Laura Walter). Seymour's strong feelings for his co-worker, Audrey, and his struggle to keep the plant alive draw him to think of people that he could "86 real quiet-like." Who better then Audrey's greasy and abusive boyfriend, Orin (Steven Ambielli), who gets his kicks from the pain he inflicts as a dentist.

The story is told "Greek chorus style" by three incredible "do-wop" girls (Nicole Scavone, Kristyn Ciariello and Natalie Kipila) who become a part of nearly every scene.

Director Shayne Miller tells us, "I make sure that there are unique parts of all my shows. Things that

you would not see in any other production of the same show."

Mr. Miller promises that this production will hold that true, but he did not want to give too much away. Tracy Murray, the shows producer and vocal director stated, "The set, the plant and the entire technical end of this production is better than any show I have been a part of at South Plainfield High School."

Other members of the production staff include Debra Bagno who provides original choreography, Bruce Mikolon who conducts the pit, Joe LaJuenesse who is the production manager and Kristin Pfeifer as assistant director. The shows' designers are Kristyn Umansky (costume design), Shayne Miller (set design) and Anna Llamas (lighting design).

*Little Shop of Horrors* will be performed at South Plainfield High School in the Joseph A. Mondoro Auditorium on Thursday, May 6, Friday, May 7 and Saturday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors, free for SPHS gold card holders and are available at the door each performance night. For more information please contact the show's producer, Tracy Murray, at (908) 754-4620 ext. 278.

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# AROUND TOWN

## EVENTS

### 5th Annual Family Fun Fair/Flea Market

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community Association is planning its Fifth Annual Family Fun Fair and Flea Market on April 25 (rain date May 1) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the PAL Building on Maple Ave.

There will be something for everyone including: pony rides, moon walk, photos with Tweet (the Yellow Bird), games, prizes, hands-on art projects, food, baked goods, flea market, craft fair, sponge toss and a community organization exposition.

For additional information contact Lisa at 769-9116 or Maria at 753-9610. All proceeds benefit the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community Association.

### First Baptist Spring Fashion Show

The Women's Evening Circle of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield will be sponsoring a Spring Fashion Show on Saturday, May 1, at 2 p.m. Clothing and accessories complements of Dress Barn and Dress Barn Woman will be modeled by several of our members.

The cost is \$10 per ticket. This event, a fund-raiser for our Church general fund, will take place in Henderson Hall at 201 Hamilton Blvd. Tickets may be purchased at the door, but advance ticket information may be obtained from Midge, at 908-561-0482. Hope to see you there.

### Free Advance Healthcare Seminar

The Woodlands-Genesis Elder-care Center will be sponsoring a seminar on Tuesday, April 20 at 1:30 p.m. in the afternoon. Mary E. Scrupski, an Elder Law attorney will be the speaker. Mary is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Free refreshments will be served. The Woodlands-Genesis ElderCare is located at 1400 Woodland Ave. in Plainfield. It is conveniently located on the borders of Scotch Plains, Edison and South Plainfield.

Please call 908-753-1113 to register and/or ask for directions and any additional information regarding the seminar.

### Spaghetti Dinner Friday at VFW

This Friday night the VFW will be holding a dinner featuring spaghetti with meatballs and sausage. The dinner is from 5-8 p.m. at the VFW on Front Street. The cost is \$6. per person.

### Yankees/Phillies Trip Planned

Recreation is planning a bus trip to Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia to see Phillies play the N.Y. Yankees on Wednesday, June 9. The tickets are only \$25 per person which includes the bus. There are only 49 tickets available. You can purchase your tickets at the PAL Building.

### Project Graduation Auction/Raffle

The South Plainfield High School Auction/Raffle to benefit Project Graduation is on May 1. The doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now. Advance tickets are \$7 and at the door cost \$10. Tickets are limited. If tickets are sold out in advance there will

be no ticket sales at the door. Reserve your tickets today by calling Pat at 756-6512 or Ellen at 756-3731.

Over 35 businesses in our community have contributed prizes for this event and they keep coming in! Remember, the proceeds from this event support Project Graduation — so, please come out and support our high school seniors.

### Trip to Radio City Christmas Show

The Recreation Department is planning a trip to the Radio City Christmas Show on Dec. 9. The tickets are \$50 person. There are only 49 tickets available for this trip and will be sold out fast. You can purchase your ticket at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave.

### Connected Hearts Adoption Support Meets

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will meet 7:15-9:15 p.m. on Monday, April 26 at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church located at 170 Watchung Ave. in North Plainfield.

Catherine Barrow, L.C.S.W., retired therapist and mother of four children, two of whom were adopted, will share her expertise and experiences. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will follow. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

### PBA Local 100 to Sponsor Car Show

PBA Local 100 is sponsoring a car show on May 22, 1-7 p.m. on Craigwood Rd. Raindate is May 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission is free.

For information, call (908) 756-4466.

### Killington, Vermont Trip Planned

Sacred Heart Church is sponsoring a trip to the Cortina Inn in Killington, Vermont. The bus trip, scheduled June 27 to July 1, will leave from the church parking lot.

During our stay in Vermont, the group will visit The Vermont Teddy Bear Factory, Shelburne Museum, Hubbardton Battlefield, Montpelier State Capital Building, Morse Farm, Rocking Horse Country Store and cruise the southern part of Lake Champlain. No tour of the area would be complete without a visit to Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory.

The Cortina Inn offers a gourmet restaurant, swimming, tennis and golf facilities.

The cost is \$589 per person, double occupancy, which includes transportation, baggage handling,

four nights hotel, four buffet breakfasts, four dinners, sightseeing, tour guide and driver gratuities.

For reservations or additional information, call Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

### U.N.I.C.O. Sponsors Golf Outing

Plainfields' Unico Chapter of South Plainfield invites you and/or your foursome to join them on Monday, May 17 at the Beaver Brook Golf Club in Clinton. Registration is 12 noon with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. A buffet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. and awards and prizes will be at 7 p.m. There will be a \$10,000 putting contest, longest drive, closest to the pin on all par 3's, low net and low gross prizes. The Calloway system will be used for scoring. The cost for the day, including green fees, cart, buffet dinner, locker and storage, is \$110 per person.

Gold and Silver Corporate Sponsorship are still available. Dinner only is \$25. For information call Mike Cortese at (908) 561-1539 or Dick Grillo at (908) 754-1653.

### AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting and Trip

The next meeting of AARP Chapter 4144 will be held on April 16 at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave. at 12:30 p.m. Samuel Handelman of Highland Park will do skits with the group. He also does skits for the Mental Health Association and he also does line dancing. He will bring memorabilia with him to exhibit and lecture.

Myrtle Beach, SC is the destination of a trip planned from Apr. 25-May 1. The cost: all inclusive (except for lunch) double room, \$490; single, \$585. A complete itinerary is available upon request.

Call (732) 752-3764 or (732) 968-6613 for information.

### Historical Society Plans Harbor Cruise

The South Plainfield Historical Society will be sponsoring a New York Harbor Cruise from Perth Amboy on Sunday, May 30, aboard the *Cornucopia Princess*. Boarding will be at 11 a.m. from the Smith Street Dock. The cruise begins at noon and returns at 2:30 p.m.

This is a 2½-hour "Buffet Cruise," which includes pastas, omelettes and carving stations. Brochures and tickets are \$40. Price includes tax and gratuities.

Call Bill Tuthill at (908) 756-9654 or Mary Mazepa at 754-3503 for information. Send check or money order to South Plainfield Historical Society, P.O. Box 11, So. Plainfield, NJ 07080 by May 25.

### Senior Trip to Atlantic City

Sign ups are being taken for the senior trip to the Tropicana and the Senior Festival on April 29. The cost is \$10 for a resident and \$15 for non-residents. The bus leaves at 7:45 a.m. and returns at approximately 8 p.m.

The first stop will be the Tropicana Casino where you receive \$10 in coins and a free brunch. The bus will depart at 3 p.m. and take the group to the new Atlantic City Convention Center and pick up there at 6 p.m. for the return trip.

Sign up at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave.

### Business Association Golf Outing May 4

The Business Association will hold its Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, May 4 at the Cranbury Golf Club in Cranbury. This popular annual event was a sellout last year. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin, straightest drive, low net, low gross, most honest golfer and a hole in one. There will also be many door prizes.

For information on becoming a sponsor or to register for the golf outing, call Paulette Giroux at (908) 754-8086 or Carolyn Allen at (908) 757-1055.

### Tourette Syndrome Meeting

The next meeting Association Family Support Group will be held on Tuesday evening, May 11 from 7-9 p.m. — at JFK Hospital, 65 James Street, Edison, in the Neuroscience Institute Department.

Meetings this year will be held on Sept. 14 and Nov. 9. For more information call Debbie, 732-283-1439 or [www.tsanj.org](http://www.tsanj.org).

### Car/Truck Show to Benefit Vision 2001

Northwest Jersey Camaro Club is sponsoring The All Car and Truck Show for the benefit of South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation, Inc. on Sunday, May 16 (raindate: May 30) from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school parking lot on Lake Ave. The cost is a donation of \$2.

The show will include show car parking, blacktop midway, judging for sponsor's trophies, club participation, ladies' choice, longest dis-

tance and host choice trophies. The first 100 entries will receive dash plaques. Door prizes, a 50/50 drawing, food and beverages and activities for kids will also be available. Miss New Jersey will make an appearance along with Wacky Wayne the DJ.

Preregistration is \$12 or \$15 on the day of the show. Registration closes noon on the day of the show. The preregistration deadline is April 30. Non-food vendors fee is \$20 and the car corral is \$15.

Reserve your space early. All show cars must be in the parking area by noon. For information, call Tom at (908) 755-6276 or Dorothy at (973) 584-1542. No alcoholic beverages, pets, bikes or skateboards are allowed.

### Book Sale at South Plainfield Library! Donations Wanted

The South Plainfield Friends of the Library will be holding their annual and very popular Book and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 1. A wide variety of books will be available including children books, cookbooks, paperback romance and hard covers. A selection of videos and cassettes will also be on sale. People with a sweet tooth will be excited to see the range of cakes, cookies and baked goods for sale.

Donations of books, cassettes and videos are being accepted starting Monday, April 12 at the library lobby. Children's books, mysteries, science fiction as well as videos, are especially in demand. For additional information, call the library at 754-7885.

### Caring and Sharing Group Trip

The Caring and Sharing group is sponsoring a trip to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* at Three Little Bakers Dinner Theater on Sunday, April 18.

Tickets are \$48 each. For additional information and reservations, call Lydia at (908) 755-1596.

Submit your events to Around Town, at the South Plainfield Observer, 530 Union Ave. Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax (732) 805-0815.

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Mayor Daniel Gallagher checks out the drivers seat of the new senior bus.

## New Senior Bus Arrives

The long awaited new senior bus arrived in town last week. The bus was purchased with grant money applied for by the borough council. The application for a grant was spearheaded by Councilman Ed Kubala.

Members of the council and several seniors were on hand at Borough Hall when the bus arrived and had a chance to look it over and see all its features. Just before the council meeting that same evening a formal ribbon cutting was held by the mayor and council.

The actual cost of the bus was \$45,674. Councilman Kubala said the additional grant money will be used to purchase a radio and other amenities for the bus.

The bus has been on order for several months. It will replace the old bus currently in use by the seniors.

## Timber Creek Landscaping Re-Adopts Clinton Avenue Extension

Brian Mazellan, president of Timber Creek Landscaping, has renewed his adoption of the stream crossing at the Clinton Ave. Extension, including the railroad tracks. With his brother Don, Mr. Mazellan has been maintaining this heavily-littered and dumped-on stretch of road for the last six years. In addition to picking up trash, they trim weeds and mow the turf at the roadside.

Mr. Mazellan initiated the Adopt-A-Spot program when he approached the Clean Business Association in 1993, saying that he traveled over the Clinton Ave. ext. every day and was always bothered by how littered it was. He wondered if the borough would object if he cleaned it up on a regular basis. Mr. Joe Diegman, CBA president, did not think the borough would object at all. Some research into the N.J. Department of Transportation's

Adopt-A-Highway program and some innovative planning resulted in the South Plainfield Adopt-A-Spot Program. Mr. Mazellan signed the first contract with the CBA and took over his spot that spring. He has renewed

his contract each year since and has made a noticeable improvement in the area.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at 226-7621.

## Community Pool to Offer Children's Activities

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## The Alternative View

By Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C.



Dear Dr. DeCosta:

*Is there anything that alternative medicine can do to help with mental disorders, especially with depression? -S.S.*

Dear SS:

Any disturbance in behavior, emotion or cognition can be considered a form of mental disorders. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, over 28 percent of all Americans suffer from some type of mental disorder severe enough to require psychiatric treatment.

Until recently, most mental disorders were considered either psychological in nature or genetically predisposed. Treatment options were generally limited to psychotherapy, or to medication, electroshock treatment, or surgical intervention. Today, however, many psychiatrists, psychologists and researchers recognize that numerous factors can contribute to the onset of mental disorders, including social and cultural factors, age and gender, nutritional deficits, allergies and food sensitivities, alcohol and drug addictions, and even prescription drugs, including those prescribed to treat mental illness, Peter Breggin, M.D., a Harvard-trained psychiatrist, points out that drug therapy, while suppressing the symptoms of depression and other mental disorders, can also make a person chemically toxic, which will actually deepen the problem.

Illness can also be a major contributor to mental illness, as well as stress, both physical and emotional, chronic and acute. Exposure to environmental stresses from toxins and electromagnetic fields can also play a major role in one's mental health.

Depression is characterized by feelings of persistent sadness, fear, unhappiness, pessimism, hopelessness, worthlessness or despair. Serious depression, if not treated, can even lead to suicidal thoughts and feelings. Physiological symptoms may include a change in appetite (either increased or decreased), constipation, sleepiness or sleeplessness.

Advances in nutritional therapy, orthomolecular medicine, mind-body medicine, environmental medicine, and other alternative therapies now offer many solutions to the treatment of mental disorders. In fact, combinations of various alternative therapies are proving to be very effective in reversing depression.

At the Soma Therapy Centre in Vancouver, British Columbia, a team of psychological counselors, chiropractors, and massage therapists have found that a patient's tissues, muscles and ligaments can be a sure guide to deep and lasting healing. By using a team approach, the practitioners call upon the best techniques of chiropractic, osteopathy, massage and water and exercise therapy, supplemented with acupuncture, herbs and homeopathy.

According to Zennah Steiner, C.M.P., R.M.T., director of the Centre, "One doesn't routinely think of massage therapy or chiropractic as first-time treatment for such complex conditions as depression. In many instances, structural and functional imbalances and dysfunctions in the nervous system, brain and spinal cord, rather than biochemical problems, can underlie serious health problems. Correcting them can provide the unsuspected doorway out of physical misery into good health and optimal function."

Questions for *The Alternative View* should be addressed to: *The Alternative View*, c/o Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C., 129 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Visit *The Alternative View* on the web at [www.usalternativemedicine.com](http://www.usalternativemedicine.com).

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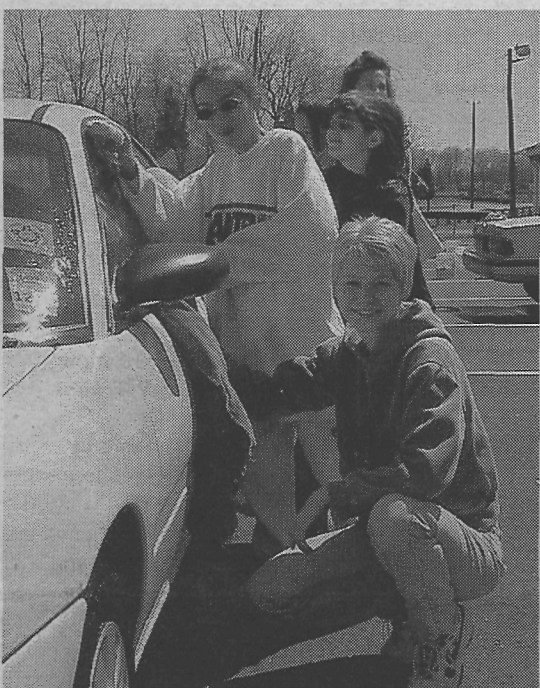




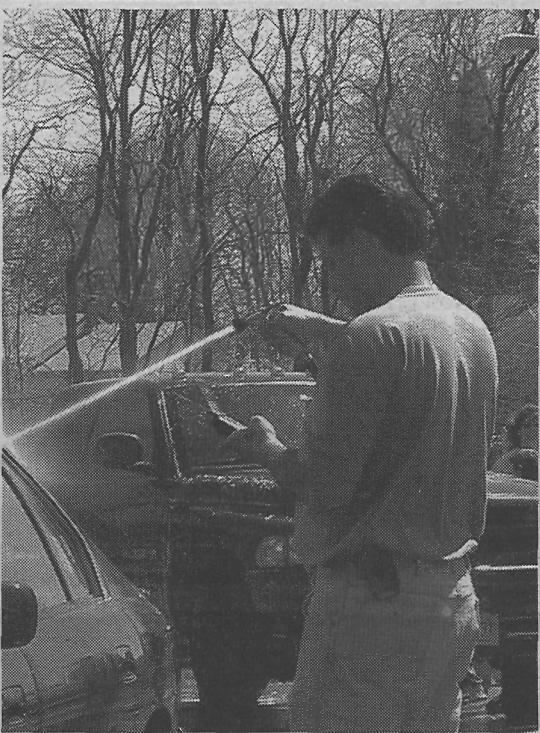
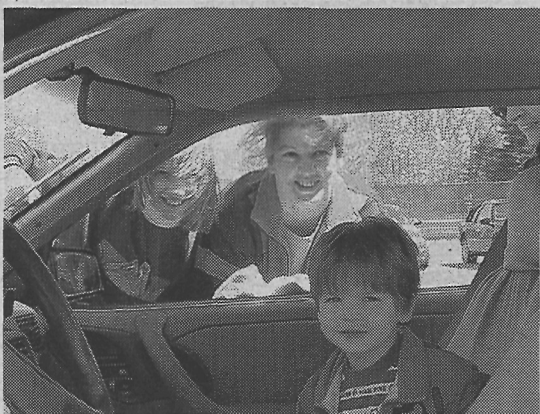
## Riley School Kids 'All Washed Out'

Photos by Patricia Abbott

Despite Saturday's sunny skies, "all washed up" best described Riley School students and parents—at least those who came out wash the 100 plus cars to raise money for the annual fifth grade Stokes trip. While cool weather deterred the usual water fights that often accompany a team car wash, students did soak up a tidy sum for the Stokes fund. At \$5 a car, the line was non-stop until after quitting time at 1 p.m.



Riley School Teacher Lori Dress with her students.



## Kennedy School Wins Award for Excellence

John F. Kennedy Elementary School was informed by Citizens Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc. that they are to receive a \$1,000 Target Outstanding School Award.

Kennedy School has been recognized as one of the top 1,000 schools in the nation. The Kennedy School facility's dedication to the students has made it a

very special place.

With this recognition it gives testimony to the fact that by working together, they have produced one of the best schools in the nation. The education of all children is such an important subject and all at Kennedy feel truly honored to be recognized at doing a great job with them. Congratulations!



John F. Kennedy School Student Council

## Girl Scouts "Camp Out" At Local Holiday Inn

From 6 p.m. on Friday, February 26 until 12 p.m. on Saturday, February 27, 155 girls from various schools in our town spent an overnight at the Holiday Inn on Stelton Road as part of a Daisy/Brownie Camp-in.

The girls, ranging in ages from 5-10 years old, participated in workshops in order to earn "try-

it" patches. The theme was "Careers and Hobbies" and in addition to the workshops, the girls had the opportunity to hear four women speak about their jobs.

The girls and their parents and leaders had a great time and as always, the highlight of this event was the use of the Holiday Inn's swimming pool.



## Terra Nova Garden News

By Mary Mazepa

The Terra Nova Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the North Edison Library on Grove Ave. An interesting and informative program on Xeriscape Landscaping (low maintenance) will be presented by Lisa Crowning of Point Pleasant. Guests are welcome, as always.

Hostesses for the meeting will be Gail Sulinski and Eugenia Marinich. The table

arrangement, entitled "How Green Was My Valley" will be designed by Ms. Phil DeFillipo.

The Garden Therapy Committee will meet at chairman Virginia Nuzzo's on April 20 to prepare materials for the workshop at Muhlenberg Regional Hospital Adultcare on the following day.

They are also scheduled to make bedside arrangements for patients at the Lyons Veterans Hospital on April 23.

## Rabies Clinic Scheduled Saturday

The South Plainfield Health Dept. will be conducting a rabies clinic on Saturday, April 17 from 9 a.m.-12 noon at the Borough Garage on the corner of Spicer and Belmont Ave.

Dog and cat owners are urged to bring their pets for inoculation.

Dog and cat licenses will be available. Note: Cats must be in a carrier.

For information, call 226-7631

## Police Department to Hold Bike/Property Auction

The South Plainfield Police Department will be holding a bicycle and property auction on Saturday, May 8. The auction will be held at the South Plainfield Road Department, located on the corner of Spicer and Belmont Avenue.

Property may be viewed at 9:30

a.m. and the auction will begin at 10 a.m.

Along with bicycles, other property available for auction is assorted motor vehicle stereo equipment (amps, speakers, cassettes and kicker box, etc.) unclaimed jewelry, knives and other properties.

A 1983 Chevrolet modular van (ambulance/firearms vehicle) will also be up for auction.

Further information can be obtained by telephoning South Plainfield Police Records (908) 226-7670 Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

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# SPORTS

## Tiger Boys Crush Monroe Then Watchung Hills

By Brian Cochran

The South Plainfield Tiger boys baseball team began a stretch of seven games in nine days with a lopsided victory over Monroe township 10-1. Chris Acachunas not only pitched a three hitter to get his first win of the season, but he also chipped in offensively at the plate, going 3-for-3, while knocking in a run. Mike Vito went 2-for-4 and scored twice. Ryan Flannery got two hits while scoring three times and Mike Kapsch went 2-for-5, scored twice and drove in two runs for the Tigers.

## Girls Team Nips J.E.K.

By Brian Cochran

The Tiger girls softball team faced their toughest challenge of the season on the April 7 when they faced John F. Kennedy of Iselin.

The score was tied 1-1 until the bottom of the fourth inning when Carolyn Schweers laced a triple past the J.E.K. outfielders and then came in to score on Alison Barretts ground out giving the Tigers a 2-1 lead. That proved to be the games last run as Alison held Iselin in check the rest of the way to get her third victory. Laura Walter went 2-for-3 for the Tigers.

## Fire Soccer Team Results

Submitted by Coach Chris Hubner

We had another fantastic Saturday, weather wise, for our third home game of the season. Coach Hubner's U8 (under 8 years old) soccer roster increased to 12 players with the addition of Jonathan Llerena, who played very well.

Unfortunately, the South Plainfield Fire lost their fourth straight game, this time to Middlesex. Goals were scored by Elizabeth Martin, her fourth of the season

Next up for the boys was a trip to Watchung Hills for the first round of the Greater North Plainfield Tournament. Mike Vito limited the Warriors to just four hits to record his first win of the season. Mike Kapsch started the game off with a bang. His towering first inning homer set the tone for the day. Mike had three hits to go with his three runs scored.

Senior center fielder Ryan Flannery stole the show in the second inning, coming to the plate with the bases loaded and wrapping a double to clear the bases and give Vito a seven run cushion. Two-time tournament MVP Steve Bucchignano sent one deep over the left field fence in the fourth to knock in three more and stake the Tigers to a 12-0 lead. The Tigers 14 hits (7 for extra bases) was easily their biggest offensive output to date and something they hope to see more of when they face Roxbury tomorrow night at Krausche field in North Plainfield for the title.

It was back home on the Monday for a game against the Eagles from Edison and it seemed as if fatigue had set in as the Tigers committed five errors and walked nine batters enroute to a 15-6 loss. Ryan Flannery had two hits and scored twice, while Mike Vito took the loss.

and by Corey Hay. Corey was Hubner's goal keeper for the first half and played outstanding. Coming in as sweeper for the second half, his aggressive play payed off with a beautiful shot and a goal, his first of the season.

Although the Fire has yet to win a game, spirits remain high. Next week the Fire travel to North Hunterdon — the longest trip of the year to take on the second place Eagles.

## Lauren Darr Wins in Gymnastics Competition

Feigley's Gymnastics School competed last month in the Bridgette All Stars Optional League, an annual St. Patrick's Day invitational gymnastics meet. In all about 80 girls competed in the meet.

Lauren Darr competed in the

8-11 year old, level B. She had a very successful competition, placing third in the vault, sixth in the bars, fourth in the floor exercise, fifth in the beam and finishing sixth in the all-around. Lauren is an eleven year old student at the Middle School.

## Recreation Summer Sports Camp Taking Applications

Soccer, baseball, field hockey, wrestling, basketball and softball summer sports camps are being offered by the South Plainfield Recreation Department. Registrations are being taken at the PAL building.

**Soccer**—July 19-23 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Middle School. Rain site is the high school gym. Open to boys and girls ages 8-15, Drew Smith, director. The cost is \$35.

**Baseball**—July 5-9, Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the high school ball fields. Rain site is high school gym. Open to residents 8-15, Chet Czaplinski, director. Cost is \$35.

**Field Hockey**—June 28-July 2 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Middle School. Rain site is Middle School gym. Open to girls ages 8-13, Cheryl Hughes, director. The cost is \$35.

**Wrestling**—First week, July 5-8 open registration. Second week, July 12-16 two years experience and minimum of nine years old, from 9 a.m. to noon at the high school gym. Open to boys ages 7-15, Bill Pavlak, director. The cost is \$35.

**Basketball**—July 12-16, Monday-Friday from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the high school gym. Open to boys and girls ages 8-13, Jeff Lubreski, director. The cost is \$35.

**Softball**—July 26-30 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the high school ball fields. Rain site is the high school gym. Open to girls ages 8-15, Donald Panzarella, director. The cost is \$35.

For more information on these camps, call 908-226-7713.

## HS Basketball League Forming

The Recreation Department is forming a new high school basketball league which will be playing in May and June at the PAL Building. Boys will play on Monday and Wednesday nights and girls will play Tuesday and Thursday nights.

The league is open to freshmen, sophomores and juniors who are residents of South Plainfield. There will be ten players per team and six teams per league. The fee is \$250 per team.

Sign up are being taken at the PAL Building.

## Health & Fitness

## The Three Components Of Total Fitness

### Part 2: Exercise

By Ken Andes, B.A., C.F.T.

In our last column we discussed several proven and effective ways to modify diet to achieve a greater level of health, vitality and weight loss. In this week's column we'll discuss the second component of total fitness: exercise.

That's right, exercise. You've got to do it and there's no way around it, at least not if you want to enjoy all the benefits of being healthy. But exercise need not be painful or time consuming to produce results. You don't have to join a gym, wear spandex or invest in a pair of high-tech running shoes with blinking lights. In fact, you can have a pretty good exercise program built around just three exercises: walking, squats and push-ups.

The best form of aerobic exercise for most people is walking. Aerobic exercise, such as walking, will reduce fat in the body, increase your vitality and energy level... alleviate depression and keep your heart and lungs healthy. It amazes me to see the huge amounts of money that people spend on exercise bikes, rowing machines and other forms of expensive equipment when all they need to get a good aerobic workout is go outside and take a brisk walk. Although we take it for granted, walking is a complex movement that requires the use of the entire musculature of the lower body as well as the body's sense of balance and posture. All you need to do to get started is walk fifteen minutes in one direction, then turn around and walk back home. You can do this in the morning, afternoon or evening. Just make sure you do it once a day. You can even park your car fifteen minutes from work, walk to your job and then walk back to your car after work.

Now as wonderful as aerobic exercise is, it simply is not enough. You have to build muscle if you want to stay in shape. Putting on some extra muscle will increase the number of calories that your body needs and will allow you to actually eat more food without gaining weight. Building muscle will firm and tone your body thus enhancing your physical appearance and self-image. You'll feel stronger, look stronger and be less of a target for that bully who likes to kick sand in your face at the beach. Although proper resistance training is an

entire subject in of itself, the only two exercises you need to get started are push-ups and squats.

Push-ups are great for building up the arms and upper body. The key to this exercise is to always keep your back straight and your pelvis up. If you're in really bad shape, start by leaning toward a wall and push yourself away. Try to do this for three sets of 10-15 repetitions. When that gets too easy, stand two to three feet away from a counter, place your hands on the counter edge and do your push-ups there. When that gets too easy, kneel on the floor with your chest touching the floor. Place your hands on the floor at shoulder width and push your body up, keeping your knees touching the floor. When this gets too easy, you're ready for the traditional push-up. These are just like knee push-ups, except now you're going to lift up your knees and do the push-up with only your hands and toes touching the floor. Lower yourself till you are about one inch from the ground, then raise yourself back up. Try to work up to doing 10-15 of these, rest for a minute, do 10-15 more, rest a minute, then do 10-15 more for three sets of push-ups.

There you have it. Take a nice 30 minute walk, then come home and do those push-ups, everyday. Try this for 10 days and you'll see your waistline getting smaller and your arms and upper body becoming very well developed. Next time we meet I'll show you several variations of the squat which will firm up those problem lower body areas (namely the buttocks) and strengthen your legs.

Ken Andes is an internationally certified fitness trainer and the owner of American Renaissance Martial Arts located in South Plainfield. Ken is available for personal training and martial arts instruction and can be reached at (908) 412-1777 or at ArmaAcademy.com.

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## School Board Elections

## Letters

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ready made many contributions to the district in the time that they have served on the board. Carol has served for many years and has contributed most recently as the editor of our quarterly newsletter. She has served on every committee of the board over the years she has served. Myra has been the chairperson of Buildings and Grounds and Public Relations. She has served on almost every committee of the board during her years as a board member. Ken has served as chairperson of the Curriculum Committee for the past three years and he has served on Finance and Policy.

With their combined experiences and willingness to do what has to be done, our district will continue to move forward to best serve the students of our district.

I hope you will join me in voting for these three on April 20 — Lines 1, 2 and 3.

**SINCERELY,  
MARJORIE REEDY**

**To the Editor,**

On April 20 you will have the opportunity to vote in the South Plainfield School Board election. As you consider candidates, I feel it is important to look at the experience and performance records of the candidates. Clearly Carol Byrne, Kenneth LaFreniere and Myra Stillman have the experience, but it is just as critical to look at performance during their periods of service as South Plainfield board members. Each one of them have served on a variety of committees as members as well as chairpersons. Both Carol Byrne and Myra Stillman have served as officers of the board. Kenneth LaFreniere, in addition to his committee responsibilities, has also been active in the Foundation Vision 2001. I endorse their candidacies and ask you to vote for them.

In the last few years they have worked for the programs that are directed to provide curriculum, facilities and supplies that put our students in a position to be the best they can be. During this period they have been ever mindful of the importance to control and manage costs so that you, the taxpayer, receive the best value for your tax dollars. We are in the phase of a significant expansion in our student population. In this regard they provided demographic studies, and just as important, formed committees of parents and interested taxpayers and involved them in the issues of fu-

ture infrastructure and new construction. In addition, they have promoted a newsletter to keep the public informed and have aggressively supported communications with State Legislatures, with issues that impact on education and just as important — to control costs.

Continuity and team spirit and cooperation are important and these three candidates provide this as well as the fact they have no personal agenda but the interest of the students and a clear cut goal to provide the most effective approach to achieving our district's long term objectives. Be sure to vote on April 20 and vote Carol M. Byrne, Line 1; Myra M. Stillman, Line 2 and Kenneth LaFreniere, Line 3.

Also vote YES for the school budget which provides a three point tax decrease.

**FRANK A. MIKORSKI**

**To the Residents,**

When past board president Carol Byrne, at a recent board meeting stated, "the construction of a new school (to alleviate overcrowded classrooms) would be the culmination of twenty-years of effort," we ask, "What took you so long?"

When present board vice-president Myra Stillman comments, "This year's budget is a pleasant surprise," we ask, "How much input did you have to affect it?"

And when present board member Ken LaFreniere, calls month after month for summer school, but refuses to vote for it, we ask, Can we really afford to tolerate "their failed experience any longer?"

Vote for a fresh start and new ideas! Dan Smith, Line 4 and Jeff Seider, Line 5.

**DAN SMITH**

**To the Editor,**

I am about to complete the first year of a three year term as a board of education member. I can't help but echo the sentiments of my candidacy, the need for improved communication between the residents of South Plainfield and the BOE. It is especially important as we embark on solutions for the ever-increasing student population.

Each April you have an opportunity to speak through your vote in the board of education election, on the budget and three individuals you feel will best represent you, the taxpayer and the children of this district. Remember you elect these individuals to represent you, I believe board of education members

should be guided by those they represent. Unless communication is in place how can the elected properly represent your concerns?

Although the newsletter is a valuable and important method used, it is one dimensional, it merely informs. Resident feedback and ongoing dialog are important, as a board member one needs to hear the concerns of the community when making decisions which affect children and residents.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Dan Smith and Jeff Seider for many years. I believe they have the ability to not only listen but to seek and encourage the type of dialog necessary to make informed decisions. Each of these young men asking for your support have young children enrolled in our school district. Each have much to gain with improved communication, they are homeowners, taxpayers and parents who will be directly affected with decisions made as board members.

It really is time, believe me, for a fresh start and new ideas, it is time to elect new members to our Board of Education. I hope you will join me in supporting the budget, Dan Smith and Jeff Seider lines 4 & 5, on April 20.

**DAWN JEFFERYS**

**To the Editor,**

I am writing this letter to support Jeff Seider and Dan Smith as candidates for the South Plainfield Board of Education. The incumbents, plus one, recall their vast experience as reason for retaining your vote. I on the other hand ask you to consider Jeff and Dan's lack of experience as former or present board members and consider instead their daily experiences as parents as they bring their children to and from school. I ask you to consider our children and their concern for this community as motivation for stepping forward to bring new ideas and a fresh start to education in South Plainfield.

Our experienced board members quote the many committees they served on and helped implement as board members. I guess one such committee was the feasibility committee in which the recommendation for addressing the overcrowded schools was to centralize kindergarten. Some of these incumbents sat through many presentations of studies commissioned by the BOE, predicating years ago what impact the lifting of the sewer moratorium would have on this community. What did these expe-

rienced members do? Did they embark on a long range plan that was slowly and accurately addressing the building that has and is taking place causing Roosevelt School to just about burst at it seams?

As inexperienced board members, I believe Jeff and Dan will offer this community common sense, responsible planning and spending, and the call for excellent education for every child. I believe Jeff and Dan can and will rise to the challenges that lie ahead despite their lack of experience as board of education members, after all like me, they have a vested interest.

On April 20 I will be casting my vote for Dan Smith and Jeff Seider lines 4 and 5, a change.

**JOE DEBIASE**

**Dear Editor,**

I have had the pleasure of knowing Myra Stillman for twelve years. At our first meeting in 1986, she was the president of the Riley School PTSO and I was the parent of a first grader who was new to the building. I was very impressed that she took the time to ask the names of the attendees so we could all become better acquainted. As she presided over the meeting, she asked questions and explained what options were available and how certain decisions were made. Because of her manner, I felt comfortable and included at my first public meeting.

Over these twelve years, I have attended several board of education meetings. Many times Myra has asked the question that I have had on my mind. We have served on several committees together. As chairperson of the recent Feasibility Study, I know that Myra attended some meetings of each of the three subcommittees so that she could hear first hand, the thoughts and feelings of the participants. She is very well aware of the impending increased student population and is carefully weighing the options that have been presented to the board.

Having children that have been through the school system, she has time to attend to board functions without having conflicts with the demands of a school-aged family. And she also has the experience of knowing what it is like to have had children in our public school system. This places her out of the realm of 'special interests.' Myra's only interest is giving the children of South Plainfield a quality education, for which we all can be proud!

Because of her questioning manner and attention to detail, Myra has the uncanny ability to

see both sides of the situation and make an informed decision. I recommend that you vote for Myra Stillman, Carol Byrne, and Ken LaFreniere on Tuesday, April 20, so that their experience can be put to good use.

**SINCERELY,  
LYN CARLTON**

**Dear Editor,**

We believe strongly in the candidacy of Dan Smith and Jeff Seider. These gentlemen represent what our board of education needs most at this time. We need board members with good common sense and a strong sense of responsibility. This new board of education will be responsible for building a new school and renovations to school buildings to accommodate an expected enrollment growth as well as making sure our children receive the best education we can provide. We must insure that our money as taxpayers is well spent in all areas.

Dan Smith and Jeff Seider have expressed a common desire to seek out what is in the best interest of our children and community. This is definitely the time for a fresh start and new ideas for South Plainfield as we grow and enter the new millennium. Dan and Jeff have what it will take and will represent our community with integrity, common sense and responsibility to get the job done right.

Let us put South Plainfield on the right track toward the future. PLEASE VOTE FOR SMITH AND SEIDER (Lines 4 & 5) ON APRIL 20.

**SINCERELY,  
ANN & TOM DELANEY**

**TO THE EDITOR,**

Having read some of the recent letters that you have printed, I can no longer remain silent.

Apparently certain candidates for the school board have decided to take a page from mud-slinging politicians when they pursue national and state office. Subtle references to private agendas and axes to grind; come on folks isn't this about the children.

I know Dan Smith and Jeff Seider are honest hardworking family men interested in making a contribution. To suggest otherwise is not only unfair but I think says far more about those that would make such remarks.

On April 20 I am urging my fellow residents to vote for the candidates that remember what it's all about; "the children."

On April 20 vote for Dan Smith and Jeff Seider.

**THERESE MONTUORI**



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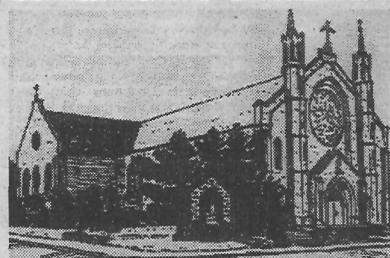
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# MILESTONES

## Engagements

### Dana Lynn Gaul and Daniel Jon Rainer

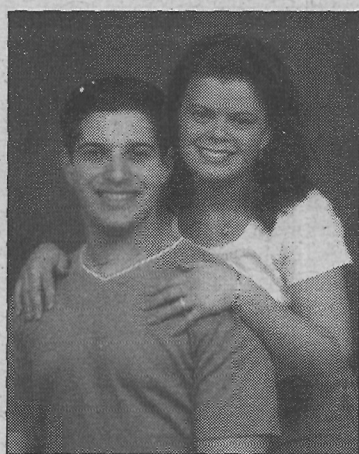
Thomas and Faith Gaul of South Plainfield are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Dana Lynn Gaul to Daniel Jon Rainer, the son of Isidoro and Beatriz Rainer of Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly of Mahwah, NJ.

The bride-to-be received Certification in Advanced German from the University of Graz, Austria in 1995, and a BA in Foreign Language and Literature from Rider University in 1996. She is currently employed by Pricewater-

houseCoopers LLP in Florham Park as a human resources coordinator.

Daniel is currently attending Bergen Community College in Paramus, where he is pursuing a degree in Exercise Science with a concentration in sports medicine. He is employed by Health Spa 2 in Paramus as a Personal Fitness Trainer.

The couple, who reside in Clifton, are planning a September, 1999 wedding.



Dana Lynn Gaul & Daniel Jon Rainer

### Tatiana Lopez and Joseph J. Duke, III



Tatiana Lopez and Joseph Duke III

Marie C. Lopez of South Plainfield is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Tatiana Lopez to Joseph J. Duke, III, the son of Mr. and Joseph J. Drake, Jr. of Plainfield.

The bride-to-be is employed as a legal secretary at the Eisdorfer law firm located in Edison.

Joseph Duke, II is employed at Jablan Fabrics, a family-owned business.

An October 2000 wedding is planned.

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## Dave Street Returns to Elementary School

Everyone is invited to attend Dave Street's Earth Month performances at the elementary school from which he graduated, Franklin Elementary School, on Friday, April 16. Street will prove you "can go home again" by performing two versions of his highly acclaimed environmental theater show "The Habits That Save Habitats." Street will give one show for grades K-2 at 9 a.m. and one show for grades 3-5 at 10 a.m. His performances are being sponsored by the South Plainfield Clean Communities

Program.

This has been a landmark year for Street, an educational entertainer who is also a former stand-up comic, actor and teacher with a master's degree in education. Earlier this school year he performed for 1,500 kids in New York City in a special show along with the casts of the Broadway Shows *Titanic* and *Footloose*. He also performed in Bridgewater Raritan's First Night Event and gave out-of-state performances in Illinois, Maryland and Tennessee, all to great receptions. In New

Jersey, he continued to perform continuously at schools throughout the state, including local schools in Edison, North Plainfield, Somerville, Old Bridge, East Brunswick, Bridgewater and Franklin. He was also chosen to emcee the family stage at New York City's largest environmental festival, EcoFest and last year was named a performing artist-in-residence at the Hackensack Meadowlands Development Commission's Environment Center in Lyndhurst.

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## From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's some mid-April news from South Plainfield Library:

First, thanks to all of you who attended our Open House last Sunday; we really appreciate it. And, for those questioning the reason behind the Open House, take a gander at our Display Wall. There, you'll find a great many photographs tracing our effort to renovate the Library. It's a pretty decent record of where we started and where we ended up. And, if nothing else, it provides the answer to the question, "So, what were you guys up to in '97?"

Our storytimes will follow their normal schedule next week. The programs, all for children ages three and over, will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. And don't forget about the children's craft program on Friday, April 23, at 4 p.m. It's for children age 6 and over; pre-registration is needed. For further details, give us a call at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Linda Hansen.

In all likelihood, the most requested song on the radio Wednesday was "Taxman" by the Beatles. The reason for this, in case you missed it, was because the following day was Income Tax Day. Many of you, though, were only able to request extensions by yesterday's deadline. If you still need help figuring out how much to pay the governmental piper, we can still render some assistance. We still have both original and reproducible tax forms, instructions and other resources. While we should be able to provide materials and point you in useful directions, please be advised that we cannot provide specific tax advice. But,

that's probably a good thing, since that way we can't claim part of your refund, if we were so inclined.

The new selections from the Book-on-Tape Circuit are now available. You can take out four titles at a time for two weeks. And, for those who have upgraded their level of audio technology, we offer a growing collection of books on compact disc. You'll find our collection on display at the main desk, near the "Upcoming Books" flyers. They also go out for two weeks at a maximum four titles at a time. And, no, we don't have any books on DAT yet, but give us time.

We're still collecting used eyeglasses for local Boy Scout Christopher Lamberti's Eagle Project. The collection box is near our recently replaced main doors. The glasses will be distributed by New Eyes For The Needy.

Finally, given that this week is National Library Week, here's a plug for one of the more useful items in existence: a library card. With it, you have access to the many resources we have available. Books, videos, audiocassettes, compact discs, magazines and computers can be borrowed or accessed with your card. And, your card is good at a majority of the other libraries in our area. Best of all, most of these services are absolutely free. To obtain your card, just come in with valid proof of address (a driver's license, postmarked envelope, etc.); in most cases, the card is available without cost. When you get right down to it, a library card can be more useful than your credit card. We expand the horizons of your knowledge, and we don't send out junk mail.

That's all for now. See you next time.

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## Obituaries

### Grace (Cutillo) D'Adezzio, 74

Grace (Cutillo) D'Adezzio died on Tuesday, April 6, at her home here.

Born in Jersey City, Mrs. D'Adezzio had resided in Jersey City for most of her life before settling in South Plainfield 13 years ago.

She was a homemaker and a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. She is a former communicant of St. Aedan's Church, St. Bridget's Church and Holy Rosary Church, all of Jersey City.

Mrs. D'Adezzio is predeceased by her father, Michael Cutillo, who died in February of this year and her brother, James Cutillo, who died in May of 1998.

Surviving are her husband of 46 years, Sebastian D'Adezzio; two daughters, Judith Ciandella and Philomena D'Adezzio, both of South Plainfield; three sons, Genaro D'Adezzio, Canio D'Adezzio, both of South Plainfield and Michael D'Adezzio of Old Bridge; a sister, Celia Rea of Jersey City. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCrisky Home For Funerals.

### Dorothy J. (Mullaney) Lane, 54

Dorothy J. (Mullaney) Lane died on Saturday, April 10, at her home.

Born in East Orange, Mrs. Lane grew up in Linden and had graduated from St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth. She has resided in South Plainfield for the past 27 years.

Mrs. Lane was a member and served as the president of the South

Plainfield Library Board for more than 10 years before her retirement approximately nine years ago. She was also a former member and past president of the South Plainfield Junior Woman's Club. Mrs. Lane was the 1980 recipient of the former South Plainfield Jaycee's distinguished Service Award presented to her at a ceremony in February of 1980 at the former 2000 Park Ave. restaurant in South Plainfield.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church and she had been a teacher in the church's CCD program.

Surviving are her husband, William V. Lane; two daughters, Kelly C. Butrico of South Plainfield and Jennifer L. Bensulock of Scotch Plains; a son, William R. Lane of Mountainside; her mother, Dorothy Kavka and her stepfather Paul Kaipka of South Plainfield; two brothers, Raymond Mullaney of Surf City and Michael Mullaney of Hopewell Junction. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCrisky Home For Funerals.

### Charles C. Wojciechowski, 83

Charles C. Wojciechowski of Edison died on Tuesday, April 6, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Brooklyn, NY and has resided in Edison for the last 67 years.

Mr. Wojciechowski was the former co-owner of the Knotty Pine Diner in South Plainfield. He and his brother opened the diner in 1952 where he worked until his retirement in 1977.

He was a member of the Oak Tree Volunteer Fire Company and served as chief from 1947 to 1957. He was a member of the Oak Tree Exempt Fireman Association, the New Jersey Exempt Fireman Association and the New Jersey State Fire Chiefs Association.

Mr. Wojciechowski was a charter member of the B.P.O. Elks 2030 in Keyport and the Edison Township Senior Citizens and a former member of the South Plainfield Lions Club.

He was predeceased by his wife, Isabel Konopka Wojciechowski, who died in 1987 and his brother, Walter Wojciechowski, who died in 1957.

He is survived by two daughters, Charlotte Leone of Jackson and Lynda Wojciechowski of Plainfield; two brothers, Vincent and Edward Wojciechowski, both of Edison; four sisters, Helen Campbell, Olga

Harkins and Viola Hall of Edison and Stella Creel of Jacksonville, Fla. and one granddaughter.

Funeral services were held at James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

### Randolph-John W. Gordon, 84

Randolph-John W. Gordon died on Monday, April 5, at Morristown Memorial Hospital in Morristown.

Born in South Plainfield, Mr. Gordon has been a lifelong resident of the borough, before moving to Randolph in January of this year.

Mr. Gordon had been employed by the Leigh Valley Railroad as a labor foreman for 52 years before his retirement in 1978.

He was a life member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield. Mr. Gordon was also a member of the Double OO Gun Club of South Plainfield. He was active in the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and he was also an avid gardener.

He is predeceased by his wife, Anna (Versuk) Gordon, who died in August of 1997 and his three sisters, Florence Sheets, Anna Hebron and Lillian Doty.

Surviving is a son, Jack R. Gordon of Morristown; a grandson, Jeffrey R. Gordon and his two sisters, Ethel Kolodnicki of Neptune and Jule Brandt of Florida.

Funeral Services were held at McCrisky Home For Funerals.

Donations in his memory may be made to the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Building Fund, 201 Hamilton Blvd., South Plainfield, NJ. 07080

### Katherine G. (Gudgeon) DeVico, 82

Katherine G. (Gudgeon) DeVico died on Tuesday, April 6, at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Plainfield, Mrs. DeVico had resided in Plainfield for many years before moving to Bound Brook in 1966. She had resided here for 10 years before she moved to Toms River in 1982. She settled back in Plainfield in 1998.

Mrs. DeVico had been employed as a secretary for New Jersey Bell in North Plainfield for 34 years before her retirement in 1981. She had started at the telephone company as an operator before she was promoted to her secretarial position.

She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America of Toms River and she was a member of the East Windsor Local #827 of the IBEW. She was a former communicant of St. John's R.C. Church in Lakehurst, NJ.

Surviving is a daughter, Elizabeth J. Burke of Ocean Pines, Maryland; a son, John Dericco of South Plainfield; a niece, Theresa Monford of Ormond Beach, Fla. and a nephew, Larry Gudgeon of Forked River. Also surviving are five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCrisky Home For Funerals.



Stephen Machat, William Hannah and William McAllister help Charles Hoehler, right in filing his income tax.

## Seniors Utilize Consultants For Filing Income Tax

Senior citizens have been coming to the PAL Building for these past few months on Tuesdays and Thursdays to get advice and help on filing their income tax returns. With the help of the AARP, the IRS and Tax Consultants for the Elderly (TCE), seniors have been getting assistance in filling out their income tax forms.

Sue Mishka, senior coordinator at the Recreation Department, said at least three or more seniors a day have been at the PAL Building with questions on homestead rebates and other tax questions. Tax consultants helping the seniors were Stephen Machat, William Hannah, William McAllister, Rose Pencunis and Peg Levman.

## Weekly Horoscope 4/16-4/23

By Cyrus n Moon

**ARIES 3/21-4/19**—A new Aries moon on the 16th shows off your creative talents. Also with Venus aspecting Neptune in a favorable transit your romantic dreams are bound to come true. So stoke the fireplace; break out those wineglasses and soft music to set the tone. Also new endeavors started now will pay off later.

**TAURUS 4/20-5/20**—That work you've been putting off on the house has gone long enough do it while you still have the money. Also if you are feeling stress and overburdened with work discuss it with a work partner. You don't want to make it easy for physical ailments to knock you down. A pleasant surprise coming your way?

**GEMINI 5/21-6/20**—Every once in awhile you need to have time to yourself with nobody else having any input, so give it a try this weekend. If you do get into a tussle with someone try not to air out dirty laundry. This could have a lasting effect on a relationship. Has anyone been missing from your life you can think of? Do something about it.

**CANCER 6/21-7/22**—You may have a lot to accomplish now, so think about those long time goals — they will be here in two blinks of an eye. Any favor or kindness that is owed to a friend should be followed through. And if you work the two out right you will be able to get what you want and still be giving to that friend.

**LEO 7/23-8/22**—You may feel like you just ran a high hurdle race. You leaped many obstacles and came out ahead on most of them. You know that those accomplishments will pay big dividends sooner than you think. Romance is another story. You will have to take the lead in this department, so get out there and strut your stuff.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22**—Don't take yourself so seriously. A sentence will do. A paragraph will be too long in the conversation. If you are in school, I am sure you're doing well. Subjects once thought of as difficult, you are handling well. Lend out your services such as a children's hospital. The rewards are worth it.

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22**—Thinking about making a purchase of a sizable sum. Well you have the ability to bargain, so save yourself some money. You have other financial obligations you may have to fess up too. Now is the time to remedy the situations. One last thing, be careful of little white lies, you can get caught.

**SCORPIO 10/23-11/21**—If re-

cently hurt with a break up, step back and take a breath. The last thing you need is to be jumping into a relationship so quick and soon. You don't need to play that rebound game! At this time a real estate deal can come your way. Sounds good to Cyrus. Green is your power color this week.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21**—Say thank you to a good friend who has helped you in a project. A bottle of wine is a nice way to start off. At the work place, an old acquaintance may show up. Like it or not, for now you will have to learn to handle it. AND YOU CAN! A hot bath or shower will do wonders for a deep sleep. Dreams.

**CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19**—Are you looking for a partner who is as serious as you to start a life with? If friends set you up why not? Just don't play the prosecutor when engaging in stimulating conversation. At this time a long drawn out legal problem will be settled in your favor. Keep your cool at work people will notice.

**AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18**— This weekend get out and enjoy yourself. Whatever you do, you will have a blast. Can I suggest kicking off your shoes and dancing the night away? Do not, I repeat, do not bring your work home with you. There's enough time at work to complete the job. Your guardian angel is on your side this week.

**PISCES 2/19-3/20**—If you are not careful you may well lose someone you care about. You get something many don't have an opportunity at, a second chance. Show them you are capable of caring. Trust your psychic ability. It can save you from an embarrassing circumstance that was created by yourself

**TID BITS-2000**—At a glance: with the ending of the century and moving into a new millennium this one hundred years did have its ups and downs and we did get through it. But there will be excitement abounding in the scientific and technology fields starting in the new millennium. And why is this you may ask? The two outer planets Neptune and Uranus will be transiting in Aquarius. What seems like science fiction will take over our lives. And leading the way are television and movies. Also new exploration into outer space will reveal new discoveries. It will boggle the mind. Great fields to have a career in, "To Be Continued Next Week"

**QUOTE:** For all of you ready to leap into the millennium, you are not alone, look around; you're not alone.

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by Robert Hunter

### SEASONAL CHANGE

It is with very good reason that the ages of man have been compared with the seasons. Just as the calendar records changes in the environment, so too do men witness changes in health and attitude that come with the distinct stages of the aging process. Spring brings rebirth and optimism. Summer brings growth and maturity. Autumn brings wisdom borne of experience. And winter brings us face to face with mortality. As Jean Paul Richter once wrote: "As winter strips away the leaves from around us, so that we may see the distant regions they formerly concealed, so old age takes away our enjoyments only to enlarge the prospect of the coming eternity."

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## POLICE REPORT

- A Perth Amboy resident reported the theft of her car from her place of employment, Colorful Story Books, on Hollywood Ct. She stated that the car had been locked and she had the keys. She noted that no one had borrowed the car.
- A Scotch Plains resident reported that several blank checks had been taken, forged and cashed in his name at Summit Bank on Oak Tree Rd.
- A Pittsburgh, Pa. resident reported the theft of his wallet from the Days Inn. He had placed the wallet safely inside a pants pocket and placed that in a clothing bag while away from the hotel for the day.
- A resident of Lexington Ave., reported his storm door was shattered and a mark was on the wooden front door. A golf ball was found between the two doors. The victim reported that his house had been hit with eggs in the past. It was noted that there is a grass field across the street where neighborhood kids often play golf and the incident may have been an accident not criminal mischief.
- An employee of New England Motor Freight was arrested for theft after he placed designer sweaters under his baggy sweatshirt. His supervisor became suspicious because of the bulk of the garment and notified police. Miguel Vilcapoma of Perth Amboy admitted to taking

the sweaters but said he had taken nothing else. He was arrested at the site. Each sweater was valued at \$60.

- A&P notified police of a white male in his mid 40s was observed using the computerized checkout, but did not scan many of the items. When confronted, he became agitated and headed for the customer service desk, but instead left the store. A&P reports that he had been in the store frequently and they suspect this to be a repeat incident. A check of the items showed \$137 worth of unpaid merchandise. He left in a silver Lexus sport utility vehicle. The videotape is being retained for detectives.
- A Foster Ave. resident reported someone smashed a window of a car after unsuccessfully trying to pry the window open. Missing from the car was a lap top computer, calculator, organizer, briefcase and other computer related items.
- Airborne Express, New Durham Ave., reported the theft of Sony Playstation and Nintendo CD tapes from the warehouse. Due to no sign of burglary, employees are suspected. The theft involved 12 Playstation and 32-48 Nintendo CDs valued at \$50 each.
- The manager of D E Jones, Hadley Plaza, reported the theft of \$100 from a bank deposit bag. He said he placed \$1,563.40 in the bag and left to make phone call, leaving the money

in the stock room. Upon arriving at the bank to make the deposit, he was told he was \$100 short. He stated that there were three employees working at the time. All employees deny taking the money.

- Board of Education candidate Carol Byrne reported the theft of four campaign signs at various locations throughout town, a fifth sign was damaged.
- A Plainfield Ave. resident reported sustaining continual damage to his yard and fence posts he is attempting to put up. He also reported his son's toys missing. He noted that several youths pass through his yard on the way to and from school and that the damage only occurs on school days.
- The manager of Drug Fair called police to report a shoplifter. He said when the customer left the store, the sensor went off. The manager approached the man and asked to see his bag, but the customer refused, telling him to call the police. The manager followed the suspect to his car and claimed the driver ran over his foot while pulling out. The customer claimed the manager walked into the front bumper then fell onto the car and said, "Now what are you going to do?" The suspect stated he never intended to leave until the police arrived. A check of the bag showed that all items in it matched his receipt.

## Former Residents Plead Guilty to Embezzlement

Deborah Caggiano pleaded guilty last week to stealing more than \$2.5 million from the Beumer Corp., a Bridgewater manufacturing company. She was the office manager for the company and was charged with stealing the company's money starting in 1991. Also pleading guilty were her aunt and uncle, Carl and Lorraine Bossert.

Caggiano received a seven year sentence, while Carl Bossert was

sentenced to five years his wife Lorraine Bossert got a six year sentence. All three will serve at least a third of their sentences and must repay the stolen money.

The three resided in town on Greenwich Ave. and were co-owners of Cross Stitch and Ralph's Italian Ice, located on South Plainfield Ave. The stores have been closed since their arrest and have been seized along with their home and most of its contents.

## Street Returns to Elementary School

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Street's show incorporates stories about extinct and endangered animals, skits, original songs, slides from inside the Amazon Rainforest and plenty of audience participation to teach positive messages about conservation, recycling, litter prevention, animals and nature.

He's also an official state-approved presenter for the New Jersey Clean Communities Program and is a member of the N.J. Alli-

ance for Environmental Education. He also taught children's theater and incorporates lots of interactive theater techniques in his presentation.

For more information about this program, please call Mr. John Orfan at Franklin Elementary School at 908-754-4620 Ext. 340. For more information about Dave Street please call 908-757-8939.

## Website Celebrates First Birthday

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mation concerning our town. The mayor and council are pictured, with information about each member. Residents are encouraged to e-mail them and any borough official with their comments.

Agenda items from the Borough Council, the Planning Board and the Board of Adjustment are listed, as well as minutes of their meetings. Local events and borough job openings are also listed.

The South Plainfield Business Association lists its membership of local businesses. Many other local organizations in town such as the Lions, VFW, American Legion also have a page on the website and a direct link is available to the high school by just clicking a button.

The fire department and the rescue squad also have information about them.

Pat Vargo said many people who have moved out of town use the site to keep in touch with South Plainfield and its activities. The website is funded by advertisers on the web page and is maintained with no cost to the taxpayers. Pat Vargo, Mike Grennier and Mike Rossi have been instrumental in getting the site off the ground and they are continually adding to it. Log on to southplainfieldnj.com and take a look at all there is to offer.

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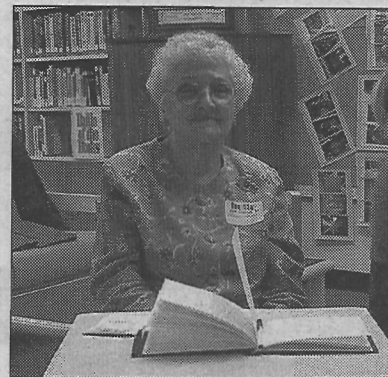
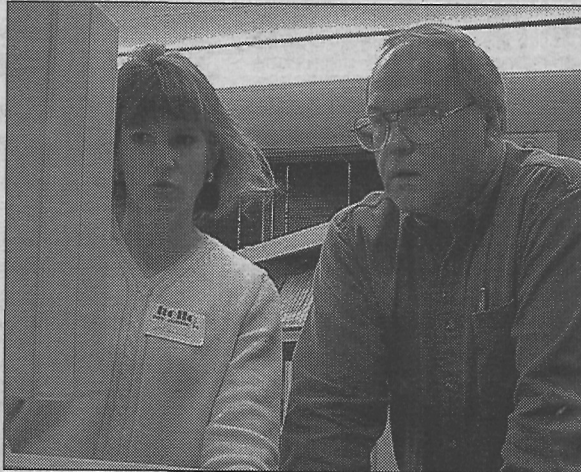
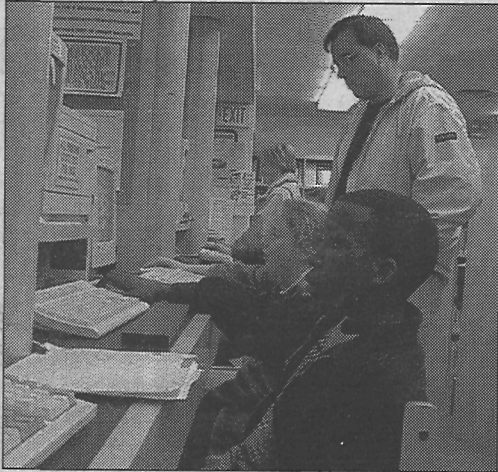
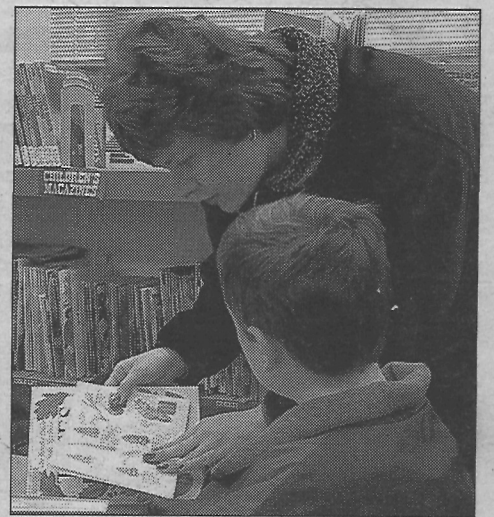
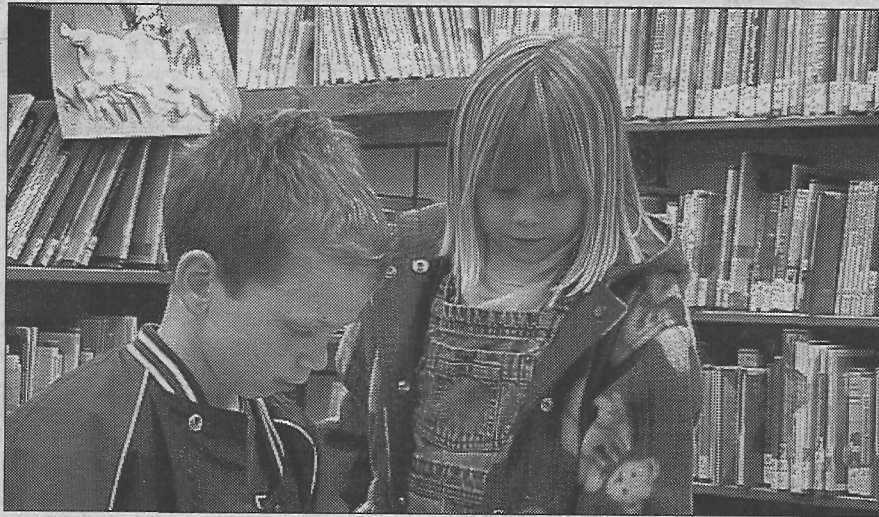
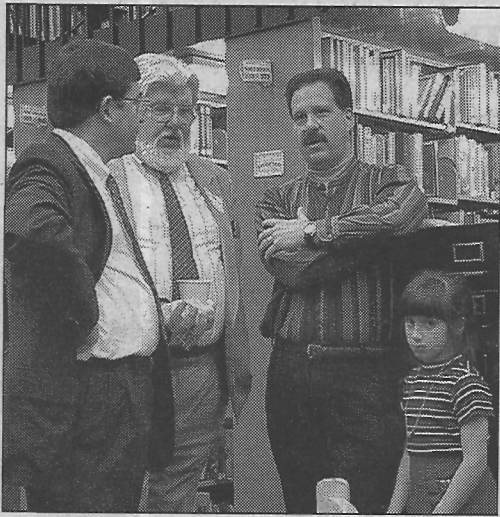
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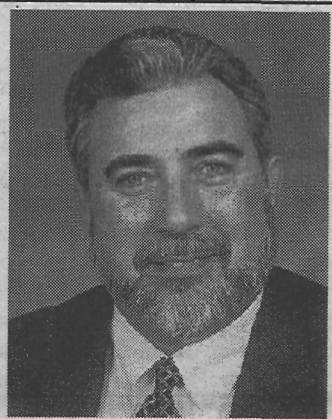


## Open House at the Library

By William Turhill

Last Sunday the Library held an open house to unveil the recent refurbishing. The 145 visitors were introduced to new carpeting, tables and chairs, lighting and shelving now in place, as well as two computers with internet access. Books are now bar-coded, which makes the check-in and check-out process much simpler.

The library is a great place to great acquainted with computers. Don't be "gun-shy." These computers cannot self-destruct, so come in and give them a try. The only restriction is a 30-minute time limit if others are waiting.



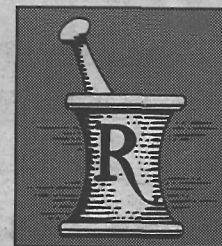
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## Meetings & Events

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Copy Deadline: Friday, 5 pm Advertising Deadline: Monday, 5 pm	5 Borough Council Agenda Meeting 8 pm	6 Board of Adjustment 8 pm	7 Business Advisory Group 5:30 pm Court 9:30 am	8 Borough Council Meeting 8 pm	9 Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	10 John E. Riley School Car Wash 9am-1pm
11 Open House at the South Plainfield Library 2-4 p.m.	12 School Board Candidate Night at Riley School 7:30 pm	13 Library Board 7:30 pm Planning Board Meeting 8 pm	14 Environmental Comm. 8 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	15 AARP Chapter #4144 12:30 p.m.	16 Vision 2001 Art Auction, SPHS 7 p.m. Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	17 Opening Day of Junior Baseball and Ponytail Softball
18 Caring and Sharing Group Trip	19 Land Management Advisory Committee 7:30 pm Borough Council Agenda Meeting 8 pm	20 Board of Adjustment 8 pm	21 Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	22 Borough Council Meeting 8 pm Recycling Comm. 8 pm	23 Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	24
25 Family Fun Fair and Flea Market, PAL Building grounds	26	27 Planning Board 8 pm	28 Traffic Safety Advisory Comm. 7 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	29 Senior Trip to Atlantic City and Senior Festival Bus leaves 7:45 am	30 Historical Society Harbor Cruise from Perth Amboy, noon Middle School Play: "Squad Room" 7:30 pm Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	MAY 1 Project Graduation Auction/Raffle at SPHS Fashion Show at First Baptist 2 pm Book Sale Library
2	3 Recreation Comm. Meeting 7 pm PAL	4 Business Association Golf Outing Cranbury Golf Club Court 9:30 am Board of Adjustment 8 pm	5 Court 9:30 am	6 Taxpayers Advisory Group 8 pm	7 Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	8

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