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Democracy Vote Focuses on Value of Public Library

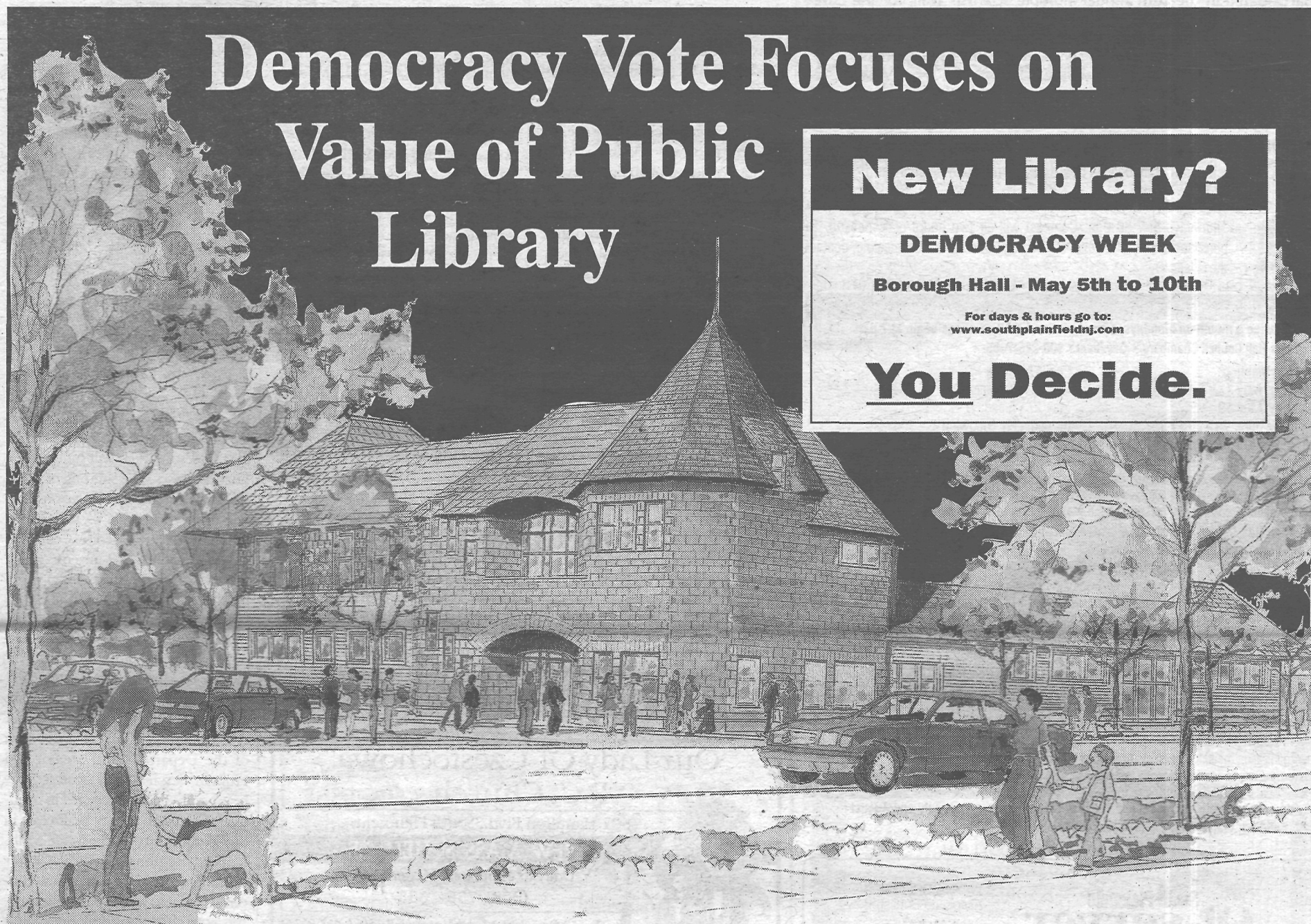
New Library?

DEMOCRACY WEEK

Borough Hall - May 5th to 10th

For days & hours go to:
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You Decide.



Artist's rendering of the proposed public library building.

Library Bursting at the Seams; Will Residents Pay for More Space?

On Monday morning at 8 a.m., residents will begin the week-long opportunity to cast their votes on whether the Borough should bond for up to \$4.5M to finance the construction of a new library building. The vote will be non-binding.

The library held an open house yesterday (after presstime) to give residents an opportunity to ask questions and to view the proposed building plans.

According to Library Board of Trustees President Eric Aronowitz, "A study in the early 1990s determined that, at 6,400 square feet, the current library was 50% too small when it was built over 40 years ago." The present building is not able to accommodate a second floor or be expanded because it is located in a flood zone. He noted that when students visit the library after school and also during children's programs, the library becomes so crowded it is almost impossible for anyone else to use the facility.

The proposed plans call for 15,000 square feet of floor space, more than twice the current floor space. The first floor will have 10 rows of stacked books, a reference and circulation desk, a 22-by-30 foot children's room, quiet study rooms for group study

and a young adult area. The upper area, separate from the main floor, will be available for use after hours for meetings with a large 30-by-32 square foot room. The upper area also contains space for a library staff room, bathrooms and a records room. It is designed so that a second floor can be expanded to accommodate future growth.

The library will also have a drive-up window for both drop off and pick up of materials.

"Democracy Week" voting will take place May 5 through May 10 in the Borough Hall courtroom. No voting will take place on Wednesday. Votes will be cast on paper ballots similar to those used in some local, state and national elections. Residents' names will be verified by checking the voter registration book

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DEMOCRACY WEEK REFERENDUM BALLOT QUESTION

QUESTION 1

Shall the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield adopt a bond ordinance in the maximum amount of \$4,500,000., payable over a 20 year period, to be authorized in order to fund the development and construction of a new public library building and related improvements within the Borough of South Plainfield?

INTERPRETIVE STATEMENT:

The proposed bond ordinance would be used to fund the development and construction of a new public library building within the Borough of South Plainfield. The estimated cost for the development and construction of a new library building and related improvements, which includes, but is not limited to, landscaping, utilities and parking improvements, is \$4,500,000. This amount includes monies which the Borough has already expended on the project. There may be additional funding provided to the Borough to offset a portion of the estimated costs.

A "Yes" vote on the above question means that you do want the Borough Council to authorize the adoption of a bond ordinance to fund the development and construction of a new public library building.

A "No" vote on the above question means that you do not want the Borough Council to authorize the adoption of a bond ordinance to fund the development and construction of a new public library building.

DEMOCRACY
DAY
BALLOTS

The Democracy
Week ballot
box and the
actual ballot
question.



On April 13 the South Plainfield High School Girls Lacrosse Team participated in the 20th annual Multiple Sclerosis Walk for the Cure charity walk at Liberty Village in Flemington. Approximately 30 team members and coaches Tammy Zurka and Karl Spolarich raised funds and participated in the four-mile walk. The team raised approximately \$4,021 for the fight against Multiple Sclerosis.

COUNCIL MEETINGS air on Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA and/or Other SPECIAL Meetings air every Saturday at 8 p.m.

(Check community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)



The April 30 BOE Reorganization Meeting will air on Comcast Channel 74 Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. Comcast will air two hours of a meeting. To purchase a copy of a complete Borough Council or BOE meeting, contact the *Observer*.

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, except as noted. * All meetings begin at 7 p.m.
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
Monday, May 12 (7 p.m.)	Immediately Following
Monday, May 19	May 27 (Tuesday)
Monday, June 9 (7 p.m.)	Immediately Following

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.

planningboard

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

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

May 13, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22,

Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov 18*, Dec. 9*.

zoning board of adjustment

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

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

May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26, July 10 and 24, August 14 and 28, September 11 and 25, October 9 and 23, November 30*, December 11*.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Reorganization meeting Thursday, April 30 at 7 p.m.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August

PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716

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IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

To the Editor:

In my letter to the editor last week regarding the production of "The Music Man," I should have stated: "Thank you to Mrs. Tansey for the days and nights she spent making the beautiful costumes and a thank you to Mrs. Seeseeberg for being there every day and night helping with the tickets and the programs."

GWENN KURILEW

Dear South Plainfield Residents,

My name is Allison and I live in South Plainfield. On a street near me, they cut down hundreds of trees to build houses. I have no problem with houses because people need homes, but they didn't replant any of the trees! Trees are important to our environment and we need them for oxygen. Without oxygen, we could not live. We also need trees for shade and paper.

This problem should concern everyone. Small animals use trees for their homes, food and protection. They can't live without them. The future children of the world won't be able to enjoy the cute animals. The animals have done nothing to deserve their habitats being cut down and taken away.

For people to think that trees are not important is unacceptable. They are just thinking about themselves. I think it's wrong to cut trees and not plant them back. So what we really should be doing is planting more trees and saving more space. Please save more space for trees and animals! The environment is counting on you. Thank you!

ALLISON TUYP, A CONCERNED STUDENT

To the Editor:

In her letter which was published in the April 25 edition of the *Observer*, it seems that Sonia Obadike, in stating that "Bengivenga and Anesh" struggled to come up with an accomplishment for their three years on the

council, she is forgetting the letter she wrote in October of last year criticizing the several proposals made by Mr. Bengivenga and Mr. Anesh at that time. She seems to forget that there was a Democratic council majority and that no matter what was suggested by the Republicans it was shot down. I'll leave the million dollar dog park suggestion out as Mr. Bengivenga has already spoken to the actual cost and location.

She then said that these council members have not bothered to apply for county open space funds. Is she unaware that the council, in August of last year, purchased through the open space fund from Jayne Investment Group (Hall's), \$1.7M open space on Oak Tree Road. What open space does she know of that we should also purchase? We have paid into the open space fund over \$5M in the last 10 years and purchased over \$12M worth of open space.

She then speaks of the council president's father being the biggest developer in the history of our borough. My question is—so what? Was he given any favors? I might ask this: Does the name Jack Morris mean anything to her? Let's mention Traditions, Tingley Rubber, Senior Center and properties involved in the second phase of the Hamilton Boulevard bypass. What smoke and mirrors is she talking about?

RICHARD PETRONE

Dear Editor,

Having been a resident of South Plainfield for almost 23 years I've observed that residents always come together for a common cause. They free themselves of political partisanship and help their neighbor in crisis. I've always been quite proud of that aspect within our town. Due to the lack of compensation by the state and federal government, Muhlenberg Hospital will close its doors soon. Last year

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Muhlenberg Hospital provided \$154M worth of charity care. The state and federal government reimbursed Muhlenberg Hospital a paltry \$6.2M. Eleven hospitals in the state are slated to be closing this coming year. Besides the impending doom for Muhlenberg Hospital, Raritan Bay in Perth Amboy isn't far behind. JFK Medical Center, part of the Solaris Health System, is also facing budget issues.

Muhlenberg Hospital serves the communities of Plainfield, South Plainfield, North Plainfield, Dunellen, Scotch Plains, Watchung and Westfield. If this uncompensated care issue isn't rectified the closing of Muhlenberg Hospital will only be the beginning. We will see a domino effect where other hospitals will close. Patients without insurance will go to the next closest hospital. Without increased funding for charity care the next closest hospital will suffer severe financial losses. The shutting of Muhlenberg Hospital means precious time will be lost in transit to JFK, Overlook and Somerset Medical Center. As anyone experiencing an emergency knows, additional minutes can mean the difference between life and death.

I've always found the staff at Muhlenberg Hospital to be professional and caring. A public hearing on the fate of Muhlenberg Hospital will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m. at Plainfield High School, 950 Park Ave. Commissioner Heather Howard of the Department of Health and Human Services will conduct this hearing. If you are interested in maintaining access to quality health care in our community by keeping Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center open. Please join up with fellow concerned citizens at the public hearing. It is your chance to speak out against the closing of Muhlenberg Hospital which has been open for 130 years. Don't miss this opportunity to be heard.

**SINCERELY,
KEVIN B. KEAN**

(See page 6 for letters concerning the Democracy Week vote on a new library.)

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Commerce Bank Branch Manager Carolyn Allen (right) presents a \$4,000 check on behalf of the bank to the Friends of the Library. Pictured (L-R): Phyllis Aronowitz, Friends of the Library president, Eric Aronowitz, president of the Library Board of Trustees and Sunnie Randolph, library director.

NEWS

Suburban Woman's Club

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is affiliated with the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Club of the General Federation of Women's Club, the largest non-sectarian women's organization in the United States. As the year's activities comes to a close, we will be part of the College District of NJSFWC Spring Conference and Achievement Day to be held at Madeline's in Bound Brook. Mary Ann Iannitto will be the coordinator. Club members from the College District presented samples of their painting, knitting, crocheting, cooking, and plants, etc. to be judged and receive awards. The day ended with a luncheon.

Natalie Bergen, June Flannery, Diane Gallo, Lucy Hudson, Ginger Pierce, Jean Popik, Frieda Walker and Catherine Wells attended the conference. Rosemary Seghatolamlami, the retiring vice president of the College District, also attended.

At the April 3 meeting elections for the 2008-2009 year were held. Elected were President-Mary Ann Iannitto, Vice Presidents-Rose Cucurella and Marge Reidy, Recording Secretary-Diane Gallo, Federation and Corresponding Secretary-Frieda Walker and Treasurer-Lucy Hudson.

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Congratulations and thank you all for taking on these responsible positions.

We will all be honoring our mothers' on their special day, May 11. We should perhaps be honoring our other mother, Mother Earth. How about going out on your front lawn on this day dedicated to women, joining hands with family and friends and in silence think about our Mother Earth and all that she gives us. Please go out at 1 p.m.; what a wonderful sight it will be. Let us honor Mother Earth!

May 3 is the big day for the annual spring lawn sale to be held at the American Legion, on Oak Tree Avenue from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date is May 4. Come one, come all for great bargains and surprises.

Thanks to all who come to support our activities. The funds which we raise are used for scholarships and donated to various groups in South Plainfield. See you on May 3!

*Submitted by Gloria M. Breuning,
Publicity chairman*

Joann Graf Appointed Municipal Clerk

Acting Municipal Clerk Joann Graf was appointed Borough Municipal Clerk during a special council meeting on Monday night, becoming the borough's first woman clerk. The vote on her appointment was unanimous. After taking the oath, Graf commented "It is my honor to serve you all."

Graf has been serving as acting municipal clerk since March 6. When appointed she agreed not to take a salary and continued in her capacity as Senior Center Director, a position she has held since 2002.

Graf replaced Vinnie Buttiglieri, who resigned in February to take a job in Ocean Township.

Not only is Graf the Borough's first female municipal clerk, she also holds the distinction of being the first woman in South Plainfield to be



Municipal Clerk Joann Graf

elected to the council, where she served from 1982 to 1984. In 1983

she was elected as the first woman council president.

Graf was appointed municipal clerk for a one-year term effective March 6, at a salary of \$23,000, which is effective April 28. She has not yet received her certification, but is presently taking courses and should be certified by the time her one year term expires. At that time she can be reappointed for a three year term.

Her salary as senior center director is \$64,274, along with the \$23,000 as municipal clerk, she will be earning a total of \$87,724.

According to CFO Glenn Cullen, the Borough will save almost \$70,000 in salaries and benefits because Graf agreed to fill both positions.

Photo Display At Library

South Plainfield Public Library will host a display of photos by local photographer Dorothy F. Bellew through May 30.

The display features an array of photos reflecting life in Italy. An opening reception for the display will be held on Sunday, May 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The artist will be available to answer questions and will bring matted copies of the displayed pictures, along with additional photos of Italy, as well as other locations. All photos will be available for sale; 10% of the proceeds will benefit the South Plainfield library fund.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the Library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Truck Route Ad Hoc Committee Meeting

The Truck Bypass Ad Hoc Committee will hold their next meeting on Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center. The public is welcome to attend.

Riley School Kindergarten Orientation Program May 14

John E. Riley School Kindergarten Orientation signup will be held on Wednesday, May 14 from 3 to 3:45 p.m. and 7 to 7:45 p.m. in the Riley School lobby.

The cost for the program is \$3 which covers the cost for one craft and snack time for all three days.

Only children entering John E. Riley School Kindergarten in September 2008 are welcome to join us to

explore the school, meet the teachers and staff and take a brief bus ride in town.

The program offers two sessions (the a.m. session from 9-11 a.m. and the p.m. session from noon-2 p.m.), and runs for three consecutive Wednesdays as follows: Wednesday, May 21, Wednesday, May 30 and Wednesday, June 4.

For more information call (908) 754-4620, ext. 344.

South Plainfield Gas Price Check

Gasoline prices are rising every day. To keep our readers informed, the Observer will be publishing the latest price of gasoline at our local stations.

Name	Location	4/27 1:30 PM	4/29 7 PM
Jersey Oil	Park Ave & E. Golf	\$3.359	\$3.359
Citgo	Maple & Park Ave.	\$3.379	\$3.379
Raceway	Clinton & W. 7th	\$3.359	\$3.399
Jersey Oil	Hamilton & Amboy	\$3.439	\$3.439
Exxon	Maple & Park Ave	\$3.399	\$3.459
Gulf	Stelton & New Brunswick	\$3.459	\$3.459
Gulf	Front St & Oak Tree Ave	\$3.469	\$3.469
Shell	Plainfield & Lane	\$3.479	\$3.479
Enrite	Durham & Texas	\$3.499	\$3.499
Lukoil	Durham & 287	\$3.539	\$3.539
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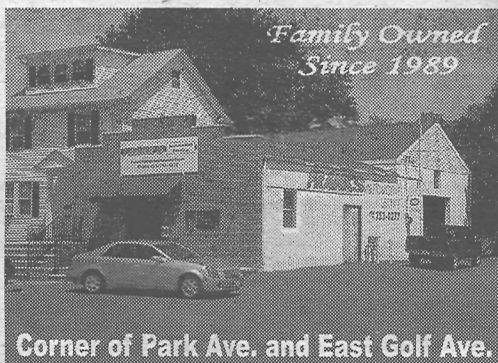
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Yard Sale at American Legion

May 3

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield will hold a yard sale on the American Legion lawn, 243 Oak Tree Ave., on May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain date is May 4. Many, many tables, low prices, and many bargains. Come one and all!

Spaghetti Dinner

May 3

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., is hosting a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, May 3 from 5 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 12 years and under. Dinner includes spaghetti with freshly made sauce, a choice of meatballs or sausage, fresh salad, homemade dessert and beverage. Tickets will be available at the door.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call (908) 756-8655.

Soccer Club's Evening of Comedy

May 3

The South Plainfield Soccer Club will present an "Evening of Stand-up Comedy" on Saturday, May 3 at the PAL building on Maple Avenue.

Headliner is Delaware's fastest-rising young comedy star, Keith Purnell, who recently appeared in the Cameron Diaz movie, "In Her Shoes."

Also appearing is Stan Stankos, a regular at major comedy clubs and who was a featured performer at the 2007 New York City Underground Comedy Festival.

What's happening at the

SENIOR CENTER

MAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

Golden Isles of Georgia Trip
May 3 through 9

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
"Last of the Red Hot Lovers" May 14

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

5

Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social Group 10am

6

Aerobics 8:45 am
Line Dancing 10am
Computer 10 am, 11:30am, 1pm
Crocheting 1pm
Tai Chi 2pm
Taj Mahal Trip 9am

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Pathmark Shopping 9am
Crafts Class 10am
Computer Class 10am
Exercise Class 1:15pm
11:30am, 1pm

8

Bingo 10am-2pm

9

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For tickets, call (908) 753-6175.

VFW Country Breakfast

May 4

The South Plainfield VFW will host a country breakfast on Sunday, May 4 from 8-11 a.m. Public is welcome. For information, call (908) 668-9751.

EVP Yard Sale

May 4 & 5

There will be a fundrasing yard sale at Edison Valley Playhouse on Oak Tree Road on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Furniture, dishes, glassware and other items will be available.

Grant Stokes Fundrasier

May 5

A Grant Stokes fundraiser will be held all day on Monday, May 5 at Gabrieles Bar & Grill, located on Centennial Ave. in Piscataway.

Ten percent of the bill will go towards the Stokes Fund if you present the flyer. Raffle tickets available from 4-8 p.m. for two bikes (boy/girl), raffle baskets, 50/50 and face painter for the kids from 5:30-8 p.m.

Any questions, call Barbara Bythell at (908) 754-9629.

Annual Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing

May 6

The Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing, co-sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Business Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor.

To sign up, call Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275 or Bob Longo at (908) 753-7044, ext 106.

Coalition of Cultural Diversity Meeting

May 6

The South Plainfield Coalition on Cultural Diversity will meet on Tuesday, May 6 in the Borough Hall conference room at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (908) 251-3992.

SPHS Music Boosters Meeting

May 7

The SPHS Music Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. in the high school chorus room. All band, chorus, color guard and orchestra parents are welcome to attend. There will be elections

for the new executive board. Upcoming Music Booster Awards Banquet scheduled for Friday, June 13 will be discussed. The canning fundraiser is Friday, May 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday, May 3 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Permission slips must be signed for a student to participate in canning.

— Out of Town —

Friendship Luncheon

May 2

The annual May friendship luncheon and program sponsored by Church Women United, Plainfield area will be held on Friday, May 2 at noon at St. John's Baptist Church, 2387 Morse Ave. in Scotch Plains.

For reservations, call Betty Roberts at (908) 757-3142 or Betty Williams at (732) 356-4921.

Learn to Use Your Telescope

May 3

Did someone in the family receive a new telescope for Christmas, a birth-

day, or some other event? The New Jersey Astronomical Association (NJAA) will present Scope School on Saturday, May 3 at 5 p.m. in the Buzz Aldrin Astronomical Center in Voorhees State Park. There is no cost, but you must register in advance.

To register, call Jim at (908) 429-8864 and visit www.njaa.org for more information.

Home Day Craft Fair

May 3

The Eastern Star Home of New Jersey, 111 Finderne Ave. in Bridgewater is holding a home day craft fair on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Rain or shine; handcrafted items, baked goods, plants, food, raffles. Breakfast served 7 to 10 a.m.

For more information, call Ruth Hoyt at (908) 454-7300.

Middlesex East WOWs

May 5

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Monday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues, Carteret. Light refreshments to follow. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend.

For information, call Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Metuchen-Edison Women's Club

May 7

The Metuchen-Edison Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at The Heritage at Clara Barton on Amboy Avenue in Edison. The program will be chamber music and vocals, presented by Metuchen High School Music Department. Guests are welcome.

For additional information, please contact Mary at (732) 494-5649.

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Greg Watts holds the Disabled American Veterans Yancey Scholarship Award pictured with his girlfriend, Amanda Plum (far left), his parents, Bruce and Cindy, and grandfather, Irving Partelow of Brick (far right).

Greg Watts Receives Disabled American Veterans Yancey Scholarship Award

Greg Watts, a senior at South Plainfield High School, was chosen the winner of the Disabled American Veterans Yancey Scholarship Award. His winning essay on the Iraq War won

him a \$1,000 scholarship.

The award was presented to Greg by Daniel Flynn of The Disabled American Veterans Chapter 20 in Brick on April 16.



Daniel Timko and Adrienne Christatos.

Adrienne Christatos and Daniel Timko Wed

Adrienne Christatos of Stratford, daughter of Carol Christatos of South Plainfield and James Christatos of Goodlettsville, Tennessee, was married on March 29 to Daniel Timko of Stratford, son of Mary Timko of Buffalo, N.Y. The marriage took place at the Bridgewater Manor in Bridgewater.

Friends of the bride and groom, Jennifer Noll and J.J. Modrzejewski, served as matron of honor and best man.

The bride is a graduate of Rutgers University and employed by Baker Sound Studios in Philadelphia.

The groom is attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and is employed by the U.S. Air Force Reserves.

The couple reside in Stratford.

District-Wide Kindergarten Enrollment

Kindergarten enrollment in the South Plainfield School District for the 2008-2009 school year will be held from Monday, May 5 through Thursday, May 15.

Kindergarten enrollment packets are available in the Enrollment Office located in the Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Ave.

Enrollment is by appointment only. Please call Mary Muglia at (908) 754-4620, ext. 222 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

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Danielle Aronowitz Graduates from Ramapo College

Danielle Aronowitz, daughter of Phyllis and Eric Aronowitz, graduated magna cum laude from Ramapo College of New Jersey, with a bachelor of arts degree in environmental studies.

Danielle, a 2004 graduate of South Plainfield High School, completed her college degree in three and one half years. In order to achieve magna cum laude status, a student must achieve a grade point average of at least 3.7. Danielle made the Dean's List in each of her seven semesters at Ramapo.

Danielle will be continuing her studies in the fall at Rutgers University, where she has been accepted into the Masters Degree Program for library and informational science.

Send Your Milestones to: South Plainfield Observer, 1110 Hamilton Blvd., Suite 1B, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or email: spobserver@comcast.net

Edison Arts Society Names Poetry Winners

Edison Arts Society has announced the 2008 winners of their annual middle and high school poetry competition. Each winner will receive a booklet containing the winning poems and the list of honorable mention.

All of the winning poets are invited to read their poems at Barnes and

Noble bookstore at Menlo Park Mall on Tuesday May 27 at 7 p.m.

The 2008 winning poets from South Plainfield are South Plainfield High School sophomore Danielle Campanella, who placed second, and John Neesan, South Plainfield High School junior, who was awarded third place.

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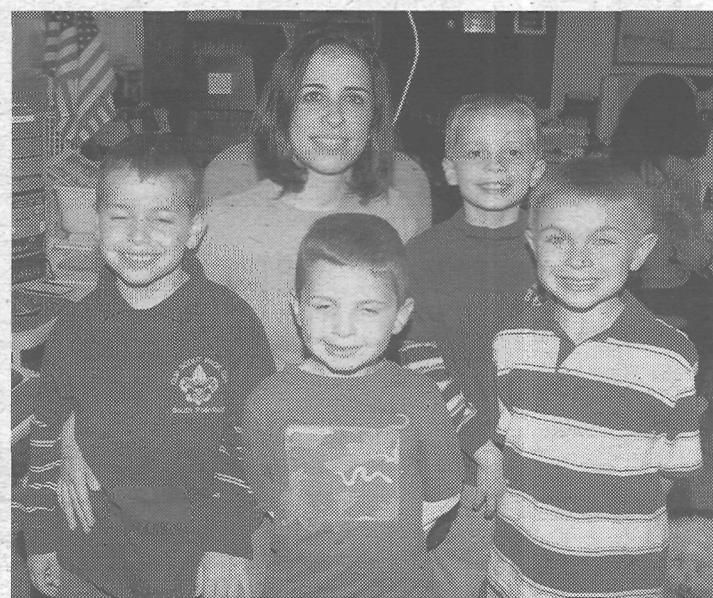
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Tiger Cubs from Kennedy School Cub Scout Pack 324 visited the Observer this week to accomplish their "How I Tell It" requirement. Pictured are scouts Ryan Carey, Colin Carey (brother of Ryan), Patrick Both and Justin Cavaliere with Den Mother Eileen Carey.

Young Adult Author Marco Conelli at Public Library

An author and a detective with the New York Police Department, Marco Conelli will discuss and read from his latest book, the mystery thriller, "Matthew Livingston and the Prison of Souls," at the library on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.

This program is being presented free of charge; no pre-registration is required.

For more information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit the library's Web site at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. For more information about the author, visit his Web site at www.myspace.com/matthewlivingston/.

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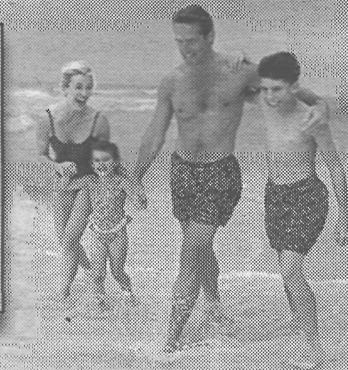
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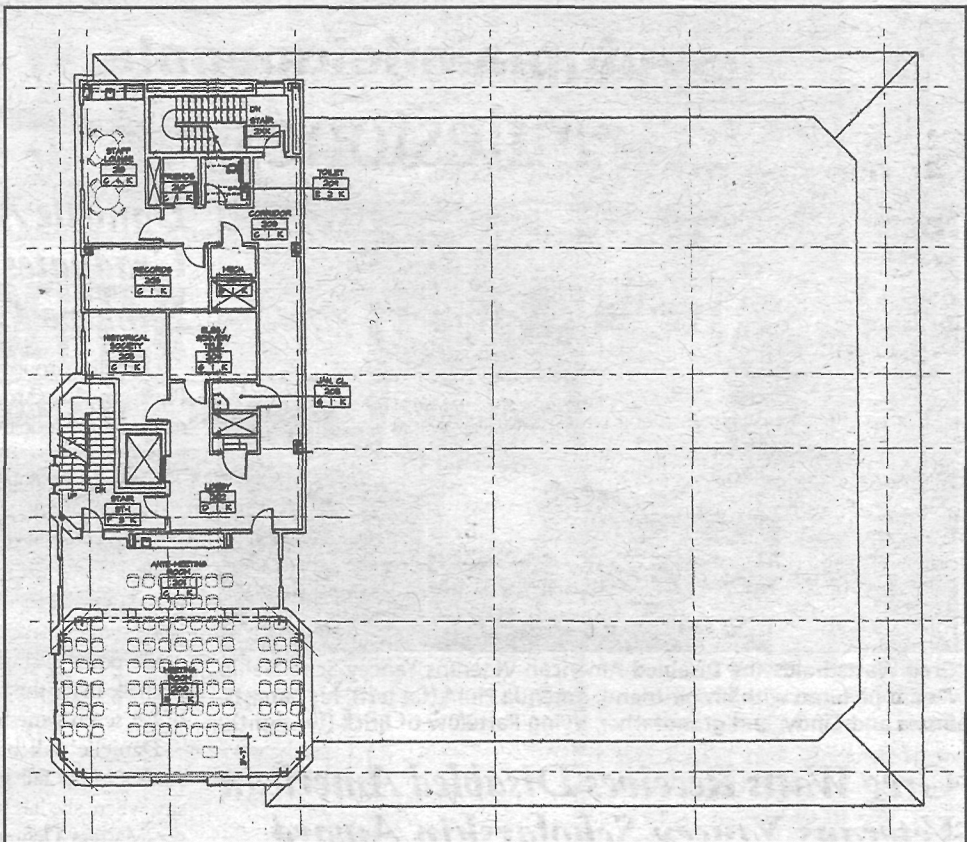
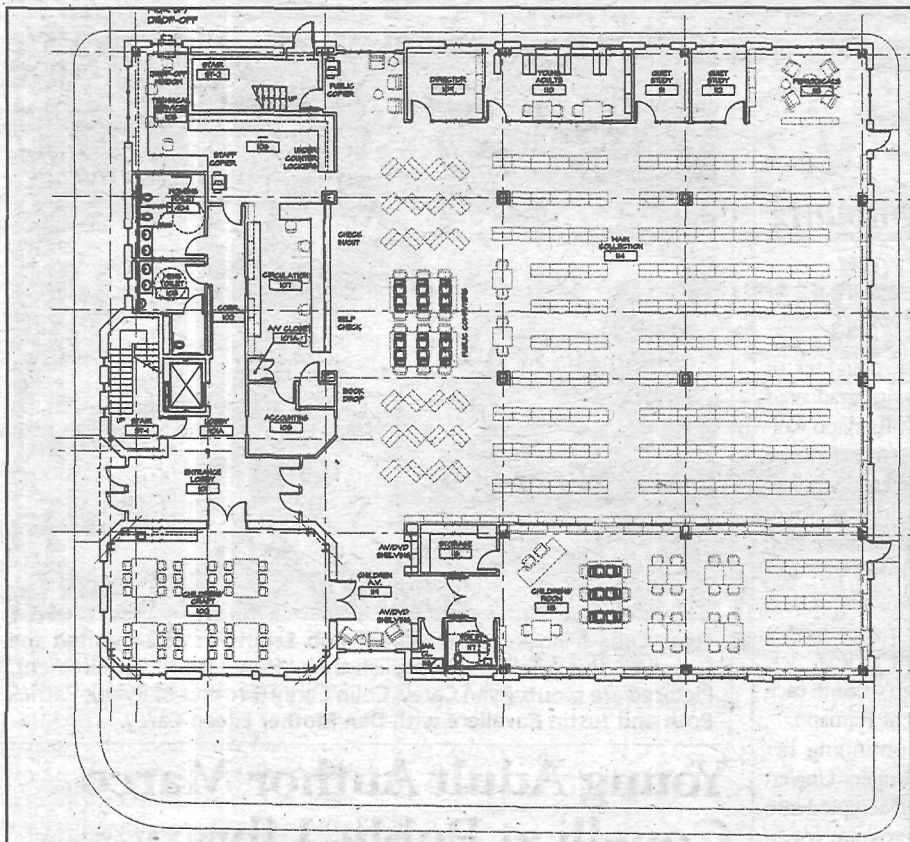
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Architect's plan for the proposed library: above left, the first floor and above right, the second floor with room for future expansion.

Young and Old to Benefit from Expanded Facility

Cost to fund the new library is projected to be a \$30 annual assessment on the average household

“The current library was too small when it was built over 40 years ago.”

— Eric Aronowitz
President, Library Board of Trustees

TO THE EDITOR:

Next week the taxpayers will have the opportunity to vote on whether South Plainfield should bond to build a new public library. Democracy Week will run from May 5-10. Times can be seen on the Borough Web site. I urge all eligible voters to find the time to vote so your voice can be heard. This vote is not one of a political

issue, but rather one based on your opinion. It is, however, a non-binding referendum. Whatever your viewpoint, please take the time granted to you to express your opinion.
COUNCILMAN RAY RUSNAK

TO THE EDITOR:

Next week, the residents of South Plainfield will be asked to go out and vote to support a new public library as part of Democracy Week. Our existing library is old and antiquated and the services offered are limited. There is insufficient space to hold books and the research and computer areas are small. The new library will greatly expand the available space and have many new amenities to offer our residents

including a drive up window to pick-up and drop off books and videos.

This library will be bonded over a period of 20 years and will not increase taxes to our

residents as this funding will be replacing other debt that is expiring. I ask you to join me in supporting this important project for South Plainfield and to cast your vote to support the new public library. Voting will take place at Borough Hall the week of May 5.

MAYOR CHARLES BUTRICO

DEAR EDITOR:

What makes a community distinct and great is its devotion to the education of the children of that community. Besides a competent school system, we need an outstanding library with the latest resources to attract kids to engage in self learning and to build up skills of research and to get smart. This would enable them to be ready for college. South Plainfield children should not have to go to other libraries in other communities. It is a worthy cause to invest in our children. Four million dollars is a worthwhile investment for the children of this community. It will create scholars, excellent graduates and superior business persons, lawyers, doctors and engineers. They will be happy that they had made South Plainfield their home. What attracts good people to South Plainfield is the social and educational opportunities we provide for the residents. Good school system, a great library, clean parks, caring institutions like churches, services to senior citizens, good restaurants, a justice system that is fair and strict, a friendly borough hall, etc. The criterion of a good society is how the residents feel about their town and if they are respected. A modernized library is a good step in the direct direction. This will bring pride to our children. I ask all residents to support this worthy cause.

REV. NEHEMIAH THOMPSON

TO THE EDITOR:

We have lived in South Plainfield for 31 years and are looking forward to the “new library.” It will provide more space to modernize the library’s services. It is fitting to inform the residents of the projected cost for the library. A town is defined by the support it provides to public institutions. In our golden years, we acknowledge the role of the library for our family, friends and ourselves. It has been and continues to be a refuge for knowledge.

The “new library’s” time has come to offer everyone a better quality of life. The best estimate of the cost per household is \$30 per year. This is less than twelve cents (\$0.12) a day! Even on our fixed income, we can surely afford this bargain. As seniors, we know there is no Andrew Carnegie around to provide a library with funding. After almost three years, the library trustees, with the assistance and dedication of Mayors Gallagher and Butrico and the council, have undertaken two of Andrew Carnegie’s three-step processes. Land has been provided near the center of town. It is only just and fitting that during Democracy Week the residents of South Plainfield be requested to give their approval to provide their children and grandchildren ready access to the new and modernized facility!

As seniors, we must pass on to other generations a free and modern public library. Politics has no place in our determination. A library is the true measure of its citizens. Come out and be counted!

**BARBARA L. WARE,
LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE
AND JAMES A. WARE**

LEGAL NOTICE

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

April 23, 2008—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on April 22, 2008.

A. Case #08-03/Minor-2201-2239 South Clinton, LLC. Block 404.03; Lot 1; St. John’s Place and Tremont Avenue. The applicant’s request for waivers and minor sub division approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #08-04/Minor-Hector Amini. Block 404.03; Lot 1; Harvard Avenue. The applicant’s request for waivers and minor sub division approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

C. Case #705/Site/V-Skyline Mgmt. Co. for Plainfield Associates. Block 254; Lot 1.04; Case Drive. The applicant’s request for a waiver and preliminary site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

D. Case #706/Amended-Skyline Mgmt. Co. for Plainfield Associates. Block 254; Lots 1 and 2.02; Case Drive. The applicant’s request for a waiver and amended major site plan approval w/(1) bulk variance was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

\$00.00

May 2, 2008

Poll Results Show Library Approval

A few weeks ago, the *Observer* asked readers to vote in a Web poll at www.spobserver.com regarding the proposed new library. Of the 70 people who voted, 49 voted “yes” (62%) and 30 voted “no” (38%).

While this and other polls posted on our Web site are not scientific, they

give readers a chance to voice opinions anonymously as well as the opportunity to visit our Web site, which is updated every Thursday.

If you have a question you would like featured in a future Web poll, visit us at www.spobserver.com and submit your question for consideration.

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FROM THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Some frequently asked questions about the South Plainfield Public Library Project

Do we need a new library?

A study conducted by a consulting firm, Grimm & McPherson, in 1990 concluded that, at that time, the South Plainfield Public Library was too small for the size of the community. The situation has only gotten worse. Additionally, our existing library is not accessible to those with disabilities.

Why not expand the existing building?

The current library building cannot be expanded because it is located in a floodway. Government regulations prohibit expanding buildings in these areas.

Is the new library going to be larger than the current building?

The new building will have more than twice the floor space of the current library. The current building is 6,330 sq. ft. and the new library will have 15,000 sq. ft.

What improvements will the new library have?

The new library will have a larger children's area, a children's craft room, quiet study rooms for group study, a young adult area, a large room for meetings or classes, and a drive up window for both drop off and pick up of materials. All areas will be handicap accessible.

Will the new building be able to be expanded in the future?

The new building will be a one-story building plus

a mezzanine level. Should there be a need to expand in the future, the building has been designed so that a complete second floor could easily be added.

Will there be adequate parking at the new library?

There will be 22 new spaces and a walkway will be built to the existing municipal lot.

What will the new library cost?

The current estimated cost of the new library, including professional fees, site work and construction is \$5,000,000. Of this amount, \$850,000 has already been spent. The potential impact on the average taxpayer is \$2.50 per month.



The Help Darfur Now group of South Plainfield High School hosted a concert, "Rock Darfur," on March 28, with profits benefitting those affected by the genocide in Darfur. Members of the group and other volunteers worked diligently to get the PAL set for that night's festivities. An enormous stage was erected, along with sophisticated sound and lighting systems. Tables displaying t-shirts and other paraphernalia were set up, as well as band t-shirts and other merchandise. Bands performing at the event were the local and very popular The Command Radio, Salmonella Meat Pudding, Horseshoes and Handgrenades, Divert from Destiny, Lethal and A Clear Blurr. Also performing alongside The Command Radio was the break dancing group, Skillz Company. The crowd of warm-hearted individuals showed great enthusiasm during the performances. "Rock Darfur" was a very successful affair, raising over \$2,500. Proceeds from the event went to Doctors Without Borders and the Darfur Refugee Foundation.



Library Bursting at the Seams; Will Residents Pay for More Space?

(Continued from page 1)

or taxpayers list. All residents who are registered voters or are listed as property owners are eligible to vote. Those unable to vote during the week will have an opportunity to cast their vote on Saturday.

Hours for voting are as follows: Monday, May 5, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, May 6, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, May 8, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, May 9, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Once a resident is vetted, they will receive a paper ballot and check off either "yes" if in favor, or "no" if opposed. Half of the ballot will go into the box; the other half will be threaded onto a spindle outside the box. According to Municipal Clerk Joann Graf, with someone standing next to the box at all times and having the same number of paper slips collected outside the box as inside, there is no way for the ballot box to be stuffed.

So far, \$850,000 has been expended for the library, including the purchase of the building lot and architect's plans. In March of 2007, the Planning Board gave its final approval. If the referendum is approved, and the council agrees, the library can begin the bidding process.

The potential impact on the average taxpayer is approximately \$2.50 per month, or \$30 per year.

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by JRB Properties LLC requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a reduction of the number of parking spaces from 38 to 31 or 7 less than the required, by Zoning Ordinance and other variances that may be required by the Zoning Board; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 111 Snyder Road, Block 409, Lot 15 on the South Plainfield Tax Map.

For the purposes of hearing objections to or protests against the granting of said appeal, the South Plainfield Zoning Board of Adjustment will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m.

The files and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Planning/Zoning Office in Borough Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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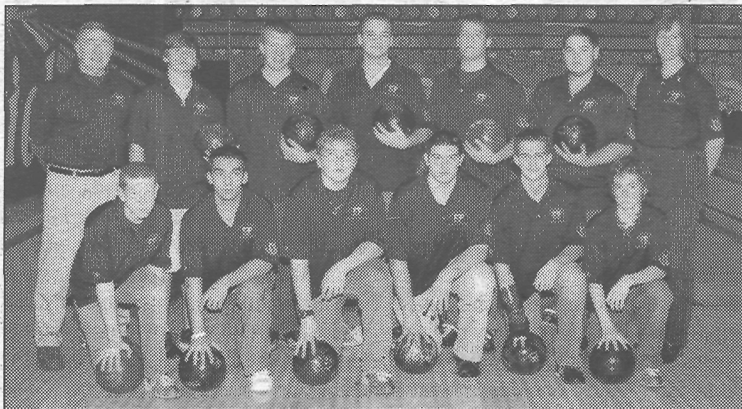
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Sports

SPHS BOWLING

Submitted by Ralph Fech

Tiger Bowling Season: 2008 Summary



Kneeling (L to R): Griffin Lynch, Francisco Dias, Chris Seesselberg, Shane Melanson, Kevin Reviello, and Jason Pattison. Standing L to R: Coach Ralph Fech, Dylan Papa, Ryan Pauls, Chris Esposito, Tim Moskal, Mike Dandola and Asst. Coach Lori Gersti.

- 23rd winning season in past 33 years.
- Overall record (10-8-2).
- We played eight teams that went to "The Big Dance"—upset South Brunswick; tied Colonia; lost a squeaker to State Champion Carteret by six pins; upset Division Champion Cardinal McCarrick; single digit losses to Carteret, Piscataway and East Brunswick.
- Finished 10th in the prestigious 44-team field of CJ Winter Classic; posted fifth place in the Central Jersey Group II Sectionals.
- High game 1,132 vs. Cardinal McCarrick; high series 3,091 vs. Colonia.
- Team Average 951/game, 191/man.

Grade	Name	#Games	High Game	High Set	Avg.
JR	Mike Dandola (MVP)	73	266	706	212.3
	GMC Coaches Bowling Assn.-First Team; GMC All-Division-First Team; Courier News All-Area-First Team				
JR	Chris Esposito (MVP)	73	279	715	205.0
	GMC Coaches Bowling Assn.-First Team; GMC All-Division-First Team; Courier News All-Area-Second Team				
Sr.	Ryan Pauls	73	274	686	197.0
	GMC Coaches Bowling Assn.-Second Team				
Sr.	Jeff Pryor	34	257	623	190.0
	GMC Individual Finalist				
Jr.	Tim Moskal	56	207	579	157.6
Sr.	Kevin Reviello	62	213	571	156.2
	Rookie of the Year				
Soph.	Dylan Papa	55	219	558	149.0
Soph.	Francisco Dias	10	169	439	131.5
	Won the GMC White Division "Sportsmanship Award" as selected by GMC Coaches.				

Soccer

Submitted by Chris Paez

Victory for Bullets Once Again

Last Sunday, on another chilly afternoon, the U-14 boys traveling soccer team defeated the Flames from Linden with a score of 3-1. After a rough start to the game, the Bullets fought real hard to beat the only team they lost to during the fall season.

The field conditions were not very favorable due to the rain the night before, but that only made the Bullets focus more on the win. The first goal of the game came about half way through the first half by Tony Franczak. The score of the game stayed at 1-0 until the start of the second half. That is when Linden scored their only goal of the game to tie up the score.

The Bullets then turned the pressure up a notch because they were determined to win. The next goal was

scored by Shaun Alers to put the Bullets in the lead. After the goalie from Linden caused a penalty against his own team, Marc Paez was given the penalty shot and gave the Bullets a 3-1 lead.

The coaches want to congratulate the entire team, including Edgar Callegas, David Forero, Zach Noll, Kevin Flanagan, Jose Cruz, Joe Krawiec, Ryan Marcoux, Ryan Riccardi, Anthony Quadrel, Jimmy Gerber, Austin Jenkin, Jelani Prah and Alex Valladares on their much deserved win.

Their next game is on Sunday, May 4 at the Kenneth Avenue fields against East Brunswick at 10:30 a.m. Please come out and show your support. Also, come and support the entire

South Plainfield Soccer Club by attending the comedy show Saturday night at the PAL at 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information, please go to our website at soplfdsoccerclub.com.

It was pretty apparent from the scoring on the opening night of the South Plainfield Golf League that a lot of golfers hadn't touched a club in weeks—or even months, and a good number of those league members who had managed to get in some rounds over the winter and in the early spring are far from mid-season form.

The defending champions, Pornovets, for example, did not have a single player who was able to break 40 so they got hammered by the Hackers, 17-3. Playing a substitute role, Mike Behr earned the medal for the Hackers with a 37, while teammates Kevin Boyce and Jeremy Szoc posted a pair of 38's.

John Gavin led the way with a fine round of 36 and Irish Danny Griffin shot a 38 as Buy-Rite Liquors easily got by Plainfield Animal Hospital, 14-6. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar with a 39 was the only golfer on PAH to break 40.

One of the new teams in the league this season, Unique Sports Accessories (USA) of Kenilworth, had a cakewalk on opening night when Witty's Liquors teed off with just two men. Playing well under very relaxed conditions, Ted Stannick had a 38, Jay Bertleson had a 38 and Captain Chris Dillon chipped in with a 39 as USA waltzed to a 16-4 victory. Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas fired a 37 for

the short-handed Witty's who urgently need some additional players to round out their roster.

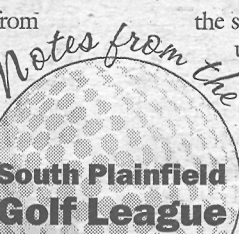
Over in the National Division, the B-Datt Squad, the other new team in the league, made an auspicious debut by trouncing a struggling 2 Buds, 2 Dubs, 17-3. Tony

Cassano shared medalist honors for the night with John Gavin of Buy-Rite with his sparkling 3-over 36 and Dan McCreesh pitched in with a 39 as the B-Datt Squad's convincing win earned them first-place honors.

Jay Coppola showed he's not too far off his usual form in firing a 38 to spur Twin City to a 13-7 triumph over the Roughriders. Andy Hayward's 38 was the best score for the Roughriders.

In a match filled with bogeys and a number of those dreaded "others," Sport & Social slashed their way to a 14-6 win over KC's Korner. Todd Gregory of the victorious Sport & Social was the low-man for his team with a 40, and Mark Dugan and Tony Cotone, Jr. also shot 40's in a losing effort for KC's Korner. Better scores are on the way.

Low scores for the night: John Gavin, 36; Tony Cassano, 36; Mike Behr, 37; Kevin Bickunas, 37; Danny Griffin, 38; Kevin Boyce, 38; Jeremy Szoc, 38; Andy Hayward, 38; Jay Coppola, 38; Jay Bertleson, 38; Ted Stannick 38.



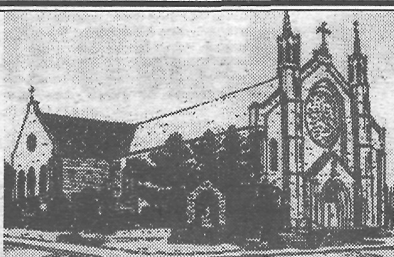
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PAH	0	1	0	Roughriders	0	1	0
Witty's	0	1	0	KC's Korner	0	1	0
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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

Public Notice

RETURN OF PERFORMANCE BOND

To V.F.V. Properties, Inc.
FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED AT
South 11th Street
Lot 26.01 and 26.02, Block 136

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 V.F.V. Properties, Inc. for public improvements at

South 11th Street, South Plainfield, N.J.

known as Lot 26.01 and 26.02 in Block 136 listed on the official tax maps of the Borough of South Plainfield. Said public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 12, 2008 in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

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May 2, 2008

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1714A

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, THAT:

Ord. 1714A entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #1714 ENTITLED "ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS" TO REALLOCATE \$15,495 IN UNSPENT FUNDS AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$4,500 FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND FOR THE EXTENSION AND INSTALLATION OF STORM WATER PIPES, GRATES AND OVERALL IMPROVEMENTS AT BLOCK 249 LOT 80 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS COTTON STREET PARK LOCATED IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on April 28, 2008 and the 20 day period of limitation within which a suit, action or proceeding questioning the validity of such ordinance can be commenced, as provided in the Local Bond Law, has begun to run from the date of the first publication of this statement. Copies of the full ordinance are available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's office for members of the general public who request the same. The summary of the terms of such bond ordinance follows:

Title: an ordinance amending ordinance #1714

entitled "acquisition of various capital improvements" to reallocate \$15,495 in unspent funds and appropriate an additional \$4,500 from the recreation trust fund for the extension and installation of storm water pipes, grates and overall improvements at block 249 lot 80 otherwise known as cotton street park located in the borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey."

Purpose: the extension and installation of storm water pipes, grates and overall improvements at block 249 lot 80 all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Appropriation: \$19,995.00
Bonds/Notes Authorized: \$0
Grants Appropriated: N/A
Section 20 Costs: \$0
Useful Life: 10 years

\$65.55 Joann Graf, Municipal Clerk
May 2, 2008

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

April 25, 2008—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on April 24, 2008.

A. Case #04-08—Mary Lou Mayne, Block 152; Lot 96; 2016 Perry Street. The applicant's request for a variance from Section 508 of the Zoning Ordinance was hereby DENIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Recording Secretary-Planning Board

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As the team returns from Myrtle Beach with their fathers, matches with Bishop Ahr at Oak Ridge, Sayreville at Tamarack, Johnson Regional at the West Nine and North Brunswick at Tamarack will be played, weather permitting. The team is confident that they will qualify for the states as they have for the last 26 years.

Next week: Results of the April 12 game at Centerton in Elmer.



Zach Olim

Mario T. Bevacqua, 82

Mario T. Bevacqua died on Saturday, April 26 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born and raised in Jersey City, Mario resided in South Plainfield for several years.

For 25 years he worked as an electrician for Standard Brands in Hoboken.

A Seaman 2nd Class with the U.S. Navy, Mr. Bevacqua served during WWII.

He was a member of the South Plainfield VFW Post 6763, Knights of Columbus Council 6203 and the Italian American Progressive League. In addition, he was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa RC Church, also in South Plainfield.

Mario also enjoyed the Jersey Shore and trips to Atlantic City.

He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor, who died in 1986.

Surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Boturla and husband William of Plainfield and Donna Franczak and husband Tony of South Plainfield; two sons, Mark and wife Julie of Pennsylvania and William and wife Maria of Califon; seven grandchildren, Nicole Bickunas, Heather Rufolo, Frank Mamora, Kristin and William Boturla, Tony Franczak and Mark Bevacqua. Also surviving are four great grandchildren, Joseph, Kaileigh, Brandon and Justin.

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

Donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, 2600 U.S. Hwy. #1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

John J. DeLello, 84

John J. DeLello of Piscataway died on Saturday, April 26 at the Integrated Health Center of Somerset Valley in Bridgewater.

He was born in Plainfield and lived in Piscataway for the last 58 years.

John was a maintenance supervisor for National Starch in Plainfield for 45 years before retiring in 1987.

He was an Army veteran serving during WWII.

John was a member of the Knights of Columbus Commodore John Barry Council 1775 in Dunellen. He was a

past Grand Knight and a member of the fourth degree assembly and the color guard.

He was a communicant of Our Lady Fatima RC Church in Piscataway.

He was predeceased by five brothers, Nicholas, Michael, Anthony, Dominic and Salvatore DeLello; and five sisters, Louise Lexow, Lee DeRose, Jean Arnold, Jennie DeLello and Rose Hunter.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Rosie Placca DeLello; a daughter, Louise and husband Elmer Danberry of Somerville; a brother, Henry DeLello of Plainfield; two grandsons, Kevin Danberry of Somerville and Scott and wife Heather Danberry of Bridgewater and three great-grand children, Ashley, Matthew and Kevin Zachary Danberry.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Alberta DeSepio, 81

Alberta (Dudak) DeSepio died on Thursday, April 24 at Genesis Elder-care-The Woodlands in Plainfield.

Born in Buttonwood, Pa. Alberta had resided in South Plainfield before settling in Piscataway where she lived for many years before recently entering the care center.

Alberta had been employed in retail sales at local clothing stores.

Her son, Fredrick J. DeSepio, died July 28, 2006. She was also predeceased by two brothers, John Leonard and Larry Dudak.

Alberta is survived by three sisters, Beth Ann Carbonneau, Lillian Barnes and Sandra Hasson; three brothers, Philip Dudak, Frederick Dudak and Stanley Bolesta and numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

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

Margaret Grauso, 87

Margaret Grauso died on Thursday, April 24 at home.

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Mrs. Grauso was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She is survived by three children, Paula Bonscher and Ronald Grauso, both of South Plainfield; Salvatore of Ramsey and one grandchild.

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

Tina (Mannello) Mazzeo, 78

Tina (Mannello) Mazzeo died on Sunday, April 27 in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in South Plainfield, she resided in town for her entire life.

She worked for Prudential in Newark for 10 years. Tina was a longtime and highly active member of Cedarcroft Bible Chapel in South Plainfield where for many years she taught Sunday school to pre-school children. She was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ and participated in many facets of chapel activities. During her illness, she and her husband were supported by many caring persons from Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, as well as several neighbors, friends and relatives.

She was predeceased by a brother, William Mannello.

Surviving are her loving husband of 55 years, John Sr.; two daughters, Rosetta Mazurkewicz and husband Bruce of Pennsylvania and Felicia Rosocha and husband Ted of Pittstown; a son, John Jr. and wife Evelyn of Warren; two sisters, Gloria App and hus-

band Robert of Florida and Marie Gunn of Warren. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, Laura and Melissa Mazurkewicz, Michael and Peter Mazzeo and Jacob, Jessica and Julie Rosocha.

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

Donations can be made to the Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Minnie (Ferrisi) Giuliano, 100

Minnie (Ferrisi) Giuliano died on Monday, April 21 in the Haven Hospice at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Pittsburgh, Mrs. Giuliano was raised in Italy and resided in South Plainfield for more than 80 years.

Minnie, along with her late husband, Nicholas, was the former owner and operator of Buone Appetite Italian Specialties in South Plainfield.

A member of Sacred Heart RC Church, Mrs. Giuliano loved to cook and take care of her family.

In addition to her husband, she was also predeceased by a son, Angelo and a grandson, Joseph.

Surviving are three daughters, Linda Rundella and husband Battista of South Plainfield, Rose Moffo of Florida and Anna Mae Bean of South Plainfield; three sons, Nicholas of Bound Brook, Joseph and wife Patricia of Pennsylvania and John of Toms River; two sisters in Italy and 22 grandchildren. Also surviving are numerous great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

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Kayla Rivera Named Junior Journalist!



Teacher Samantha Nicolay with Junior Journalist winner Kayla Rivera.

Kayla Rivera, Roosevelt fourth grader, is this week's winner in the

Hometown Heros-South Plainfield Observer sponsored 2007-08 Junior Journalist Contest for her poem, "Chocolate, My B-F-F"

Kayla will receive dinner for her family courtesy of Hometown Heros. She will also receive a t-shirt and be honored at a banquet, along with all the other contest winners, on Wednesday, May 14. She also has the opportunity to win a \$1,000 savings bond, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Kayla is the final winner this year's Junior Journalist Contest. We would like to thank the hundreds of students who sent in their entries and encourage everyone to keep on writing. We look forward to continuing the contest again next school year.

Chocolate, My B-F-F

By Kayla Rivera

Chocolate...
The melt in my mouth yummy,
It's a party in my tummy.
When I'm down YOU make me smile
So I thank you for being around a while.
When I'm in the mood for something sweet...
All I can think about is
MMMMMMMMM...
A chocolate treat.
Chocolate, you're one of a kind,
Satisfying my taste buds,
That silky, milky, creamy dreamy
Kind of B-F-F
*B-F-F (Best Friend Forever...Duh)

police report

• On April 22 Lalbachan Ganesh, 24, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

• Mobile Storage Group on Roosevelt Avenue reported the theft of 250 gallons of diesel fuel that was siphoned from their trucks.

• Sacred Church Heart Church reported that candle donation boxes had been pried open and an unknown amount of money was taken.

• An Indianapolis, Ind. resident reported that the driver side window of their vehicle had been smashed and a Digi Walker GPS was taken while parked at the Ramada Inn.

• On April 23 Mercedes Carvillano, 37 and Ronald Lee Kolacki, 43, both of Middlesex were arrested for criminal trespass.

• On April 24 Mark S. Ochal, 49, of Edison was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and maintenance of lamps.

• Timothy Fallon, 43, of Bound Brook was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Wadline Corgelas, 19, of Woodbridge and Phidna Etienne, 18, of Edison were arrested at Kohl's for shoplifting \$851 worth of clothing and jewelry.

• An Arlington Avenue resident reported the theft of an Invader BMX bike that was chained and locked to a tree in the front yard.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Bet you thought you wouldn't be asked to vote again until November, right? Well, not exactly. There's another vote coming up before then, and this one is really important. Here are details, and other news, from the South Plainfield Library.

The big news next week is, of course, Democracy Week. (Well, Democracy Six Days, to be precise.) This is the chance for you to vote on the question of the proposed new library building. We at the library ask that you make sure to stop by the municipal building and cast your vote on this important matter (particularly if it's in support of the project). It's open to all South Plainfield residents who are registered to vote (except for household pets and the deceased).

Turning to other matters, we're hosting a special display of photos this month reflecting life in Italy. The opening reception for the exhibit is set for Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m. Local photographer Dorothy F. Bellew will be available to answer questions and will bring matted copies of the displayed pictures, along with other photos. All of the photos will be available for sale, with 10% of the proceeds benefiting the South Plainfield Library Fund.

As for children's programming, we'll follow the usual schedule of kids' programs next week, with one additional item (more on that momentarily). "Storytime," for children ages three and over, is held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children age two and three, is held on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And "Books & Babies," for children ages three and under, is held on Friday morning at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features songs, stories and a craft activity for older kids. No pre-registration is required. For more information, please call and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

We've got a couple more kid-oriented notes. First, we'll have a special children's magic show featuring NJ-based magician Mark Zacharia on Thursday evening at 6:30. It's for children of all ages and is being presented free; no pre-registration is required. Second, an advance word that children's programs will be cancelled from May 20-23.

Congratulations to library patron Thomas Laskowski, winner of our "Basket of Cheer" raffle. And special thanks to Oak Tree Buy-Rite, who provided said basket.

We're between groups on the DVD Circuit today. The latest group should be available for borrowing very soon.

We have room for a few general notes this week. First, a reminder re: adult craft programs: please be advised that, unless specifically noted, these programs are for adults, not children. Second, a reminder from the notary: please make sure that you have all the necessary information (what gets signed, what needs to be stamped) and documentation and/or witnesses before you come in. And, third, in the interests of keeping our A/C costs down during warm weather, please use the semi-automatic doors only when necessary and, even then, only for the minimum amount of time needed.

That's about all for this week. To find out more, call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Catch you next Friday. And, please, none of that hanging chad nonsense.

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Charlie and Debbie Kurland deliver dinner to Junior Journalist Drew Catalina pictured with his parents, Mike and Tava, and brother Alex.