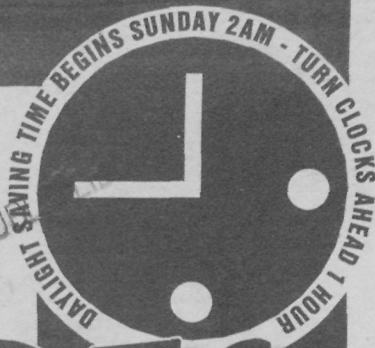


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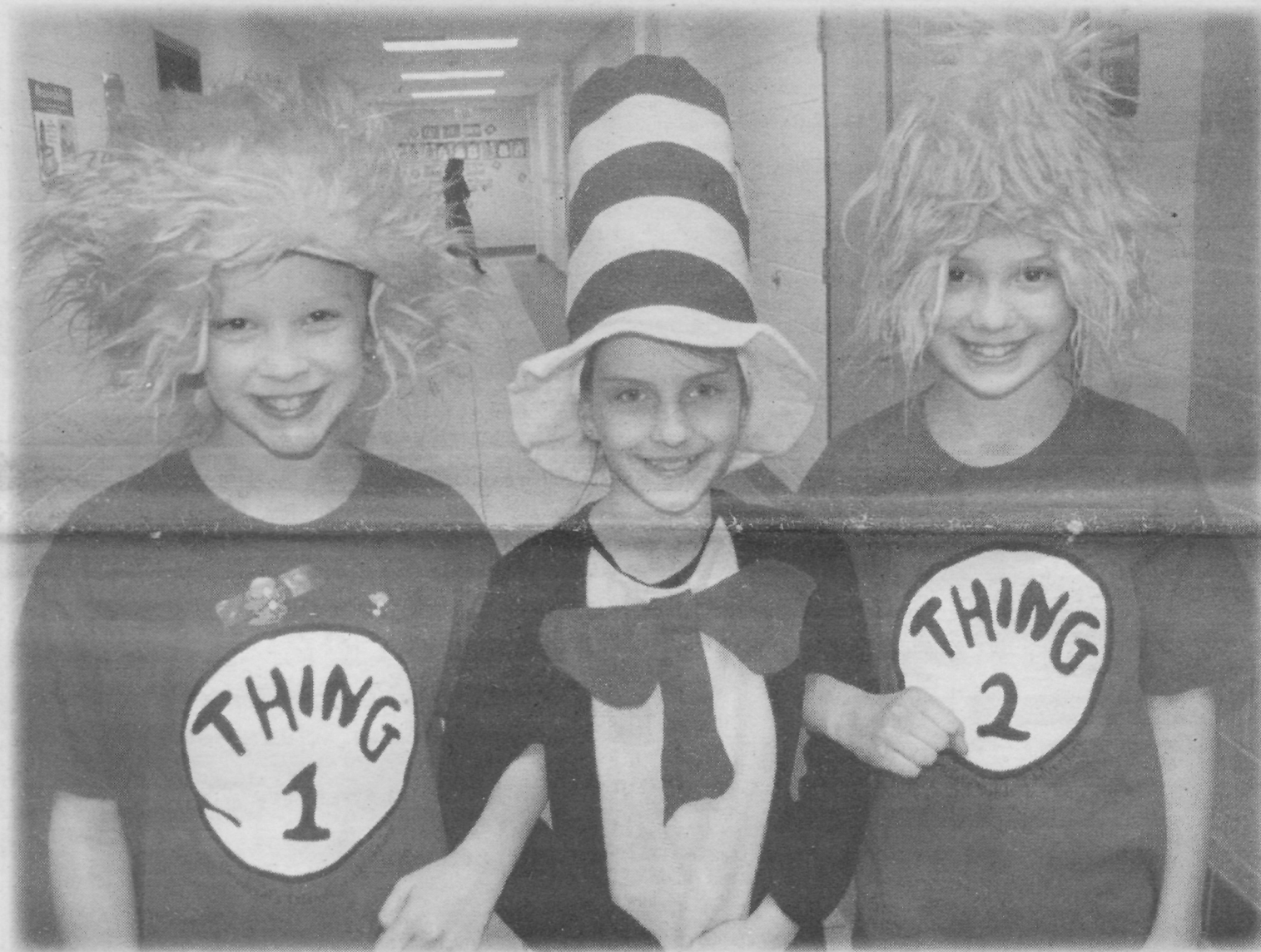
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It's The Thing to Do!

Administrators, Council, Police Celebrate Dr. Seuss in Schools

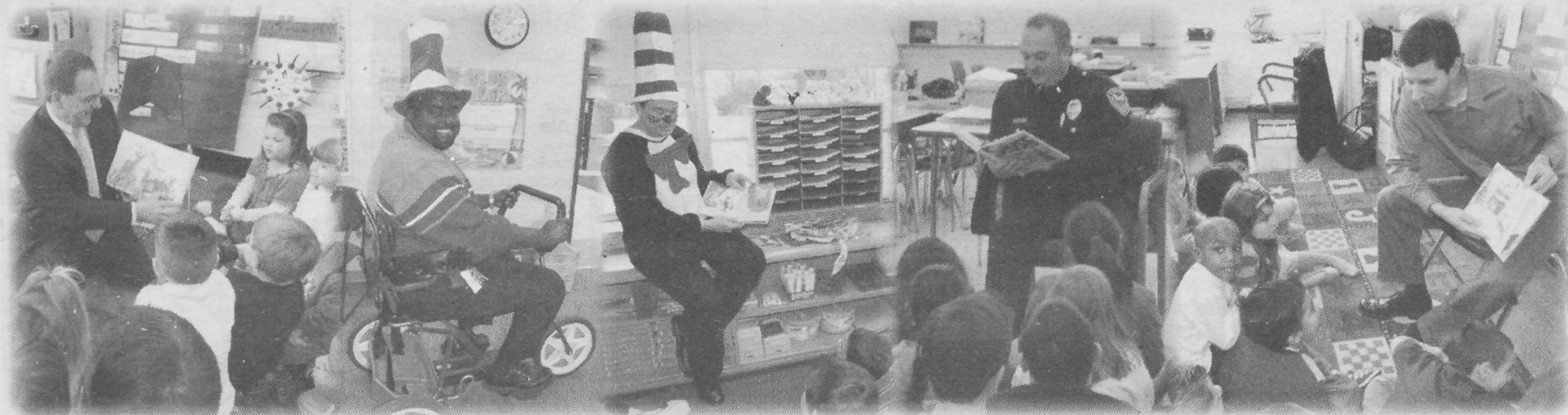
Read Across America Marks 10th Anniversary



A program of the National Education Association now in its tenth year, Read Across America Day, celebrated annually on Dr. Seuss's birthday, March 2, generates enthusiasm for reading nationwide and focuses attention on the importance of motivating children to read. Reading opens the doors to achievement, and Read Across America Day celebrations are crucial building blocks toward making the joys of reading an integral part of every child's life.

Dr. Seuss, aka Theodor Geisel, is the most beloved children's book author of all time and his most popular character, the Cat in the Hat, is also celebrating his 50th birthday this year. Geisel's use of rhyme makes his books effective tools for teaching young children the basic skills they need to be successful and to develop a life-long love of reading. Celebrating Dr. Seuss and reading sends a message to children that reading is both fun and important.

South Plainfield elementary schools and Future Stars Preschool each have their own way of celebrating this important birthday. Members of the South Plainfield High School Student Leadership group spent time at the elementary schools reading to classes. They brought cupcakes and bookmarks to help children celebrate. Some schools also had guest readers, which included council members, school administrators and police. For more photos, see page 6.



COMING UP

BOE Special Meeting

South Plainfield Board of Education will hold a special business meeting at the Roosevelt Administration gymnasium, 125 Jackson Avenue on Monday, March 12 at 8 p.m. for the purpose of the adoption of the tentative 2007/2008 Budget. Formal action will be taken.

Project Graduation Auction/Raffle to Benefit Seniors

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Help Sacred Heart with
Weekend Clothing Drive—
See page 7.

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The Borough Council meeting will be aired on Comcast Channel 74 on Mondays at 8 p.m.
(Except for Holidays)

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councilmeetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
March 20	7 p.m.	Immediately following
April 3	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
Mar. 13 and 27, Apr. 10 and 24, May 8 and 22, June 12, July 10 and 24,
Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

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Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Mar. 22, Apr. 12 and 26, May 10 and 24
June 14 and 28, July 12 and 26, Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25
Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

boardofeducationmeetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.-March 14 and March 28.
Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-March and April 4.

taxpayersadvisorygroup

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

siteplansub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
Mar. 20, Apr. 17, May 15, June 19, July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18
Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

recreationcommission

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
Mar. 13, Apr. 10, May 8, June 12, Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11
July and August: No scheduled meeting

environmentalcommission

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

businessadvisorygroup

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

trafficsafetyadvisorycommission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

boardofeducationcurriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

IN MY OPINION

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

To Editor:

Let's all come together and wish Alyssa the best of luck. She is the little girl from South Plainfield who has been battling cancer. Just two weeks ago her kidneys were removed due to chemo and radiation.

During the month of March, stop by several local merchants and pick up a clover and write a good luck message to show your support. Some of the merchants are: Oak Tree Farms, Imperial Deli and Our Town Deli.

We thank the South Plainfield community and local merchants for their support. Please continue to keep Alyssa in your prayers. For more information on Alyssa, visit her Web page at www.Caringbridge.com/alyssacciardi.

MAGGIE FUSCHETTO

To the Editor:

My name is Debbie Boyle and I am seeking a seat on the South Plainfield Board of Education. My goal, if elected, is to eagerly become part of a dedicated team and also work along with our talented educators, to further benefit our children's education. Tom Chappel once said, "Never let the competition define you. Instead, you have to define yourself based on a point of view you care deeply about." I care deeply about the children of South Plainfield as I myself have children in the school system.

I have been a resident of this eminent town for nine years, where I reside with my husband, Robert, who was born and raised in South Plainfield. He is vice president of Roma Food Enterprises and has been an open gym supervisor at the PAL for the past 20 years. My children currently attend the high school and Grant Elementary where they have followed in our footsteps and are active members in band, drama, government, sports and other various activities.

I have always been the person who stood up for what I believed in, even if I was standing alone. In nursery school I was appointed teacher's aide, and throughout kindergarten, I was the one who helped the other children tie their shoes, zip and button up their jackets and had my first taste of the performing arts as the shoemaker's wife in the school production of "The Elves and the Shoemaker." To this day, I never think twice about lending a helping hand. In grammar and high school, I balanced my time playing the violin, varsity basketball and softball, and wrote for the school newspaper. While attending college I began working for a large engineering firm and continued to write a town newsletter while being involved in local government.

I consider myself a leader, an achiever, and a committed hard worker. My passion is helping the children of our town. I am the one who jumps up to be the first to volunteer in anything that I become a part of to help our children, school and community. I am very involved in our community and a big supporter of fundraising. I am co-president of the Grant PTO, I taught Drama Club at Riley School for five years and chaired various committees in the PTO. I was an assistant recreation Ponytail coach. My husband and I donated a batting cage in the name of the Boyle family at the Junior Baseball club, as well as the scoreboard and sound system at the Ponytail Softball Pitt Street complex; the entranceway sign at the South Plainfield Soccer Club; tons of pasta and meatballs to various organizations; signs at Pop Warner and sponsored breast cancer walk-a-thon participants. My front door is open 24/7 to any child who needs a good listener.

I would like to become part of the team working with borough officials on shared services, which could save the borough and the Board of Education a great amount of tax dollars. My dedication, along with welcomed citizen's ideas, will assist a focus on enhancing the needs for the children. I am always available to volunteer my time wherever I can. If you place your faith in my hands, I will not disap-

point you. I will continue my determination to make sure all the children's extra curricular activities (drama, band, sports, etc.) are not subject to drastic cuts or elimination, because all these components make a well-rounded student. After all, when it comes to the school system, it is always about the children all the time.

**SINCERELY
DEBBIE BOYLE**

To the Editor:

Every town recognizes the importance of maintaining its school in order to provide the best education for its children. South Plainfield is no different. In order to fully meet the needs of such a large district, the Board of Education needs to be comprised of members who are truly dedicated and knowledgeable. Having worked under her direct supervision, I know there is no other candidate that meets these criteria better than Danielle Harris Lacasale. Danielle has so much to offer the children of this town.

First and foremost, Danielle is the mother of five children attending South Plainfield public schools. She is actively involved in the education of her children and would work for each child as if they were her own. As if this was not incentive enough to do a great job for the citizens of South Plainfield, Danielle is also a highly motivated educator. A classroom teacher for eight years and an administrator during the last four, she has had hands on experience with all facets of education. Her strengths lie in curriculum and instruction and special education. Any concerned citizen of this town is aware of the importance of curriculum and instruction in any school. Her unique knowledge and experience will help serve in matters of personnel and resources that the board of education must deal with.

Also, her awareness of the laws and funding of special education make her an immeasurable resource to the board

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Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters.

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of education. One must only look to Danielle's record as a parent and an educator to see that she is the logical choice for the South Plainfield Board of Education. Voting for Danielle is offering the students of this great town the best there is.

**SINCERELY,
KERRIE MCGINLEY,
TEACHER OF ENGLISH**

To the Editor:

I recently read a letter in your paper attributing many clever comments to a speech supposedly made by Bill Gates. I believe this is not true.

This "speech" has been circulating on the Internet for years. Please be sure to remind your readers to check the facts. [According to] www.urbanlegends.about.com, "...the text itself is a pared-down version of an op-ed piece that appeared in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* on Sept. 19, 1996. It was written by Charles J. Sykes, best known as the author of "Dumbing Down Our Kids: Why American Children Feel Good About Themselves, but Can't Read, Write or Add." Drastically edited by person(s) unknown, it began making the e-mail rounds under Bill Gates' name in February 2000 and is still, as of this writing [in 2005], far more often attributed to Gates than to Sykes..."

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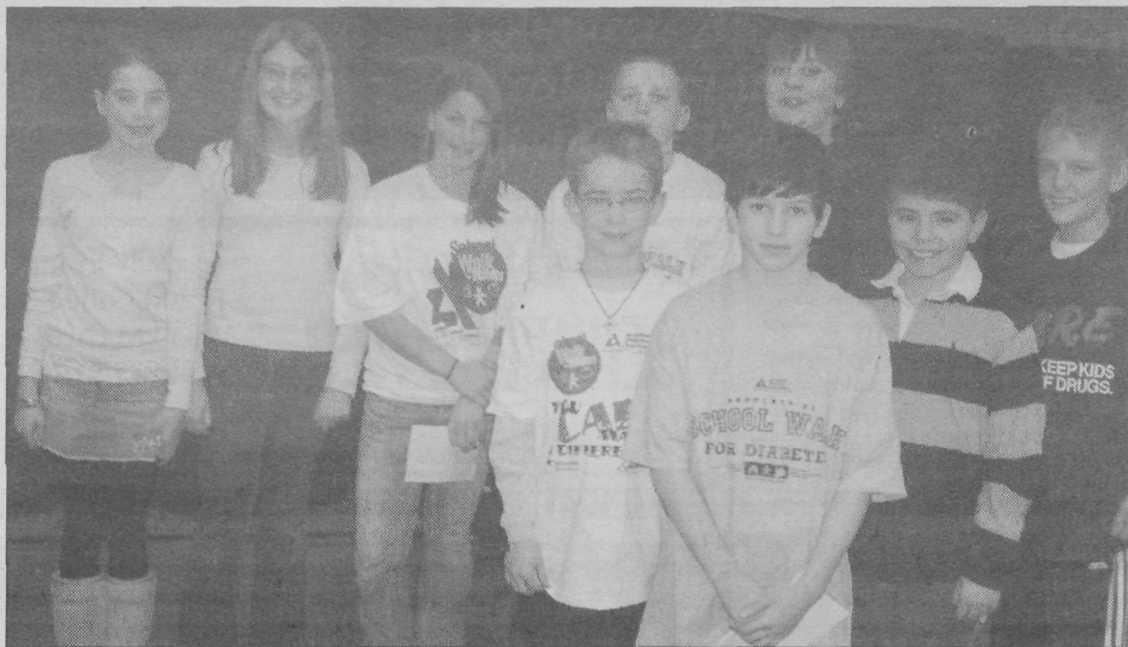
By Libby Barsky

Grant School students are in the process of organizing their annual American Diabetes Association (ADA) walk slated for May 4. Nine Grant School students appeared before members of the Board of Education at their public meeting on Feb. 20 to give a PowerPoint presentation about diabetes.

Juvenile diabetes (Type I) affects youngsters who fail to produce insulin. Type Two Diabetes is usually found in adults over 45 who have a resistance or inability to produce insulin. Risk factors for diabetes include

being over 45, overweight and having a sedentary life style. The ADA estimates that 20.8 million Americans have diabetes, 54 million are pre-diabetic and 6.3 million don't know they have it. They learn they have diabetes when complications, including heart and kidney disease, stroke, nerve and eye damage, occur. This year, the ADA designated Tuesday, March 27 to be American Diabetes Alert Day – a day encouraging those at risk to take the risk test. For a copy of the test, call toll free (800) 342-2383 or visit www.diabetes.org/risk-test.jsp.

The goal the students have set to raise in this year's walk is \$22,000.



Students at Grant School who gave a PowerPoint presentation about their upcoming diabetes walk.

Observer to Feature Fire Department History

In honor of the upcoming 100th anniversary celebration of the South Plainfield Fire Department, the South Plainfield Observer will be presenting a series of articles detailing some of the fascinating history of our fire department. The Observer plans to join them every step of the way as they head towards their 100th anniversary celebration.

The South Plainfield Fire Department has big plans for their 100th anniversary, beginning with a huge parade that starts at 11 a.m. After the parade there will be lots of fun, food from Outback Steak House, refreshments, live musical entertainment by the Nerds, a DJ, amusement rides and trophies. There will also be commemorative mugs, shirts and hats to purchase.

Anyone who would like to participate in the parade or needs information is asked to call (908) 412-8868 or e-mail Tomesca@aol.com.

There are many families in town

who have roots in the early days of our fire department. If you have any special memories, photos, or a brief story about a fellow fireman or family member of the South Plainfield Fire Department you would like to share, please e-mail us at angelonly@aol.com or ggnan@aol.com. We hope to see everyone at the parade!

Watch the Observer for more information on the 100th celebration.

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Board Nixes Second Ballot Question

The Board of Education voted not to add a second question on the April 17 referendum ballot, but has until the Monday, March 12 at 8 p.m. budget meeting to reconsider. The second question concerns additional funds to cover programs being cut from the budget.

In bringing the budget to a New Jersey State mandated cap of four percent, the board eliminated \$110,000 for middle school sports; \$70,000 for replacing computers, musical instruments and class trips; and \$110,000

for SPSHS Winter Guard and freshman sports.

The board considered five different versions of a second question:

1. \$110,000 to Middle School sports;
2. \$ 70,000 to replace high school computers, musical instruments and class trips;
3. \$100,000 for freshman sports inclusive of coaching stipends, transportation and supplies;
4. \$110,000 for Winter Guard and freshman sports;
5. \$180,000 for middle school sports and replace computers, musical instruments and class trips.

Initially, only a quorum of board members were at the budget workshop until Pio Pennisi arrived. After discussions, the Board voted not to introduce a second question on the

ballot, but still have until the Monday meeting to reconsider.

In the discussion on a secondary ballot question, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado brought up the possibility that if voters reject the 2007/2008 school budget, but approve the ballot question, then the programs would be restored and the failed budget adjusted to include it at expense of cutting staff and other programs.

Rosado also indicated that the current projected budget was \$49,000 under cap, enough to restore one position—that of music teacher. During contingency planning (when it wasn't known how much aid the state would provide) three positions were also cut from the budget—music teacher, elementary librarian and registrar, whose duties include going after students illegally enrolled in the district.

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Around Town

Lenten Fish Dinners

March 9, 16, 23 & 30

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 and Sacred Heart Church are sponsoring their famous Lenten Fish Dinners on Friday, March 9, 16, 23 and 30 in the school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m.

For information, call (908) 756-0633, ext. 10.

Project Graduation Auction/Raffle

March 10

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For tickets, contact Sharon Miller at (908) 754-6461 or Pat Anderson at (908) 756-6512.

Little Treasures Open House

March 10 and 11

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an open house on Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. You are also invited to meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For directions and additional information, please call (908) 769-3224.

American Legion Showboat Bus Trip

March 11

The Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 243 is sponsoring

SPHS Class of 1976 30th Reunion

March 24

Attention all classmates! The South Plainfield Class of 1976 will hold its 30th reunion on Saturday, March 24 at the Twin Brooks Country Club. For more information, please e-mail Pat Cawley at SPSHS@hotmail.com.

South Plainfield SENIOR CENTER

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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Daily Events
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9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
(908) 754-1047

What's happening in MARCH

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

UPCOMING EVENTS

"Catch Me If You Can"
Hunterdon Hills Trip, March 12

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
March 17 6-10 p.m. \$10 per person

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

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Bingo 10am-2pm
Ladies Social
Group 10am
Tax Aid 1-4 pm

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Aerobics 8:45am
Computer Classes
10am, 11:20am, 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm
Taj Mahal 8:45 am

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Pathmark
Shopping 9 am
Practical Crafts 10am
Computer Class 10am,
11am, 1pm
Exercise Class 1:15pm
Tax Aid 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

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Bingo
10am-2pm

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TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE CENTER.

soring a bus trip to the Showboat Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, March 11. Bus leaves parking lot at 10:15 a.m. and returns about 7 p.m. Cost per person is \$25; you will receive \$20 back in cash and a \$5 food voucher.

For tickets call (908) 668-9414.

Historical Society/Elks Breakfast

March 11

The South Plainfield Historical Society is holding a fundraiser/breakfast at the Elks Club on New Market Avenue on Sunday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5-10. Children under four are free.

Contact sphistoricalsoc@cs.com or call (908) 754-7268.

Trip to Hunterdon Hills

March 12

The South Plainfield Senior Citizen Center is planning a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Monday, March 12 to see "Catch Me If You Can." Tickets are \$58 per person and include transportation and dinner. Menu includes fried shrimp and scallops, roast loin

of pork, Yankee pot roast, lemon pepper cod or lemon chicken with mushrooms.

Stop in the senior center to reserve your tickets.

Pilgrim Covenant Open House

March 13

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, Inc., located at 3121 Park Ave., will be holding an open house on Tuesday, March 13 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Those unable to attend may schedule an appointment to tour the school during its operating hours, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For directions and information, call Gina Birath at (908) 756-4879.

AARP Defensive Driving Class

March 15 & 22

The AARP will hold defensive driving classes on Thursdays, March 15 and 22 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the senior center on Maple Avenue. You must attend both classes to receive a three-year discount on your auto insurance. Registration is required; cost is \$10.

To register or for more information, call Mary at (732) 752-3764.

Corned Beef and Cabbage at VFW

March 16

Get there early! The VFW, located on Front Street, will be holding a corned beef and cabbage/fish fry dinner on Friday, March 16 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$8. Public welcome.

Elks Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

March 17

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans

Committee is sponsoring their annual corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 17 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. The Elks is located on New Market Avenue. Adults \$12, children \$5. All you can eat, includes soda and dessert, cash bar.

Any questions, contact Lou Peralta (908) 756-6406.

American Legion St. Patrick's Dinner

March 17

The Sons of the American Legion Post 243, located on Oak Tree Avenue, will hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner/dance on Saturday, March 17 from 6 to 11 p.m. Music provided by DJ. Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner, beer, soda, dessert and coffee. Benefits scholarship fund.

For tickets call (908) 668-9414.

Knights St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 17

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will hold their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner at their hall, located at 334 Hamilton Blvd., on Saturday, March 17 from 6 to 10 p.m. Price is \$20 per person. Dinner includes corned beef and cabbage (chicken breast for those who don't like corned beef), potato leek soup, red potatoes, dessert and open bar for beer, wine and soda. Classic Irish music will be played. Take-out dinners available.

For information or to reserve tickets, call Bob Sanko at (908) 227-6015.

Annual Chili Fest

March 18

Boy Scout Troop 207 will be holding their annual chili fest on Sunday,

March 18 from 3 to 7 p.m. in the South Plainfield High School cafeteria. Cost is \$5 per ticket and includes salad, drink, bread and all the home-made chili you can eat. Tickets can be purchased at the door and take-out is available. All proceeds go towards troop equipment and events.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex WOWs

March 9

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, March 9 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome.

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

Blackrose to Perform

March 10

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Tim Kerwins Pub, located on Rt. 28 in Middlesex on Saturday, March 10 at 9:30 p.m. No cover charge.

Beatlemania

March 10

The cast of Beatlemania will present a multi-media concert at Raritan Valley Community College, Rt. 28 and Lamington Rd. in North Branch on Saturday, March 10 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25, \$30, or \$35.

For tickets, call (732) 968-5381 or the box office at (908) 725-3420.

Trolley Treks

March 11

Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission's Trolley Treks returns with a trek to the East Brunswick Museum and South River Historical and Preservation Society on Sunday, March 11 departing from East Jersey Olde Towne Village on River Road in Piscataway at 9 a.m. and returning at noon; second trek departs at 1 p.m. and returns at 4 p.m. \$8 per person non-refundable fee.

For information and reservations, call (732) 745-4489.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

March 11

The Woodbridge Township Arts Council is sponsoring a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sunday, March 11 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Trinity Church Hall in Woodbridge. Tickets are available by calling (732) 634-0413.

Willow Grove 12 O'Clock Club Lunch

March 13

Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, in Scotch Plains will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, March 13 from noon to 2 p.m. Cost is \$5.

To make reservations, call (908) 232-5678.

Woodbridge WOWs

March 14

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library in Woodbridge. Light refreshments to follow. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Gerry at (732) 381-7239 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

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7th Grade Honor Roll

Sofia Elhady Abd, Alexis Alba, Lanna Arki, Jared Aronowitz, Jackeline Barahona, Luis Benitez, Brendan Berry, Steven Bichler, Laura Biggs, Ashanti Bishop, Isaac Blanco, Jessica Bohn, Casey Bona, Thomas Bowden, Erika Buenano, Cristina Butrico, Courtney Calvey, Gina Cannalonga, Roshni Chiluka, Janine Colicchio, Michael Connolly, James Conrad, Ken Crilley, Nicole Daubert, Sabrina Delpiano, Amylin DiDario, Debby Donis, Jesse Doyle, Erica Fisher, Kevin Flanagan and Antoni Franczak.

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Exalted Ruler Arthur Sabino Sr. presents a check on behalf of the South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 to Michael George of Boy Scout Troop 324 to assist him in his Eagle project. Michael's Eagle project is one which will benefit members and friends who attend St. Stephen's Church on Park Avenue. His plans include enhancing the outdoor setting of the church by making picnic tables, a podium stand and planting shrubs and flowers. It is obvious that this new outdoor creation will provide an enjoyable atmosphere for all. Michael was able to pursue his plans because of the generous contribution from the South Plainfield Elks. St. Stephen's Church, Boy Scout Troop 324 and especially Michael George are very appreciative of the donation. Following along with the principles of the Elks, Michael is demonstrating that Elks care and Elks share.

Middlesex County 4-H Presents E-Week Summer Program

Middlesex County 4-H will be hosting the 2007 Explorations Week Summer Program from July 9 to 13 at the Middlesex County 4-H Center, 645 Cranbury Rd. in East Brunswick. The program focuses on acceptance and belonging among attendees as well as

having fun and promoting self-confidence. Children from grades three through six are especially encouraged to take part, as there are many spaces open for this age group. Arrangements can be made for kids with special needs.

Attendees of the program will have a chance to choose from daily activities such as rocketry, dance, biking, wilderness survival, drama and sports. The theme of E-Week 2007 will be "Arctic Expedition." Cost of the program is \$150 for 4-H members, \$155 for non-members and includes program materials, lunch and beverages, an E-Week t-shirt, roller skating field trip and an optional Friday night overnight stay. Explorations Week fills up fast, so call now to registration.

For more information on E-Week or to register, call (732) 398-5261. 4-H will also accommodate efforts to carpool, and the need for early drop off or late pick-up.

LEGAL NOTICES

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February 28, 2007. Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on February 27, 2007.

- A. Case #06-05/M/V-Tam H. Nguyen, Block 192, Lot 40.01; Edgar Avenue & Mellon Street. The applicant's request for (2) waivers, a bulk variance as to lot width & preliminary & final subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.
- B. Case #06-10/Minor-Fourth MPPL Realty, Block 363; Lots 6.03 & 9; 437 Spicer Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary & final minor subdivision approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted, Mary Beth Khidre
Planning Board

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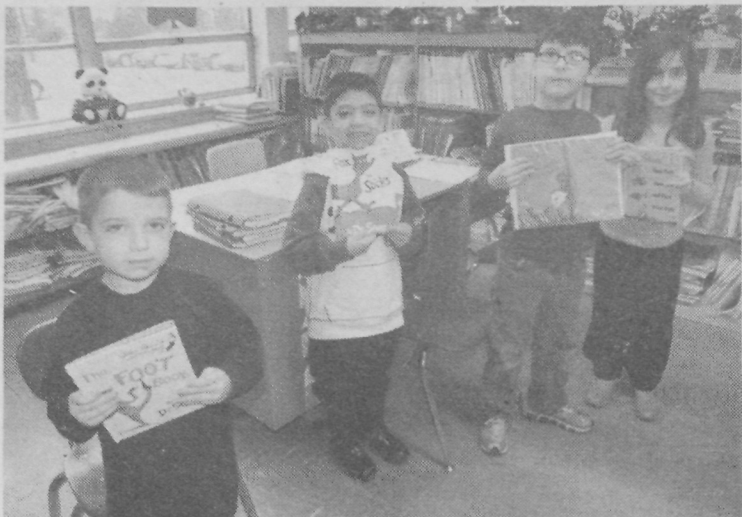
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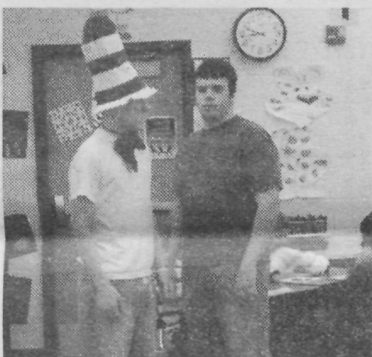
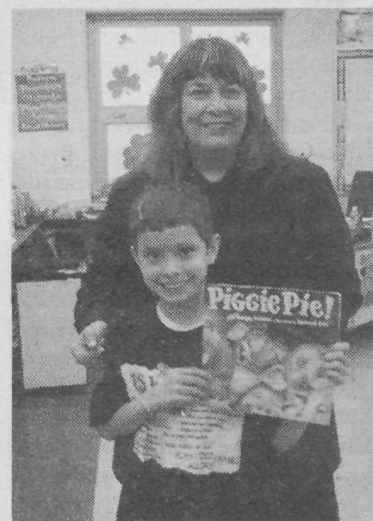
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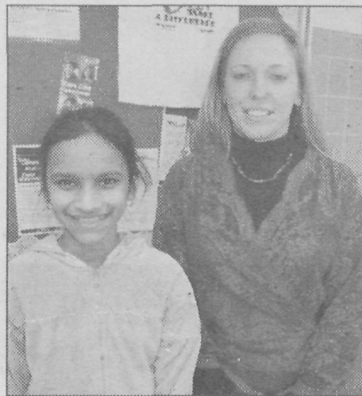
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Abhi Borad with teacher Amy Curcio

Abhi Borad Named Junior Journalist

2007 JUNIOR JOURNALIST #1

Grant School fifth grader Abhi Borad is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist contest. Her poem, "Winter," has earned her dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their written works to their teachers, school principal, Hometown Heros on Hamilton Blvd. or the *Observer* office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year-end banquet in May of 2007.

For more information, call the *Observer* at (908) 668-0010 or Hometown Heros at (908) 755-4376.

Winter By Abhi Borad

Winter, oh winter, where can you be?
Winter, oh winter, bring some snow for me.
Bring some snow, so I can play.
Bring some snow, so I can be home all day.
I want to sled down a mountain of snow,
I want to have a race where everyone will
shout Go! Go! Go!
So winter, bring some snow for me please?
Pretty please? Just for me?

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Sunnie Randolph

One of my favorite things in the library is the books on tape and the books on CDs. The newest and most popular books are now available on CD or cassette as soon as they are published. The library has the book "Step on a Crack" by James Patterson, which has a long reserve list of people who want to read it. However, the library also has "Step on a Crack" as a book on CD with no reserves attached.

Audiobooks have been popular with people who have long commutes, but now people can listen to them multiple ways and in a variety of places. We have a new audiobook collection called Playaways. A Playaway is a pre-loaded digital audiobook. An all-in-one product, Playaway is a lightweight, compact, easy to use player that comes with one audiobook already downloaded. Using a simple keypad, listeners have the ability to bookmark and adjust voice speed. Universal headphones and a battery are included in the case. If you prefer to use your own headphones, you can. There are fiction and nonfiction titles. You can now listen to your favorite best selling, award winning titles. Currently the Playaways are located on the circulation desk. Come in and check one out.

What's with those covers? It is highly debated what sells a book, but the latest poll from the Romance Writers Association shows that the description on the back cover and "flipping through" are the top two sellers for romances. A "clinch cover," embraced couples clutching each other, heaving breasts...; a "step-back" cover: a two page cover where the front show the title, the author's name and possibly some scenery, but opens up to a cover that generally depicts the couple.

Romantic suspense is hot, and it's in the library. Although romance plays a lead in plots by these authors, these

romances have surprising twists to keep your heart pounding and mind racing beyond the scenes of passion. Some of the authors who write romantic suspense are: Cherry Adair, Elizabeth Adler, Joan Aiken, Mary Balogh, Terri Blackstock, Jennifer Blake, Barbara Taylor Bradford, Madeleine Brent, Suzanne Brockman, Sandra Brown, Stella Cameron, Philippa Carr, Mary Higgins Clark, Catherine Cookson, Catherine Coulter, Jasmine Cresswell, Jennifer Crusie, Janet Dailey, Barbara Delinsky and Jude Deveraux. Check out the hardcover and paperback collections in the library for your favorite authors.

Children's programs for the week of March 12 are Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Storytime and craft for ages 3+; Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. Time for 2's and 3's and at 6:30 p.m. Storytime and craft for 3+; Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Time for 2's and 3's, 1:15 p.m. Storytime and craft for 3+ and at 6:30 p.m. Time for 2's and 3's; Friday, 10:30 a.m. Books and Babies (up to three years old). If you have any questions, please call the library at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.



SACRED HEART CLOTHING DRIVE-(From the left) Kaitlin Motezuma, Christina Pikorny, Jevon Morgan, Damian Franklin, Kylah Jean and Isabella DeMesa sort clothing for the upcoming Sacred Heart clothing drive on March 10, 9 to 11 a.m. Wearable and usable clothing, shoes, belts, handbags, linens and stuffed animals are being collected. The school will receive a donation for the total poundage collected. Please put clothing items in a well-tied plastic bag. Alternate drop-off times available. Call Joan at (908) 313-3001 or Laurie at (908) 642-0196.

Kennedy School Alumni Invited to Janice Urciuoli Retirement Dinner

Attention alumni of John F. Kennedy School: Please join us in celebrating the retirement of Janice Urciuoli to be held on April 20 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the JFK multipurpose room. This will be an open house with refreshments served. \$25 per person or family includes gift. Please RSVP by April 1 and make checks payable to JFK Sunshine, c/o Sherry Lawrence, John F. Kennedy School, 2900 Norwood Ave. South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

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Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

Hunter Falls in Final 3-2; Heilmann Fourth

By Bob Hunter

Patrick Hunter 112, a SPSHS junior, lost his bid for a state title when he dropped a 3-2 decision to longtime friend Dan Kelly of Del Val. Kelly and Hunter have been friends for years and even roomed together at the Cadet Nationals one summer, but when the two took the mat their friendship was over. Because the wrestlers knew each other a little too well, the normally aggressive Hunter, who pushed the pace, was frustrated by Kelly, who used his state final experience to control the match. It was Hunter's first state final and Kelly's second trip to the finals with over 11,000 people watching.

Kelly scored a first period takedown and Hunter escaped five seconds later, making the score 2-1 at the end of the first period. Kelly took down to start

the second period and halfway through Hunter was hit with a stalling call, and then cut Kelly and trailed 3-1. Hunter failed to take Kelly down as the second period ended. In the third period Hunter took down and again escaped quickly and went on the attack. Kelly was hit with stalling with 23 seconds left as Hunter kept coming at him trying to get another stall call, but it never came as Kelly backed away at the buzzer. Coach Kevin McCann noted, "Kelly wrestled a smart march, but there should have been more stalling calls which would have made it a different match. Patrick was definitely the aggressor, but Kelly did a nice job of tying him up."

Nick Heilmann 103, a freshman on his first trip to Atlantic City, made the best of it with a fourth place medal. In the field of 32, Heilmann pinned

Kevin Churchill of Newton at 0:56. In the next round Heilmann won by decision over Sam Emburgia of Monroe 11-4. In the quarter-finals Heilmann scored a takedown with 28 seconds left to win a 3-2 decision over Mike Demarco of St. Mary's to advance to the semi finals. In the semi final round Heilmann had a rematch with Frank Cagnina of Bergen Catholic, but dropped a 6-3 decision. In the consolation semi-finals Heilmann defeated Gene Accardi of Freehold Twp. 8-7 to reach the consolation finals.

In another rematch with Kenilworth's Kenny Knapp, Heilmann lost by major decision 11-3 for fourth place.

South Plainfield had nine wrestlers who made the trip to Atlantic City. Five wrestlers lost their opening round

matches. Mike Jakubik 145 was injured 45 seconds into the match and was unable to continue. Mark Wagner 160, the only other survivor, won his first match, but lost his next two matches.

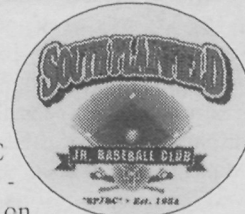
The seniors had great careers at South Plainfield High School and should be proud of what they accomplished. They started together and they ended together. Good luck to the seniors in their college careers.

By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club conducted tryouts on March 3. There were nearly 200 C League and B League players. The SPJBC Executive Board would like to thank the volunteers who made the day so special. In particular, the board thanks Jim Olano, Bill Buttrico, Glenn Graves, Gary Lampasona, Tree Olano, Lori Cullen and the army of Women's Auxiliary volunteers. A big thank you goes out to Kevin Hughes and the recreation department for use of the PAL.

The 2007 season is right around the corner and in desperate need of volunteers. This weekend the club will be working on the entire complex, but particularly the conversion of Field #3 into a 50/70 field. This is a large project which will require a number of volunteers. This weekend's field duty assignments are for all eight- and 13 year-old parents. All eight- and 13 year-old parents should report to the



SPJBC club-house on Saturday, March 10 at 8 a.m.

The next SPJBC Rutgers S.A.F.E.T.Y. course will be held on March 22. In order to coach you need to have certification as well as be a club member. Call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 to register. All players should have received notification by their manager regarding team selections. Opening day is just four weeks away.

The SPJBC is looking for volunteers for the 2007 season. In particular, the SPJBC needs snack stand captains. Anyone interested is asked to call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090 or e-mail the club at www.southplainfieldjbc@yahoo.com. Feel free to visit the SPJBC Web site at www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc.

Calling High School Senior Girls: Scholarship Time

The Parents' Ponytail Softball Association is once again sponsoring three \$500 college scholarships. Applications are currently being accepted and can be obtained from the South Plainfield High School guidance office. To qualify for the scholarships the applicant must be a high school senior graduating this June and a current resident of South Plainfield. To qualify for one of the two recreation scholarships, applicants must have

played for a minimum of four years in the Recreation Department's Ponytail Softball League. To qualify for the Ponytail All-Star scholarship, applicants must have played recreation softball for a minimum of four years and Ponytail All-Stars for a minimum of three years. All-Star players may apply for both the recreation and All-Star scholarships; however, a player is eligible to receive only one scholarship. The application must be received

no later than May 4. All completed applications can be mailed to SPPPA Scholarship, P.O. Box 441, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080 or returned to the high school guidance office in a sealed envelope labeled SPPPA Scholarship. Verification of school enrollment is required prior to funds being awarded. Get your applications and hand them in as soon as possible. Best of luck to all of you. You are all winners in our book.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1778

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

Ordinance #1778 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE #1278 ENTITLED: "ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1992", REGARDING BILLBOARDS was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1778

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE #1278 ENTITLED: "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1992", REGARDING BILLBOARDS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

WHEREAS, numerous court decisions have held that billboard messages are constitutionally protected free speech; and

WHEREAS, currently the Borough of South Plainfield prohibits billboards everywhere within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to amend its zoning ordinance to permit billboards in certain areas, subject to the standards hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 287 ("I-287") is a high capacity, limited access highway within the Borough, connecting with similar roads in areas to the east and west, and is a part of the national interstate highway system; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield believes that I-287 is the only roadway in the Borough where billboards can be appropriately sited without having a detrimental impact on the Borough, provided the standards hereinafter described are met; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 27-5 and the regulations promulgated thereunder at N.J.A.C. 16:51C-1 et seq. set forth certain minimum standards for roadside sign control and advertising; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield desires to adopt additional standards appropriate to the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

Article X, Conditional Uses, is hereby supplemented to include a new Section 1005, to read as follows:

1005. Billboards.

A. Location. Billboards are classified as a permitted conditional use on any non-residential zoned parcel abutting I-287 permitted only within the RH, OBC-3, M-1, M-2 and OPA-1 zones along I-287, and only within

150 feet of the nearest right-of-way line of I-287; and at least 500 feet from any residential zone boundary, measured to the nearest edge of the billboard sign area, including any copy extensions.

B. Billboard Height: The maximum billboard height shall not exceed forty (40) feet above the average elevation of I-287 extending two hundred (200) feet either side of the proposed billboard location.

C. Billboard Setback: The minimum setback from the I-287 right-of-way shall be fifteen (15) feet. The minimum setback from any other lot line or street line shall be fifty (50) feet measured to the nearest edge of the billboard sign area, including any copy extension, except a setback of five hundred (500) feet is to be provided from any residentially zoned parcel.

D. Billboard Area: The maximum billboard sign area facing any one direction shall be 672 square feet. Copy extensions beyond the basic billboard sign are permitted provided they do not exceed ten (10%) percent of the basic billboard sign area.

E. Billboard Number: A maximum of one (1) billboard per parcel is permitted. The total number of billboard structures located along the I-287 right-of-way shall not exceed four (4) within any linear mile, considering both sides of I-287 (two (2) on each side of the roadway). The minimum interval distance between billboards along the same side of I-287 shall be not less than 1,000 feet.

F. Billboard Orientation: Billboards shall be designed and constructed to confine their lines of sight to I-287, and shall utilize stealth coloring of its supporting members and framework, and shall only be permitted if adequately screened by trees, buildings or topography, so that its sign copy cannot be read from within any part of a residential zone.

G. Supplemental Regulations:

i. Billboards shall not exhibit any flashing, waving, blinking, twinkling animating, moving, raised or projected elements or illusions of movement.

ii. No vehicle shall be regularly parked, stopped or located in such a manner to be used as or considered a billboard.

iii. Billboards shall not emit smoke, steam, visible vapors, particles or sound.

iv. Billboards shall not be of such design or location that they interfere with, compete for attention with, or may be mistaken for a traffic signal. This shall include the use of an arrow, the words "stop" or "yield" or use of the colors red, yellow or green in direct illumination or in high reflection by the use of special preparations such as fluorescent paint or glass.

v. Billboards may be illuminated but shall be arranged so that no light or glare is directed or reflected onto adjoining lots or streets, or into residential windows. No external beam shall be directed downward. An illumination must be shielded to prevent spillage off the lot. Billboards shall not exhibit exposed incandescent

bulbs, neon tubes or mirrors.

vi. Billboards shall not exhibit or imply a message which is inconsistent with the Borough goals of protecting the health, safety and welfare of South Plainfield residents as referenced in the South Plainfield Borough Master Plan.

vii. Billboards shall not use movable, changeable or removable letters, or multiple message signs.

viii. Billboards shall be of sound construction and shall be permanently affixed to the ground in a manner conforming to the New Jersey Construction Code.

ix. Billboards shall be periodically maintained by the owner, including painting, repairing and cleaning, as necessary. Any billboard that, because of improper maintenance, is deemed to be in a state of disrepair shall be repaired by the owner of said sign within 14 days of notice requiring repair.

x. Evergreen shrubbery is to be provided across the full width of the base of all ground-mounted billboards. Where billboards are raised in the air on a pole(s), a double staggered row of evergreen trees is to be planted around the supporting structure at a maximum interval of eight (8) feet on center, plantings to be ten (10) to twelve (12) feet in height at the time of planting.

H. Billboards shall be subject to the bulk regulations and yard requirements of the applicable zone, as set forth in the Schedule of General Requirements in the Zoning Ordinance, except as otherwise specified in paragraph (C) above.

\$176.00 March 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1779

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

Ordinance #1779 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1779

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD,

NEW JERSEY as follows:

Section 1. Whenever any words or phrases are used in this ordinance, the meaning respectively described to them in Subtitle 1 of Title 39 of the Revised Statutes of New Jersey shall be deemed to apply to such words or phrases.

Section 2. Parking, stopping or standing of any motor vehicle within the "marked on-street parking spaces" shall not be permitted in the downtown area for any period greater than two (2) hours in the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, and State of New Jersey:

Section 3. Parking, stopping or standing of any motor vehicle shall be permitted on any other portion of Hamilton Boulevard is permitted except as prohibited by other Borough ordinances.

Section 4. Any person or persons who violate any provision of this ordinance, on conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of not more than fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

Section 5. All ordinances or parts of ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith, are repealed to extend to such inconsistency.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication in accordance with New Jersey Law.

\$68.40 March 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

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

WHEREAS the Borough of South Plainfield wishes to perform road improvements to a portion of South Plainfield Avenue within the Borough; and

WHEREAS CME Associates has submitted a proposal to perform engineering for said work at a cost not to exceed \$41,800.00; and

WHEREAS the Borough appointed CME Associates as the Borough Engineer pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq.; and

WHEREAS this contract is being awarded without competitive bidding as "Professional Services" in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(1)(a); and

WHEREAS funds for said contract have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the Capital Ordinance #1780.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield that authorization is hereby given to enter into a Professional Services contract with CME Associates to perform engineering associated with road improvements along a portion of South Plainfield Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$41,800.00.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Municipal Clerk are hereby authorized said agreement

\$45.60 March 9, 2007

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PENDING BOND ORDINANCE AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on March 6, 2007. It will be further considered for final passage, after a public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Borough Council to be held at the Borough Municipal Building, Council Chambers, Plainfield Avenue, in said County, on March 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours, at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The summary of the terms of such lease ordinance follows:

Title:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS 2005 ROADWAY AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY APPROPRIATING \$645,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Purpose(s):

Roadway improvements along portions of Oak Tree Avenue and South Plainfield Avenue, widening of the intersection located at South Clinton Avenue and New Market Avenue and the acquisition of right-of-way easement on Block 308, Lot 12.05 within the Borough. Said improvements to consist of, but not limited to, resurfacing, milling, paving, construction of curbs and sidewalks and installation of lighting and signage.

Appropriation: \$645,000

Bonds/Notes

Authorized: \$425,000

Section 20 Costs: \$100,000

Useful Life: 11.24 years

ATTEST:

Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$66.50 March 9, 2007

The Big Issue hits the newsstands March 30.

Deadline to reserve space is March 12.

Sports

Business Association to Hold Annual Golf Outing

The South Plainfield Business Association (SPBA) will hold their annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, May 15 at Cranbury Golf Club with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. This year the golf outing will be held jointly with the

South Plainfield Education Foundation and will be played in a "scramble" format.

For more information, contact Bob Longo at (908) 753-7004 or e-mail SPBA@comcast.net.

Art Muglia Golf Outing

The fourth annual Art Muglia Memorial Golf Outing, to benefit Art's favorite charity, The Matheny School, will be held on Friday, June 29 at Heron Glen Golf Course, 110 State Hwy. 202/31 in Ringoes. Shotgun start at 9 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast beginning at 8 a.m. Barbecue dinner to follow, along with awards and prizes. Cost is \$125 per golfer; dinner only is \$40. Hole sponsorship: \$100/hole or \$200 for 3 holes (includes 4 mulligans). Our

lady golfers keep getting better and better and add so much to the scenery (Art wrote that from above.); so come on ladies. As always, for those who don't play golf, any contribution would be appreciated.

Make checks payable to "Arts Memorial Golf" and mail to Jim Muglia, 37 Crescent Drive, Fairfield, N.J. 07004.

For more information and directions, please call Jim at (973) 227-4859 or (973) 667-2466.

SP Eagles Football & Cheer 2007 Registration Next Week

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheer Program announces the 2007 registration dates for all football and cheerleaders ages five through 14.

Registration will be held on Friday, March 16 and 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 17 and 31 from

9 a.m. to 12 noon, at the fieldhouse on Kenneth Avenue. Space is limited, so registration is first come-first serve. Information and forms can be found on our Web site at www.speagles.com. The program is also looking for applicants to be football and cheer coaches at all levels.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1777

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

Ordinance #1777 entitled: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF VARIOUS BOROUGH EMPLOYEE AND THE METHOD OF PAYMENT FOR SAID COMPENSATION FOR THE YEARS 2006 THROUGH 2010 was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

\$24.70 March 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE 1776

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

Ord. 1776 entitled: AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING PARKING ON CERTAIN PORTIONS OF HAMILTON BOULEVARD 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 on Tuesday, March 6, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

\$24.00 March 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE No. 1780

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

Ordinance #1780 entitled: A BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS ROADWAY AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING \$645,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE BOROUGH TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 9, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately after the 7:00 p.m. Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

\$30.40 March 9, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Ian Andrew requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the expansion of a non-conforming (2) family in an R-10 residential zone; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1318 Hamilton Blvd. on Block 427, Lot 14 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 Thursday, March 22, 2007 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 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 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

\$38.50 March 9, 2007

Obituaries

Barbara Lamont, 62

Barbara (Lynott) Lamont died on Monday, Dec. 4, 2006 at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Born October 22, 1944 in Brooklyn, N.Y., Barbara was the daughter of the late William and Martha Melman Lynott.

Mrs. Lamont had formerly worked with Lens and Eye in South Plainfield.

Surviving are her husband, Bruce of Garden City, S.C. and a son, Bruce William Lamont of Manhattan.

A memorial service was held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Barbara's name can be made to the American Cancer Society, 2600 U.S. Highway #1, North Brunswick, N.J. 08902.

Mildred (Siadak) Interdonato, 78

Mildred Interdonato died on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at home.

Born in Garfield, Mildred was raised in New York City and resided in South Plainfield for more than 35 years before moving to Leisure Knoll at Manchester Township 13 years ago.

An avid gardener, Mildred loved to cook, read and paint crafts. She also enjoyed the beach, going as often as she could.

Surviving are her husband, Salvatore; two daughters, Mariella Bubnick and husband Charles of South Plainfield and Angela Sessanta and husband Mario of Holland Township and a son, Glenn of Toms River. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Christine, Matthew and Mark Sessanta and Christopher and Alyssa Bubnick.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

resided in Hoboken for most of her life before recently moving to Edison.

She was employed as an administrative secretary for the CETA Program for the City of Hoboken for several years before retiring in the 1970s.

Her husband, Maurice, died in 1978. She is also predeceased by two sons, Michael and Patrick; two sisters, Josephine Guinan and Irene Canning and three brothers, James, George and John Lillis.

She is survived by a daughter, Maura and husband Robert Hansen of Lakewood; a son, Kevin and wife Sue O'Brien of South Plainfield and a niece, Gerry Calligy. Also surviving are five dear grandchildren, Debra, Robert, Deirdre, Keri and Kevin and twelve great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Cedar Brook Nursing Home, 1340 Park Ave., Plainfield, N.J. 07060.

Louise M. Sacco, 89

Louise M. Sacco, beloved wife of the late Joseph Sacco Sr., died on

Thursday, March 1 at the Raritan Health and Extended Care in Raritan.

Born in South Plainfield, Mrs. Sacco was a lifelong resident of the borough. After her children had grown, Louise worked full time at Kemper Company in South Plainfield.

The last year of her life she lived at the Raritan Health and Extended Care where she enjoyed playing bingo, making crafts, and attended the many family parties held for all occasions. She also had a lot of friends, which she took pleasure in talking with on a daily basis. Louise had a wonderful and full life and is at peace with herself and enjoying her resting place with her late husband, Joseph Sacco Sr. Knowing she is at peace, we can celebrate her life.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Vitali of Watchung; three sons, Angelo Sacco and wife Marie of Mantoloking, Thomas Sacco and wife Sue Ann of Monticello, Ky. and Joseph Jr. and wife Davida of South Plainfield. Also surviving are eight grandchildren, James, Mark, Joseph and Todd Sacco, Christine Carney, Debbie Sacco, Dana Bock and Jodi Ciampa, and 16 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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SPHS Student Leadership members share their time with residents of Cedarbrook Nursing Home on a weekly basis.

Volunteers Are Needed for Litter Clean-up Week

There's snow on the ground, but the birds are singing. Start thinking about spring by putting Volunteer Litter Clean-up Week on your calendars!

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board will sponsor a borough-wide cleanup the last week of April. The main clean-up event will be on Saturday morning, April 21. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. in the Borough Hall parking lot at 2480 Plainfield Ave. to collect equipment and clean-up assignments.

We will target roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots. All volunteers will be invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a free pizza pickup picnic, complete with environmentally friendly door prizes.

Residents are welcome to organize a crew, or to come on their own.

Call Alice Tempel, the Clean Communities coordinator, at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com for more information.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

By Jane Dornick

The SPHS Athletic Booster Club held a used clothing drive on Feb. 24 where 4,000 pounds of clothing were collected. The fundraiser will benefit the indoor SPHS bleachers. Thank you to Bob Boyle of Roma Food for the use of a truck for collecting the clothing. Thanks to Mike and Chris Stallone for organizing the SPHS Stu-

dent Leadership volunteers who hoisted bags into the truck and moved them inside during the eight hours of collection. Thanks also to Danny McCreesh, Scott Barton, Danny Hubner, Matt Fabino, Brandon Ullom, Keith Heckel, Nick Giannakis, Taylor Mandell, Charlie Decker and Chris Pennisi.

Congratulations to the SPHS Girls Varsity Basketball Team and their

coaches on their victory last Saturday in the sectional semi-final state game against Morristown. Congratulations to the SPHS Boys Varsity Basketball Team and coaches on their efforts in Colonial last Saturday.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado will present the 2007/2008 Board of Education budget to various organizations during the next few weeks. The presentations are approximately half an hour in length and will include a question and answer period. Rosado will be at the Grant Elementary PTO meeting on March 13 at 7 p.m. Plan to attend one of the presentations so you can understand how the budget will affect your child's educa-

tion. The presentations will also be aired on Comcast Channel 74 for those unable to attend.

The SPHS Student Leadership Program members, under the direction of MaryEllen Martko, Mr. Baker, Ms. Vandermark, Mr. Encinas, Ms. Zurka, Mr. Hajduk and Ms. Raimondo, visit Cedarbrook Nursing Home (pictured above) on Thursdays from 5 to 8 p.m. to spend time with the residents playing board games, doing nails and sharing quality time. The nursing home residents look forward to the students' visits; they brighten their day. The next big event for these students will be the Tiger 24. Watch for upcoming information.

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Adult CPR/AED and Standard First Aid will be held on Tuesday, March 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the American Red Cross office at 16 Jefferson Ave. in Elizabeth. Some or

all portions of the course may be taken.

CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer will be held on Saturday, March 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The course will be held at the American Red Cross in Plainfield.

Adult CPR/AED, Child CPR/AED, Infant CPR and First Aid will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. In Spanish. The course will be held at the American Red Cross office in Plainfield. Some or all portions of the course may be taken.

Please call (908) 756-6414, ext. 10 to register or for more information.

police report

On Feb. 28, Waaliah S. Carter, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

On March 1, Kenneth Michael Burns, 19, and James E. Murray, 18, both of Piscataway were arrested at Sears Essentials for shoplifting \$111 worth of assorted merchandise.

Middlesex Water Co. reported that their lawn area on Park Lane was damaged by quad runners.

On March 3, Juan Gomez Cruz, 28, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, being an

unlicensed driver, maintenance of lamps and an outstanding warrant.

Brian Michael Bertini, 33, of Brooklyn, N.Y. was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reckless driving.

On March 5, Enterprise Rent-A-Car on New Market Avenue reported that the front passenger window of a 1993 Lexus had been smashed.

Mountainside Equipment on Hollywood Avenue reported that the windows of several vehicles and construction equipment in the storage yard had been damaged.

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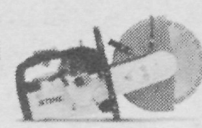


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3/9/07
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Both Jimmy and Ricky are lifelong residents of South Plainfield and for MANY years now, have been vital to us in the way we have operated our family business and to the families they serve. Together Jimmy and Rick have over 25 years of experience. Be assured, they will continue in the same fashion in which we have served our families over the past 30 years.

Although Jimmy and Rick will take on the responsibilities of ownership and the daily operations of the funeral home, both my brother and I will still continue to support the funeral home, the community, and most importantly, Jimmy and Rick.

On behalf of my brother and myself, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our great community for the trust and confidence that the families have placed in us. Everyone here at the funeral home would like you to all know that the professionalism and personal touch that we are known for will continue. Because with us the difference is.... It's how things are done.

Most sincerely,

Richard W. McCriskin

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