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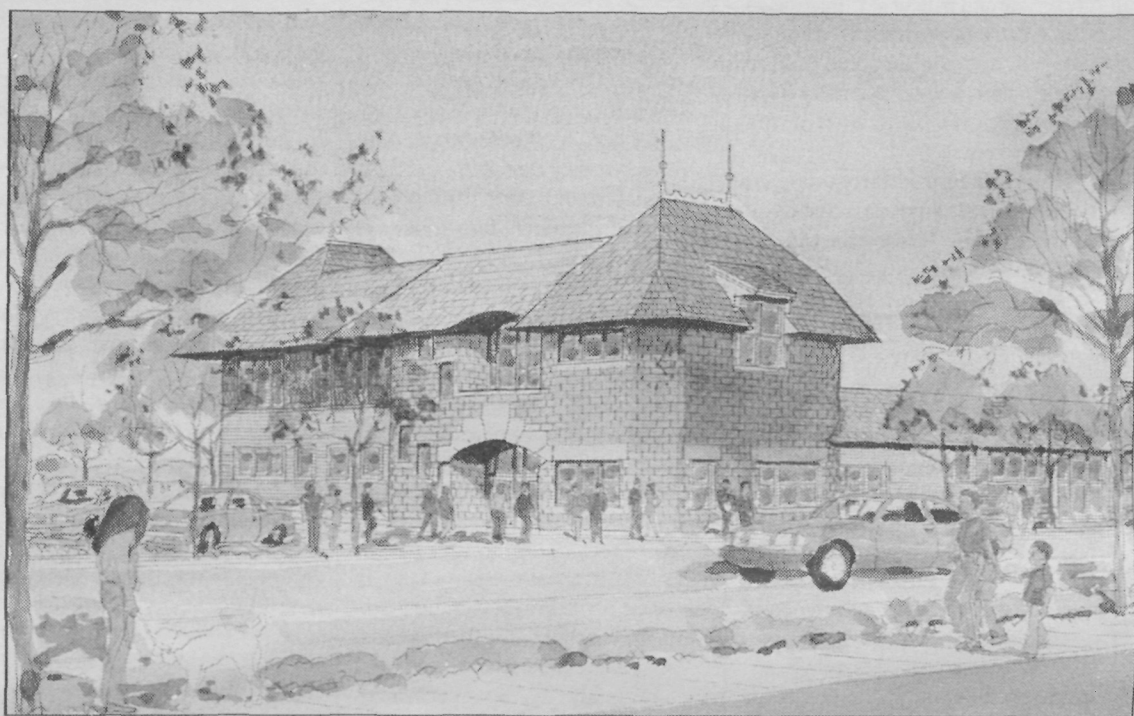
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Artist's rendering of the proposed library.

Updated Library Plan Unveiled

By Libby Barsky

The Planning Board was introduced to the latest plans for the proposed new library at last week's meeting, including an updated drawing of the building.

"We are at the end of the design development phase. This is the last stage before planning for construction," said Borough Councilwoman Kathleen Thomas, who introduced the revised plans.

The original plans introduced in 2005 featured a modern building containing 16,000 square feet. The

new plan reduces that amount by 1,000 square feet.

"We're still much larger than the original building is, almost two and one-half times the size of the existing building," said Robert Almodovar, architect with Nadasky Kopeson Architects of Morristown.

The building's design has been modified from its original curved exterior to reflect the comments from residents who suggested a façade more in keeping with the other buildings in the area.

Because of new Department of Environmental Protection regulations concerning paving wetlands, the number of parking spaces have been reduced from 43 to 30, leaving trees that would have been cut down to provide a buffer zone from residential areas.

The interior design of the proposed library remains the same.

There will be a two-way entrance for cars on to the site where most of

the parking spaces will be located. There will be a one-way access around the building for patrons to use the drive-in window to drop off or pick up books.

The main floor contains the reference and circulation desk and provides a children's room that is 22' by 30'. Most of the space on the main floor will be taken up by 10 rows for books with a computer at the end of each row. The corner areas will include public bathrooms and areas for magazines and young adults.

The upper area of the library can be reached by elevator or stairs. This area can be used after hours for meetings in the large 30' by 32' meeting room. The upper area also contains spaces for a library staff room, bathrooms, a records room and a 10' by 20' room for the South Plainfield Historical Society.

According to Thomas, the cost for the completed building will range from 3.5 to 4.5 million dollars.

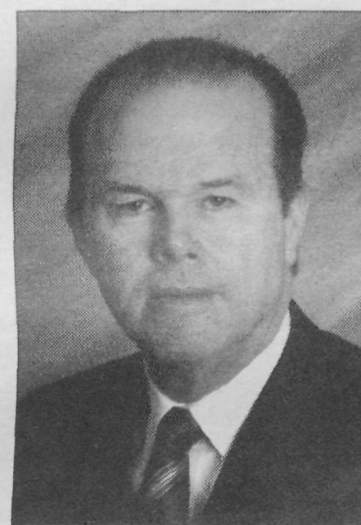
Pat Diegnan Lauded for Dedication to Kids' Health

Assemblyman Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr. has been honored by the New Jersey Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (NJAPERD) for his advocacy in the legislature to promote healthy, active lifestyles among the state's children and young adults.

"It is an honor to know that the causes important to me in Trenton have such strong support all across our state," said Diegnan (D-South Plainfield). "Our health and physical education professionals dedicate themselves to ensure that our children grow up to become healthy adults. It is important to give these teachers and professionals the backing they need to make our state a healthier, stronger place for our kids."

NJAPERD is a statewide organization of the more than 1,500 New Jersey teachers in health, physical education, recreation, dance and fitness. Founded in 1919, NJAPERD works to enhance the health and well-being of the state.

Diegnan was recognized with the 2007 Legislator Award during NJAPERD's annual conference. The group singled-out his advocacy for legislation aimed at promoting health and wellness



Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.

through his position as chairman of the Assembly Higher Education Committee and his membership on the Joint Committee on Public Schools.

"No legislator introduces bills or advocates a position in order to win awards; legislators stake positions because of a belief that it is the right thing to do," said Diegnan. "This honor is simply a result of doing the job for which the people of the 18th District have elected me."

Cappy Nominees Sought

The Police Athletic League, along with the Recreation Commission, has announced they are seeking nominees for the 2007 Cappy Award. Recommendations for nominations are now being accepted through June 1.

Recommendations can be made by anyone, by sending a letter stating the qualifications of the candidate. Once recommendations have been received, two Police Athletic League and/or recreation peers will have to approve the recommendations for consideration.

The requirements are:

- Nominee must have 10 years of service in youth sports and/or recreation; not just serving as a parent-coach to his/her own children, but will be judged on a case by case basis.
- During the nominee's period of volunteer service, he/she must have been a resident of South Plainfield.
- Nominee must exemplify high moral values and ethical judgment, and never have been convicted of a felony. They must also possess dedication and commitment to the youth of South Plainfield.

Nominations should be sent to the police department or directly to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Ave., Attn: Kevin Hughes, recreation director.

Easter Egg Hunt at PAL

The South Plainfield Recreation Department will hold their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7 at 1 p.m. behind the PAL.

All residents ages 1-10 are welcome to join in the fun.

Residents are asked to bring a bag for children to collect the eggs and a camera to take a picture with the Easter Bunny.

Call (908) 226-7657 after 9 a.m. in case of inclement weather.

Celebrate Easter at Sunrise Service

First Baptist Church, 201 Hamilton Blvd., will conduct an Easter sunrise service in the gazebo in Spring Lake Park at 6:30 a.m. The service will be led by Pastor Gordon Braun and Asst. Pastor Michele Lewkow. All are welcome.



We Serve

South Plainfield Lions Club members serve up eggs made to order at their annual Palm Sunday breakfast. The event was well attended.

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councilmeetings

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Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
April 16 (Monday)	7 p.m.	Immediately following
May 1	7 p.m.	Immediately following

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJS 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

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.

zoningboardofadjustment

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Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

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.

Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.-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.

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

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.

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Roosevelt Elementary Families,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to you and your family for your donations, dedication, and support in the "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser. Your donations to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society have made a positive difference in the lives of children afflicted with leukemia or lymphoma. Roosevelt Elementary School was able to contribute a total amount of \$1,621.24! The money you have raised will help patients in Northern New Jersey by supporting research, advocacy, community service and patient aid. Treatments have greatly improved cure rates of remission duration for some patients with leukemia and offered more hope than ever before to those affected with blood cancers.

For more information regarding the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in Northern New Jersey, you can call (908) 654-9445.

**SINCERELY,
MRS. MOSELY, STUDENT
COUNCIL ADVISOR**

Dear Editor,

I have watched the media coverage surrounding sub-prime lending and have seen the effect it has had on homeowners across the country. Many people are being forced out of their homes due to the inability to afford them. I read an article recently which discussed the possibility of implementing regulations on loan officers, much like is done in the real estate industry. The regulations would require all loan officers to pass a test in order to become a licensed loan officer. As a mortgage lender, I applaud this proposal.

In any business, customer service, building relationships and knowing clients is key. This is especially the case when you are dealing with people's finances, families and homes. A great deal is at stake. Many of the lenders and brokers who offer these types of loans are more concerned with closing those loans and making money than they are with their clients. First Hallmark Mortgage Corporation is not experiencing the problems many of the other lenders are going through. One reason is directly attributed to the fact that we keep in touch with clients and form long-term relationships with them. We know the risks involved with certain mortgages and work to keep our customers out of

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harms way. This type of customer service may prevent the problems we have seen with sub-prime lending.

I welcome tighter regulations on loan officers and mortgage lenders. I believe more stringent guidelines may prevent such events from happening again.

**SINCERELY,
BRUNO VISCARIELLO, PRESIDENT
OF FIRST HALLMARK MORTGAGE**

Dear Editor,

The Board of Education election is probably the most important election of the year. We'll be electing the people who will not only guide the education of our children, but also will control more than 60 percent of our tax dollars.

Given the importance of this election, we need to choose people who have shown they care, who will fight for our town, and who will work hard to control spending. Bob Jones fits that description.

Bob's background makes him the perfect choice. He went through our school system, and he wants to make sure that today's kids get the same great education he did. He also knows how important it is to safeguard our taxpayer money by controlling spending in ways that don't affect the quality of education.

The most attractive part of Bob's campaign is his interest in being an advocate for our kids. South Plainfield, like other suburban towns, doesn't receive its fair share of aid from the state. In other words, we put in much more than we get out. Bob has vowed to be an advocate, fighting to make sure our kids get what they deserve.

Bob would make a fantastic board member. He has the right balance of experience, ability, concern and drive. That's why my choice for school board is Bob Jones.

LINDA MACKENZIE

To the Editor,

Danielle Harris Lacasale is the ideal candidate for the South Plainfield Board of Education. Danielle's com-

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mitment to excellence is something very few possess. She is driven by a passion for equality for all. As a teacher who worked under Danielle's supervision, I saw daily the many meaningful interactions she had with other teachers and students. Not only was she there for the teachers and students, but she was genuinely concerned about the welfare of all. Danielle was a supervisor who served the difficult role of intermediary between administration and staff exceedingly well. Continually cognizant of all stakeholders involved, she was somehow always able to be there for everyone. Her amazing ability to problem solve aids her enthusiasm for education and makes her a model candidate for the board to join the school system and community together as one.

**SINCERELY,
ANNE ZIRITH**

To the Editor,

I would like to support Pio Pennisi for the Board of Education. I have sat on this board for close to a year. There is so much information to learn that

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Candidates Night to Be Aired on Comcast

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New Building Slated for Downtown Area

By Libby Barsky

A new building is slated to be built in South Plainfield's downtown area in the fall, according to developer Cliff Geissler, owner of Lyndsey Development, Inc.

The Planning Board approved Geissler's plans to demolish an existing house at 156 Hamilton Blvd. and replace it with a building that will provide commercial and residential space, with a two bedroom apartment on the second floor.

This mixed-use is what the board has been waiting for since they developed an ordinance to encourage commercial buildings to be built downtown. "It's a good way to start the business area," said Planning Board Chairman Bob Ackerman. The lot abuts Church Street, where no on-



A rendering of the new structure to be built on Hamilton Blvd.

street parking is allowed.

Geissler said he didn't have a commercial tenant yet but Jack Pederson, board member and realtor, doesn't expect the space to remain empty. The property will have seven parking spaces with both tenants sharing the spaces.

Controversy Continues on Council's Billboard Vote

The controversy continued, mostly along party lines, on whether Councilman Rob Bengivenga should have informed the Council and the public on his reason for recusing himself when the updated billboard ordinance was first introduced.

The vote to approve the ordinance was held on March 20 and when it was his turn to vote, Councilman Dennis Cerami revealed that the property the ordinance covered was owned by Councilman Bengivenga's father. He said that Bengivenga, Jr. should have revealed that fact and that he could not vote for it. In the end, the rest of the council felt they, too, should have been informed of the reason for Bengivenga's recusal. After a heated discussion, the council voted down the billboard ordinance, including Republican Matthew Anesh, who originally voted yes, but changed his vote to no, saying he was also unaware of who owned the property.

At the March 20 meeting Bengivenga explained that he recused himself even though the law did not require him too, and in fact, he could have voted on the ordinance when it was introduced. At Tuesday's council meeting he read a statement noting the inaccuracies in a letter that appeared in last week's *Observer*. He said he no longer works for any of his father's companies and that Carole Media is suing the borough, not his father. He also stated that he was sure the members of the council knew who the owner of the property was all along, since it was part of last year's Democratic campaign literature. Republican Chairman Robert Jones also read a statement condemning Cerami's accusations and defending Bengivenga's actions in recusing.

Councilwoman Kathy Thomas said her concern was not whether the council did or did not know who owns the property, but that the public has a right to know, and the public should have been informed of the reason Bengivenga recused himself. Cerami denied knowing who the owner of the

property was at the time the ordinance was introduced. "I did not put two and two together," Cerami added.

Robert Bengivenga, Sr. read a statement to set the record straight. He explained that the previous owner entered into a lease agreement with Carole Media in 1998. In 2002, when he obtained the deed to the property, Carole Media was already in litigation with the borough. He said that he has never been a party to the lawsuit. He added that no one should have been surprised when his son recused himself and that it was the right thing to do.

Cerami said he never accused Bengivenga or his father of any wrong doing, but thought the council should have been told. He added that if the council had been informed of who owned the property, this debate would never have happened.

The ordinance came about after the Planning Board rejected Carole Media's request to place a billboard on the property on West End Avenue near Route 287. Carole Media went to court and sued over the board's decision. A judge ruled that the billboard ordinance needed a more definitive description of what was and was not allowable and thus an ordinance to amend the original ordinance was written and introduced at the March 6 council meeting.

South Plainfield has already allowed three billboards along Route 287. According to the original ordinance, four are allowed.

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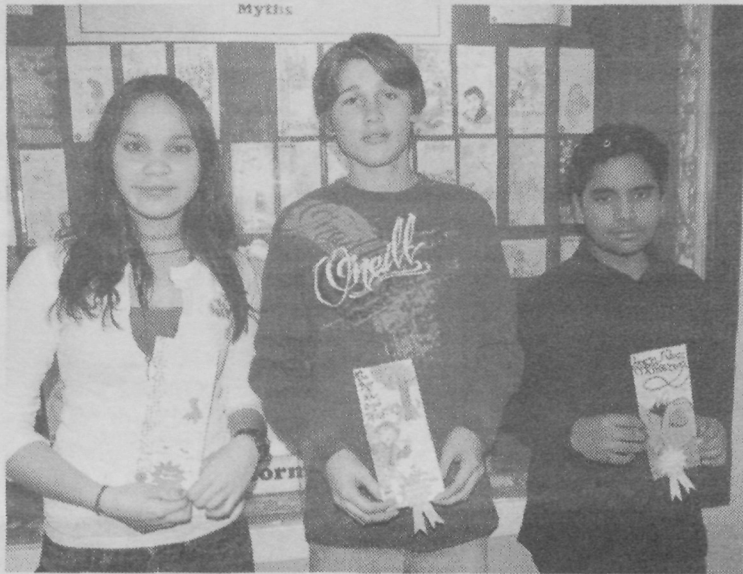
Plans to develop a 2.4 acre tract on Martin Drive to five residential lots—with three lots requiring variances because it is in a R-10 area also came before the board during Tuesday's meeting. The lots would be tied together with a cul de sac.

"I feel this is overuse of the property," said Chairman Ackerman, calling one of the lots "not a usable piece of land" because the lot would not be level, with a seven foot drop in the back yard.

Approximately 10 residents whose homes are on Martin Drive were concerned about how water from future storms would be managed so the water wouldn't damage their homes. The residents asked what impact the five units would have, not only on their homes, but also homes on Fred Allen Drive, Norway Lane and Sampton Avenue.

The residents were told that plans to manage the water flow for the subdivision include underground pipes and a retention basin which would restrict the water and slow the flow expelling the runoff into the Bound Brook.

The hearing on the application continues to April 24. "There will be no further notices, so tell everyone the meeting will be open to the public," said Planning Board attorney Chris Nelson.



Bookmark Contest winners Veronica Ruiz, Brandon Downes and Raj Kenath.

Middle School Read Across America Bookmark Contest

The South Plainfield Middle School held a Read Across America Bookmark Contest in honor of Dr. Seuss Day last month.

Students who wanted to participate were asked to make a bookmark depicting their favorite character which was displayed in the hallway next to the library. Classes then voted on their favorite bookmark and Librarian Miss Su tallied the votes.

First place winner was Veronica Ruiz, who drew a Peter Pan and Tinker Bell bookmark. Second place went to Brandon Downes, who drew his version of the fable of the boy who cried wolf. Raj Kenath created a bookmark depicting the Lock Ness Monster which won third place.

The winners all received a gift certificate to Borders book store.

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and some small
ones too.



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Rescue Squad Annual Flower Sale

April 6 and 7

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad's 18th annual Flower Sale will be held on Friday, April 6 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 7, from 8 a.m. until sold out. We have daffodils, hanging baskets, hyacinth, hydrangea, lilies, mums, New Guinea impatiens and tulips.

Historical Society to Dedicate Memorial Stone

April 14

The South Plainfield Historical Society invites the public to attend the dedication ceremony of the Civil War Memorial Stone in Monument Park on Saturday, April 14 at 1 p.m.

A display of Civil War memorabilia will be exhibited in the senior center where a public reception will be held immediately following the ceremony.

Guest speakers include Congressman Michael Ferguson, Senator Barbara Buono, Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan, Mayor Charles Buttrico and Frank McGonigle of South Plainfield.

Historical Society Lecture

April 15

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

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

AARP Meeting

April 16

AARP Chapter 4144 will meet at the South Plainfield Senior Center on Monday, April 16. The group will be treated to a red, white and blue review by Helen Frenick and Hi-Steppers Dancers from Franklin Twp.

The Needlecrafters group meets Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m. They knit for DYFS and Muhlenberg Hospital. To join, call Jean at (732) 752-0358.

Parking Lot Sale

April 21

Pilgrim Covenant Learning Center, Inc., located at 3121 Park Ave., is having a parking lot sale on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is April 28.

Those interested in selling items may purchase table-sized spaces in the parking lot for \$20, or 15% of their sales, whichever is more. Sellers must provide their own tables.

For details or to reserve a space, please call Jane at (908) 753-9585.

Little Treasures Registration

April 21

Little Treasures Learning Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will be registering for full-day kindergarten on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. By appointment only.

Little Treasures offers infant care to kindergarten and summer camp programs to fit the needs of children ages six weeks to seven years.

Those interested are also invited to meet the staff and visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours. For an information, call (908) 769-3224 or visit us at www.LTLC.net.

Spring into Dance

April 22

The South Plainfield Cultural Arts Commission proudly presents "Spring into Dance 2007" on Sunday, April 22 at 2:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Senior Center auditorium. Spring into dance with us as you learn line dances with Ruth Hardy, champion line dancer, and then watch a fantastic dance show! Featured dancers from Absolute Dance Studio and Jo-Ann's Dance Studio. Come and join us, admission is free. For more information please call (908) 753-0327.

Tiger 24 Fundraiser

April 27 and 28

Tiger 24, a 24-hour extravaganza, will be held on Friday, April 27 beginning at 4 p.m. until Saturday, April 28 at 4 p.m. on the track at Jost Field. Come run or walk and help raise money for the Harrington Family.

There will be a concert with five bands at the PAL, face painting, kids, volleyball, Frisbee, food, a candle lighting ceremony at midnight and more.

Trip to Papermill Playhouse

April 28

The senior center has scheduled a trip to Paper Mill Playhouse on Saturday, April 28 for a matinee performance of the Broadway hit, "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." The cost is \$55 per person and includes transportation and orchestra seats. Reservations are limited to 40 people.

For reservations, stop by the senior center or call (908) 754-1047. This trip is open to all residents.

Sacred Heart Concert Series

April 29

Sacred Heart Parish, 149 South Plainfield Ave., presents their 2006-2007 Concert Series on Sunday, April 29 with an organ recital performance by William H. Atwood at 3 p.m.

"Beauty and the Beast" on Broadway

April 29

The recreation department has a few tickets left for "Beauty and the Beast" on Sunday, April 29. Register at the PAL Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$80. Bus leaves from the PAL at 11:30 a.m. for the 3 p.m. show.

Elvis Concert to Benefit Library

May 11

The South Plainfield Public Library Foundation is sponsoring a benefit concert on Friday, May 11 at 8 p.m. at the high school.

For the past 12 years this concert has benefited the fire department. They are celebrating their 100th year anniversary and offered the concert to the library foundation with proceeds going towards the new library.

This year's show will be "Memories of Elvis," a live tribute concert featuring Joe Angerosa. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at the library.

Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing

May 15

The Emil Leporino Memorial Golf Outing, co-sponsored by the South Plainfield Education Foundation and the South Plainfield Business Association, will be held on Tuesday, May 15 at the Cranbury Golf Club in West Windsor. Entry fee is \$150 per golfer.

Registration required by April 27. Mail to South Plainfield Education Foundation, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, N.J. 07080.

For more information call Carolyn Allen at (908) 561-3275 or Bob Longo at (908) 753-7004, ext. 106.

— Out of Town —

Blackrose to Perform

April 7

Blackrose, a band performing classic rock and roll music and today's hits, will perform at Rugs & Riffy's located at 493 Rahway Ave., in Woodbridge on Saturday, April 7 at 10 p.m. No cover charge.

WOWs Meeting

April 11

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Wednesday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library, located at George Fredrick Plaza, Rt. 35, Woodbridge. Light refreshments to follow. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. For information, contact Gerry at (732) 381-7239 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Toastmasters Meeting

April 12 and 26

Come join us at Conackamack Toastmasters on Thursday, April 12 and 26 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church, 485 Hoes Lane in Piscataway.

For more information contact Alok at alok.ctm@nsitalumni.org or Jim at (732) 605-1362.

Godspell

April 12, 13 and 14

Godspell will be produced at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church in North Plainfield on April 12, 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Bob DeVos' Trio at Rahway Arts Guild

April 13

The 9th Season Jazz Series continues on Friday, April 13 at 8 p.m. with guitarist Bob DeVos and trio. Tickets are available at The Arts Guild of Rahway between 9 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Advanced sale tickets are \$14, or \$16 at the door. Call (732) 381-7511 or e-mail us with your request to artsguild1670@verizon.net.

March For Global Warming Solutions

April 13-16

The New Jersey Climate March will be held on Friday, April 13 through

Monday, April 16. The four-day march will feature rallies, demonstrations, and petition drives throughout the state.

Visit the New Jersey Climate March Web site at www.njclimatemarch.org.

Grant Writing Course

April 16-18

The Grant Institute's "Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop" will be held at St. John's University, Manhattan Campus, April 16-18. Registration required; tuition is \$597 and includes all materials.

For information and to register call 1 (888) 824-4424, or visit our Web site at www.thegrantinstitute.com.

Combined Women's Leadership Summit

April 19

Combined Women's Leadership Summit luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 19 at Pines Manor in Edison from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Amy Mansue, president of Children's Specialized Hospital.

Call Melanie Carballo for information at (732) 821-1700, ext. 209.

NJ 101.5/Red Cross Golf Ball Drop

April 21

Buy golf balls for \$20 each (tax-deductible) and you could be the lucky winner of the \$5,000 first prize! On Saturday, April 21, New Jersey 101.5 will be playing in a charity softball game from 12-3 p.m. at Warinaco Park in Roselle against members of the police, fire and rescue departments and volunteers from the 22 towns in the area. During the event, 5,000 numbered golf balls will be dropped onto the field. The owner of the golf ball that lands closest to the flag pole will win \$5,000. Second place will get \$2,500 and third will receive \$1,000.

For more information, call the Tri-County Chapter of the American Red Cross at (908) 756-6414, ext. 20.

Neil Sedaka at Stockton College

April 21

Neil Sedaka will be appearing at Stockton College on Saturday, April 21.

To become a sponsor or reserve tickets contact the Stockton College Office of Development and Alumni Affairs at (609) 652-4658 or visit www.stockton.edu/springbenefit.



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Debra Fusco was honored by the South Plainfield Knights of Columbus, as the teacher of the year at Sacred Heart School, on March 18. Debra has been a staff member at Sacred Heart for more than 20 years. Fr. John Alvarado, pastor, congratulates Fusco on her special honor, at the breakfast following the Mass at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Grants Offered by Success For All Students Foundation

New Jersey schools have the opportunity to motivate students, raise test scores and teach thinking skills while improving the student/teacher relationship inside the classroom. In an effort to influence student leadership education for all students, Success for All Students Foundation is offering five additional grants valued at up to \$25,000 each for any qualifying N.J. high school. Three original grants are in the process of being awarded.

Keven Decker, director of Success for All Students Foundation says, "We

want to put New Jersey schools ahead of the curve. This is their chance to motivate students to learn. Across the country, research based student leadership development is proving to be the key to success. Our grants will help fund student leadership development in high school classrooms. We want to enable high schools with the specific resources needed to accomplish this. You can't put a price on that."

Schools have until April 30 to apply. These five additional grants will be awarded in late May.

Founded in 2006, Success for All Students Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Atlantic Highlands, whose mission is to provide what it calls "the missing ingredient" in New Jersey schools. That missing ingredient is integrating a process of student leadership development for all students. The foundation helps schools implement a research-based process which teaches success and empowers students with the attitude, skills and knowledge they need to succeed in and out of school.

For more information, call Keven Decker at (732) 708-9300 or e-mail director@SuccessForAllStudents.org.

Retiring Teachers Made Their Own History

History teacher and team leader Anthony Barca has made his own history by teaching at South Plainfield High School for 38 years, a record hard to match. In addition, he is unique for being one of the few teachers whose wife, Connie, also teaches in the same district, Kennedy School, for 37 years. She took a year off to have their son, Christopher. In fact it was Connie who discovered openings in South Plainfield for teachers after both graduated from Kansas State University.

Anthony's charisma has inspired students to become teachers, including Dawn Noonan and Heather Jorgensen, staff members in the history department under his leadership. Other former students who teach at SPHS include Bonnie Vigneri in the English department, Dana Curcio, William Hamilton and Maria Leonardi in the physical education department and Kevin Haduk in the special education department.

After 38 years, Anthony still inspires student Stephanie Falzarano. "He's an amazing teacher. He makes history interesting and fun to learn about. He is one of my inspirations to become a history teacher," she wrote in the SPHS student paper *Tiger Times*.

For a man who is the ultimate teacher, Anthony didn't initially start out to be one. Graduating from high school in Brooklyn, he studied dentistry in college. After completing two years at City College in New York City, he transferred to Kansas State University. He didn't lose any credits, but he had to take a mandatory class in communications where he met his future wife, Connie, in that class.

When the two came to teach in South Plainfield, there was more open space than there is now, but it still wasn't enough for a former Brooklyn boy. The Barcas fell in love with historic Clinton Township and bought a home there where Anthony grows the vegetables and herbs he uses in cooking Italian dishes for his family and friends. Connie is the clean up squad.

Anthony remembers his mother as always having two or three boxes of macaroni on the counter, along with



Anthony and Connie Barca are retiring in June after more than 37 years teaching in the district. Connie Barca is leaving her position as a computer teacher at Kennedy and Roosevelt schools. Anthony Barca has been a history team leader for 18 of the 38 years. He taught at SPHS.

a large pot of sauce and two dozen large meat balls on hand and the table set for 12, not knowing who would show up on Sunday. "She'd open two or three of the boxes (of macaroni) depending on how many showed up," he said.

Anthony took on his mother's flair for cooking and has shared this gift with his fellow teachers. Before winter break, he set up tables and desks in the history office with a mouthwatering buffet, memorable in the variety and quality of the dishes. He has also held meetings with his staff over dinner, sometimes at his home.

Although he isn't sure what he will do when he retires, he admits he might just put on the chef's hat and demonstrate his cooking skills in some way.

For more than 30 years Anthony has been an advisor to the after school history club, The Jerseyans. "It's probably the oldest club in the school. Initially when it started in the 1950's it was called the Tow-Town Jerseymen. The name was changed to Jerseyan in the 1970's due to the feminist movement. When it first began there were between 30 and 40 students in the club and they could only take New Jersey trips. Now there are between 250 and 300 students, but not all are active. We probably have so many members because of the Gold Card requirement where students need to be in at least two after school activities. The trips we take are also popular," said Anthony. The Jerseyans will be traveling to Annapolis, Georgetown, Williamsburg and Jamestown this year.

For years Anthony has also been overseeing Cultural Heritage Day, where students bring in food and introduce customs and dances of their culture. The event takes place in the library where students visit during their regular history class.

Both Barcas also enjoyed reunions with former students from the classes of 1974, 1977 and 1981. Anthony was class advisor to the students of these classes from the time the students were freshmen until they graduated.

Connie began teaching at Kennedy in January 1969. She took over the sixth grade until they went to the middle school, then taught fifth graders, until the fifth grades were moved to Grant School. As the teacher with the oldest students in the school, Connie became the Safety Patrol Advisor and held the position for 18 years. The Safety Patrol is made up of older students in charge of seeing to the safety of the younger students as they line up to go on the busses or home.

Connie has been the computer teacher at Kennedy since the position began. Last year, when two computer teachers were cut, she began teaching at Roosevelt as well as Kennedy. She is also the test coordinator for both schools. She works with Computer Teacher Sharon Hunt, who attended Kennedy, but wasn't her student. Hunt remembers Connie because she visited her class to see a Mets baseball game on Connie's small television.

After Connie fell at home two years ago and broke her hip, she began to consider retiring. It's a decision her fellow teachers are not thrilled about. They tell her they won't let her go, but at the end of June both Barcas will be gone. They are making plans to go to Hawaii for the first time to visit their son, Christopher, who resides there. They are also considering becoming snow birds, wintering in Florida.

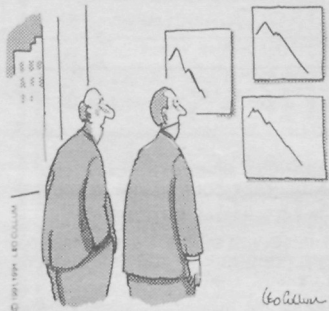
Before they leave there will be one retirement dinner for both in May. That will be the time for all who have worked with them to tell them how much they will be missed.

Pinewood Derby to be Held at PAL

All South Plainfield Cub Scouts are invited to participate in the BSA Pinewood Derby Raritan Valley District Championships at the PAL building on Saturday, April 14. The districts are being hosted this year by South Plainfield Pack 207.

Registration is \$7 per car and runs from 9 to 10 a.m. First race starts at 10:30 a.m. Trophies, food, and souvenirs! All cars welcome! Weight limit is five ounces. Come out and have a great time!

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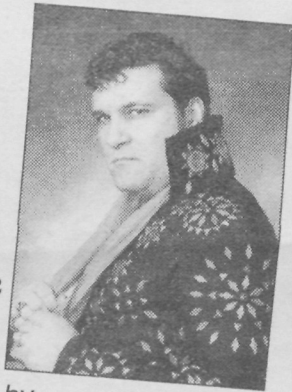
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Franklin School Pack 207 held ceremonies last week for 12 scouts who received their Arrow of Light. Pictured with Mayor Charles Butrico, Cubmaster Thomas Berry and Assistant Cubmaster Bill Butrico are: Colin Berry, Adam Butrico, Jonathan Black, Jonathan Prins, Dominick Scalera, Matthew Resende, Sam Ruhnke, Steven Oehler, Ernest Mejias and Joseph Waldrop.

Wanted: Jesus-Dead or Alive!

It would seem from recent movies, documentaries, books and news that there are people in America who actually want a dead Jesus! If Jesus is dead, and His bones actually were in an ossuary at some point in history and later removed and reburied, then they won't have to explain to Him some future day why they rejected His love and sacrificial death on their behalf. They won't have to answer to His Father God as their Judge.

O, they want Jesus, all right—He makes good press, exciting controversy, great drama, and, of course, large bank accounts for them! But they want Him dead, so that He can only be those things and not a future King of

the universe before Whom every knee will bow, including theirs.

Unfortunately for them, Jesus rose from the dead bodily three days after His crucifixion.

"How can you be so sure?" you might ask.

First and foremost, the tomb was empty! His enemies, the religious leaders of His day, knew where His tomb was, and yet when His followers started proclaiming that He was alive and thousands of people began to believe it, His enemies could not produce His body to prove that He was not alive and thus sound the death knell for this new "religion."

Second, many of His followers died

martyrs' deaths because of their belief in His resurrection. Countless people have died for what they thought was true, even though it was false, but nobody willingly dies for what he or she knows to be a lie.

Third, without a living Jesus, Christianity is dead. But Christianity is not dead—it is very much alive and millions of people around the world are enjoying an intimate relationship with their living Savior.

Fourth, Christianity teaches that any hope of heaven and a glorious future depends on a sinless Savior, Who died as our substitute to atone for our sins before a just God Who must punish sin, and then Who rose again in order that He might give us eternal life, having conquered death Himself!

Our world needs Jesus-alive! If He is not, we have no hope, no future, no life after death, nothing worth living for.

This Easter Sunday, come celebrate a resurrected Jesus, a living Lord, a conquering Christ with us at Cedar-croft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave. at 11 a.m. It will be a musical morning, with a brief "brief" on our beloved Lord Jesus Christ. You will be warmly welcomed.

money for the Harrington Family.

Bring your mom, dad, brother, sister, grandparents, friends and neighbors! There will also be a concert with five bands at the PAL building. There will be face painting for the kids (or kids at heart), volleyball, frisbee, food, a candle lighting ceremony at midnight, and much more.

Tiger 24 to be Held at Jost Field

The Tiger 24, a 24-hour extravaganza sponsored by the SPSHS Student Leadership Organization, South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and Sodexo will be held on Friday, April 27 beginning at 4 p.m. through Saturday, April 28 until 4 p.m. on the track at Jost Field. Come at any time! Come run or walk with us and help raise

Fourth Grade Students Selected for Celebrate NJ! Kids Newspaper

The 'best of the best' fourth grade student articles have been chosen as part the Second Annual School Program put on by Celebrate NJ!, a grass roots effort to build pride and forward a positive future for New Jersey. Of the more than 9,000 students who registered for the program, 277 articles were selected representing students from 15 counties.

Sixty articles and two class projects were selected to receive awards from Middlesex County. Local selections include 13 students from Cristy Moritz and Mary Rodgers' classes at Franklin Elementary School and four students from Linda Goetz's class at Sacred Heart School.

Karen Hatcher, president of Celebrate NJ! says, "It was so fulfilling to see the effort and thought these shining students put into their articles this year. We saw such an interesting range of topics covering important New Jersey people, places and history, from Thomas Edison and Judy Blume to the Pinelands National Reserve, the Paper Mill Playhouse and everything in between. The idea was to instill pride in our children as they connect to all the wonderful things this state has to offer. It is encouraging to see our efforts come to fruition through such creativity."

As part of the school program, an interactive WebQuest accessed through the Celebrate NJ! Web site guided students across New Jersey to research and write articles about state history, people and places. The challenge was to help create a newspaper written by and for New Jersey kids about New Jersey. The state requires fourth graders to study the history of New Jersey. This program included the state requirements and provided teachers with an engaging tool with which they were able to teach and create interest at the same time.

A list of the articles and students' schools is located on the organization's Web site. The articles themselves will also be published on the organization's Web site later this month and in local regional newspapers before school lets out in June.

The Celebrate NJ! School Program tagline is: *Education! Inspiration! Celebration!* Hatcher believes that recognizing both the effort and the learning is important to the long-term connection students make to their home state. "When our kids feel good about where they come from, they feel good about themselves. What's more, they tend to take care of what they appreciate." She added, "We're planting seeds for a future New Jersey we can all feel proud of."

The celebration component will happen during May and June at regional awards nights and baseball games planned for the students.

For more information about these events, go to the Events and Happenings page of the School Program section of www.CelebrateNJ.org.

Celebrate NJ! also invites everyone who has a "reason to Celebrate NJ!" to log on to www.CelebrateNJ.org and enter that reason. No deadlines have been set. The group will continue to unveil the reasons monthly based on the number of days in a particular month. Residents are encouraged to enter multiple reasons describing the interesting and unique aspects of the Garden State. Entry cards are also available at over 350 libraries across the state. The selected reasons are announced daily on the organization's Web site. The best 365 reasons will be published as part of an advertising and media campaign, taking place on outdoor ads across the state and through radio, television and newspaper promotions.



Eighth grade students of Sacred Heart School portrayed the Stations of the Cross for the parish on March 23. They will also present them to the students during Holy Week.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

An appeal has been filed by Kevin R. Mulhearn requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit add a level lacks 8' required side setback; 7.39' proposed; new front porch with roof lacks 30' front setback, 29.16' proposed, and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 184 N. Madison, Block 126, Lot 16 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, April 26, 2007 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 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 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

\$38.50 April 6, 2007

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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 retain financial professionals to review the proposed school budget should it be defeated by the voters on April 17, 2007; and

WHEREAS the Borough's Chief Financial Officer has solicited proposals and the following companies replied:

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WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Chief Financial Officer that a contract, if the need arises, be awarded to Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLC at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00; and

WHEREAS funds have been certified by the Chief Financial Officer and are available in the FY2007 Finance Department Budget, account #7-01-20-130-000-200:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield hereby authorizes a contract with Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLP at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this contract will be awarded only in the event that the School Board Budget is defeated by the voters on April 17, 2007.

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County Applies for Program to Help Families and Children

Middlesex County is vying to be a select pilot program that would help families in need receive supportive services locally while at the same time assist the State Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) with its caseload.

The New Jersey Department of Children & Families has asked counties throughout the state to develop a "Differential Response Pilot Initiative." Differential Response involves taking calls from DYFS that do not rise to the level of child abuse or neglect and provide an array of supportive social services intended to strengthen families.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders passed a resolution authorizing the submission of the proposal.

Families referred to Differential Response may voluntarily choose to confer with a case manager, who would work with the family in identifying local services. Services could include temporary assistance for needy families, childcare, food stamps, health benefits, rental or utility assistance, mental health supports and substance abuse treatment.

Based on recent data from the state, nearly 450 Middlesex County families may have been able to benefit from a Differential Response program in the past year.

The Human Services Advisory Council (HSAC) is required to take the lead in overseeing the planning,

implementation and evaluation of the initiative. That group is working closely with a number of social service providers to develop a collaborative proposal.

Key collaborators include the United Way of Central Jersey, InfoLine (2-1-1) of Central Jersey, Catholic Charities, the Puerto Rican Action Board, and the Jewish Renaissance Foundation.

The County also is asking community-based social service agencies to participate in the initiative. A significant portion of the requested grant funds will be committed to support local capacity building for relevant services, enhance existing family strengthening resources and expand the range of family preservation services.

Interested agencies can contact Thomas Silheimer, executive director of the County's Human Services Department at (732) 745-4186 or Thomas.silheimer@co.middlesex.nj.us.

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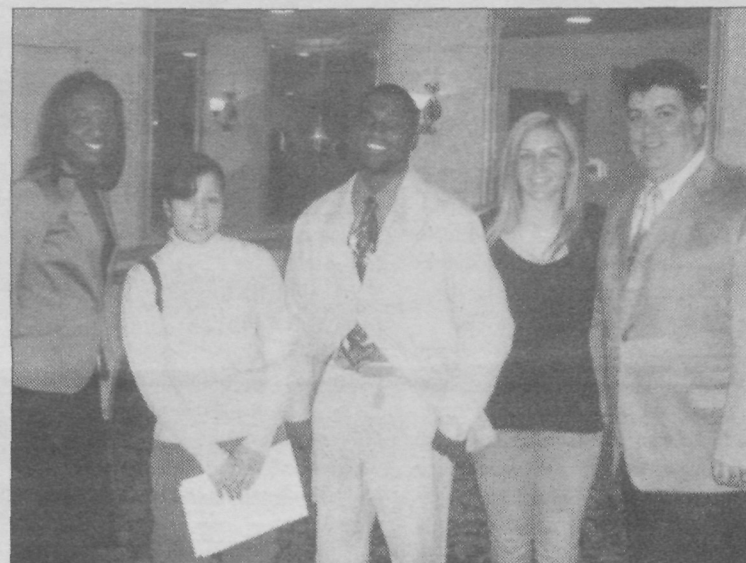
South Plainfield High School Principal Dr. Ken May has announced the Rotary Students of the Month for March and April. The March awards went to Dondray Hardin and Geraldine Valladaress.

Dondray is an active member in peer leadership, summer camp counselor, and participates in football, basketball and track. Dondray will attend Wilbur Force University in the fall and plans on majoring in early childhood education.

Geraldine is a member of the Spanish Honor Society, International Club and played varsity girls soccer. She is actively involved in the South Plainfield Student Leaders, Heroes and Cool Kids, Habitat for Humanity, Tiger 24, Special Olympics and Read Across America. Geraldine plans on majoring in pre-med at Seton Hall in the fall.

The April awards went to Megan Boyle and Asia Hollis.

Megan is an active member in the Jerseyan History Club, student council, peer leadership group and participates in many community service activities. She is captain of the varsity



South Plainfield High School Rotary students of the month are Dondray Hardin, Geraldine Valladaress, Asia Hollis and Megan Boyle with SPHS Assistant Principal Ralph Errico.

soccer and softball teams. Megan will attend Moravian College in the fall and plans on majoring in special education.

Asia is an active member of Peer Leadership, SADD, church choir, orchestra and dance group. Asia plans

on attending Lafayette College in the fall, majoring in accounting.

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Sports

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Arsenal Wins First Game

The boys U-8 traveling soccer team played their first game after two weeks of postponements due to the weather, the team was anxious to play.

Arsenal started off Saturday strong by dominating the first half of the game by taking the lead 2-0 at half time. During the second half, with Arsenal becoming tired, three goals were scored by North Plainfield. The boys caught their second wind and scored two more goals of their own; the last one with only seconds left in the game. This made the final score 4-3. The goals were scored by Alec Paez, Ricky Pellegrino,

and Samardhi Jeedigunta who is new to the team this season.

In addition to the above named players, the team also includes Jose Arrubla, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Tyler Curtis, Jake Giordano, Jake Hoffman, Nicholas Plate, Jake Smith and Daniel Haus who is also new to the team.

The coaches this season—Rich Paez, Greg Hoffman, and David Cieszkiewicz—want to congratulate the team on a job well done.

Arsenal's next game is at Riley Field on Saturday, April 7 at 2 p.m. Please come out and support the team.

Fusion's Strong Start to Spring Season

Although inclement weather delayed the start of the season, the U-14 Fusion/Traveling Boys Soccer team had a great weekend both at home and away.

Saturday's game was played in Hillsborough on the high school's turf football field. Despite the opponent scoring early in the first half, Fusion was able to dominate during the majority of the game. With time running out in the second half, Stephen Lanza scored a goal tying up the game and soon after, scored a second to secure a 2-1 victory over the Phoenix.

The boys played home on Sunday against the West Windsor/Plainsboro Eclipse. The scenario was pretty much a repeat of the day before, with Fusion down a point until late in the second half. As Will Mott was carried off the field with an injury, Matias Palma scored a goal. The game resulted in a 1-1 tie.

Excellent goalkeeping for both games was shared by Nicholas Ross

and Jason Pattison. Other team members contributing to the success on the field were Jesse Allen, Ryan Billich, Edgar Callejas, Mike Dispenziere, Jeff Gillen, Lucas Goitandia, Ryan Hutchison, Edwin Molina, Kyle Pompilio, Jake Salerno and Mike Zelasko.

Please come out and support the South Plainfield Soccer Club when the Kenneth Avenue fields open for the season on April 21.

By Glenn Cullen

JUNIOR BASEBALL CLUB NOTES



SPJBC Opening Day is Saturday, April 14. The parade is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at Roosevelt School. This Saturday will be the last opportunity to work on Field 3 prior to opening day. All members are asked to report to the SPJBC clubhouse at 8 a.m. to work on fields.

The SPJBC would like to thank everyone who turned out this past weekend and throughout the spring for field duty assignments. The SPJBC would also like to thank the residents and businesses that patronized the SPJBC's canning efforts this past weekend. A big thank you goes out to Jerry Harris and Buddy Hutchinson for coordinating the canning efforts.

There will be one more snack stand sign-up on April 11 from 6:30 to 7 p.m. After this sign-up, any Small Fry parent who fails to sign-up for snack stand duty will be assigned a sign-up time by the SPJBC Executive Board.

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

Happy Easter from the SPJBC.

Memorial Golf Outing to Benefit Matheny School

The 4th 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 three holes (includes four mulligans). Our

lady golfers keep getting better and better and do 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 "Art's 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.

LEGAL NOTICES

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

ORDINANCE 1782

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

Ord. 1782 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 19 OF THE SANITARY CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED "LICENSE FEES" was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 6, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 16, 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. 1782

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 19 OF THE SANITARY CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED: "LICENSE FEES"

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

the following fee be and is hereby established:

Fee Type	Fee Amount
Marriage Ceremony	\$150.00

Effective with the adoption of this ordinance, \$50.00 of the above-reference fee will be placed in a dedicated Trust Fund and donated to Women Aware, Inc. and will benefit the operations of the Borough's Domestic Violence Crisis Intervention Program.

All other fees and provisions of Article 19 shall remain in full force and effect.

This amendment becomes effective immediately after final adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$55.10

**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 Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Site, commonly known as Cornell Dubilier, is a named Federal Superfund Site located in the Borough of South Plainfield; and

WHEREAS the Borough is in need of retaining legal counsel to negotiate with the owners of said site; and

WHEREAS the Borough solicited Requests for Qualifications pursuant to a fair and open process in accordance with N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 et seq. and the following replies were received:

Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC
Alan S. Ashkinaze, Esq.

WHEREAS it is the recommendation of the Borough Administrator to award a contract for said legal services to Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC at an hourly rate of \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000.00; 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 SFY2007 Legal Budget, account #7-01-20-155-000-221;

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 Florio, Perrucci, Steinhardt & Fader, LLC for legal services associated with the Cornell Dubilier Superfund Site at a fee of \$175.00 per hour, not to exceed \$15,000.00.

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

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

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Obituaries

Marjorie "Marge" A. (Lacamera) Butrico, 72

Marjorie A. "Marge" (Lacamera) Butrico died suddenly on Saturday, March 31 at home.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Marge lived in South Plainfield before moving to Edison in 1980.

Mrs. Butrico loved fabricating handmade porcelain dolls, working with ceramics and beading, as well as painting. She was an avid golfer and a member of the Metuchen Country Club and was also a communicant of St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen.

She was predeceased by her father, Joseph Lacamera, who died in 1970.

Surviving is her loving husband of 53 years, Frank; three children, Karen Butrico of Bedminster, Jayne Duffy and husband Robert of Edison and Frank Butrico and wife Maria of Warren; her mother Marjorie (Simindinger) Lacamera of Arizona; a sister, Audrey Manzella and husband Philip of Toms River and four grandchildren, Jessica and Courtney Duffy and Frankie and Nicole Butrico. Also surviving are several brother-in laws, sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations in Marge's name can be made to the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, TX 75231 or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

August Falzarano, 64

August Falzarano entered into eternal rest on Friday, March 30. He passed away at Morristown Memorial

Hospital after a courageous four-month battle with heart disease.

August was a mechanic and truck driver. He was a long term employee of KLK Trucking in South Plainfield. "Augie" loved his life and never took anything for granted. He cherished his family and close friends. He enjoyed spending his weekends restoring classic cars. Anyone and everyone who knew Augie loved him. He was just that type of person.

Born in Stirling, he was the son of the late Rose Saddington and Augustine Falzarano. He was also predeceased by a brother, Nicholas Falzarano.

August leaves behind a devoted wife of 44 years, Marion Falzarano; a son, Peter Falzarano and two daughters, Nancy Taylor and Lee Ann Falzarano; three grandchildren, Alex and Victoria Taylor and Anthony Griggs. He also leaves behind two sisters, Phyllis Elmi and Anne Karrow; four brothers, Vincent, Bart, George and Robert and his step-father, Edwin Saddington.

Funeral services were held at the Higgins Home for Funerals in Watchung.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in August's memory to the American Heart Association, 1 Union St., Suite 301, Robbinsville, N.J. 08691.

Joan L. Grare, 73

Joan L. Grare passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 28 at J.E.K. Medical Center, Haven Hospice Unit in Edison.

Joan was born in New Brunswick and graduated from New Brunswick High School. She resided in Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield in 1968. She was a retired collections manager at Roma Foods in Piscataway.

Joan was a Sunday school teacher and deacon at Grant Avenue Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, in addition to being an active member of Oak Tree Presbyterian Church in Edison. Joan was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her beloved family, whom she cared for more than words can say.

Mrs. Grare is survived by her beloved husband of 51 years, Louis Grare; two sons, Mark Grare of South Plainfield and Jeffrey and wife Nancy A. Grare of Piscataway; three daughters, Diane G. Caruso and husband Anthony P. of Valkaria Fla., Suzanne G. Tinsman and husband Timothy of Nokesville Va. and Sarah A. Grare and husband Michael of Washington Township; a sister, Lois Rendal of Wiscasset, Maine and three grandchildren, Joseph, Jennifer and Melissa.

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

Memorial contributions can be made in Mrs. Grare's name to Haven Hospice at J.E.K., 60 James St., Edison, N.J. 08818, or to the ARC Foundation of New Jersey, 985 Livingston Ave., North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Dorothy Carlson-Rankin, 84

Dorothy Carlson-Rankin died on Saturday, March 31 at Community Medical Center in Toms River.

Born and raised in Plainfield, Dotty lived in Bridgewater and Boynton Beach, Fla. and for the past three years she lived in Ortley Beach.

She worked for Mack Trucks in Plainfield and Bridgewater for 28 years before retiring in 1983. Dotty enjoyed taking walks on the boardwalk, dancing, traveling and going to the beach.

She was predeceased by her husband, Joseph Rankin Jr., who died in 1997.

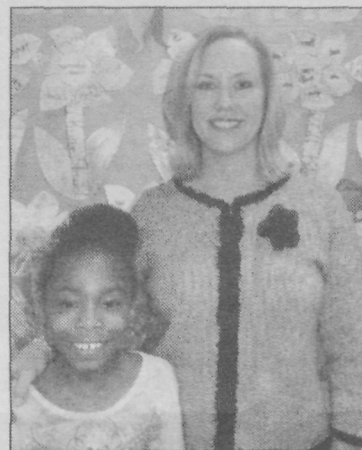
Surviving are three sons, Robert Carlson and wife Barbara of Bridgewater, Peter of Ortley Beach and Scott of Bridgewater; two step-children, Marie Piesche and husband Richard of South Plainfield and Robert Rankin and wife Nancy of Maplewood; a sister, Grace Brown of Fla.; three grandchildren, Robert Jr., Shane and Justin; six step-grandchildren and six step-great grandchildren.

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

Donations in Dotty's name can be made to the Special Olympics, Attn: Web Gifts, 1133 9th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036.

HURRY! HURRY! Contest ends April 20. Get your entry in now!!!

Kyree Stewart Named Junior Journalist



Kyree Stewart, second grader, with her teacher, Mrs. Wilson.

Kyree Stewart, Roosevelt School second 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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Spring Feelings

By Kyree Stewart

I feel the beauty in my eyes
I see the sun beginning to rise
I want to run outside
Tag, ball, soccer all day
I'll go in at dark when my mom calls me in
What a great day it has been!

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LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY ORDINANCE 1783

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

Ord. 1783 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ACCORDING TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE BOROUGH ORDINANCES was adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, April 6, 2007 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, April 16, 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. 1783

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A SPECIAL EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION ACCORDING TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 FOR THE CODIFICATION OF BOROUGH ORDINANCES OF 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, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY as follows:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53 the sum of \$22,750.00 is hereby appropriated for the Codification of the Borough of South Plainfield ordinances and shall be deemed an emergency appropriation as defined and provided for in N.J.S.A. 40A:4-53.

SECTION 2. Such appropriation and/or the "special emergency notes" authorized to finance the appropriation shall be provided for in succeeding annual budgets by inclusion of at least 1/5 or 1/3 of the amount authorized pursuant to this act.

This ordinance shall become effective immediately after final adoption and publication in accordance with the law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$57.00

April 6, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

March 28, 2007

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

A. Case #647/V—Meadowlands Plaza Hotel, Block 472 Lot 36.01. Hamilton Blvd. & Clinton Ave. The applicant's request that this application be dismissed without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Planning Board Secretary

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April 6, 2007

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IN YOUR OPINION

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it's nice when a veteran member, who knows every aspect of education—parent, educator, principal, superintendent and board member—can guide you when you have questions. His knowledge and experience is irreplaceable.

I urge you to vote for Pio Pennisi, Line 1 on April 17.

**THANK YOU,
JIM GIANNAKIS, BOE MEMBER**

Dear Editor,

Dennis Cerami's outrageous statements in last week's *Star Ledger* and *Observer* demonstrate why he's not qualified to be a borough councilman. Cerami has been known to use the council as a political stage, but his latest actions have even gone beyond his normal partisanship.

Cerami's attacks on Councilman Rob Bengivena are a perfect example of the nonsense that discourages good people from pursuing public office. Bengivena promised last year that he would recuse himself from any matter involving his family and he has lived up to that promise.

Despite this, Cerami and his cohorts continue their attacks, claiming Bengivena should have notified them

when the council considered a zoning change in a zone in which Bengivena's father owns property. Even though by law no conflict of interest existed, Bengivena recused himself and did not vote on the change (something Cerami failed to explain in his letter). But that was not good enough for the Democrats, who claimed they did not know who owned the property.

While I hate to use this word, the only word that accurately describes the Democrats' feigned ignorance is "lie." They are lying. They made an issue over the property in campaign literature last year, and now they say they didn't know who owned it. I guess Cerami wants us to think he didn't read his own party's ads. Apparently he also never bothered to read the official statements filed with the borough's zoning board that disclosed the property's ownership. For Cerami to say he didn't know who owned the property is an insult.

Bengivena is an honest person trying to do the right thing. He went above and beyond the law and followed a higher standard. In fact, he has set an example for other elected officials. Too bad the same can't be said for Cerami. Are we to assume his high-

paying county job is unrelated to his political connections? How about the special raise he and only one other county employee received last year?

And what about Cerami's son's summer job working for public works? This is also the same Dennis Cerami who also was accused in court of trying to get his wife a borough job several years ago.

When the Democrats first got elected they promised neither they nor their families would ever benefit from their elected offices? So much for that promise: nepotism is the norm. So is the legalized bribery called "pay-to-play." Cerami and the Democrats routinely take money from businesses seeking lucrative town contracts? Does Cerami really think these businesses give the money without wanting something in return? Or is it just a coincidence these businesses receive our hard-earned tax dollars after they made a donation.

Before attacking someone who has demonstrated the highest integrity, Cerami and the Democrats should look in the mirror. If they do, they'll see people who are unfit for public office.

GEOFFREY CHAMPION

police report

• On March 28, Maurice S. Stanley, 43, of South Plainfield was arrested at Target for shoplifting a \$499.99 Garmin GPS system.

• On March 29, Keith J. Gaylord, 22, of Iselin was arrested for disregard of "no u-turn" sign, failure to exhibit a registration, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• A Waverly Place resident reported that two electric lanterns had been pulled out of the backyard and found on the front lawn.

• On March 30, Adam P. Henderson, 41, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

rested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.

• On March 31, Edward A. Perez, 22, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving.

• On April 1, a Fifth St. resident reported that the rear window of their work vehicle had been smashed.

• On April 2, Learline Jackson-Odor, 55, of Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license and an outstanding warrant.

First Baptist Church Holding Easter Services

First Baptist Church (201 Hamilton Boulevard) Easter celebrations will begin with a Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 p.m. The Easter Sunday sunrise service will be held in the gazebo at Spring Lake Park at 6:30 a.m.

A worship service, led by Pastor Gordon Braun and Asst. Pastor Michele Lewkow, will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at the church. All are welcome.

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By Sunnie Randolph

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Children's programs for the week of April 9 are Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Storytime and Craft for ages 3+; Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. "Time for 2s and 3s" at 6:30 p.m.; Storytime and Craft for 3+; Thursday, 10:30 a.m.; "Time for 2s and 3s," 1:15 p.m.; Storytime and Craft for 3+ and at 6:30 p.m., "Time for 2s and 3s."

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Volunteers Needed For Litter Clean-up Week

Are you bitter about litter?? Have you heard your first robin of the year? Welcome spring by clearing away winter's grime!

The main borough-wide clean-up event will be held on Saturday morning, April 21. Volunteers will meet from 9 to 10 a.m. in Borough Hall parking lot, 2480 Plainfield Ave., to

collect equipment and clean-up assignments.

Roadsides, parks, streams and vacant lots will be targeted.

All volunteers will be invited back to Borough Hall at noon for a free traditional pizza pickup picnic complete with environmentally friendly door prizes.

Warm gently under the spring sunshine and you get a cleaner town and a lot of fun.

Residents are welcome to organize a crew or come on their own. Call Alice Tempel, Clean Communities Coordinator, at (908) 226-7621 or e-mail her at atempel@southplainfieldnj.com for more information.

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Volunteers will plant pitch pine and white oak as part of a reforestation project to fill in a "gap" in the forest. Sweet pepperbush, high bush blueberry and cinnamon fern will be planted along a stream on the preserve. This will help protect water quality by providing a buffer along the stream as well as repair damage from previous ATV use.

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