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Rosado Touts 07-08 Budget

School Board Candidates Debate Tentatively Set for April 5

Now that the Board of Education (BOE) has given their approval of the 2007-2008 budget, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado has been visiting local groups and organizations to garner voter support and to stress the importance of casting an informed vote.

The \$51,438,932 budget, which calls for \$40,050,318 to be raised by local property taxes, is a 2.27 percent increase over last year's budget—an increase of \$1,140,267.

After the voters turned down the 2006-07 budget, the Borough Council made cuts of \$1,182,000, which makes the 2007-2008 budget almost

the same amount as last year. If the budget fails to get voter approval, it will be up to the council to make cuts again at its discretion.

Although no teachers will be cut, middle school sports have been eliminated from this year's budget and funding for freshman sports does not include the full \$100,000 needed to fund the program.

A candidate's debate is being organized for April 5 at the Roosevelt Administration Building. The candidates will have a chance to speak to the public on their reasons for running for the BOE and to answer questions from the audience.

Last year only eight percent of eligible voters in South Plainfield took the time to come out to the polls and vote for a budget that represents almost 80 percent of local property taxes.

Rosado will present the budget in the Riley School library on March 26 at 7 p.m.; the high school cafeteria on March 27 at 7 p.m.; Franklin School on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. and Roosevelt School on April 4 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend any of the above presentations.

If you are unable to attend a presentation, a recently recorded presentation will be broadcast on Comcast Channel 74 on Saturday, March 24 at 8 p.m. and Thursday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

The last day to register to vote for the upcoming school board election is Tuesday, March 27. The Borough Clerk's Office will be open until 9 p.m. on that night for voter registration. The upcoming School Board Election will be held on Tuesday, April 17.

A formal budget hearing to adopt the final budget is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.



Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Rosado, pictured with Business Administrator Donna Tolley, at a recent school budget presentation.

Elks Name Boyle Citizen of the Year



Debbie Boyle

By Patricia Abbott

On March 3, the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Central District Americanism Committee named seven "citizens of the year." The South Plainfield Elks Lodge #2298 named resident Debbie Boyle as their Citizen of the Year.

The award was presented by Elks Exalted Ruler Arthur Sabino Jr., who noted just a few of the many contributions Boyle has made over the years, including providing scholarships to South Plainfield High School students for seven years; providing scholarships to Sacred Heart School for seven years; donating food to organizations for school, gold card, picnics, boy scouts and the baseball club.

Boyle has also donated time to Ponytail Softball, group organizations and clean-ups; made monetary, as well as food, donations to FISH dinners. She has made donations to cancer organizations and holds an annual golf outing every year under the Boyle Memorial Foundation, which goes towards these various

scholarships and organizations. She has been active in food and clothing drives and has been a PTSO member for more than eight years.

Boyle is a volunteer for Women Aware. She facilitates the donation of the Roma Foods truck for various fundraising events, with profits going toward the sponsoring group or activities holding the event. She has also been active in fundraisers for the Grant Stokes Trip.

Boyle has also provided financial donations, as well as many hours of work, to the Tiger 24 Marathon, gift baskets to various auctions and other events, and donated a banner to Almost Famous Players theatre troupe.

As she accepted the award Boyle said, "I would like to thank all of the Elks who nominated me for the Citizen of the Year award. My husband, Bob, could not be here this evening because he is away in Nevada on business for Roma Foods. Also, my daughter, who plays for the South Plainfield High School Girl's Varsity Basketball Team, has a 7 p.m. sectional semifinal state game tonight and my boys are the varsity team star recorders. I am graced here tonight by friends. I am proud and honored to receive this prestigious award from the Elks. To me, volunteering my time in my community, church, neighborhood and schools is the spice of life, whether it be my personal time, food donations, or monetary donations. I am always one of the first with my hand in the air to help wherever I am needed. I am the queen of fundraising, and as an achiever, I always reach in my soul and take from my heart. Thank you to everyone!"

The event was held at the Edison Elks Lodge. Honorees and guests enjoyed dinner and music after the presentations.

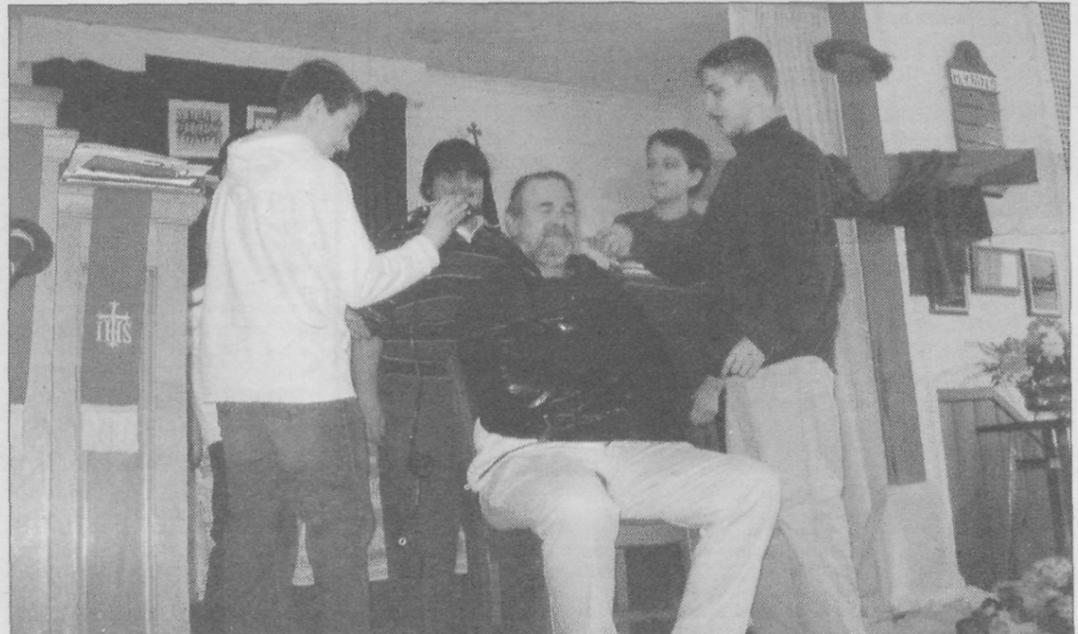
Teens "Starve Hunger"

On Feb. 23 and 24, 10 teens from the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield participated in World Vision's 30-Hour Famine. The youths went without food for 30 hours in order to raise donations to help provide clean water and food for children in Uganda. They raised over \$5,500 from family, friends, the church congregation and local businesses.

Pastor Gordon Braun, at the start of the famine, challenged the group that if they raised more than their original goal of \$3,600, he would let the youth shave his head and beard. On Sunday, Pastor Gordon kept his word and the teens gave the pastor a new look.

First Baptist was one of nine youth groups that banded together for the

famine weekend, bringing together 150 kids and nearly 40 adults. During their time together, the teens made 300 sandwiches for a community service project that benefited the homeless, watched videos on the situation in Uganda and played the Tribe Game. The weekend concluded with an Ecumenical service and a pasta dinner.



Teens from the First Baptist Church give Pastor Gordon a new look. Left to right are: Danny Sticco, Brett Adoptante, Ryan Flanagan and Christian Grimando.

IN MY OPINION

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



Brownie Troop 883 attended the March 6 Borough Council meeting to earn the Citizenship badge. Pictured with Mayor Charles Butrico are Aubrey Marish, Jennifer Christilles, Hannah Roads, Kathryn Berry, Brianna Atkinson, Alexis Walter, troop leader Madeline Christilles and her daughter, Samantha Christilles, a Junior Girl Scout from Troop 493.



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

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Residents of South Plainfield:

If I tried to name every person in this town who showed and continues to show their love and support for my family, I couldn't possibly name you all. I'd never get any sleep! So I hope you'll forgive me if I try to tell you all at once how much you mean to me. If you're reading this, I'm talking about YOU.

When Bob and I were young and looking for a house, we had very little but our youthful good looks as collateral, and had lost hope of finding a place we could afford. We were ready to sign the lease for another year in apartment hell when this house became available. We were young, had no kids and never thought twice about schools, taxes, or any of the stuff a homeowner should care about. It just felt right and we wanted it before we even stepped inside.

Then we found out what a great place South Plainfield is for raising a family. I remember that the first year we lived here, the marching band played at the Junior Baseball Opening Day Parade and I thought, "Oh my God, we live in Mayberry." I loved it.

We have made such wonderful friendships, through the church, the schools, and especially through the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club, which is the very best place in the world to grow a boy.

In my family's darkest hour, this community managed to make us feel safe, loved and protected. From baked ziti to "Buckets for Bob," there has never been a doubt in our minds that South Plainfield has our backs.

We are such a lucky family. **WITH LOVING GRATITUDE, LIZ, BOBBY AND RYAN HARRINGTON**

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Harris Lacasale for her bid in the 2007 Board of Education election. I have known Danielle since 2001 when I began teaching her children. She was an involved and supportive parent. She assisted with the classroom and was always open-minded to new possibilities for her children. I have also been involved with Danielle as I completed my student teaching and became a teacher. Danielle was assistive in helping me find ideas and motivating me to look at many different options for my classroom. She was a great resource.

Danielle has always represented herself as a knowledgeable person who

gets involved in what she believes in. Her decision to vie for a seat on the Board of Education was not a surprise to me as she has always possessed an interest and the qualifications to make a difference.

Please join me and others in South Plainfield in voting for a person who will be an integral part of the positive future of the South Plainfield Public School System based on her knowledge, skills, abilities and interests.

SINCERELY, VERONICA LIBERTY QUICK

To the Editor,

On Sunday, March 11 we had a need to call the South Plainfield Police and fire department, because an awful smell was coming from our basement. Within minutes of their arrival they began their search-hot wires, switches, leaks, nothing! All was ok until later when the flue was opened... I wish the bird flew away. Still later another flue-this time a furry friend-was tightly wedged. Finally by 7 p.m. we could laugh about it. Us 2: critters 2. Seriously, we wish to say thank you to them all for coming; for caring.

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Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Morgan Evans, pictured with parents Chris and Joe, sister Faryn and brother Devin. Congratulations Morgan!!!

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SP Eagles Football And Cheerleaders Final Registration

The South Plainfield Eagles Football and Cheerleading program is announcing a special paper registration for athletes who might be affected by the elimination of the Freshman high school and middle school sports programs. A paper registration means we will not require payment of any registration or bond fees at this time, but we will take names of interested athletes who may wish to play or cheer at the Junior Midget, Midget or Unlimited levels. This paper registration will help the Eagles plan accordingly for the number of football teams and cheer squads.

In the event the middle school and freshman high school teams are eliminated due to budget cuts, we want those athletes and parents to know that they have a home with the Eagles. We want all of our kids to play and cheer whether its via the schools or through our Pop Warner program. So parents, please come sign your children up during this paper registration. It won't cost you anything at this time, (full registration and bond fees will be due once a final decision is made by the school board) but it will help guarantee you a spot on a team, and ensure that your child keeps fit and active next fall, no matter what happens with the School Budget.

This paper registration will coincide with our final registration dates for our regular teams and squads, and is being held on Friday, March 30 from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to noon at the fieldhouse on Kenneth Avenue.

For more information visit our Web site at www.speagles.com or call Abra Hodge, cheer commissioner at (908) 753-5874, or Jaime Larsen, football commissioner at (908) 296-7401.

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BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1781

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

Ord. 1781 entitled: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATIONS OF THE OPERATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, March 23, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 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. 1781

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REGULATIONS OF THE OPERATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES 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. That the following roads and/or intersections shall be controlled by a Traffic Control Signal in accordance with the plan bearing the date of March 2007:

- A. Helen Street / Bushwick Avenue Intersection
- B. Ryan Street / St. Nicholas Avenue
- C. Durham Avenue
- D. Belmont Avenue
- E. New Market Avenue

Section 2. That the Traffic Signal shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, Title 39 of the Revised Statutes and the New Jersey Administrative Code, and SHALL BE OPERATED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE DESIGNATED PLAN.

Section 3. That all prior ordinances or resolutions or portions thereof of the Borough of South Plainfield inconsistent herewith be and they are hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law and upon the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

Section 5. That if any clause, section or provision of this ordinance is declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such provision shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion hereof.

Section 6. When the ordinance is finally adopted, the Clerk of the Borough of South Plainfield is to send a certified copy to Douglas R. Bartlett, manager, Bureau of Traffic Engineering and Investigations, NJ Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 613, Trenton, NJ 08625-0613.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk



The South Plainfield Middle School announced the Students of the Month for February. Pictured (L to R) are Kenny Calderoni, Michelle O'Sullivan, Patrick Landy, Steven Petrillo, Becky Smith and Allison Quintanilla.

Glitterbug Club Adopts South Plainfield Nature Center

The South Plainfield Glitterbug Club has joined the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Adopt-A-Spot program. They will maintain the Highland Avenue Environmental Education Reserve grounds around the Nature Center.

Marie Markey, club advisor, signed the agreement on behalf of the club. They are planning to do litter clean-ups every other month prior to a club meeting.

The Glitterbug Club is a group of youngsters who meet twice a month for fun, community service and learn what they can do to improve the Borough's environment. Since they have been meeting at the Nature Center, they decided that making a commitment to keep the area clean would be an appropriate club project.

The Glitterbugs have been recognized by the NJ Clean Communities

Council for their environmental activities. Club members were excused from school so they could attend the workshops and award ceremonies. Recent meetings have included programs such as a "meet the author" session with educator Dave Street, who did a dramatic reading of his new book "How the Land of Litter Became the Kingdom of Clean." Other projects include "beyond the bin" recycling and plans to write and produce a play about how litter harms fish in our lake and streams.

For information about how to join the Glitterbug Club, contact Marie Markey at (908) 755-3213 or e-mail marie.markey@comcast.net. For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail atempe@southplainfieldnj.com.

GFWC Women's Club Helps Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Dr. Seuss' Birthday is always a cause for celebration, especially when Lucy Hudson does an exhibit for the South Plainfield Public Library, sponsored by the GFWC Women's Club of South Plainfield.

Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel), is the author of a host of children's books, including "The Cat in the Hat." His most famous book was written 50 years ago and has remained a delight to children everywhere.

Ten years ago the National Education Association (NEA) began a children's literary campaign entitled "Read Across America," celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday in March. The program gained momentum and has prompted children to develop a love of reading. As a response to this the South Plainfield Suburban Woman's Club members are currently reading to children in pre-K, kindergarten, first and second grade of the Sacred Heart School.

Other projects of the Education Department of the South Plainfield Woman's Club are Career Day, a program at Douglass College given to a girl who has just completed her junior year and the annual scholarship given to a senior girl at South Plainfield High School.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs (NJSFWC) was founded in 1894 and is headquartered on the campus of Douglass College since 1966. The federation is a member of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs, the oldest and largest nonpartisan, nondenominational women's volunteer service organization in the world. Opportunities are provided to women in education leadership training and community service through participation in local



Lucy Hudson put together a display for the library with the help of her family, in thanks to Dr. Seuss for the memorable hours of fun he has penned for thousands of children.

clubs, enabling members to make a difference in the lives of others, one project at a time.

For information about our local club, contact Grace Farinella at (908) 757-5753. For information about the NJSFWC, visit the Federation Web site at <http://www.njsfwc.org/> or call (732) 249-5474/5485.

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Lenten Fish Dinners

March 23 & 30

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

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

Corned Beef and Cabbage at VFW

March 23

Get there early! The VFW, located on Front Street, has rescheduled their corned beef and cabbage/fish fry dinner to Friday, March 23 from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$8. Public welcome.

Franklin Auction/Raffle

March 24

The Franklin School PTO will hold their 11th Annual Auction/Raffle Night on Saturday, March 24 in the high school gym. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

Complimentary ticket for grand prize drawing with every advanced ticket sale. No one under the age of 18 will be admitted.

For tickets call Dorothea at (908) 753-7117 or Jennifer at (908) 561-4958.

Columbiettes Easter Bunny Brunch

March 25

The South Plainfield Columbiettes will be hosting their annual Easter Bunny Brunch on Sunday, March 25 at Sacred Heart School. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and festivities begin at 11 a.m.

The brunch will consist of eggs, pancakes, French toast, sausage, ham and more. There will be games and prizes and the Easter Bunny will give out baskets to all children seven and under.

Cost is \$10 per person and reservations are required, as space is limited. To reserve a spot or for more information, call Kathy at (908) 756-3772 or leave a message at (908) 754-5239.

Elks Pancake Breakfast

March 25

The South Plainfield Elks, 1254 New Market Ave., in conjunction with the South Plainfield Girl Scout community, will host a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 25 from 8 a.m. until noon. The menu will feature pancakes, eggs made to order, French toast, bacon, sausage, home fries, toast, juice and coffee. Adults \$6; seniors \$5; children 3-12 \$4 and 2 and under are free.

Stress Factory/Rescue Squad Fundraiser

March 25

The Stress Factory Comedy Club Bar and Grill, located at 90 Church St. in New Brunswick, presents a fundraiser to benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad featuring Vinnie Brand and Melvin George on Sunday, March 25. Doors open/dinner at 5 p.m.; show at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

For reservations and tickets, please call (908) 754-2343.

SPHS PTA Meeting

March 27

The next meeting of the South Plainfield High School PTA will be held on Tuesday, March 27 in the SPHS teacher's cafeteria at 7 p.m. Plans for the upcoming 2007 Project Graduation celebration will be discussed. If you would like to help out, please try to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, contact any executive board member for volunteer opportunities.

GOP Meeting

March 29

The regular monthly meeting of the South Plainfield Republican Organization will be held on Thursday, March 29 at 8 p.m. at Sherban's Restaurant. Screening for council candidates will be held at this meeting. Any residents interested in running this fall are invited to attend, as well as all residents who may wish to discuss concerns and comments on issues and solutions that could benefit South Plainfield.

Rock Darfur Concert

March 30

Come support the South Plainfield High School chapter of Help Darfur Now and spread awareness about the ongoing genocide in Darfur, Sudan on Friday, March 30 at 7 p.m. at the PAL. Tickets are \$5. Featuring Level Zero, The Command Radio, Horseshoes and Handgrenades, Divert from Destiny and Skill Company. All profits will benefit Help Darfur Now and the Darfur Rehabilitation Project! Merchandise and refreshments will be available.

Sons of Union Veterans Meeting

March 31

The SUVCW-Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will hold a meeting at the American Legion Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave. on March 31 beginning at noon.

Annual Lions Pancake Breakfast

April 1

The annual Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the South Plainfield Lions Club will be held on Sunday, April 1 from 8 a.m. to noon in the high school cafeteria. Donation is \$6. All are welcome.

Tickets can be purchased at the Observer office at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

— Out of Town —

First Time Home Buying Seminar

March 24

First Hallmark Mortgage Corporation in Somerset is hosting a free seminar on first-time home buying and refinancing on Saturday, March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Franklin Volunteer Fire Company in Somerset. Registration is recommended.

For information, call (800) 973-9604.

Egg Decorating

March 24

A Ukrainian egg decorating workshop led by folk artist Olga Kobryn will be held on Saturday, March 24

from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at East Jersey Olde Towne Village in Piscataway.

Registration required; \$8 fee for materials. Call (732) 745-4489.

Single Christian Professionals

March 24

Single Christian Professionals are hosting a trivia game night and dinner at the Hilton Pyramid Hotel inside the Sports Edition Bar at 3 Towers Drive, Bldg. 1 in East Brunswick on Saturday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Cost is whatever you order for dinner plus tax and tips.

RSVP to (732) 764-9073.

Family Arts Festival

March 25

A Family Arts Festival will be held on Sunday, March 25 at the Airline and Henry Schwartzman Courtyard at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick from 1 to 4 p.m. The Family Arts Festival is an afternoon of fun creative expression for families and children alike. Cost is \$10 adults and \$5 children.

Pre-registration by phone to (732) 220-1600. Walk-ins welcome.

NJPAC Talent Search

March 24 and 25

The New Jersey Performing Arts Center's "Young Artist Talent Search" (YATS), a weekend for young tri-state performers to audition for spots in NJPAC's arts training and scholarship programs, will be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 24 and 25. Audition applications may be obtained online at www.njpac.org or by calling (973) 353-8009.

Coin Show and Sale

March 25

The Watchung Hills Coin Club will host its 25th Annual Show and Sale on Sunday, March 25 at the Elks Lodge #1068, 375 Union Ave. in Bridgewater from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free.

For information, call (732) 469-0776 during normal business hours.

Monmouth Symphony Orchestra

March 25

The Monmouth Symphony Orchestra will present a concert on Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. in the Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank. Preconcert lecture at 2:15 p.m. Reserved seat tickets are \$25 adults, \$20 seniors (age 60 and over) and \$5 for school-age children and students. For reservations, please call the theatre box office at (732) 842-9000.

"A Taste of Kindness" Fundraiser

March 26

Women Aware's Soup Kitchen annual fundraiser, "A Taste of Kindness," to help Middlesex County's provider of services for victims of domestic violence and shelter for women victims and their children, will be held on Monday, March 26 at the Pines on Rt. 27 in Edison from 6 to 8:30 p.m. It will feature soups from some of Central Jersey's finer restaurants and breads, cheeses and desserts from local bakeries and suppliers. Door prizes and raffles. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. For tickets or information call (732) 249-4900 or visit www.womenaware.net.

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Local Students Excel at Region Band Concert

The South Plainfield Middle School hosted the Central Jersey Music Educators' Association Region II Intermediate Band and Orchestra Auditions recently.

There were approximately 800 band and orchestra students from Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset and Union counties. The students had to learn a solo, memorize eight scales and perform some sight reading. The students were competing for an opportunity to perform with the Region II Concert Band or Orchestra.

The Region Band rehearses in various places throughout Central New Jersey to perform in this concert. They rehearse under the baton of Daniel Schultz, who is the band director at the J.P. Case Middle School in Flemington.

This year two South Plainfield students made these ensembles. Nicole Firmin, an eighth grade student, will be performing with the Region Concert Band on clarinet. Justin Lesky, also an eighth grade student, will be playing with the Region Concert Band on the trumpet. Justin also received the highest score out of all of the trumpet students who auditioned and he will be the first chair trumpet



Justin Lesky and Nicole Firmin were chosen to perform in the Regional Band Concert.

player for the band, which is a great honor.

The concert for these ensembles was held at Bridgewater-Raritan

Middle School on Sunday, March 18. The concert was a huge success despite all of the inclement weather this past weekend.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

Jaimie Donnelly

Saint Patrick's Day may have come and gone, but like Valentine's Day and love one can enjoy the celebration year round. I recently married an Irish-American fellow and have been enjoying my new family culture with many of the materials that the library has to offer. I would like to share with you some favorites that I highly recommend checking out.

Celtic music has grown in popularity over the past 10 years as it always seems to bring happiness out of any listener. The library has over a dozen Celtic music CDs for any age. These include *Celtic Pride I and II*, *Celtic Woman* by Celtic Woman and *A Day Without Rain* by Irish singer Enya. For anyone who would like to watch award winning Irish folk dancing, I suggest *Lord of the Dance* and *Riverdance*, both on videocassette.

If trying new foods is your forte I highly suggest *Irish Country Cooking* by Malachi McCormick and the new release *The Irish Pub Cookbook* by Margaret Johnson. We have many movies with Irish themes, many of them based

on true heart wrenching stories. These movies include *Evelyn*, *Titanic*, *Angela's Ashes* and *Gangs of New York*.

If live Irish culture and music is something you would like to hear, then check out our upcoming program this week, *Celtic Music Journey*, with Heather Mulvey. This exceptional musical performance will take place at the library on Sunday, March 25 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. This is a free program; no pre-registration required and open to all ages. If you would like more information about Ms. Mulvey check out her Web site at www.heathermulvey.com/.

Our children's programs will be running on our regular schedule this upcoming week. Story and craft times for ages 3+ on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. *Time for 2s and 3s* on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. *Books 'N' Babies* are on Friday at 10:30 a.m. If you have any further questions about our children program, please contact Miss Linda or Miss Mija at (908) 754-7885.

Historical Society Lecture

The South Plainfield Historical Society presents a lecture, "Ellis Island: Myth and Reality Presenter," on Sunday, April 15 at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Speaker will be Nancy C. Carnevale, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Montclair State University. Free to the public.

For more information call (908) 754-7268 or e-mail sphistoricalsoc@cs.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
PUBLIC NOTICE

BOND ORDINANCE STATEMENT AND SUMMARY

The bond ordinance, the summary terms of which are included herein, has been finally adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, in the County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, on March 20, 2007 and the twenty (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 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 bond ordinance follows:

Title: BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE VARIOUS ROADWAY AND INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS, BY AND IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY (THE "BOROUGH"); 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 and New Market Avenue and the acquisition of a right-of-way easement on Block 308, Lot 12.05 within the Borough. Said improvements to consist of, but are 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

\$55.00 March 23, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1780

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

Ord. 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 presented for adoption after a public hearing was held by the Mayor and Council on 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.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$30.00 March 23, 2007



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South Plainfield Scouting

What's Happening in Girl Scouting-March

Breakfast Is Served—The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community, in conjunction with the South Plainfield Elks, are holding a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 25 at the Elks Lodge on New Market Avenue. Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. until noon. We'll have pancakes, French toast, eggs-to-order, bacon, sausage

and more. Hope to see you there!

Grownups & Teens—We want you to join us! Yes, I mean you! Do you want to be involved in something really, really big? Do you have an interesting career, business or hobby? Do you have a skill that you can share with others? Do you love to camp? Or do you just want to have some

fun? The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community is an extremely active group of young girls, teens and adults of all ages who continue to learn, grow and have a great time together. We're looking for moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents and friends to join our community. You can teach a skill, help at an event or be a leader. The commitment can be as little or as big as you'd like. Here are some of the things we've done recently:

Brownie Troop 883 visited historic Vermeule Mansion in North Plainfield where they learned about local history from George Helmke, author and volunteer at the Vermeule Camera Museum. He discussed the history of the house and showed them photos and cameras dating back to the early 1800s. During the war in 1717, on Vermeule Plantation land, the women of the house heroically worked to provide provisions to thousands of American soldiers, maybe even George Washington! They topped off the tour with a visit to a nearby historic cemetery to do gravestone rubbings. For more information on the Web about this fascinating place, search "Friends of Vermeule."



Cub Scout Troop 224 from Riley School paid a visit to the *Observer* office this week to earn an achievement. Helping Production Assistant Natia Katsantonis identify their photo are Colin Griffin, Sean McConville, Bradley Butler, Michael Menkin, Joseph Kelly, Devin Weinberger and Ryan Berardi.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY TOWN

FROM A BUSY BUSY MOM *jd*

Spring sports will begin shortly. Support the various sport teams with words of encouragement. Negativity and rude behavior from spectators is against the recreation department and leagues Code of Conduct policy.

Teacher, curriculum and program cuts are likely if the 2007/2008 Board of Education budget does not pass. Election day for BOE members and the budget adoption is Tuesday, April 17. Those running for three open seats are incumbents Steve Bohn and Pio Pennisi, Bob Jones, Debbie Boyle, Sharon Miller and Danielle Harris Lacasale. Dr. Rosado will be presenting the budget at PTA meetings. The budget presentation at the Grant PTO meeting will also be aired on Saturday, March 24 at 8 p.m. and again on Thursday, March 29. Voting for or against the budget will not affect the teachers contract.

The All-District Music Festival will take place at SPSHS on Thursday, March 29.

Help is needed for the upcoming SPSHS track meets on May 12, May 25, May 26, June 1, June 2 and June

6 at Jost Field. Volunteering at the snack stand for the Athletic Booster Club is especially needed. The money raised benefits the students. Call Terri Pileggi to sign up at (908) 754-4620, ext. 248.

Another Super 50/50 drawing will be held on Wednesday, June 6. The money raised will go towards the purchase of new indoor bleachers at the high school.

Continue to log on to the South Plainfield Schools Web site at spnet.k12.nj.us with comments for assemblymen and senators with regard to the Abbott Districts. Comments can also be made in support of the Helen Street Project.

The SPSHS Tiger 24, hosted by the Student Leadership, will take place on April 27 at Jost Field. Along with the walking and running events, there will be a dunk tank and luminaries which can be purchased for \$10 in remembrance of a loved one or friend. The luminaries will be lit at midnight and surround the field. Proceeds will be donated to the Harrington Family and needy families in the borough.

Somerset Dentists Sponsoring Toy Drive

Dr. Ray Sinha and Dr. Joanna Hrymoc-Sinha are organizing a toy drive for Easter and spring to put smiles on the faces of the children of St. Peter's Children Hospital. Drop off toys through April 4, Monday to

Thursday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their office located at 650 Easton Ave. in Somerset. All toys should be new and unwrapped. For more information, please call Heather (732) 249-5500.



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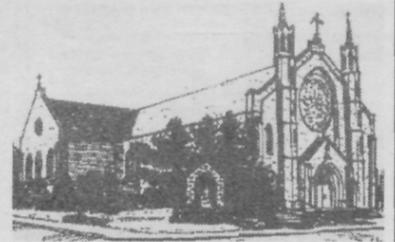
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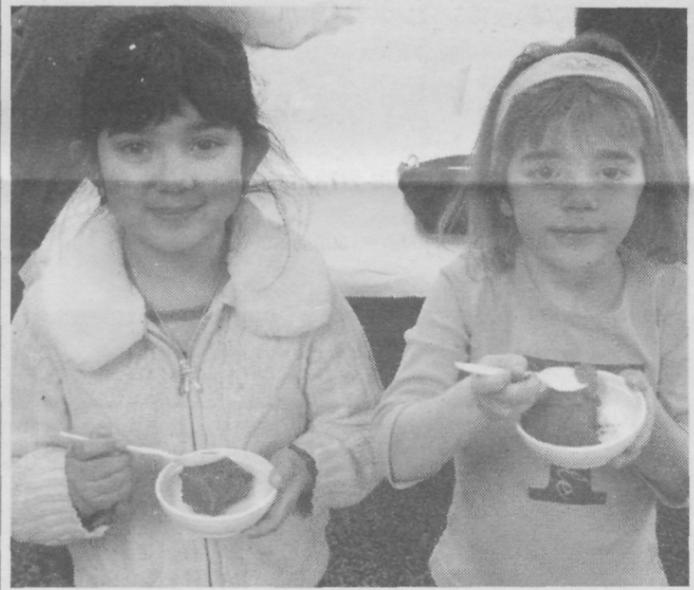
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Sacred Heart School recently held a pasta night dinner to raise funds for the school's athletic association. Pictured above is Kara and Kathy Slattery, who sold raffle tickets at the dinner; at right is Trent DeMesa, who got a chill from a cherry Italian ice, and pictured below are Isabella DeMesa and Sarah Adlassing, who are sharing Italian ices.



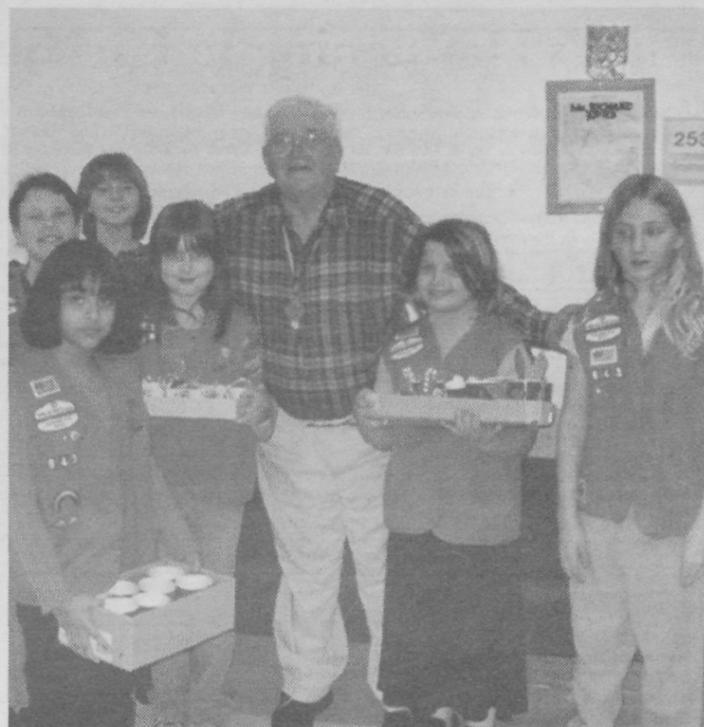
Jr. Troop 843 Visits Cedar Oaks Care Center

Junior Girl Scout Troop 843 recently delivered candy cups to the residents at Cedar Oaks Care Center. This is a community service project that the scouts take part in several times a year. They will be busy making Easter candy cups this month.

The scouts came together for a Cosmic Bowling party recently. Pizza, snacks, music, dancing and, of course, bowling kept the girls moving. This has been an annual event for years. Look for it again next fall.

Junior Troop 838 earned their Etiquette Badge at Spain Inn. They wore dress clothes and behaved beautifully. The restaurant owner, Luis, was very accommodating and helpful and he taught the girls about place settings, proper use of silverware and manners. They served an array of different appetizers and entrees. Although they were a little squeamish about the fried calamari, the girls were happy to try new foods like clams, chorizo, filet of beef, chicken and family-style side dishes. Later, the wait staff taught the girls how to make shapes out of their cloth napkins. Everyone had a great time. A big "thank you" goes to the staff of Spain Inn.

New girls are always welcome. You can still register by calling (908) 232-3236 for referral. Adults, consider joining us as adult volunteers—no Girl



Girls from Girl Scout Troop 843 with Cedar Oaks Care Center resident Sam Sobanko.

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Pilgrim Covenant Selling Baseball Vouchers

Spring is coming and so is baseball season. In another month, leagues for children and adults will be assembling, providing numerous opportunities to play ball. If you are one who would rather watch the game than play it, Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center is offering an opportunity to do just that. The center is selling vouchers for

the 2007 season of the Somerset Patriots. Vouchers are \$8 each and are redeemable for an upper box reserved seat for any home game (subject to availability).

For more information or to purchase vouchers please call Gina Birath at (908) 756-4879. Vouchers are on sale until Friday, April 27.

LEGAL NOTICES

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 the intersection of Metuchen Road and Belmont Avenue; and

WHEREAS CME Associates has submitted a proposal to perform all engineering, including construction administration, for said work at a cost not to exceed \$9,835.00; 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 #1756;

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, including construction administration, associated with road improvements at the

intersection of Metuchen Road and Belmont Avenue at a cost not to exceed \$9,835.00.

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

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$51.30 March 23, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE
ORDINANCE 1779

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

Ord. 1779 entitled: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING ON CERTAIN STREETS 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 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.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$26.60 March 23, 2007

LEGAL NOTICES

School District Budget Statement for the School Year 2007-2008

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the school district of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, of a special meeting to be held in the Roosevelt Administration Building Gymnasium, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey at 7:00 P.M. on **Wednesday, March 28, 2007**. The Board will hold a public hearing on the following proposed budget for the 2007-2008 school year:

Noticia de Reunion para Presentar el Presupuesto Escolar 2007-2008

Tenemos una reunion especial para los votantes legales de South Plainfield, Middlesex County, New Jersey en la gymnasium de Roosevelt Administration Building, 125 Jackson Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey, el 28 de marzo 2007 a las 7:00 de la noche. La reunion publico es para presentar el presupuesto escolar para 2007-2008:

Advertised Enrollments

ENROLLMENT CATEGORY	October 15, 2005 Actual	October 15, 2006 Actual	October 15, 2007 Estimated
Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	3339	3332	3296
Pupils on Roll Regular Shared-Time			3
Pupils on Roll Reg Accr. Adult High Sch	102	100	101
Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	457	457	464
Pupils on Roll - Special Shared-Time	5	5	4
Private School Placements	27	29	30
Pupils Sent to Other Dists-Spec Ed Prog	15	13	13
Pupils in State Facilities	1	6	6

Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Revised	2007-08 Anticipated
GENERAL FUND				
Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund	10-303		587,186	130,384
Transfers from Other Funds	10-5200		132,988	
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	36,378,618	38,070,174	40,097,815
Tuition	10-1300	16,618	10,000	10,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	346,284	300,000	400,000
SUBTOTAL				
		36,741,520	38,380,174	40,507,815
Revenues from State Sources:				
Core Curriculum Standards Aid	10-3111	4,585,704	4,585,704	4,585,704
Transportation Aid	10-3120	584,735	584,735	584,735
Special Education Aid	10-3130	1,961,944	1,961,944	1,961,944
Bilingual Education	10-3140	90,924	90,924	90,924
Aid for Adult and Post-Graduate Programs	10-3191	179,389		
Consolidated Aid	10-3195	253,347	432,736	432,736
Additional Formula Aid	10-3196	237,249	237,249	481,615
Other State Aids-Out of Cap	10-3XXX	87,651	277,530	
SUBTOTAL				
		7,980,943	8,170,822	8,137,658
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances				
Act (Excess)Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expend		-456,372		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		44,266,091	47,482,782	48,775,857
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	24,290		
Revenues from State Sources:				
Demonstrably Effective Program Aid	20-3212	154,389	154,389	154,389
Instructional Supplement Aid	20-3214	97,863	97,863	97,863
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	401,929	323,695	262,000
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		654,181	575,947	514,252
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	170,262	234,762	200,000
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	755,622	796,956	750,000
Other	20-4XXX	368,535	219,564	100,000
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		1,294,419	1,251,282	1,050,000
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		1,972,890	1,827,229	1,564,252
DEBT SERVICE				
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303		11,639	
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	969,369	917,169	1,015,477
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		969,369	917,169	1,015,477
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	18,310	59,846	83,346
TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE		987,679	988,654	1,098,823
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		987,679	988,654	1,098,823
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		47,226,660	50,298,665	51,438,932

Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2005-06 Expenditures	2006-07 Rev. Approp.	2007-08 Appropriations
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE				
Regular Programs - Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	16,336,566	17,185,742	17,006,555
Special Education - Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	3,346,803	3,667,732	4,019,081
Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	443,542	347,380	353,056
Bilingual Education - Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	206,218	217,642	228,405
School-Spon. Co-Extra-Curr. Activities-Instruct	11-401-100-XXX	117,950	118,000	122,000
School Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	819,556	918,013	799,903
Undistributed Expenditures:				
Instruction	11-000-100-XXX	1,251,452	1,348,416	1,583,875
Attendance and Social Work Services	11-000-211-XXX	70,537	77,764	81,637
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	643,253	672,703	661,609
Other Supp.Serv-Side-Related & Extraordinary	11-000-216-217	770,109	768,676	782,260
Other Support Services - Students - Regular	11-000-218-XXX	1,217,246	1,265,754	1,254,396
Other Support Services - Students - Special	11-000-219-XXX	1,033,838	1,053,635	939,305
Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	217,884	104,800	114,706
Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-XXX	513,861	528,675	495,392
Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	75,521	87,891	91,479
Support Services - General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	733,850	834,820	784,485
Support Services - School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,539,825	1,778,509	1,688,547
Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology	11-000-25X-XXX	1,518,903	1,470,515	1,463,229
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	5,049,309	5,039,932	5,014,782
Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,748,498	1,937,168	1,993,166
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	6,216,252	6,981,957	7,970,200
TOTAL Undistributed Expenditures		22,600,338	23,951,215	24,919,068
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		43,870,973	46,405,724	47,448,068
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-73X	92,140	75,283	263,400
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-4XX-XXX		660,500	720,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		92,140	735,783	983,400
SPECIAL SCHOOLS				
Summer School:				
Instruction	13-422-100-XXX	141,666	161,500	165,000
Total Summer School		141,666	161,500	165,000
Accredited Evening/Adult High School/Post-Graduate:				
Instruction	13-601-100-XXX	161,312	179,539	179,389
Support Services	13-601-200-XXX		236	
Total Accredited Evening/Adult HS/Post-Grad.		161,312	179,775	179,389
TOTAL SPECIAL SCHOOLS		302,978	341,275	344,389
GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL		44,266,091	47,482,782	48,775,857
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	24,290		
Demonstrably Effective Program Aid:				
Instruction	20-212-100-XXX	154,389	154,389	154,389
TOTAL DEMONSTRABLY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM AID		154,389	154,389	154,389
Instructional Supplement Aid:				
Instruction	20-214-100-XXX	97,863	97,863	97,863
TOTAL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLEMENT AID		97,863	97,863	97,863
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	21,963	19,198	20,000
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	107,463	144,418	139,000
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	35,569	68,024	65,000

Budget Category	Account	2005-06 Expenditures	2006-07 Rev. Approp.	2007-08 Appropriations
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	31,333	25,543	25,000
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	13,569	13,760	13,000
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	192,032	52,752	
Total State Projects		654,181	575,947	514,252
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	170,262	234,762	200,000
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	755,622	796,956	750,000
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	368,535	219,564	100,000
Total Federal Projects		1,294,419	1,251,282	1,050,000
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		1,972,890	1,827,229	1,564,252

Budget Category	Account	2005-06 Expenditures	2006-07 Rev. Approp.	2007-08 Appropriations
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS				
Debt Service - Regular	40-701-510-XXX	987,679	988,654	1,098,823
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		987,679	988,654	1,098,823
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		47,226,660	50,298,665	51,438,932
DEDUCT APPROPRIATIONS INCLUDED IN MULTIPLE FUNDS DUE TO TRANSFERS:				
Local Contribution - Transfer to Special Revenue	11-1XX-100-930			
Capital Reserve - Transfer to Debt Service	12-000-400-933			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS NET OF TRANSFERS		47,226,660	50,298,665	51,438,932

Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	General Fund (Unreserved) (1)	General Fund (Reserved) Cap. Reserve (2)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Adult Ed. Programs (3)	General Fund (Reserved) Maintenance Reserve Acct. (4)	General Fund (Reserved) Legal Reserves (5)
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (Prior Budg)	1,595,831	0	0	0	0
Approp. Balances 6-30-05 (from Audit)	1,194,322	0	0	0	0
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-06 (Prior Budg)	397,696	0	0	0	0
Approp. Balances 6-30-06 (from Audit)	1,472,508	0	0	0	78,384
Amount Budgeted during FY 06-07	-587,186	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. to be Approp during FY 06-07	0	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. Anticipated during FY 06-07	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-07 (est.) before Trans.	885,322	0	0	0	78,384
Anti. Excess GF Bal. Trans during FY 06-07	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-07 (est.) after Transfer	885,322	0	0	0	78,384
Amount Budgeted in FY 07-08	-52,000	0	0	0	-78,384
Appropriation Balances 6/30/08(est.)	833,322	0	0	0	0

Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	General Fund (Reserved) Tuition Reserve (7)	Debt Service (8)	Special Revenue Cap. Reserve Account (9)	Totals (10)
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (Prior Budg)	0	0	0	1,595,831
Approp. Balances 6-30-05 (from Audit)	0	11,639	0	1,205,961
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-06 (Prior Budg)	0	0	0	397,696
Approp. Balances 6-30-06 (from Audit)	0	11,639	0	1,562,531
Amount Budgeted during FY 06-07	0	-11,639	0	-598,825
Add. Bal. to be Approp during FY 06-07	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. Anticipated during FY 06-07	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-07 (est.) before Trans.	0	0	0	963,706
Anti. Excess GF Bal. Trans during FY 06-07	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-07 (est.) after Transfer	0	0	0	963,706
Amount Budgeted in FY 07-08	0	0	0	-130,384
Appropriation Balances 6/30/08(est.)	0	0	0	833,322

Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations 2007 - 2008

Per Pupil Cost Calculations:	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Original Budget	2006-07 Revised Budget	2007-2008 Proposed Budget
Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost	10138	10867	11274	11439	11724
Total Classroom Instruction	6291	6589	6980	7002	7314
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	6032	6262	6625	6600	7010
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	186	262	248	280	214
Classroom-Purchased Services and Other	73	65	107	122	90
Total Support Services	1305	1439	1457	1458	1453
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	1191	1299	1312	1312	1295
Total Administrative Costs	1189	1159	1155	1258	1246
Administration-Salaries and Benefits	1014	853	878	929	932
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	1037	1334	1311	1329	1332
Operations & Maintenance of Plant-Salary & Ben.	0	0	0	0	0
Total Food Services Costs	0	0	0	0	0
Total Extracurricular Costs	265	293	304	328	301
Total Equipment Costs	0	24	20	20	70
Employee Benefits as a % of Salaries	22.1	22.5	25.9	24.2	27.4

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 2007 Comparative Spending Guide and can be found on the Department of Education's Internet address: <http://www.state.nj.us/education> under Finance, when available. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2006-07 revised appropriations and 2007-08 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years, it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

Annual School District Budget Statement Supporting Documentation

MIDDLESEX - SOUTH PLAINFIELD BORO

4A. Advertised Capital Outlay Projects

Describe below, by project number, the appropriations for budgeted Capital Outlay Projects including those items related to the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. Include only construction, remodeling, renovations, installation of service systems, land and improvements, and the purchase of buildings. If the project is eligible for a grant, enter an 'X' in column 4.

Do not include equipment. Include all projects budgeted on the transfer lines to capital projects fund (8326 and 8335). If the project is a request to exceed an existing referendum (Under N.J.A.C. 6A:26-4.4(a)3), enter an 'X' in column 5 and enter the funding source for the request in column 6. Complete a detailed budget for each project.

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request
Asbestos Abatement for Middle School		275,000			
Riley School Boiler Replacement		130,000			
Chimney Repairs for Elementary Schools		40,000			
Roof Repairs for Various Schools		30,000			
High School HVAC Unit Replacement		200,000			
Middle School Lockers (one Row)		45,000			
Total Amount:		720,000			

NOTICE/ADVISO

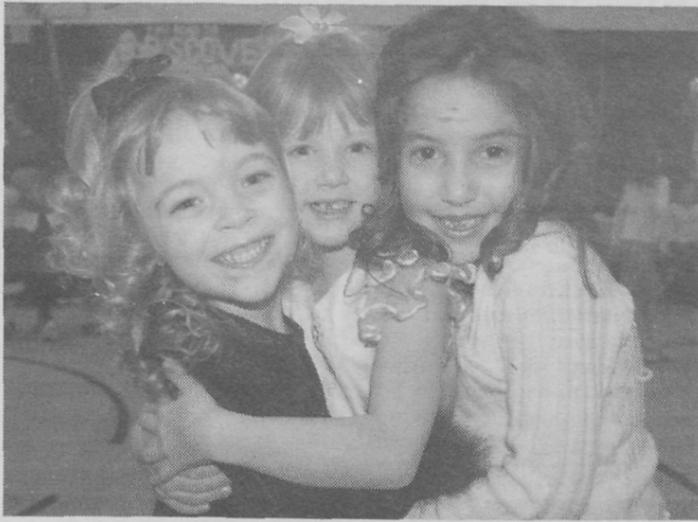
The complete budget will be available for examination by the public at the Office of the Secretary of the Board of Education at 125 Jackson Avenue, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. from March 13, 2007 to March 28, 2007, both inclusive.

En su totalidad el presupuesto se hará disponible al publico en la Oficina del Secretario de la Junta de Educacion en Jackson Avenue, No. 125 de 9:00 de la mañana a las 4:00 de la tarde desde 13 de marzo, 2007 a 28 de marzo, 2007.

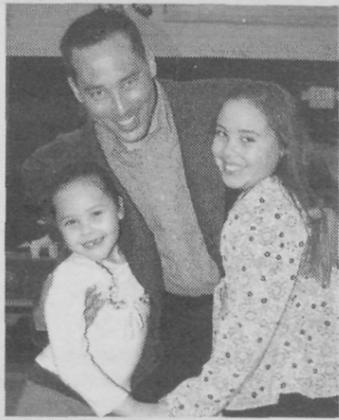
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CITIZENS URGED TO VOTE IN APRIL 17, 2007 SCHOOL BOARD & BUDGET ELECTIONS

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"Block Party" Brightens Up Winter



By Patricia Abbott

On March 9 the Kennedy School PTO brightened dreary winter days for the school's young ladies by holding a block party. The girls and their

significant others; dads, uncles, brothers and grandpas escorted the girls to the fun-filled event.

The food, most provided by the PTO, was plentiful. One large table held a wide assortment of baked goods. Tables placed around the gym offered candy hearts and other snacks. No block party is complete without popcorn, ice cream and pretzels. There were flowers and photos for sale in the lobby. Inside the transformed gym they offered theme raffle baskets and 50/50 tickets. Some girls took a more formal approach to the party arriving in dresses, others chose the comfort of play clothes. Most of the dates were content to sit back and watch the whirlwind of activity on the dance floor. Over 120 people attended. At the end of this month the school will hold a mother/son dance.



Sports

WRESTLING

By Bob Hunter

Ashnault Claims Fifth Kids State Title

By Bob Hunter

Anthony Ashnault, a sixth grade Middle School wrestler, won his fifth consecutive N.J. USA Kids Wrestling Championship. Ashnault won the 70-pound Junior division title in dominating fashion by not giving up any offensive points in four rounds of wrestling.

In his opening round match Ashnault won by major decision over Zachary Anderson of Jackson 13-1. Ashnault cut Anderson in the second period giving up the only point in the tournament. In the quarter final round Ashnault again won by major decision 9-0 over Kurtis Hewitt of Team Mayo. In the semi final match Ashnault had his toughest test of the day when he faced Nicholas Anderson of Pascack Hills. Ashnault scored the first takedown and got two back points, which was all he needed to reach the finals with a 4-0 victory.



Anthony Ashnault

In the finals Ashnault went on the attack early scoring the takedown and a 2-0 lead. In the second period Ashnault scored a reversal for a 4-0 lead. In the third period the wrestlers were neutral and Ashnault scored his second takedown of the match to take a 6-0 lead as time ran out. Ashnault is the first wrestler in South Plainfield history to win five New Jersey state titles. Congratulations Anthony all your hard work has paid off and keep

it going.

Third place went to Corey Stasenko Junior 95. After winning his opening match 9-1 Stasenko lost a heart breaker 6-5 which sent him back to the wrestle backs. He then won his next four matches, which included a 6-1 decision over Jeff Farina of West Essex who defeated him 6-5 in the second round for third place.

Fifth place went to Troy Heilmann Junior 80 who defeated Ray Timpani of Iron Horse wrestling club 3-1. Scott Whalen Junior 90 also claimed fifth place when he defeated Sam But- ton of Mendham 4-2.

Ryan Billich Intermediate 133 took home seventh place honors when he pinned Domino Passaro of High Point at 2:47. Kyle Brady Junior 75 finished in eighth place. Alex Lundy Junior 133 did not place, but did a good job winning three matches on the day coming up one match short of winning a medal.

By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES

The SPJBC needs as many volunteers as possible this Saturday, March 24, to assist in preseason field preparations. Last weekend's snow delayed

improvements to Field 3.

This weekend's field duty assignments are for parents of 10 year-olds and 15 year-olds. These parents should

report to the SPJBC clubhouse on Saturday at 8 a.m.

Opening day is less than four weeks away. There are still player openings in Pony A and B leagues. Any child interested in playing in the 14-17 age group and 10-11 age group can still register for the 2007 season.

The SPJBC is seeking volunteers for the 2007 season. In particular, the SPJBC needs snack stand captains. Anyone interested should call the SPJBC at (908) 754-2090, E-mail www.southplainfieldjbc@yahoo.com or visit the SPJBC Web site at www.leaguelineup.com/spjbc.



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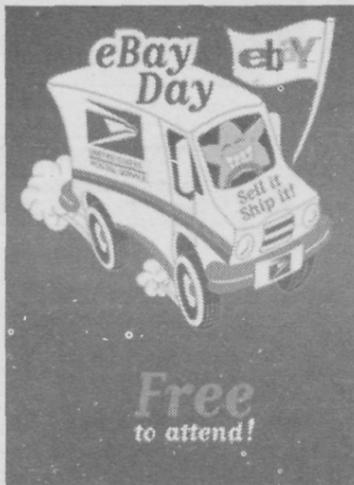
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policereport

• On March 14, Robert Michael Sutyak, 43, of Rahway was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• A Brooklyn, N.Y. resident reported that a hole had been punched in the drivers side door of his 2004 Infinity while at work on Cragwood Road. No entry was gained.

• On March 16, Luis N. Gonzalez, 42, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to take a breathalyzer test and careless driving.

• Dwight Zepher, 23, of Washington, Maine was arrested for driving

on a suspended license and two outstanding warrants.

• On March 17, Chiquita Jernell Dotson, 27, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

• Three employees of Plainfield Animal Hospital on Park Avenue reported the theft of cash from their pocketbooks that were left in an unlocked cabinet.

• On March 18, Joseph E. Amato, 23, of Colonia was arrested for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving, failure to keep right, no insurance and driving on a suspended license.

• Nhia Shanty Adams, 23, of Plainfield was arrested for speeding and an outstanding warrant.

• Joseph M. Njau, 28, of Free-mansburg, Pa. was arrested for driving on a suspended license and several outstanding warrants.

• On March 19, Prashant Patel, 26, of South Plainfield and Bimal Patel, 23, of Edison were arrested at the Palace of Jaipur on Hamilton Blvd. for simple assault.

• Rosanna M. Gnudi, 59, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.



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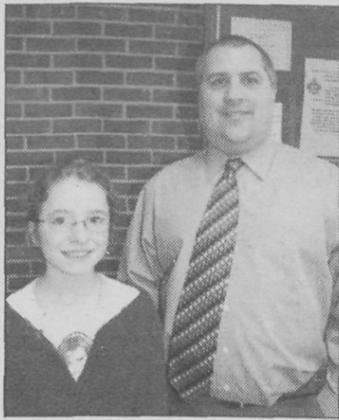
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Heidi Pilla Named Junior Journalist



Heidi Pilla with Grant School Principal Leo Whalen.

Heidi Pilla, Grant School fifth grader, is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist contest. Her efforts have earned her dinner, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original 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.

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Tongue Twisters (Alliteration)
By Heidi Pilla

- Jordan's jagged jacket is genuine leather.
- A big, black bug bit a big, black bear.
- A laughing lion loved a little lizard.
- My silly sibling Sammy sucked on a silver sippy cup.
- The girl galloped gaily.
- Devon dotted donuts with decorations.
- The green groundhog gave a girl a gadget.
- A fine field of wheat. A fine field of wheat.

Red Cross Offers Babysitter's Training Courses

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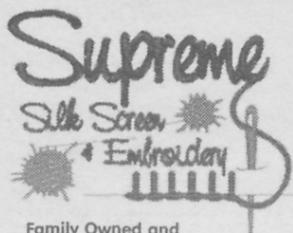
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Obituaries



Mary Ann Lisewski

Mary Ann Lisewski, 63

Mary Ann (DeFrancesco) Lisewski died on Friday, March 16 at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Manhattan.

Born in Plainfield, Mary Ann was a lifelong resident of the borough.

In 1976, Mary Ann entered the real estate industry, earning her N.J. real estate license. She began her career as an agent for Century 21 JJ Schwartz Realtors in Plainfield. In 1983, Lisewski obtained her real estate broker's license. Soon after she purchased Century 21 JJ Schwartz Realtors, converting to Century 21 Performance Realty. Under Century 21 Performance Realty, Mary Ann operated three offices in Edison, Iselin and Plainfield. In 1997, she merged her business with Century 21 Moretti Realty in South Plainfield, becoming a broker-associate.

A 30-year veteran of the real estate industry, Lisewski respectively achieved various service accomplishments, while serving on several committees and real estate associations, as well as earning a multitude of sales awards throughout her career.

From 1989-1994 Mary Ann served as the director and chairperson of the Middlesex County Multiple Listing System. She also served as committee

chairperson and officer for the Century 21 Broker's Council and in 1998 was inducted into the Middlesex County Board of Realtors as Director.

A member of the N.J. Business and Industry Association and the ERC (Employee Relocation Council), where she served as relocation director, Lisewski was a former member of the Edison and Woodbridge Twp. Chamber of Commerce as well as a former member of INRELCO (International Relocation Consultants, Inc.).

In 1999 and 2000, she earned the NJAR Million Dollar Sales Award. From 1999 to 2001 Lisewski earned the Century 21 Gold Award and was inducted into the Century 21 Master Emerald Club. She received the Century 21 Centurion Award in 2002 and again in 2005. In 2003, Mary Ann earned the Double Centurion Award and from 2003 to 2005 was awarded the NJAR Silver Award. For the next two years, she received the Team Centurion Award and for the past nine years, she served as the chairperson for the Thanksgiving and holiday food collection and distribution for families in need throughout South Plainfield and the surrounding communities.

Her most significant accomplishment was her continuous support and

commitment to "Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc." An original promoter of the foundation, Mary Ann served as vice president from 2001-2004 and in 2005 became president of the non-profit organization, maintaining this position up to her passing. Through her efforts and countless hours of dedication, Mary Ann helped raise over \$400,000 towards oncology research for children.

In addition to all of her remarkable career accomplishments and notable acts of volunteerism, Mary Ann headed The "E" Team within C21 Moretti Realty. The team consisted of Mary Ann, her dear friend and longtime associate Christine Lahey, as well as her niece, Melissa Stivale.

A true colleague and dear friend to many, Mary Ann will be sadly missed.

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

She was predeceased by her father, James DeFrancesco.

Surviving are her husband of 40 years, John; a son, Christopher and wife Tracey; a grandson, Mason of Bayville; her mother, Phyllis DeFrancesco of South Plainfield; a sister, Rita Doell and husband Andy of South Plainfield; four brothers, Thomas DeFrancesco and wife Karen of Branchburg, James DeFrancesco and wife Lin-

da of Fla., Vincent DeFrancesco and wife Karen of Ohio, and Ronald DeFrancesco and wife Kathy of Clark. Also surviving are 13 nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Ann's name can be made to Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation, Inc., c/o Century 21 Moretti Realty, 225 Maple Ave., South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

Ruth F. Anderson, 83

Ruth F. Anderson died on Monday, March 12 at her daughter's home in Ormond Beach, Fla. with her family at her side after a short illness.

Born in Newark, Ruth moved to South Plainfield in 1956 and had been a resident ever since.

For 32 years, she worked as a medical assistant for Dr. Schenk in Plain-

field. After retirement she later volunteered with the Friends of the South Plainfield Public Library.

Ruth was a long time member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in South Plainfield. She enjoyed gardening, reading and most importantly, spending time with her family.

Her husband of 44 years, George Anderson, died in June of 1993.

Surviving are two daughters and their husbands, Barbara and Wayne Bowden of Ormond Beach, Fla. and June and Bill Bowden of South Plainfield; a sister, Carolyn Wohl of Kearny and a brother, Charles and wife Janet Falls of Pa. Also surviving are four grandchildren, Jim, Bob, Erica and Tommy and two step great-grandchildren, John and Michael.

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