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Ex-Coach Strangled in His Home 19-Year-Old Nephew Arrested



Crime scene tape surrounds the house where Cassett's murder took place

South Plainfield recorded the second murder of the year on Easter Sun-

According to Assistant Middlesex County Prosecutor Lawrence West, Roger Cassett, who lived on Ten Eyck St. with his 80 year-old-stepfather, Raymond Dutton, was bound, strangled and robbed by an intruder

late Easter night.
South Plainfield detective Gary Muccigrossi, working with Virgil Angelini of the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office, had a possible suspect early on in the investigation and by Monday evening Johnathan Moorman, 19, was arrested and

coordinated, designed and created by

CE teachers at the high school. The

Dee Falato and John Lartaud, both

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Bob Stilo, right, of Stilo Paving receives a plaque from Board of Education President Frank Mikorski on behalf of the Board members for his volunteer work on the track at Jost Field. Stilo Paving tore up and removed the old track at no cost, saving taxpayers a tremendous amount of money. The old track will be completely replaced this year.



Coonerative Students Breakfast

On March 20 the Cooperative Education/School to Careers Seniors, along with members of Vision 2001 Education Foundation, Inc., hosted a business breakfast forum for 26 community and business leaders. Students and employers were divided into six teams for "break out" sessions which included questions, advice and discussions of "hot" topics in the world of employment. The three hours went by very quickly as evidenced by the riveted attention of the seniors, as the employers shared their wisdom.

Student Cooperative Education (CE) Chairperson, Michelle Socha gave the welcome address and speech on education/business partnerships. She also provided employers with some advice on dealing with teenagers. Michelle said, "Think of us as a

new package you get to open with generosity, wisdom and experience. Just don't forget that slip of paper which falls out of most packages that reads batteries not included -

some assembly required."
Student CE Chairperson Ericson
Refe announced each CE scholarship winner and declared that total scholarship money has already exceeded \$111,000 so far this year, with more still coming in. Ericson also listed the exciting careers some of the seniors are pursuing next fall, such as Wildlife Management, Medical Illustration, Dog Show Trainer, Crisis Manage ment and Industrial Security. He ended by saying how proud he is of the South Plainfield community in supporting the efforts of teenagers.

The business breakfast forum was

With less than two weeks until the

2002/2003 school budget vote, Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Krewer and members of the Board of Education are planning to visit all of the schools in the district to give a presentation of not only the budget, but the future priorities including the expansion in technology.

In a Power Point presentation given last week just before the 2002/2003 budget was formally voted on, a comprehensive list of priorities was ex-plained to the public. This same presentation will be given at the schools

during the week of April 8.

The schedule is as follows: April -Franklin School at 7 p.m. and the Middle School at 8 p.m. April 9— High School at 7 p.m. and Kennedy School at 8 p.m. April 10-Roosevelt School at 7 p.m. and Riley at 8 p.m.

April 11—Grant School at 7 p.m.

This year's school budget will mean an increase in the school tax rate of 2.6 cents per \$100 or about \$26. This is the first time in six years that the school tax rate has increased. Enrollment has risen the past year by 343 pupils and the cost of insurance and salaries have also risen. Despite that, South Plainfield's state aid will remain the same as last year, with no increase to cover the additional costs.

Because of last year's bond referendum election, there will also be an increase of about \$70 per household. The bond referendum was passed last year to construct a new Roosevelt School, upgrade all of the other schools and install new boilers in the Middle School. The construction has already begun at Roosevelt and Grant



Autism Awareness

The Program Celebrating the Art of Dance and Gymnastics for the benefit of Autism Awareness will be held at Feigleys School of Gymnastics on South Clinton Ave. The event features Jo-Ann's Dance Studio's Le Centre Dance Ensemble and members of the Bridgettes gymnastics team. Admission is a donation to Community Outreach and Services for the Autism Community, suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children over five. Tickets are available at the door or in advance by calling (908) 561-5094. In addition to the performance there will be refreshments, prizes, a 50-50, raffles and a chance to win Yankee tickets.

School Board **Debate This Tuesday**

The election for school board members is April 16. Three seats will be open and there are six vying for those positions.

To hear the candidates debate the issues, the League of Women Voters is sponsoring a debate on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at Riley School.

Mark your calendars

southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday. Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605 AGENDA MEETING PUBLIC MEETING

Monday, April 15 Monday, May 6 Thursday, May 9 Monday, May 20 ... Thursday, May 23

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 Avenue

planning

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. (starting in May at 7p.m.) • Questions? 908-226-7641 Apr. 8. Apr. 23. May 14. May 28. June 1, June 25.

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month (starting in May meeting held on Thursday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641 April 16, May 2, May 16, June 13, June 27, July 18, July 25, Aug. 15, Aug. 29

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall at 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m.

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows: April 25, May 23, June 20, July 18, Aug. 22, Sept. 19 and Oct. 24

recreation

Meets once a month on the first Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716 May 7, June 4, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 12 and Dec. 3

environmentalcommission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280 Apr. 10, and May 8

boardofeducationmeetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Regular Board Mtg., held on Tuesdays, Apr. 9 at 8 p.m

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24,

(Aug. no meeting), Sept. 25, Oct. 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 18

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Memories From the Past...

Pictured are three winners of the South Plainfield Fishing Derby held in July 1985: Cindy Wytho, Mat-thew Lowicki and Michael

Fishing Derby officials were (pictured) Councilwoman Addie Levine, Teddy Burben and Assistant Recreation Director Bill Nothnagel. The biggest fish caught that day was a carp, 29 inches and 10 pounds. Wow!

Photo taken by William Tuthill

To The Editor.

I want to reply to those that responded to my letter of March 22,

First of all, I do NOT condone the molesting of children by anyone. Secondly, Pm pleased that we all agreed that this is a crime and all molesters should be prosecuted.

In referring to the people on TV, I was taken back by the actions and "body-english" of the two men that were being interviewed. To me they did not seem to be upset about talking about their experience(s).

The one big point that I wanted to make, and it may have been missed, was about the "media-bashing" of the Church. It seems that all of these stories that are now coming out are only about Catholic Priests. I also said that I thought there may be clergy of other denominations that are doing the same things, but are not being written about.

The "Book" says, "This Too Shall

This is not the first rough time that the Church has had to go through, (Henry VIII) and it may not be the last, but each time the Church has come out of it bigger and stronger.
WILLIAM TUTHILL

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter on behalf of Terry Alexa, who is running for a seat on the Board of Education. Over the 11 years that we have lived in this wonderful borough of South Plainfield, I have experienced Terry's commitment to being involved and to making a difference in our community, firsthand. She has been involved in Girl Scouting as a Daisy/Brownie leader over the past four years and as a parishioner of Sacred Heart Church, Terry has taught the children's liturgy

Terry's interest in education began when our oldest daughter attended Future Stars Preschool eight years ago, when she became an active member of the Future Stars Preschool Parent Group. Her service continued as both our daughters attended Roosevelt

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School, where Terry was active in many school committees, including helping put together a beautiful graduation ceremony this past year. As a member of Roosevelt School PTA, Terry has been an active member for six years and currently serves as corresponding secretary. She also serves in the same capacity for the Grant Central Sixth Grade PTO. The passion and commitment to our children's educa

tion that Terry portrays comes from her personal drive to make our community the best it can be for our children and their futures.

With this, I ask you to please vote for Terry Alexa—Line 3 on April 16. Terry Alexa "Community and Educa-

SINCERELY. **DON ALEXA**

Planning and Zoning **Board Meeting Dates and** Times are Changing

Planning Board Meeting Time Change
Please note that the South Plainfield Planning Board has changed their meeting time from 8 p.m. to 7 p.m.; starting with the Planning Board Meeting on May 14, 2002.

South Plainfield Zoning Board Meeting Dates Changed

Please note that the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment has changed their meeting dates and days starting in May, 2002. Listed below are the dates of the Zoning Board Meetings, which will now be held on THURSDAY at 8 p.m. in the Court Room.

May	Sept.		
Thursday, May 2	Thursday, Sept. 12		
Thursday, May 16	Thursday, Sept. 26		
June Thursday, June 13 Thursday, June 27	Oct. Thursday, Oct. 3 Thursday, Oct. 17		
Iuly	Nov.		
Thursday, July 18	Thursday, Nov. 14		
Thursday, July 25	Thursday, Nov. 21		
Aug.	Dec.		
Thursday, Aug. 15	Thursday, Dec. 5		
Thursday, Aug. 29	Thursday, Dec. 19		
South Plainfield Site Pla	nn Meetings were also changed		

The Artists's Touch, Inc.

starting in May to the following dates:

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Thursday, June 20

Thursday, July 18



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Thursday, Aug. 22

Thursday, Sept. 19

Thursday, Oct. 24

Business Association Plans Golf Outing

South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) President Jack Pederson has announced Tuesday, May 7, as the date of their Annual Golf Outing. It will be held at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor.

West Windsor.
Pederson said this is a great opportunity for both old and new SPBA members to get together and have a fun day of golf. He added that you do not have to be a member of the Business Association to attend; the event is open to everyone.

The entry fee of \$125 includes 18 holes of golf, use of locker rooms, green fees and cart, continental breakfast, complimentary beverage cart, hot dog and chips "at the turn," open bar (beer, wine and soda) and BBQ luncheon. Casual attire all day and no metal spikes!

Prizes will be awarded for a hole in one, the longest drive, closest to the pin (two holes), low gross, low net and the most honest golfer.

The golf day begins with registration and a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. Shotgun start begins at 9 a.m. The day will finish with an open bar at 2 p.m., followed by a BBQ luncheon and presentation of awards.

Corporate sponsors are still needed. To sign up for a day of golf or to sponsor a tee or flag, contact Bob Longo, (908) 753-7004 or Joe Celentano at (908) 412-9999.

Upcoming events planned by the Business Association include a weeknight networking function tentatively scheduled for May at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. Members and non-members are welcome. Also in the planning stages is a candidates' debate later this year.

A SPBA phone number has been set up for anyone having questions or ideas. The group welcomes any suggestions and/or help. For information call (908) 757-8811.

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The South Plainfield Home Depot on Hamilton Blvd. was recently awarded the company's Marcus Award, named for the company's founder. It was presented by the Home Depot headquarters to the Mid-Atlantic Home Depot for outstanding community service. The South Plainfield Home Depot received a check for \$5,000 and in turn got to donate it to the organization of their choice. Above South Plainfield Home Depot Store Manager Don Alexa (second from right), presents Habitat for Humanity Representative Al Yoshimura (center) with the \$5,000 donation, along with Home Depot Divisional President John Wieks, Divisional Operations Vice President Jim Kane, Human Resource Vice President Herb Miller, Community Affairs Manager Kelly Schultz, Project Coordinator Joe Massa, as well as store support associates Erica Davilla, Lisa Granskie, Sharon Siebert, Linda Scott, Liz Capella, Russ Casella, Cosmo Laforggia, Teddy Colson, Robert Van Savage, Stan Martin, Terry Kinlan, Dick Madden, John Weurthesen, Carmen Ortiz and Christine Clagett. South Plainfield's Home Depot actually helped the Habitat for Humanity build a house in Plainfield.

Drew Catalina Named Hometown Student Hero

By Patricia Abbott

Seven year old Drew Catalina has been named 'Hometown Student Hero of the Month' by Hometown Heroes Deli. Owner's Charlie and Debbie read the *Observer* story about this weekend's Autism Awareness Benefit and how autism affects the Catalina family. They were impressed with big brother Drew's love and concern for his four year old brother Alex who is autistic.

When Drew's mother Tara Catalina gave him the news, the reaction was delight and a little bit of confusion. Drew said, "All this just because I am good to my brother?" He added, "I know that I am sometimes hard on Alex, but it is because I love him so much and I want him to be happy."

Tara and husband Michael were thrilled and touched. Tara said, "I think it was just the perfect thing for Drew to make him feel special too. So much attention is being placed on Alex at this time and through the year. We

Please Note:
We will be on
vacation next
week. The Observer Office will
have limited
hours all next
week.



had Alex go with us as well so Drew really understood that the spotlight was going to be on him and Alex would be there to cheer him on, it is usually the other way around. This was a perfect way to achieve that balance."

The family visited the deli where Drew had his picture taken for the Heros wall, he got a bag full of cookies and will be receiving a certificate in the mail. The deli is displaying fliers and donating food for the performers. Tara expressed gratitude for the generosity. The Observer asked Drew if it was hard being a good big brother, his simple but honest reply was "Sometimes." When asked how he felt about being Hometown Heroes Student Hero of the Month, he said "Great! Really Great!" Congratulations Hometown Hero Drew Catalina!

Assemblyman Diegnan Opens Local Office

Patrick Diegnan officially opened his 18th District Assembly office in South Plainfield last week.

Diegnan, a life-long resident and the first Assemblyman elected from South Plainfield, decided to locate his office in town so residents of the 18th District could contact him.

The open house attracted over 75 people, with many spilling out of the office and into the parking lot. Dignitaries who were on hand included Assembly Speaker Albio Series, Senator Bob Smith, Freeholder Chris Rafano, Assemblyman Peter Barnes, Sen.Barbara Buono, Mayor Dan Gallagher, members of the Borough Council and Board of Education and many residents who have known Diegnan for years and wanted to wish him well.

Diegnan is presently Borough attorney for South Plainfield. In Trenton, Assemblyman Diegnan is vicechair of the Judiciary Committee and serves on the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, the Education Committee and the Joint Committee on Public Schools.

Diegnan's office is located at 908 Oak Tree Ave., Unit P, in the office complex next to the Fleet Bank, across the street from the A&P Shopping Center. The location is also where South Plainfield, Metuchen and Edison, all part of the 18th District, meet. The office is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

p.m. Monday through Friday.

To contact Assemblyman Diegnan, call (908) 757-1677 or email AsmDiegnan@njleg.org. Addie Levine, Diegnan's chief of staff, can also be reached at the above the staff.

Last Chance to Sign up for Reduced Swim Lessons at Pool

An ordinance introduced this year means a reduction in swimming lesson fees for members of the community pool. A flat rate of \$10 per person, per session, will be in effect starting this summer for members. The previous fee was \$30 for the first child and \$25 for the second child.

Nonmembers would still pay \$60 for the first child and \$55 for the second children, per session.

ond children, per session.

**Don't wait - the early bird membership rate is in effect until April 15.

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Around Town

Fashion Show at **GFWC Meeting**

April 4

The GFWC Suburban Woman's Club will host a Fashion Show and guest speaker at their meeting to be held April 4 at 2 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Oak Tree Ave.

Guest speaker will be Sue Dreyfus of Highland park and her topic is entitled "Clothes to You".

Meetings are open to all women interested in joining the woman's club or in finding out more about the activities sponsored by the club.

Senior Citizens Mtg. April 5

The South Plainfield Senior Citizens (formerly the Adult School Seniors) will hold their monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at the PAL building on Maple Ave. on April 5. After the meeting coffee will be served.

Please call Sue Mischka at

(908)754-1047 for further information and transportation.

Dance/Gymnastics To Benefit Autism

April 6

Jo-Ann's Dance Studio and Feigley's School of Gymnastics, 4475 So. Clinton Ave., will hold a program celebrating the art of dance and gymnastics to benefit autism awarene Saturday, Apr. 6. from 7-8:30 p.m.

Some of the area's top dancers and gymnasts will perform to raise funds for the COSAC, the NJ Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community, Inc. The only admission charge will be a donation and tickets are available in advance or at the door.

For information call Jo-Ann's Dance Studio at (908) 561-5094.

Rainbow Academy Open House

April 6

The new Rainbow Academy Child Care Center located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd. in Edison will hold an Open House on Saturday, Apr. 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are now registering for Summer Camp and Fall 2002. For directions and information visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com.

Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service. For a demo of their video services, visit their website at www.parentwatch.com

Historical Society Plans Meeting March 12

The South Plainfield Historical society will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the SPHS library. Residents can bring in their old photos. All are welcome.

Job Info Center Programs at Library April 10, 17, 24

The South Plainfield Free Public Library, located at 2484 Plainfield Ave. (adjacent to the Municipal Building) has planned the following program

schedule for April 2002: Wednesday, Apr. 10, 7:30 p.m., Job Searching on the Internet.

day, Apr. 17, 7:30 p.m., Re-

sumes and Cover Letters for Begin-

Wednesday, Apr. 24, 7:30 p.m., Interviewing 101.

All programs are FREE, space is limited and reservations are required. For more information please call the library's Reference Desk at (908) 754-7885 or visit the library website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

'Twilight Stroll For Life' April 14

The first annual "Twilight Stroll for Life," a fundraising event to benefit children with cancer and blood disorders, will be held on Sunday, Apr. 14. This event is sponsored by Century 21 Moretti Realty and part of the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation.

Registration begins at 6 p.m. at the Spring Lake Park Gazebo in South Plainfield. You can race, walk or take a leisurely stroll with your family, friends or your pet.

Registration is \$12 for adults and

\$5 for children 12 and under.

There is no rain date. The walk will go on as planned, rain or shine. Please dress accordingly.

For an entry form, sponsor sheet or more information, call 755-5300.

John E. Riley Plans Pasta Dinner

April 12

John E. Riley School, located at 100 Morris Ave., will be hosting a Pasta Dinner on Friday, April 12, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m. for senior citizens only.

Dinner includes pasta, sauce, meatballs, salad, bread, beverage, dessert and coffee/tea. The cost is \$6 per person, \$5 for senior citizens and children under ten. Proceeds will benefit the 2001-2002 Stokes Trip.

GFWC Holding Annual Garage Sale

The GFWC Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will hold a Garage Sale Fundraiser at 115 West Elmwood Dr. on April 13 from 9 a.m.

The club is community service oriented and raises funds throughout the year for various projects, including a scholarship for a South Plainfield high school senior, holiday baskets for families and supports various borough ac-

Spaghetti Dinner at American Legion

April 14

On Sunday, April 14 the 40/8, a branch of the American Legion, will hold a "Spaghetti Dinner" at the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 on Oak Tree Ave. in So. Plainfield. The time will be 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under twelve. The proceeds will be used for "Nursing Scholarships."

For tickets or information call Donna Rowlands at 756-6522.

Vision 2001 Presents **Annual Art Auction**

April 19

This year's annual Vision 2001 Education Foundation Art Auction will be held on Friday, Apr. 19 at South

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Plainfield High School.

Admission is \$10 per person. \$5 will be returned as a gift certificate to be redeemed at the Apr. 19 art auction only. Preview time is 6:30 p.m. and the auction begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be hors d'oeuvres, coffee, cake and door prizes.

For tickets, call (908) 561-3951.

High School Drama Club Presents Hello Dolly

April 25-27

Hello Dolly!, its so nice to have you here in South Plainfield! The SPHS Players Drama Club brings the popular musical to the South Plainfield High School stage from April 25-27. Over many years, two names have be-come synonymous with the title role of 'Dolly Levy,' Carol Channing and Barbara Streisand

Directing the show is Gloria Naso, who brought South Plainfield the hysterical Damn Yankees last spring. Vo-cal Director is Tracy Murray and Band Director is Mark Tweed. Watch the Observer for more details and progress on the SPHS Spring Musical Hello

Knights of Columbus Plan Bus Trip to AC April 27

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus is offering a bus trip to Atlantic City on Apr. 27. Price is \$25 which includes lunch and drinks at the K of C Hall before leaving. Refreshments will be available on the bus trip. The bus will leave from the K of C Hall at noon and each person will get

\$10 back from the casino.
Call Ed Koznowicz at (908) 754-3094 or (908) 755-6203 for details.

A 90's Birthday Bash May 1

The Middlesex County Office on Aging, invites all seniors citizens from South Plainfield who are celebrating their 90th birthday before May 1, 2002 and a guest to a celebration of life in their honor!

The event takes place on Wednesday, May 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Piscataway Senior Center, located at 700 Buena Vista Dr. in Piscataway.

RSVP by calling (732) 562-1133. South Plainfield residents should call Sue Mischka for transportation at 908-754-1047.

Casino Royale and Chinese Auction

May 11

On Saturday, May 11, Casino Royale and Chinese Auction will take place at the VFW Hall located on Front St. from 7 p.m. till midnight!

The event is open to SPJBC members only at \$45 per person. The Casino Royale has an open bar and music will be provided by DJ Kevin.

Each guest will receive \$500 in play money. The money must be redeemed for Chinese Auction tickets.

For tickets, call Stacey Lake, (908) 757-9531 or (732) 646-1676. Tickets are limited-"first come, first served!" (Tickets will also be available Opening Day!)

Seniors Tour of New York Harbor

July 11

Seniors are invited on a tour of New York Harbor, Ellis Island and Lady Liberty on "The Lady." There will be a buffet lunch. Departure will take place at the PAL, 9 a.m. on Thursday, July 11. Tickets are first come, first

The cost is \$40 per person. Only 45 tickets are available now at the PAL.

Rec Offering Trip To Virginia Beach

September 8-12

South Plainfield Recreation, along with White Star Tours, is offering a trip to Virginia Beach, VA, featuring a ghost tour of Williamsburg, Sept. 8-12.

Features include four nights accommodations at one of Virginia Beach's finest motels; a tour of the Norfolk Naval Base, Arthur Memorial in Norfolk, Waterside Complex, four breakfasts, four dinners, including Spirit of Norfolk Din-

ner Cruise and evening entertainment.
Cost is \$350 per person. Only one
bus is available for this trip; so make your reservations early.

For info/reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714.

— Out of Town —

Women Aware to **Hold Annual Soup** Kitchen Fundraiser April 6

On Monday, Apr. 8, Women Aware, a private, nonprofit agency providing services to abused women and their children, will hold their 10th annual Soup Kitchen Fundraiser... A Taste of Kindness.

The Soup Kitchen will be held 6-8 .m. at the Pines Manor, Route 27, Edison. Soups from Central Jersey's finest restaurants will be served plus breads and desserts. Participating restaurants include:

Akbar, Bellini's, 2 Albany at the Hyatt, North Star Cafe, Dan's on Main, Revere Restaurant, La Fontana, The Frog & The Peach, The Metuchen Inn, The Old Bay, Soho on George and Adam Bistro.

Funds raised at this year's event will be applied directly to the ELVES program (Empower the Littlest Victims to Emerge Strong).

Tickets can be obtained by contact-

ing Women Aware and cost \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. For directions or information about the event, contact Yvonne Hook, (908)561-6321 or Jackie Marich, (732)249-

Westfield History Societies Meeting

April 17

The Planning Committee for the Spring Assembly of the Westfield history societies annual meeting will be held on Apr. 17, 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Elm Street. Introductory music will start about 7:45 p.m.

The assembly is the yearly gather

ing of the community's four history organizations: The Genealogical Society of the West Fields, The Miller-Cory House Museum Volunteers, The Westfield Historical Society, and the West Fields Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution.

The program will be announced as plans are complete. The feature presentations will be followed by refreshments and the public is invited.

Missionaires of the **Poor Benefit Concert**

April 19-20

The Missionaries of the Poor from the Island of Jamaica, are coming back to New Jersey.

"Father Richard Ho Lung and Friends" are returning to present Spirit, a benefit concert featuring the spiritual music of vibrant island rhythms combined with original Jamaican flair. They touched so many of us when they last visited the parishes of St. Robert Bellarmine, St. Veronica's, St. Rose of Lima, St. Mary of the Lake, and Holy Family.

These priests and brothers of the Missionaries of the Poor are following in the footsteps of Mother Theresa of Calcutta in their mission to aid the societal outcasts in Jamaica, Haiti, Uganda, Philippines and India. Your support allows the missionaries to continue and expand their services to many more of the numberless poor and sick who seek out their help daily: for food, for clothing, for shelter, for care, for love and compassion.

The concert will be held at St. Veronica's Church in Howell on Friday and Saturday, Apr. 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be ordered by calling Maureen Scarpati (732) 577-9697.

Concert Pianist To Give Benefit

A surprise ending is what pianist Paul DiDario promises his audience on Saturday, Apr. 20, when he performs a benefit concert for Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains. But first, the audience will have the pleasure of hearing selections from his most recent CD, Two Part Creation which includes sonatas by Scarlati, Beethoven and other music on both piano and harpsichord (hence the title "Two Part Creation"). As for the sur-prise, well, the only thing Mr. DiDario will say is that, "it is the most famous piano transcription in the world," and he is keeping the title of the work a

Joining him for part of the program will be Ars Musica Antiqua, an early music ensemble which was started 27 years ago by Walter and Jane Canter.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m., at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains. For directions call the church office at (908)232-5678 Mon.-Fri. from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and can be purchased at the door. Age 12 and under are free.

Refreshments will be served after the concert and all proceeds will go to benefit the 50th Anniversary Building Fund of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.







Over 360 Attend **Father-Daughter Dance**

South Plainfield dads and daughters dressed up for the annual Edison Rotary Club Father-Daughter Dance. Over 360 people attended the event.

South Plainfield residents included: (Above) Bridgette and Father, Pat Kelly. (Above right) oelle Butrico joins Don Alexa and his daughter, Rachel Alexa, for the festivities. (Right) Isaac Blanco and daughter Lillian enjoy dinner at the Victorian

Photos by Patricia Abbott

Podiatric Surgeon Attends Educational Event

Dr. Daniel J. Roche, an Edison podiatric surgeon, has recently returned from the Annual Meeting and Scientific Seminar of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons held in Los Angeles in February. The meeting, which is the premier educational gathering of foot and ankle surgeons, included presentations and hand-on workshops on the most recent advances in the field of podiatric

surgery.

"Although it is always difficult to take time away from my practice," said Dr. Roche, "there is no better way for me to keep abreast of developments in this field of medicine than to meet face-to-face with some of the finest surgeons in the country. I feel it is imperative that I keep up-to-date with the latest techniques and technology so that I can provide patients the best care possible."

Sessions presented at the meeting focused on care of diabetic patients' feet, sports injuries, children's foot problems and treating conditions affecting senior citizens.

For information on these conditions, contact Dr. Roche, (908)753-0500.

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, it's April and, both officially and weather-wise, it's springtime. And, just like clockwork, here's news from the

South Plainfield Library:

First off, don't forget that Daylight Savings Time begins this weekend. So, as per "spring forward, fall back," remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

This month's group of Circuit videos is now available. Titles in this group include Traffic, Big Momma's House, License to Kill, Lassie, The Mill on the Floss and, on DVD, Star Trek: Insurrectio. Videos and DVDs may be borrowed, four at a time, for two days. Meanwhile, we're between groups on the Audiobooks Circuit. The next group from that circuit will be available later this month.

Our schedule of children's Storytime programs has been somewhat shortened for next week. The program on Tuesday will be held at its usual time of 10:30 a.m., but the Wednesday and Thursday programs have been cancelled. (They'll return the following week.) Our Storytime programs last about an hour and feature stories and a craft activity. They're for children ages three and over; no pre-registration is required. If you'd like more details, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.



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From the South Plainfield Library

The Library Board of Trustees will hold their next meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30. Members of the public are invited to attend and get the latest details on the library's present and future plans.

The next class from our Job Infor-

mation Center, "Job Searching on the Internet," is scheduled for Wednesday evening at 7:30. At this writing, there's still space available for the class, but pre-registration is required. The class is free of charge; please call for more information or to register. Meanwhile, our computer instructional classes for April have been filled. We'll be offering the classes again in May.

The Friends of the Library will be

esenting a special program on great Broadway composers on Sunday, April 21. We'll have some more details on this next week. In other Friends news, they've decided not to hold a big book sale this year. They will, however, continue with the

smaller, ongoing book sale in the library. Also, other area libraries frequently

hold book sales this time of year. If we hear of any, we'll post the information on one of our bulletin boards.

Here's a note related to the book sale. A number of people have been asking if we're still accepting donation books, and the answer to that is a qualified, "Yes." As far as hardcovers are concerned, we mainly accept popular fiction, or recent best sellers, but we will also accept non-fiction titles. We're always interested in fiction paperbacks, especially those meant for the paperback exchange. All donations should be in fairly decent condition. Be advised, though, that we do not accept textbooks, encyclopedias, or periodicals. Any donations that we don't add to the permanent collection will be added to the aforementioned ongoing book sale. If there are any changes to this policy, we'll let you know right away.

That's about all for this week. See

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Kelly Decker, Peter Maren to Wed

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Decker of South Plainfield announce the en-gagement of their daughter, Kelly Leigh of South Plainfield, to Peter Maren of Stirling, N.J.

Kelly is employed by Ingenix Phar-maceutical Services in Basking

Peter is employed by Superior Custom Kitchens in Warren Town-

The couple will be married in September.





Jake Bradford Bullard

Bullard's Welcome Birth of Son

Bradford and Tracey Bullard of South Plainfield are proud to an-nounce the birth of their son, Jake Bradford Bullard, who was born on March 14. Jake weighed in at 5 lbs., 12 ounces and was 18 inches long. He joins his sisters Taylor, 8 and Erica, 4

Bradford's grandparents are Gary and Hazel Shelhimer and Michael and Roxanne Cortese, all of South Plainfield.

Ackerman, Kurilla are Married

Melissa Eileen Ackerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Ackerman of South Plainfield, and Michael Andrew Kurilla, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kurilla of Larksville, Pa., were united in marriage on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2001 at Sacred Heart Church. A reception followed at The Primavera in Stirling, NJ.

Melissa and Michael are graduates of the College Misericordia in Dallas, Pa. where both earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies and a Master of Science degree in Physical

Melissa is employed by John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison as a physical therapist in the Pediatric Rehabilitation Department. Michael, also a physical therapist, is employed by Monmouth Back and Neck in



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kurilla

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Mr. and Mrs. Kurilla reside in Jackson, NI.

Parade Committee Seeks Volunteers

The South Plainfield Labor Day Parade Committee is looking for help from the residents.

They are also asking residents to submit a theme for this year's parade. They also need volunteers willing to serve on the parade committee

The committee meets once a month until August and then meet more frequently as the big day approaches.

If you would like to volunteer, con-

tact Darlene Pinto at 980-561-1517 or you can contact her by email at dpcouncilwoman9@aol.com.



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John E. Riley School children recently held their Annual Grandparents Day celebration. The festivities included a St. Patrick's Day program where kindergartners through third graders entertained their grandparents

Harvest Quilters Holding Annual Quilt Show

The Harvest Quilters of Central Jersey will again present their annual quilt show, "Sharing the Quilts", on April 27, at the United Methodist Church, 1441 Springfield Ave. in New Providence from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

wall hangings and flags in response to the heighten sense of patriotism since 9/11. A second featured display is the "Fabric Zoo." This grouping of quilts, wall hangings and other types of needlework will show animals "In the

look for the wild animals hidden in the woods on one of the quilts. Many of the quilts in this display will be donated to the Deborah Children's Hospital when the show is over.

The Harvest Quilters also made a 4-Patch quilt of red, white and blue fabrics that was machine quilted by Azie Kohn of Azie's Machine Quilting in Cranford. This quilt will be raffled off by drawing to one lucky show attendee. Azie will be part of the vendor mall, as will Cozy Corner Creations in Scotch Plains and Tim, the Beadman. Fabric, notions, books and other quilt related materials will be sold. The Harvest Quilters will have a table of finished goods for sale.

The Harvest Quilters are unique in their show presentation as the emphasis is on the art of quilts, their history and the preserving of this folk art for future generations. Quilts of all skill levels are displayed so that every person, quilter and nonquilter, can be challenged by something they see. There will be informative live demonstrations of paper piecing, crazy quilting, "Quilt in a Day" and more. A rug hooking display and demonstration is also featured.

A special aspect of "Sharing the Quilts" is its "child friendly" atmosphere. Well behaved children are welcome and a craft table just for them is overseen by group members. Members of the Harvest Quilters have a history of responding to community and school organizations who request

help and/or instructions in quilting.
A tea room with hot and cold drinks, salads, cakes, light lunch and other refreshments will be available. Admission is \$4.50 for adults and \$2.25 for children under 12. The United Methodist Church is fully wheelchair and stroller accessible.

The Harvest Quilters (formerly the YWCA Quilt Group) has been meeting in the area for nearly 20 years and members come from Colonia, Westfield, the Plainfields, Piscataway, Linden, Summit, Watchung, Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Cranford, Edison and Somerset. Currently, meetings are held on the first Monday of each month. Every other month the meeting is held at Cozy Corner Creations and on the in between month they meet in private homes. For more information, please call Ann at 908-755-7653.

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Dear Diary.... and Keeping a Health Journal

By Dr. Patrick M. Aiello DC

I know, I know. When you think of keeping a diary, we typically think of a teenage girl with a crush on the high school hunk. However, keeping a diary or health journal along with a file of health records

Dr. Patrick Aiello, DC can be an important step

in staying on top of your health. In fact, many weight loss plans or exercise plans strongly suggest keeping a written journal. Having this file and written journal can enable us to stay on top of our health and other health related issues

Ok, so what goes into this journal or file? Just about anything you'd like. From keeping a log of doctors visits to recent blood tests, physical exam findings or other diagnostic tests those are but a few of the items that can go into this journal and file. You can also keep track of your exercise habits, dietary plans along with tracking the status of chronic conditions.

Unfortunately, in this day of modern medicine with the hassles and limitations modern insurances sometimes seem to bring on, it's important to keep track of these and other health issues. Many times I find my patients do not even have a primary care doctor or haven't seen a doctor in many years. As the old saying goes, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". This journal and file can help keep your health care organized. Something especially, important if you haven't seen a physician recently.

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(4) Can Help Aid in Monitoring Chronic Health Conditions. This one can be especially important if you are seeing multiple doctors at the same time. Doctors like to send reports back to each other. Simply ask for them to send you a copy of any reports they

(5) Will Give You Greater Accountability Towards Your Own Health. By taking a pro-active stance, you'll gain greater commitment towards your own health. With doing such things as simply keeping track of your weight or other body measurements, you'll be about to address changes sooner.

(6) Can Help to Keep You Motivated in Leading A Healthier Lifestyle. By monitoring daily or weekly activities such as diet, exercise, etc. You'll be able to get a jump on things that sometimes knock us of our healthy track.

These were but a few of the benefits of keeping a written log/journal of your health habits. The information you collect can be obtained from the doctors you see. The best way is to collect the information as you have it done. The more information you can provide your doctor about your personal health, the more able he/she is going to be able to help you in times of need. Good Luck!



Karen Hochman of Plainfield, shows off patriotic wall-hanging she has

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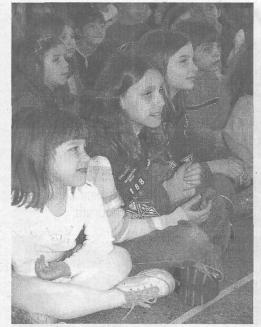
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Magic Show Sponsored by Girl Scouts

By Patricia Abbott

Magician Rich Westcott mesmerized his audience with amazing tricks and colorful props during his "Alice In Wonderland" magic show. Cards appeared out of nowhere and a white rabbit popped out of a hat. Young volunteers delighted in becoming the Mad Hatter and Alice in Wonderland.

Westcott's larger-than-life commanding presence reached out and gathered the attention of the children.

The magical morning was sponsored by the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community of Washington Rock Girl Scout Council and The South Plainfield Recreation Department. There were snacks, juice, goodies and ice cream cakes donated by Unity Bank on Plainfield Ave.

In addition to the show the children made Easter crafts with Troop 129 and had their pictures taken with the Easter Bunny by Troop 772.

Proceeds from the show were donated to Gifts for Girls to support the Washington Rock Girl Scout

South Plainfield Scouling

Brownies Get Money Management Lesson



Top Row: Emily L., Alyssa K. Sarah H., Natalie K. and Ashley D. Bottom Row: ison R., Meghan F., Gracie P., Alex B., Caitlyn F., Zara H. and Mascot Patrick K.

Brownie Troop 530 visited Commerce Bank in South Plainfield as and learning about *Money Matters*.

Julie Skula and Ryan Remencus treated the girls to a tour of the bank, explained what kinds of accounts the troop could use to save money, where the money was kept, what a teller does and how to use an ATM machine. They learned that you don't just get money from the machine but can also make deposits.

The girls from Troop 530 were very grateful for what they learned and some now visit to count their pennies saved in the Penny Arcade coin counter. They may also make deposits in their own savings accounts.

Brownie Troop 530 would like to take this opportunity to thank Commerce Bank for teaching them about banking and how to save and spend their money. Thanks Commerce Bank for Teaching Us!



Den 6 of Troop 324 from Kennedy School visited Trailside Museum in Mountainside. They worked on their Sharing Your World with Wildlife and Weather Arrows and took a hike in the woods. Pictured are Trailside Naturalist Rachel with Griffin Lynch, James and Edward Setnicky, Sean McDede and Patrick O'Connor.

Middlesex County 4-H Presents "Character Counts" for Teachers

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Department will host a "Character Counts!" training workshop for teachers on Thursday, Apr. 18, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m at Middlesex County 4-H Center, 645 Cranbury Rd. in East Brunswick.

"Character Counts!" is a program that introduces character education and ethical decision making, using fun, hands-on activities. This nationwide movement focuses on core ethical values known as the "six pillars of character" trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. The workshop will include discussion, activities and a time for planning methods to implement character education in the classroom or school.

The cost of the workshop is \$25 and includes lunch. Participants should also be aware that the curriculum of this program is consistent with the New Jersey core curriculum standards. As a result, New Jersey Department of Education Professional Development credits are available. This train

ing can also be offered at your school or facility, simply call the 4-H office to make arrangements.

To register for the workshop, please contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 745-3446 or send your name, address, phone number, profession and the age of youth you work with, along with registration fee, to Middlesex County 4-H, 390 George St., 8th Floor, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. Checks should be made payable to MCAC. Register by April 2.

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hammed Alli, Kathy Almanzar, Puja Amin, Brielle Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Lindsay Ardis, Noah Benson, Kimberly Bishop, Matthew Bizup, Cassie Bosse, Jennifer Butrico, Christopher Catalfamo, Pamela Cianfrocca, Christopher Cornish, Jaclyn Cox, Jenevieve DeLosSantos, George Demarest, Joseph Dezmin Jr., Rafael Diaz, Luis Dimacje, Scott Doerr, Tamara Dombrowski, Edward Donnelly II and Allison Dressler.

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Kennedy School T-Shirts
Miss Urciuoli's fourth grade social studies class at Kennedy School completed a project on sights around New Jersey. Each student drew a picture of a different sight unique to our state which were transferred onto t-shirts. The students were invited to classrooms around the school to display and speak about each piece of artwork.

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This past weekend.....



The South Plainfield Rescue Squad held their 13th Annual Flower Sale last Friday and Saturday. Potted plants, hanging baskets and much more were available at the vearly fundraiser. Pictured are Rescue Squad members Jessica Cerami and Peter McGrath.

Dunkin Donuts in Lakeview Plaza held a grand reopening last Saturday. Festivities included free samples of their delicious coffee and donuts.





Rescue Squad Announces Open House on May 19

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will be holding its annual open house on Sunday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m.

The open house will feature mulextrications with the Jaws of Life, CPR and first aid demos, ambulance and rescue truck tours, blood pressure screenings and child seat safety checks by the Traffic Safety Department of the South Plainfield Police Police Department will also donate 50 booster car seats for children to be given out at the open house.

The first 50 children attending between four and eight years old will receive a free booster seat. The booster seats are part of the Boost America program sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund.

Refreshments, including hotdogs and hamburgers will also be served.

Broadway Kids at Cultural Arts Ctr.

The Broadway Kids will perform The Broadway Kids Sing Broadway at the South Plainfield Cultural Arts Center, Lake Ave. (high school) on Saturday, May 4 at 1 p.m. The Broadway Kids Sing Broadway is a collection of songs originally sung by kids on Broadway from shows like Armie, Oliver, Bye Bye Birdie and Les Miserables.

For tickets, call (908) 753-0444 or for info, visit www.broadwaykids.com.

Course Offers Friendship and Hope

In these troubling times of war and terrorism, many are seeking greater meaning and deeper relationships. In response, Grace Alliance Church offers the Alpha Course free to the public from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., beginning Sunday April 21, at Timothy Christian School in Piscataway.

This ten-week practical introduc-tion to the Christian faith offers a look at some key questions about life. Each weekly session begins with an informal dinner, followed by a talk on such topics as how to deal with guilt and

the fear of death. The evenings end with a small-group time where questions or opinions are expressed. For more information or to register, call David Butler, Alpha Director, at 732-463-7835, or click on www.seeking.jesusanswers.com.

Middlesex Co. 4-H Presents E-Week Summer Program

The Rutgers Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development Department will be hosting the 2002 Explorations Week Summer Program from July 8 to 12 at the Middlesex County 4-H Center, 645 Cranbury Rd. in East Brunswick. E-Week is open to boys and girls

who will have completed grades three through seven in 2002. The program is open to all youths without regards to race, color, national origin, sex, disability or handicap. The program is filling up fast, but there are a few spaces still available.

Attendees of the program will have a chance to enjoy daily activities such as rocketry, dance, crafts, wilderness survival, drama, drawing and outdoor cooking. The aim of the program is to encourage kids' creativity, is well as to promote their self-confidence. Helping kids make new friends and achieve a sense of accomplishment are important goals of the program as well.

The cost of the program is \$135

for 4-H members, \$140 for nonmembers and includes program materials, lunch and beverages, an E-Week T-shirt, field trip and an optional Friday overnight stay.

To register and for more information, contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 745-3446.

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WRESTLING

Recreation Wrestlers Place at States

Anthony Ashnault, a 45 pound recreation wrestler, placed third in the Kids State Wrestling Tournament. Ashnault won his opening match by Tech Fall 15-0 over Kevin Corrigan of Pascack Hills. In the second match, he lost to eventual-champion Justin

Bellis of Branchville. In the wrestle backs, he won his next two matches to reach the consolation finals, where he beat Tyler Kosimor 2-0 for third

Tyler Hunt, 55 pounds, had to place the hard way. Hunt lost his first match, but came back strong in the consolation round, winning his next three matches to advance to the medal round. He then lost, but came back to win for a seventh place finish.

Nick Vallone, 90 pounds, was the only Midget Wrestler to place, finishing in fifth place. In his opening round, Vallone beat Andrew Valeriani of West Essex 9-1. In the next round he won a 4-2 OT decision over Jamie Westwood. Vallone lost his semifinal match. but came back for a fifth place finish, beating Westwood again 2-1.

Congratulations to all the wrestlers on a great season.

Wrestlers Win

at Parsippany

South Plainfield Recreation Wres-

In the sub-Bantam Division, An-

thony Ashnault 43, took first place.

Kyle Brady 48, finished in second place

and Dakota Pauls 43, who just turned

five-years-old and was wrestling in his

In the Bantam Division, Anthony Ashnault also won the 42, pound, weight class title. Scott Whalen 52 pounds, also finished in first place. In the Midget Division, Nick Vallone fin-

ished second in the 82 pound weight

class and Nick Pauls finished in third

in the Junior Division 67 pound

weight class.

first tournament, finished in third.

tlers competed at the recent Parsip-pany PAL tournament and did a great

job, winning eight overall medals.

PAL Tourn.

Freestyle Wrestlers Opening Season Tournament

South Plainfield Freestyle and Greco Roman Wrestlers had a good day at the USA Wrestling Opening Qualifying Tournament at Bound

Brook High School.
Placing for South Plainfield were, Patrick Hunter first in Greco, second in Freestyle; Jake Smithline third in Greco, fourth in Freestyle; Mark Wagner first in Freestyle, second in Greco: Billy Ashnault second in

Greco, third in Freestyle; Jimmy Conroy first in Greco, first in Freestyle and Bryan Hunt second in Freestyle Anthony Fierro first in Greco, third in Freestyle

Also placing was Kevin Crilley first in Greco, first in Freestyle.

South Plainfield Recreation will begin their Freestyle and Greco Roman team season on April 8 at 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the PAL.

South Plainfield Golf League **Meeting Announced**

The South Plainfield Golf League will hold a meeting of team captains at the Firehouse on Maple Ave. on

Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. League President Bob Nilan stated that captains will be expected to submit team rosters and entry fees at this initial meeting.

Opening night for the matches to be held at the West Nine Golf course will be on Tuesday, April 23, at 4:30

Last year's defending champs, Windsor Produce, will again be headed by Ron Mendenhall and Bob

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Donofrio, who will be strong contenders to repeat last year's fine sea-

Other teams expected to offer stiff competition this year include Pornovets, first year's runner-ups; Borman's, led by Player of the Year, Ed Banach and Witty's Liquors, captained by Kevin Bickunas.

Pop Warner Looking For Commissioner

The South Plainfield Football Eagles are looking for a Cheerleading Commissioner, who would oversee the cheerleading program, consisting of girls ages 5-13, be a liaison between the coaches, board and conference representatives. Please call Doreen Darr if interested at 908-756-2848.



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OPENING DAY IS ONE WEEK AWAY!

With Opening Day approaching on April 13, we are desperately seeking volunteers for Saturday, April 6 to finish painting, adding infield mix to the fields, and setting up our PA system for opening day. We will be there for most of the day beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Anyone who can spare even an hour is welcome! Please stop down anytime during the day.

Our booster weekend is ongoing and concluding as you read this article. Coaches have been advised of their team's times. If you need to switch your time for any reason, we can accommodate you.

Some thought is being given for a make-up date because of the number of people away on vacation. However, I don't want to raise anyone's hopes at this time, because it is easier said than done. It is an ENORMOUS effort to arrange this with various businesses and the police department, not to mention other organizations that have time reserved. It is a huge imposition to ask these business owners to allow us to come back again in so short a time. The FINAL decision will be held off until AFTER booster weekend, when we see exactly how many people need to make up their time.

Opening Day activities will include the parade, which begins at 10 a.m. from Borough Hall. (Teams will meet at Borough Hall at approximately 9:30 a.m.). The parade is followed by Opening Day ceremonies at the complex. We are hoping to have the police chief, fire chief, and rescue squad captain throw out the first pitches. Little Miss Baseball will be crowned during the opening ceremonies. Photos will be taken throughout the day. Each team manager will be advised of their respective team's time.

Remember to pick up your opening day program at the Snack Stand.

The Patriots trip is set for Friday, May 17. Tickets are going fast, for information/reservations on the Patriots tickets, please contact Debbie Lykes, (908) 756-3671. DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS THURSDAY, APRIL 25!

Twin County Girls Basketball Camp

The sixteenth annual Twin County Girls Basketball Camp will be held on July 22-26, at the Wardlaw-Hartridge school gym on Inman Avenue in Edison. The age group for the camp is approximately 8-17.

For further information, contact coach Ernie Vajda (732) 249-8942

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Obituaries

John W. Ballouz, 87

John W. Ballouz died on Saturday, March 30 in the Francis E. Parker

Memorial Home in Piscataway. Born in New Martinsville, West Virginia, he lived in Atlantic Highlands for 30 years before moving to South Plainfield in 1989.

During WWII, John served with the Merchant Marines achieving the rank of Lt. Commander. He then became employed by the Moore McCormack Co. of Brooklyn, where he worked for 40 years. For most of his career with the company, he was a chief engineer and for the last 10 years he was the port engineer.

John was an avid gardener and especially enjoyed his trips to Atlantic

His first wife, Sherley Ballouz, died in 1988. He was also predeceased by a sister, Agnes Eby and two brothers, Father Marcel Ballouz and Dr. Joseph Ballouz.

Surviving are his wife, Doris G. Siegler Ballouz; two sons, John W. Ballouz II of Florida and Frank Ballouz of London, England; two sisters, Mary Davis of New Martinsville, West Virginia and Bernadette Poole of Columbus, Ohio; three step-daughters, Deborah Rein, Rosalyn Metzger and Frances Siegler; two step-grand-children, Michelle and Nicole; his niece, Marcells and two nephews

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

Patrick "Pasquale" Orlandini, 52

Patrick "Pasquale" Orlandini died on Wednesday, March 27 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Pretare, Italy to the late Aniceto and Felicia Orlandini, Pat came to the U.S. at the age of nine. He grew up in New Brunswick, where he graduated from New Brunswick High School in 1969. Following high school, he attended Rutgers University earning a Bachelors degree in Fine Arts in 1973.

He had lived in Highland Park for 13 years and then in Edison, before settling in South Plainfield six years ago.

He was employed by IBM for the past 29 years as a customer service engineer, working in the Central Jersey area out of the company's Cranford

Pat had a passion for woodworking, carpentry, electronics and gardening. He and his wife Rosemary espe-

cially enjoyed dancing.
Surviving are his wife of 17 years,
Rosemary Frindt Orlandini; two daughters, Emily and Kelly Orlandini both at home; a sister, Gisella Horvath of Highland Park; a brother, Edward Orlandini of Edison, his mother-inlaw, Mary Frindt of South River and

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three nieces, Terry, Lisa and Juliet. Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

James P. Formanek, 47

James P. Formanek died on Saturday, March 30 at the Barbara E. Cheung Hospice Care Center in Menlo Park.

Jim was born in Brooklyn and grew up in Edison. He graduated from J.P. Stevens High School in Edison in

For the past seven years he had worked in warehousing for G&W Laboratories in South Plainfield. Prior to that he had worked for 19 years at the distribution center for Macy's (formerly Bamberger's) warehousing center in Raritan Center in Edison.

He was a member of the AFL-CIO Local 262 of NJ. In his spare time he enjoyed tennis and music and he was an avid Civil War buff.

Surviving are three daughters, Jacklyn and Jennifer Formanek, both of Dubois, Pa. and Jessica Whitworth of Monroe Twsp.; his parents, Jerome and Dolores (Bergin) Formanek of Toms River; his sister and her husband, Christine and Russell Brown of South Plainfield; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Joyce Formanek of Stanley, NY and David and Karen Formanek of Farmingdale, NY and his two grandchildren, Hannah and Christopher Formanek.

Private cremation was under the direction of McCriskin Home For Fu-

Memorial donations may be made to the Barbara E. Cheung Hospice of Menlo Park

Alice A. (Kolakowski) Szymanski, 85

Alice A. (Kolakowski) Szymanski died on Monday April 1, at the Genesis Elder Care-The Woodlands in

Mrs. Szymanski was born in Sayerville on July 10, 1916. Upon her marriage to Walter Szymanski, she moved to Piscataway in 1985. She

recently entered the care center.

Alice had been a seamstress for 20 years before her retirement. She had been employed by the former Van Blarcom Curtain Factory of Dunellen. During the 1960's, Mrs. Szymanski had been the cook of the priests of St. Joseph's Church in North Plainfield.

She is a former communicant of St. Joseph's RC Church in North Plainfield, where she was a member of the Rosary Society. She was also a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, Local #149

Alice was an avid long time Bingo player and had played at various churches in the area.

Her husband, Walter A. Szymanski, died in 1962. She is also predeceased by a son, Thomas Szymanski; a grand-

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son, James Saydek; a sister, Lee Bokaj and a brother, Al Kolakowski.

Surviving are her four children and their husbands, Regina and James Saydek of Piscataway. Raymond and Carole Szymanski of Greenbrook, Leonard and Mary Ann Szymanski of Piscataway and Walter and Peggy Szymanski of South Plainfield; three granddaughters, Ann Marie Saydek, Theresa and Diana Szymanski; four sisters, Cecelia Matts, Fran Narkiewicz and Agnes Pasternak, all of South River and Ann Unkel of Sayerville and two brothers, Joseph Kolakowski of Perth Amboy and Charles Kolakowski of Reading Pa.

Funeral services were at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Vera Fritzgerald Squero, 83

Vera Fritzgerald Squero of South Plainfield died on Saturday, March 30 at her home.

She was born in Brooklyn and was a former resident of Annandale before moving to South Plainfield 67 years ago.

Mrs. Squero was a foster mother for Social Services at the United Family Society of Plainfield for 30 years before retiring in 1975.

Vera is survived by her beloved husband, Michael Squero Sr.; two sons, Michael Jr. and Frank J. Squero, both of South Plainfield; a daughter, Cecelia Stopinski of Largo Fla.; five sisters, Eleanor Lankay, Violet Kulgelmen, Lorriane Thompson, Cecelia Higgins and Hazel Smith; six granddaughters a grandson and two great grandchil-

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

Carmella Cusumano Licciardone, 85

Carmella Cusumano Licciardone died on Saturday, March 30 at home.

Mrs. Licciardone was born in Elizabeth and grew up in Old Forge, Pa. She later returned to Elizabeth, before moving to South Plainfield in 1957.

She was a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

Her husband, Louis Licciardone, died in 1974. She was also predeceased by her sisters Fannie Dallessandro and Eva Cusumano and by her older brother, Vito Cusumano.

Surviving are her three daughters, Grace DeCillis and Rose Gemmell, both of South Plainfield and Johanna Butta and her husband, Al, of Toms River; a son Dominick Licciardoe of North Plainfield; four sisters: Mary Laurenzi of Niagara Falls, Agatha Galassi, Anne Giglio, and Angelina Giglio, all of Old Forge, Pa.; a brother, Kenneth Cusumano of Clark, 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at

McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made to the Haven Hospice at IFK Medical Center in Edison.

Ex-Coach Strangled in His Home, Nephew Arrested

charged with murder.

According to West, when Dutton arrived home at about 11 p.m., he found Cassett in the den, but still alive, with his arms and legs tied. Authorities believe Cassett probably let Moorman inside shortly before Dutton arrived home. Moorman then hog-tied Dutton's arms and legs with electrical cord and duct tape, the same manor that he had tied Cassett.

Cassett was strangled sometime during the five hours it took for Dutton to free himself. Police received a 911 call from Dutton at 3:45 a.m. and when they arrived at the house they found Cassett still bound and strangled to death.

Moorman fled with two jugs of coins, weighing approximately 200 pounds and Cassett's 1995 blue Buick Regal. The house was not ransacked, but had been thoroughly gone through. Dutton could not identify the assailant, but did give a description to police. Outside the house, police found one of the glass jars broken on the front lawn.
Roger Cassett, 59, was a champion

restler at Plainfield High School in 1961 and 1962 and won many trophies and awards during his wrestling career. He attended Rutgers University evenings and earned a degree in business. He worked for AT&T in Piscataway for 20 years as a manager of computer services. He was a lifelong athlete, who loved to play tennis and also volunteered as a coach in Plainfield's wrestling program. He was head coach of Plainfield's wrestling

Cooperative Students

Breakfast Forum

Continued from page 1 program's success over the years has been well publicized and applauded by over 200 companies in the South Plainfield Community. The students involved in the CE program have won over a million dollars in scholarships over the past eleven years and the program has launched many careers, including entrepreneurs and even business owners. Governors have recognized CE as a good program and in the process the program has won special awards. Many former students continue the tradition of hiring students from the program for part time paid employment. Parents encourage their children to join the CE program during their senior year to take advantage of the Business Breakfast, career exploration, work shadowing oppor-tunities, networking and excellent part time jobs.

Ms. Falato starts out every September telling her students the CE program motto: "Do what you love, love what you do and deliver more than you promise."

Moorman was arrested Monday night while walking on Plainfield Ave. near Geary Drive by South Plainfield Police Sgt. Pete Arancio. The stolen car was found abandoned on the corner of the intersection of Delores and Terrace avenues.

A search warrant was executed by the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office for the Edgar Ave. home where Moorman lived with his grandparents. Inside the house, police found an imitation handgun, one of the glass jars, Cassett's keys and duct tape. He was arraigned on Tuesday and charged with murder. He pleaded not guilty and bail was set at \$750,000. He is presently in the Middlesex County jail.

Police are still working on a what the motive to the crime could have

Moorman, who stands six foot three inches tall and weighs about 250 pounds, attended South Plainfield High School, but dropped out before graduation. He was a frequent visitor at the PAL, where he played basketball and attended Teen Night, until a few months ago. He also has had several run-ins with police. According to reports he was charged with carrying a knife in New Brunswick and disorderly conduct.

Legal Notices

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RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To AA&G Builders Inc. for public improvements at Spicer Ave. and Delmore Ave. in South Plainfield Lot 6.01, 6.05 and 6.06: Block 379.

A public meeting has been scheddled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by AA&G Builders Inc. Performance Bond posted by AA&G Builders Inc. OF public improvements at Spicer Ave. and Delmore Ave. in South Plainfield, Know as Lot 6.01, 6.05 and 6.06, Block 379 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield, Said public hearing will be held April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

AA&G Builders Inc. 1033 New Market Ave. South Plainfield, NJ 07080

April 5, 2002

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PALINFIELD PUBLIC NOTICE RETURN PERFORMANCE BOND

TO DURHAM ASSOCIATES for public improve-ments at Durham Mews at Durham Avenue and Hogan Drive - Lot 86, Block 528.

Hogan Drive - Lot 86, Block 528.

A public meeting has been scheduled by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield to hear objections, if any, to the release of a Performance Bond posted by DURHAM ASSOCIATES for public Improvements at Durham Mews at Durham Avenue and Hogan Drive, known as Lot 88, Block 528 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. The developer is also requesting a waiver of any maintenance bond. Sald public hearing will be held on Monday, April 15, 2002 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

Durham Associates 433 River Road Highland Park, NJ 08904

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policereport

 On March 27, a Hillside resident reported the theft of \$6,466.20 from his Fleet Bank account. Someone had made a withdrawal from the branch at

· Middle School teacher Diane Scarpulla, reported the theft of cash from her wallet. Her purse had been left in the classroom on a desk. Also, teacher Elizabeth Sampson reported the theft of cash missing from her wallet when she left it in an unlocked locker in a classroom.

 On March 28, an Edison resident reported that his passenger side rear window was smashed in. Tapes and a black handbag were taken while parked at 1810 Park

· A Clinton Ave. resident reported that someone had smashed the rear passenger vent window and took various CD's. two Adidas jackets and \$5 in loose change.

. Bravo Market on W. 7th St. reported the attempted theft of \$10.77 worth of Clorox bleach.

· A Worth Dr. resident reported that someone had smashed the driver's side mirror on his car while it was parked in front of his home.

· On Friday, a Beverly Rd. woman reported the theft of her ATM card which she used at Fleet Bank on Oak Tree Rd. She had accidentally left it in the machine.

 On Monday, Alan Reaves of Plainfield was arrested at Macy's for shoplifting \$391.49 worth of Kodak film and Baby Magic

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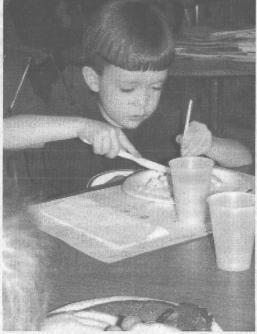
The South Plainfield Lion's Club pre-Easter tradition continued this past Palm Sunday. The club served a hearty meal to a record crowd at the annual gourmet breakfast.

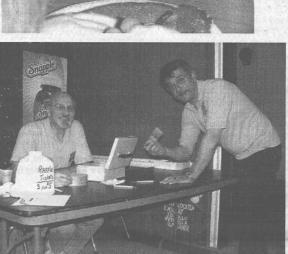
Those working in the kitchen were busy cooking and serving a sumptu-ous breakfast to a steady flow of

The menu included breakfast standards such as bacon, sausage, french toast and beverages, orange juice, coffee and tea. For those who wanted a little extravagance, there were pancakes with a variety of toppings and mouth-watering, made-to-order om-elettes with choices ranging from cheese, ham, mushrooms, peppers, onions and more.

Lions members and volunteers which included members' children and grandchildren, fed over 250 people, according to President Bob Desch.

The annual fundraiser supports the international community service group that assists the visually and hearing impaired.











'Almost Famous Players' Appearing in Bridgewater

A musical version of Cinderella will be presented by Dunn-Ley Productions and the People Care Center of Bridgewater at the Chandler Theatre at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. April 6, 7, 13 and 14. The show is directed by Noreen Dunn, producer of the New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom.

On April 13 and 14 the Almost Famous Players of South Plainfield will open for the Dunn-Ley production of Cinderella. The troupe will present their comedy, *Dragon Heart* which recently played to a full house at the South Plainfield Library. Prior commitments on the part of some performers have caused some cast change

and additions. Performing for the matinees are Katie Mott, Chris Abbott, Vinnie Carubia, Susan Mott and Gina Butrico. Dragon Heart was written and directed by Almost Famous Players founder Patricia Abbott.

Cinderella is an original script written by Andrew Parks of Somerset. Parks has teamed up with first time composers John and Eleanor Kennedy of Chester. Their music brings a new element to the tale. Cinderella is visited by the spirit of her mother, who gives her a magical dress and golden slippers so that all can see her natural beauty. The spirit has also been busy meddling in the dreams of the Prince. Smitten with the image of Cinderella

he drags his mentor The Duke, on a mad quest to find her. Add to the mix the wicked stepmother an oddball father and two very homely stepsisters Berta and Gerta. The comedy promises to please children of all ages.

Director Noreen Dunn has done extensive work in theatre throughout the area including Artistic Director of the Franklin Theatre Ensemble. Directing credits include Godspell, My Fair Lady

and her most recent hit, the gender reversed Odd Couple.

Chandler Theatre is located at the People Care Center, 120 Finderne Ave. Bridgewater. The entrance for the the atre is in the back of the building. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Advance tickets are available at the People Care Center from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For more information, call 732 356-1497 Ext. 7.

Girl Scout Cookie Sales

If you missed the regular cookie sale, it is not too late to still get Girl Scout Cookies.

Cookie Booth Sales will be held by South Plainfield Girl Scouts on Saturday, April 6 at Quik Check on Sampton Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Drug Fair on South Plainfield Ave., 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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