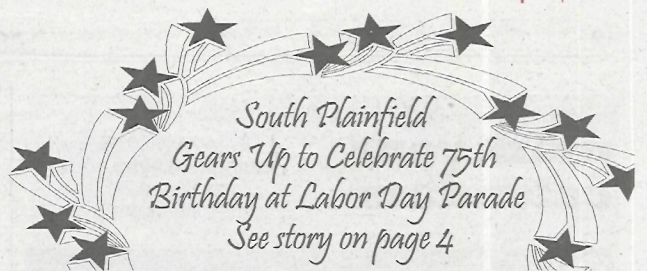
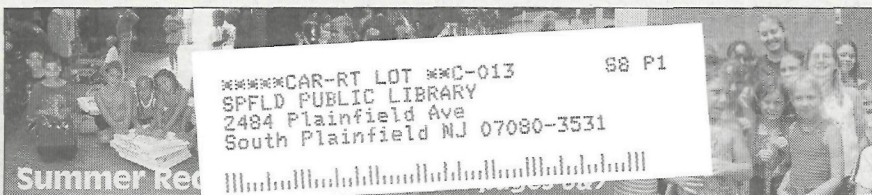


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Fire & Stabbing Result In Local Man's Arrest

Last Friday night, the South Plainfield police and fire departments were called out on a report of a house fire on Church Street. While police were enroute, they received an additional call of a stabbing at the same house and the rescue squad was dispatched.

When Officer John McConville arrived on the scene, an unidentified man pointed out a man with a knife and told the officer the suspect had just stabbed several people. Two stab victims were lying on the lawn. McConville spotted Totaram Rambharose, approaching him holding a knife in his hand.

McConville ordered Rambharose, a 28-year-old resident of 214 Church St., to drop the knife. Rambharose then folded the knife and put it in his pocket. Officers McConville, John Petriello and Brian Iarrapino immediately placed Rambharose under arrest.

According to the investigating officers, Rambharose was at a party at the Church Street residence when he threatened to burn down the house. His father, Harry Dass, went to the suspect's bedroom where he found that his son had already set his bed on fire. Rambharose pulled out a

pocket knife and cut his father's neck. Hearing the yelling, Deodat Dass, Rambharose's brother, went upstairs and attempted to disarm him. Dass was then stabbed in the stomach. The suspect then ran down the stairs and slashed Deodat Sewdat, a party-goer, in the head and ran out of the house where he was ultimately arrested.

Totaram Rambharose has been charged with Aggravated Assault, Arson, Possession of a Weapon for an Unlawful Purpose and Unlawful Possession of a Weapon. Bail was set at \$100,000. He was taken to Middlesex County Adult Correctional Facility in New Brunswick.

Harry Dass refused treatment at the scene for the neck laceration. Deodat Dass was transported to Robert Wood Johnson Hospital and admitted. His condition is unknown. Deodat Sewdat was treated and released from Robert Wood Johnson.

The fire damage to the house was confined to the suspect's bed. Responding to the scene were The South Plainfield Fire Department, the Rescue Squad, Detectives Gene Bataille, James Foran and Gary Kline, the Middlesex Prosecutor's Office Arson and Major Crimes Units.



South Plainfield Mayor Dan Gallagher is pictured at just of few of the many events he attended in the past year. Because of his dedication to South Plainfield, Mayor Gallagher was chosen as this year's Labor Day Grand Marshal.

Gallagher Honored by Nomination

Mayor's Commitment to South Plainfield Earns Him Top Spot in Labor Day Parade

South Plainfield Mayor Dan Gallagher has been chosen to be this year's Labor Day Grand Marshal.

Each year the Parade Committee has the task of choosing a Grand Marshal. This year, the committee had quite an array of nominations from residents. The letters and faxes received were all read aloud and discussed. When a final vote was taken, several of the parade committee members abstained from voting because of their close relationship to the one of the nominees. Councilmembers Darlene Pinto and Ray Petronko, along with Marion Gallagher, all abstained. In spite of that, the rest of the committee voted unanimously to nominate Mayor Dan Gallagher as Grand Marshal of the 2001 Labor Day Parade.

Gallagher was chosen because of his untiring dedication to South Plainfield during the last two decades. According to one of the letters placing his name in nomination, "He spent many years as a volunteer with the fire department, he spends long hours at late night council meetings; anytime there is a disaster he is right there in the command center. He is present for every ribbon cutting ceremony held in town, including new building projects and he welcomes new businesses in town. He was at both the opening day of Junior Baseball and Ponytail Softball. He attends many school functions, such as DARE graduations, speaking to high school students, reading to kids on Dr. Seuss' 'Read Across American Day.' He is also at most Eagle Scout and Girl Scout Silver Award ceremonies."

Gallagher has been serving the borough for the past 16½ years. He was first elected to the Borough Council in 1983, serving until 1990. He was again elected to the council in 1992. In 1995, Gallagher was elected mayor and is serving his second term. During his tenure he has served as chair for the Public Safety, Public Works and Health/Environment/Welfare committee. Over the years, he has signed over 160 ordinances.

As a voting member of the Planning Board for 9½ years, he worked on two master plan revisions.

In addition to all of his other commitments, the mayor also performs many weddings during the year and donates most of his fees to the fire department and rescue squad.

During his years in office, he helped establish the emergency management systems for police, fire and rescue squad and the Office of Emergency Management, and voted to preserve 140 acres of open space. He has also been actively involved with the new senior center, the senior housing project and recent PAL expansion.

Mayor Gallagher's familiar face everywhere around town, attending meetings, ceremonies, accidents and emergencies. During emergencies, Gallagher always arrives on the scene, no matter what time of day or night, to lend a helping hand.

Resident Pleads Guilty to Embezzling \$2M from Employer

South Plainfield resident James Curcio admitted Tuesday that he embezzled more than \$2 million while employed at L'Oreal USA's plant in Clark. He admitted submitting bills for fictitious companies which he created.

Curcio, who is the president of the South Plainfield Recreation Commission, has been involved as a volunteer in many capacities over the years in

local youth athletic activities.

Mayor Dan Gallagher, after hearing the news about the criminal charges, has asked for a complete audit of all expenditures by the PAL and the Recreation Commission. Gallagher also asked Curcio to resign from the Recreation Commission immediately. In the meantime, the Mayor has suspended him.

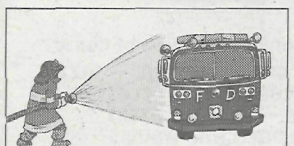
Curcio pleaded guilty to criminal charges of wire fraud and tax evasion in the 10-year scheme. He could face up to 10 years in jail and a fine of \$200,000 when his is sentenced in December. He remains free on \$250,000 bond.

Curcio was packaging engineer and manager of the plant from January 1987 to May 1999.

Curcio also agreed, in a related civil case, to forfeit assets worth about \$1.6 million, which are available to L'Oreal as restitution.

He admitted that the false invoices were from fake companies, such as Delta Tool Inc. and University Products and that he rented post office boxes to receive checks sent to those companies.

Curcio admitted he transferred the checks through 22 bank accounts, at different banks, before using the money for himself and his family.



Fire Dept. to Host Wetdown 2001 Saturday

Everyone is invited to join the South Plainfield Fire Department on Saturday, Aug. 18 to a Wet-Down ceremony dedicating their new pumper.

There will be plenty of food, games, souvenirs and entertainment. (See page 4 for story)

Driver Charged With Vehicular Homicide

Justin King, 24, of Piscataway, the driver of the Dodge Ram involved in an accident on Hamilton Blvd. on July 1, has been charged with vehicular homicide and aggravated assault.

As a result of the accident, a passenger in the other vehicle, Ronald Hurst of Piscataway was killed and

May Ludlow of Piscataway was seriously injured. Shelly Kurlew of South Plainfield also received injuries. Because the accident occurred in a school zone, the penalties are increased.

According to Middlesex Prosecutor Nicholas Sewitch, King crossed over to the wrong side of the road and

collided with Ludlow's car. Police say he was driving while under the influence when the accident occurred and had a blood alcohol level of over .15 percent. Bail was set at \$100,000 by the Hon. Barnett Hoffman. King surrendered to police on Tuesday and plead not guilty at his arraignment.

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meeting agenda

council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-754-9000

AGENDA MEETING **PUBLIC MEETING**

Tuesday, September 4 Thursday, September 6

Monday, September 17 Thursday, September 20

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month

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

August 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23, Nov. 13, Nov. 27,

Dec. 11, Dec. 25 (no meeting).

zoning board of adjustment

Meets first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month

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

Sept. 4 (no meeting), Sept. 18, Oct. 2, Oct. 16, Oct. 30,

Nov. 6 (no meeting), Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

taxpayers advisory group

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

siteplace sub-committee

The fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22 (no meeting), December 27.

recreation commission

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

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

September 10; October 8, November 12, December 10

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-561-8280

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, 2002

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

Committee of the Whole, Tue., Aug. 21, Sept. 11, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

Regular Board Mtg., Tue., Aug. 28, Sept. 18, Oct. 23 Nov. 20 Dec. 18 at 8 p.m.

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meetings, held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room, Borough Hall

Sept. 26, Oct. 24, Nov. 28, Dec. 26.



EXTREME HEAT CLEARS PARK—The normal noon time crowd at Spring Lake Park is conspicuously absent during last week's heat wave. The only movement to be found in the park were grumpy geese and a hot breeze.

In My Opinion

To the Editor,

As we are all well aware, the Central Jersey area was subject to an extended heat wave this past week with temperatures topping out at 106°. Rolling blackouts, reduced water pressure and oppressive heat are thoughts that will remain with us for the next few months. South Plain-

field's emergency services continued to work efficiently, while being inundated throughout this past week with calls for service. Working fires, motor vehicle accidents and heat related emergencies dominated the responses for the days from August 3 through August 10.

The Fire Department in conjunction with the Rescue Squad has developed an emergency protocol for hot weather responses which require the South Plainfield Rescue Squad to respond along with the fire department to all alarms so as to provide rehab facilities. They were well utilized this past week as both agencies responded to three working fires during the heat wave, as well as numerous other fire and EMS calls.

For the dates indicated, the fire department and the rescue squad responded to a total of 117 calls for service and assistance inclusive of fires, motor vehicle accidents, haz-mat responses and other heat/medical related calls. A combined total of 798 "volunteer" man-hours were expended by both agencies.

It is with great appreciation that we

extend our sincerest thanks to both the members of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad and the South Plainfield Fire Department for their "volunteerism," dedication, commitment and willingness to work together through this most difficult week, with professionalism and perseverance matched by none other. The ability to operate within the difficult parameters of emergency response is expected; the ability to adapt and overcome as well as set the standard for others to follow is a gift.

Rest assured that you have set the mark that others will have to look up to in an effort to emulate.

Thank you for your hard work in keeping "our own" safe throughout this week.

**RESPECTFULLY,
CAPTAIN KENNETH SEIDEL
SO PLFD RESCUE SQUAD
CHIEF J.A. ABBRUZZESE
SO. PLFD FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Board of Ed Meetings Change Location

The following Board of Education meetings have changed locations:

The Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for Sept. 11 in the Grant School gymnasium has been changed to the high school auditorium. The meeting takes place at 7 p.m.

The Regular Public Meetings scheduled for Aug. 28 and Sept. 18 in the Grant School gymnasium have also been changed to the high school auditorium. Both meetings start at 8 p.m.

Rescue Squad Calls for June

The rescue squad reported that they answered 200 calls during the month of June for a total of 467.09 actual man hours.

Send us Your Letters/Opinions

We want to hear from you concerning what is going on around town. We will omit your name by request, but you must give us your name and phone number when you submit your letter, or it will NOT be published. Unfortunately we have had several letters we would not publish because names were not submitted with the letter.

Send your letter/opinion to:
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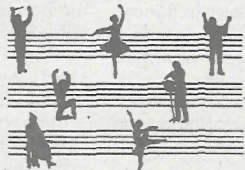
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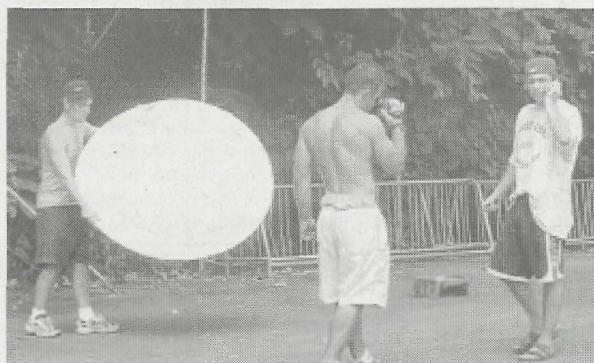
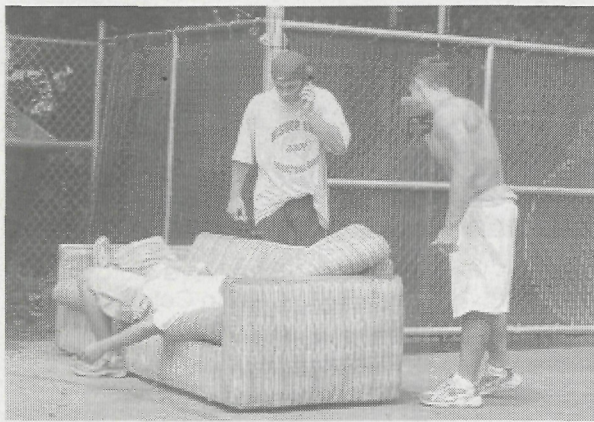
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Last week's heat wave did not deter Dave Stoeckel and Sean Parello, freshman at the University of Miami, from getting a head start on a performing arts film class. Despite the rising mercury, Stoeckel and Parello along with Mike Grasso, a graduate of Kean University and Jeff Prodescimo a graduate of St. Peter's, worked on a video in the Franklin School parking lot.

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Milestones

Pingry School Names Thao Nguyen To Honor Roll

Headmaster John Neiswender of The Pingry School is pleased to announce that Thao "Liz" Nguyen, grade 10, was recently appointed to the year end honor roll. This recognition is given to those students who have achieved academic average of B+ or better.

Liz Nguyen is the daughter of Mr. Tan and Mrs. Mongnga Nguyen, of South Plainfield.

The Pingry School is a K-12 co-

educational, independent country day school that currently enrolls 1,011 students from 12 New Jersey counties and more than 90 communities.

Founded in 1861 in Elizabeth, by Dr. John F. Pingry, the school is recognized throughout the United States for its academic excellence, Honor Code, sports programming and a universal concern among faculty for each student in the school.

Calvin Gross Elected to Vietnam Veterans of America Board of Directors

Calvin Gross, a resident of South Plainfield, was elected to serve on the national board of directors of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) at its Tenth National Convention held in Greensboro, NC from July 31 to Aug. 8.

VVA delegates assemble in convention every two years to elect new officers and directors, and debate and adopt resolutions that frame the agenda of the organization.

The Vietnam Veterans of America board meets quarterly with the national committees and the VVA staff to develop policies and programs to address veterans' benefits and health care, homelessness, POW/MIA's and other important issues.

Gross is one of ten at large directors elected by delegates who represent 525 chapters in 47 states, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Philippines. Delegates representing specific regions of the county elect nine directors from those regions.

Newly elected VVA National President Thomas H. Corey of Florida said, "This board of directors will focus on the needs of our veterans, and their efforts will

greatly assist in aiding our membership at the local, state, and national level."

Trash Train Wins Approval Again

At a second meeting held Monday night, the Union County Freeholders voted for a second time to approve the Linden Trash Transfer Station. The vote was unanimous 8-0 and not unexpected. Opponents say they plan to continue their fight against the transfer station.

The State Department of Environmental Protection returned the application last month to the Freeholder's, saying they needed to study the environment effects the transfer station would have on the area.

During Monday nights agenda meeting Councilman Ed Kubula asked that the Borough Council consider joining the surrounding towns in opposing the so called "Trash Train."

Kubula questioned the environmental impact of bringing garbage by barge across the river and the safety of transporting the trash by train through many Central Jersey towns. The council will be taking this under consideration.

The train, which will be at least a mile long, will be passing through South Plainfield on the south side of town. The estimated amount of tonnage has already increased from 10,000 to 15,000. This means the train may increase in length or more trains will be coming through town.

Borough News

Council

• Pam Tappen, a forester from the New Jersey Community Forestry Program, along with Environment Commission President Larry Randolph and Gary Rohrer gave a presentation to the council on Monday night on the benefits of participating in the Community Forestry Management Plan. This is part of the New Jersey Shade Tree and Community Forestry Assistance Act. The program has several grants available to pay for studies and to fund the maintenance and planting of trees. One of the benefits of the program is to reduce litigation against the town. Last year's grant money amounted to \$9,500 per municipality. So far, only 62 out of 562 municipalities have ap-



Ken Morgan of the South Plainfield Library stands beside the Lions eye glass box which is sitting on the counter at the Library. Residents are asked to bring in their old glasses and the Lions will recycle them.

Lions Club of South Plainfield Collecting Used Eyeglasses

The Lions Club of South Plainfield is collecting used eyeglasses of all types, sizes and in any condition.

Lions Club President Bob Desch explained, "These glasses are collected and sent to the New Jersey Lions Eye Glass Recycle Center. The are cleaned and with the use of a lensometer, prescriptions are placed on them. They are sorted, bagged and stacked until they are distributed to the needy in Third World Countries."

The New Jersey Lions have collected nearly one million used eyeglasses over the years.

Lions collection boxes have

been set up at the following locations in South Plainfield:

The *Observer* newspaper office on Hamilton Blvd., the South Plainfield Library, in the South Plainfield municipal building tax office, Aiello Chiropractic Center on South Clinton Ave., Moretti Realty on Maple Ave., Von Graff Flowers on Park Ave., Cecchetti Insurance Co. on Park Ave. Wal-Mart Vision Center in Wal-Mart on Centennial Ave. and CVS Pharmacy in Oak Park Commons.

In addition, used eyeglasses can be given to any member of the South Plainfield Lions Club.

plied for and become eligible for this grant money. The council directed the Environmental Commission to start the paperwork to apply for the program.

• The PAL building is almost ready for the wrestling program. The bleachers are being installed and the scoreboard is up.

• Because of the difficulty of keeping 911 operators on staff, Police Chief Bob Merkler has been directed to form a committee in conjunction with other surrounding communities to investigate how the 911 system can be centralized with nearby towns.

• Councilwoman Darlene Pinto announced she will be applying for a grant to renovate the Senior Center on South Plainfield Ave. After the seniors move to their

new facility, the building will become the Office of Emergency Management. Pinto applied last year, but did not receive the grant, however, more money is available this year.

Board of Adjustment

• Enterprise Rent-A-Car was granted site plan approval to move into a new location at 1401 New Market Ave. Enterprise will be storing most of their rental cars behind the building. Enterprise said they will donate \$3,000 towards the Putnum Park Project.

Planning Board

• Ameriland Inc. was granted a five lot subdivision to construct five single family houses on Arlington Ave., near Belmont Ave.



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Around Town

SP Fire Department to Host Wetdown 2001

August 18

The members of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department invite the public to attend the dedication of the new 2001 E-One Pumper 2000 G.P.M. on Saturday, Aug. 18. The wetdown will be held from 12 to 5 p.m. at South Plainfield High School.

Featured will be live music performed by The Rockets, as well as beer, soda, food, t-shirts and mugs. There will also be a DJ and a dunking booth. Registration for fire departments will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the dedication of the E-One Pumper will be at 11 a.m. at Fire Headquarters. A parade from the fire house to the high school will follow after the dedication.

Trophies will be awarded in the following categories: Chief Trophy, Company Trophy, Best Appearing Pumper, Best Appearing Truck, Best Appearing Rescue, Furthest Distance Traveled by a Company, Bucket Brigade, 1 1/4" Hose Lay and for the winners of the Tug of War competition.

Elks Annual Picnic

August 25

The South Plainfield Elks will hold their annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. at the lodge on New Market Ave.

The menu includes roasted pig, clams, hamburgers, hot dogs, corn and salads. A horseshoe toss, amusement for kids and a DJ will be part of the festivities.

Tickets for adults are \$13 in advance (\$15 at the door), family price for two adults and two kids is \$30 (\$35 at the door).

For more information, call Dan Uken at 753-9196.

Polish Home To Hold Annual Picnic

August 26

The Polish National Home will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, Aug. 26, from 1-6 p.m., rain or shine. There will be beer, wine, soda, food, games and prizes. Prices are as follows: children under five are free, senior citizens and children ages 6-12 are \$6, members are \$10 and non-members are \$12. For more information, call (908) 668-9442.

SP Fire Department To Host Wine Tasting Event

September 29

The South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department will host a Wine Tasting event on Saturday, Sept. 29, from 6 to 11 p.m.

The event will be held at the Embassy Suites, in Piscataway. Ticket price of \$70 per person includes a wine tasting reception, from 6 to 8 p.m., a buffet dinner from 8 to 9 p.m. and also features an open bar, DJ and dancing, held from 9 to 11 p.m. There are also special hotel room rates available for overnight stays.

For tickets or more information, contact John Celentano at (908) 757-5691 or Mike Gallagher (908) 755-9874.

Recreation To Sponsor Two Trips to Broadway

October 13, December 16

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring two trips to New York to see Broadway Shows. The first show, *Contact*, will be on Saturday, Oct. 13. The cost is \$60 per person and the bus leaves from the PAL Building at 10 a.m.

The second trip is to see the classic Radio City Music Hall's Christmas Show. Tickets are \$75 per person and the bus will leave the PAL Building at 1:30 p.m.

Each trip allows everyone to shop and dine before the show.

To purchase tickets, visit the Recreation Office, located in the PAL Building on Maple Ave. The office is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SPHS Class of 1981 20th Reunion

November 23

Attention classmates! The South Plainfield High School Class of 1981 will hold its 20th reunion of Friday, Nov. 23 at Madeline's in Bound Brook.

For more information, please call Jane (Lacey) O'Dowd at (908) 479-1684 or Gina (Rosania) Capizola at (908) 526-3262.

—Out of Town—

NJ Repertory Company Presents One-Woman Show

August 9 - September 2

The NJ Repertory Company, Lumia Theatre, 179 Broadway in Long Branch is proud to present

award winning singer/songwriter/guitarist/concert artist, Christine Lavin, in her new one-woman show, "Getting in Touch With My Inner Bitch," Aug. 9 through Sept. 2, Thursdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased by calling the theater at (732) 229-3166. For more information, visit their website at www.njrep.org.

'Eliminate Sickness' Seminar

August 18

A FREE seminar, "Eliminate Sickness," by Rev. George Malkmus, founder of Hallelujah Acres and Back to the Garden Health Ministries is being offered by the Health Education for Abundant Life and Center for Preventative Health on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 2 p.m. at the North Stelton African Methodist Episcopal Church, 123 Craig Ave. Piscataway (across from Timothy Christian School). Rev. Malkmus will teach about improving even the most difficult health problems through diet. For more information call (908) 754-4255.

CHATS Adoption Support Group To Meet

August 27

Adoption Support CHATS (Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support) group will meet on Monday, Aug. 27, from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Avenue, North Plainfield. Patty and Bill Reents will lead a discussion of the book, *Ishaka: A Daughter's Memoir of Being Found*, by Sarah Saffian. Anyone is welcome, whether you have read the book or not; adoptee, adoptive parent, birth parent; or anyone with an interest in adoption. Open sharing of adoption-related stories are encouraged, and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 or visit their website at <http://community.nj.com/cc/chats>.

Kaleidoscope of Hope Walkathon To Benefit Ovarian Cancer

September 9

Walkers of all ages, including corporate teams, are invited to Morristown's Loantaka Brook Reservation (South St. entrance) on Sunday, Sept. 9, to have a good time and show their support for ovarian cancer research. The Kaleidoscope of

Hope Foundation is sponsoring its second annual Walkathon, with options for a one, three or five mile course. Registration is at 8 a.m., followed by warm-ups at 8:30, and the walk at 9:30. A celebration will take place from 11 a.m. to 12 noon, featuring food, entertainment and massages. Walkers are asked to bring prepaid sponsorship pledges. Dogs are welcome for an extra \$10. Individual, group and corporate sponsorships are invited. Information on ovarian cancer will be available, as all the proceeds from this event will go toward research. For information and/or pledge forms, call (973) 644-0500.

Terra Nova Garden Club To Celebrate 50th Anniversary

November 15

The Terra Nova Garden Club is turning 50! Come and celebrate with them at their 50th Anniversary Luncheon, to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club, on Plainfield Rd. in Edison, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Featured guests will be noted floral designer Winifred Applegate and pianist James Nuzzo.

For reservations or more info, call Kay McCormack, (732) 548-1976.

Veterans Park Will Have Rides, Contests, Games, Balloons, Clowns and Plenty of Food

This year Veterans' Park will be filled with fun and food for everyone. Parade viewers should make a point not to just watch the parade and go back home. Veterans Park is the place to be after the parade. The parade begins at 10 a.m. and ends up at Veterans Park, where activities are planned for every age group.

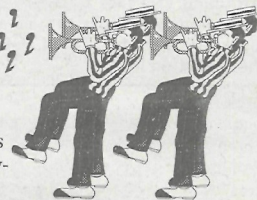
At this week's meeting, the parade committee announced that two rides will be at the park, in addition to the moon walk, the clowns, sand art and face painting. There will also be games run by the Recreation Department starting at 1 p.m. They include a pie eating contest, an egg toss, a potato sack race, a watermelon eating contest and finally a water balloon toss. Also the band *Back Splash* will be performing throughout the afternoon in the park.

Thus far 53 participants, groups and floats have signed up to march in the parade. Food in the park includes the Lions Club selling sausage, cheese-cakes, drinks and beer; the high school cheerleaders selling water, candy, chips, pretzels and baked goods and the Knights of Columbus will sell fruit cups. Other food available include zeppoles, funnel cakes, cotton candy and fresh lemonade. All vendors in the park are either non-profit organizations or they will be donating some of their profits to the South Plainfield Fire Department or Rescue Squad. This is a great way to support these organizations, as well as partake in all the great food and drinks available that day. Zeppoles and funnel cakes will also be on sale in the fire department parking lot before the fireworks display.

The committee has extended an invitation to all past Parade Grand Marshals to sit in the reviewing stand located in Veterans' Park and watch the parade as their guests.

The celebration shifts to Spring Lake Park that evening. Music will be presented in the gazebo until dark by *Sound Investment*, followed by another spectacular fireworks display. Serpico International, the same company as last year is putting on the fireworks.

If you need information about marching in the parade, entering a float, volunteering to be a parade marshal, or having a concession stand in the park, contact Councilwoman Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1517.



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Metuchen-Edison NAACP Sponsors Five Scholarships

The NAACP Metuchen-Edison Area Branch is sponsoring five scholarships in conjunction with its 26th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet scheduled for November 3.

The scholarships are the Maya Angelou Literary Scholarship, the Leroy Campbell Visual Arts Scholarship, the Single Parent Scholarship, the Web Site Internship and Scholarship and the Newsletter Internship and Scholarship.

All residents of the Metuchen, Edison, Piscataway, Highland Park and South Plainfield and NAACP Metuchen-Edison Branch members who are currently enrolled in an accredited program or who will be enrolling in the 2001 fall semester are eligible. Proof of enrollment is required.

For the specifics of each scholarship and submission information, call (732) 205-9888, ext. 1 or send an e-mail to pmwmcabn@worldnet.att.net. Submission deadline is September 15.

The NAACP Metuchen-Edison Area Branch 26th Annual Freedom Fund Awards Banquet will be held at the Doubletree Hotel in Somerset, NJ. The purpose of this annual black-tie event is two fold: 1) honor individuals and organizations that have made significant contributions to the community and 2) raise monies for the NAACP Metuchen-Edison Area Branch Scholarship Fund. To attend the event, call (732) 205-9888 ext. 8.

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

by Marcia Lubansky

Beat the heat and relax at your local library this week. The South Plainfield Public Library provides a comfortable, cool environment for browsing the paper, your favorite magazine, or stocking up on beach and vacation reading. Have you tried our paperback exchange? Make your selections from the rack, keep them as long as you want, and return them at your leisure. For the vacation or the commute, we also have many new self-help audio-cassettes and books on CD. Titles include, *Unleashing the Ideavirus*, *Unlimited Power*, *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff*, *Who Moved My Cheese?*, *How to Make People Like You in 90 Seconds or Less*.

Join us for the Summer Reading Club finale featuring Bill Boesenberg's *Snakes-n-Scales & Turtle Tales* Company, which will present "Animals of the River." The program is scheduled for Wednesday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. Please register by calling (908) 754-7885. Summer Reading certificates will also be handed out to all participants that evening.

Our Monday Kidcraft program starts at 6:30 PM. This program is for children ages six and older; please sign up in advance. Story times are held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. These stories and crafts are for children age three and older. No pre-registration is required.

For those involved in home-schooling or those who may be contemplating the idea, Mary Foy will present the program "Homeschooling Information Night" to be held Tues-

day, August 21 here at the Library at 7:30 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity to ask questions, share information and discover local support groups and resources.

On display at the Library through the end of August is a hand-sewn and quilted queen-sized quilt (log cabin pattern) to be raffled off after the annual Labor Day Parade at Veterans Memorial Park. The raffle is sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society. For tickets and information call (908) 756-9654, 753-7852 or 754-3503.

Did you know that the Library offers books in Russian, Spanish and Hindi? We have a small collection of fiction and nonfiction titles in each language; all materials circulate for two weeks. Also new to the Library is the Job Information Center, provided by a New Jersey State Library grant. You will find a selection of books on resumes and cover letters, job interviews, job hunting, career selection guides, effective public speaking techniques, business etiquette, and much more. Nearly 100 titles are conveniently shelved together for quick browsing. Let us help you open job doors!

Remember also to check out the Fugitive Facts/Trivia File. This online file is full of fun and useful information. Try these stumblers. "What language do residents of Greenland speak?" "What was the deadliest hurricane to make landfall in the United States?" "How do I get an international driver's license?" "Where did 7-UP get its name?" We have almost 2,000 of these useful or useless trivia entries. You can be the judge. The answers are available in the Library at any PAC computer or via our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Curriculum/Technology/Student Activities Committee Mtg. Date Change

The August meeting of the Curriculum, Technology/Student Activities Committee scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. in the Grant Central Sixth Elementary School gymnasium was changed to Wednesday, Aug. 22.

Tips to Avoid Mosquito Infestation

Residents are urged to eliminate areas of standing water around their homes:

- Drain water from pool covers or open pool for use.
- Change water in birdbaths once a week.
- Put fish in ornamental pools. The Mosquito Commission will supply fish free of charge to county residents.
- Make sure roof gutters are not clogged.
- Empty flowerpots and containers holding water.
- Eliminate standing water on your property.
- Talk to your neighbors about eliminating water on their property.

In order for mosquitoes to breed in standing water, the water must remain for more than six days. Residents who find catch basins with water or standing water should contact the commission and request that the site be inspected. If inspectors find the area contains mosquito larvae, it will be treated with an appropriate insecticide.

For more information, contact the local health department at (732) 248-7273 or the Mosquito Commission at (732) 549-0665, 24 hours a day/7 days a week.



Rodeo Time at Tiger Day Camp

Tiger Day Camp students had a busy day recently, experiencing all the thrills of a rodeo. With a little ingenuity and a lot of imagination, the Tiger Day Camp staff found plenty of activities for the youths.

Students roped a moving cow, tossed rings on the horns of a large bull, had hippity-hop races, played shuffleboard and golf. Each room was set up with a different activity. The campers each had a card with their current scores. At each event the staff would update the score.

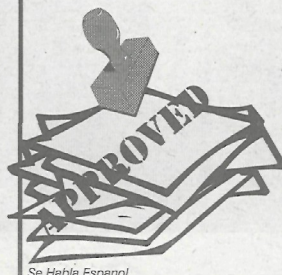
The hit of the day was the paper mache bull made by Mr. Williams.



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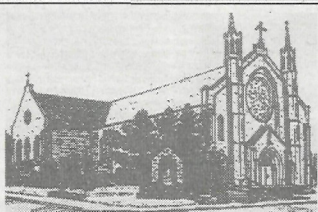
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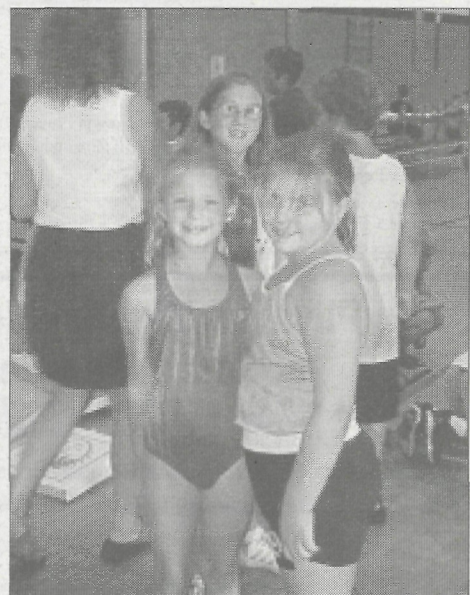
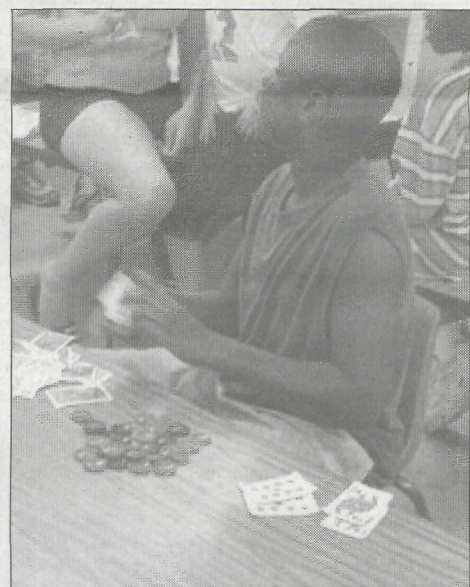
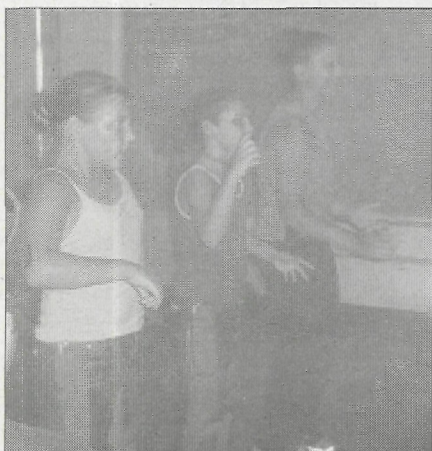




Summer Fun 2001 Beats the Heat With A Cool Close to Rec's Annual Summer Parks Program

Last Friday, in the 100+ degree heat, the Summer Recreation program gathered for the last time at the three area schools where they had been meeting for daily activities. The day's activities and pizza parties officially marked the end of this year's summer program.

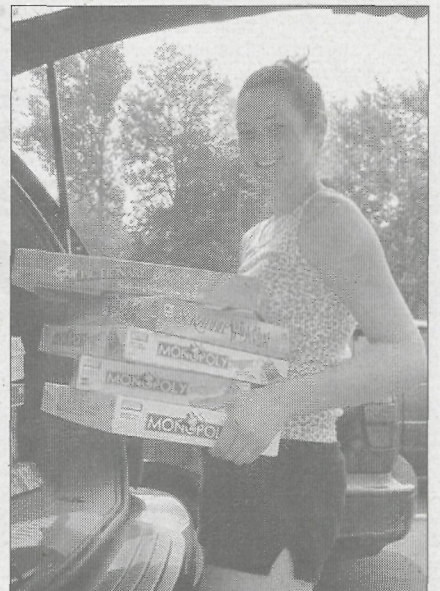
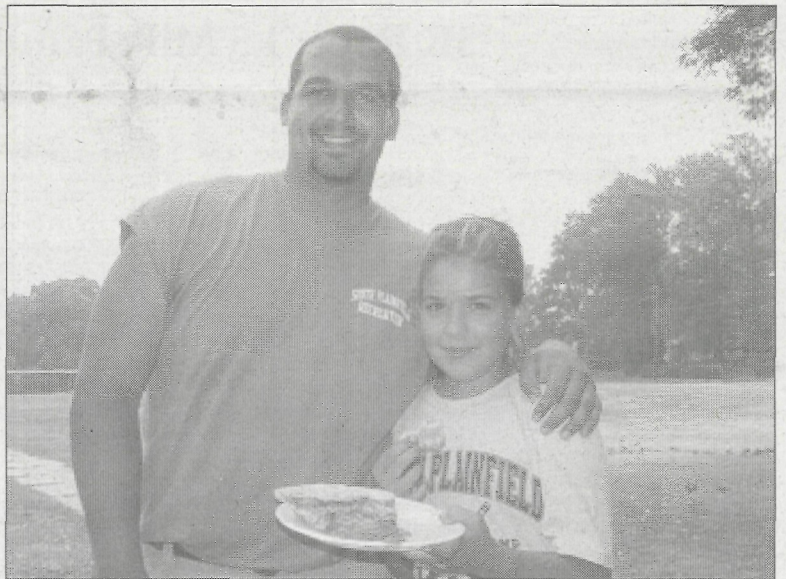
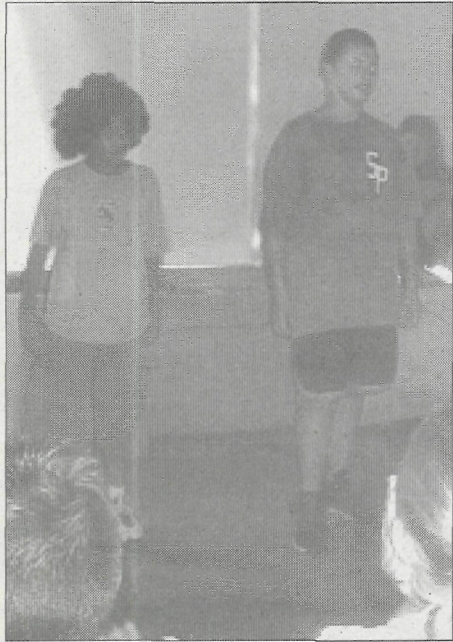
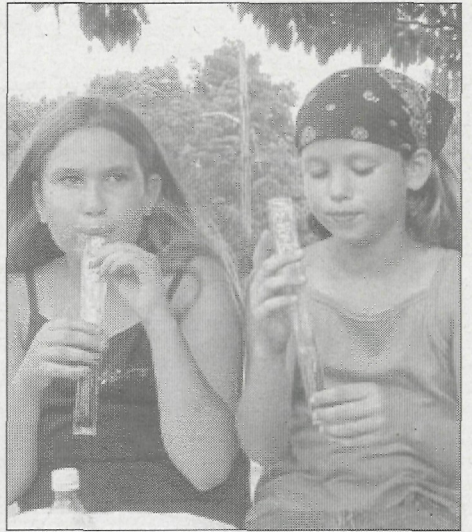
The Summer Recreation Program was held at Kennedy, Franklin and Roosevelt schools. According to Recreation Director Mike English, 552 kids were registered this summer. Thanks to the dedicated counselors at each school, the kids had plenty of activities to keep them busy during the summer break.



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SOUTH PLAINFIELD RECREATION
Summer Parks Staff 2001

Franklin School ~ Michael Geremia, Kelly Hall, Kelly Schnyderite, Matt Cleary, Dave Zebrowski, Alison Tietjen, Chad Lacon, Erin Mackey
Kennedy School ~ Kiley Jackson, Kim Wilcox, Eric Johansen, Stephen Cisz, Chris DeCosta, Michael DeLucca, Danielle Schweers, Eric Jackson
Roosevelt ~ Devon DiMaria, Patti Reach
Raymond DelNero, Richard Drumbore, Dana Curcio
Community Pool ~ Jennifer Infante
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Tennis ~ Khanh Le, Judy Wang
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Sports

Tiger Sharks Diving Takes 2nd Place

Another excellent season for the Tiger Sharks Diving comes to a close with a tie for second place at Championships with Brookside Swim Club. Even without male divers in the 13/14 and 15-18 age categories, the strength of our team was enough to keep us in contention for a run at first place. We had top placers in each of the age categories we competed in. We hope that any boys who may be interested in summer diving next year come out and help the Tiger Sharks be a force to be reckoned with!

Special thanks to Mike Panzarella and Nicole Moretti for their tireless and heroic efforts to keep the diving team going. Nicole traveled from Scranton, PA while Mike held the fort in South Plainfield taking over the lion's share of the practices. Together, their enthusiasm and hard work paid off for our team. Summer diving is an excellent and inexpensive way to introduce children to the sport of diving. Since it is instructional as well as competitive, any child who is interested can participate and learn to dive, or increase their skill level in diving. Many of the winter programs available are quite costly, but the South Plainfield Community Pool proudly offers this team experience at the price of hard work, effort and fun for the members who come out and join in. It is a great way to spend many enjoyable hours at the pool, make new friends and learn a



skill that increases strength, body control, coordination and confidence! The meets are held in the evening to enable working parents to be

present as well.

We bid a farewell to senior diver Veronica Zappi as she goes off to college. Thank you for all of your hard work and for being such a great example to the younger divers on the team. We wish you the best of luck in college next year. Don't forget to come and visit us next summer! Also, we extend special congratulations to Clare Kelly in our 11/12 age group for winning first place in all four regular season meets.

The following Tiger Shark Divers competed:

8 & under Girls: Victoria Burke (second place), Amanda Caruso (sixth place) and Ali Burke.

8 & under Boys: Michael Atcachunas (third place) and Patrick Boyle (fifth place).

9/10 Girls: Katie Baldassarre (fifth place), Elizabeth Fasullo (sixth place), Julia Caruso and Alexandra Petronko.

9/10 Boys: Michael Boyle (second place), Stephen Kelly (fourth place) and Stephen Wagner (sixth place).

11/12 Girls: Megan Boyle (first place), Clare Kelly (fifth place), Julia Zappi, Katelyn Conrad, Rachel Esteves and Tiffany Roth.

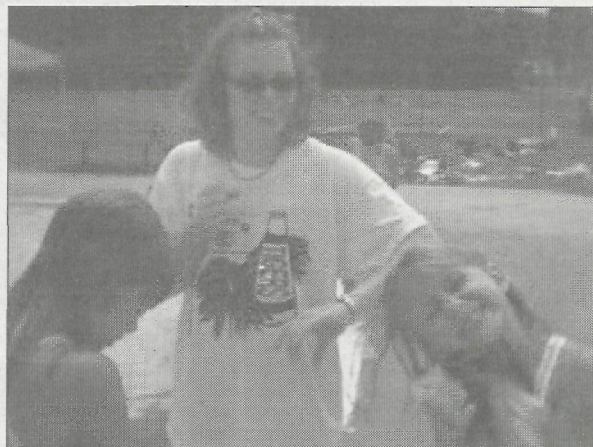
11/12 Boys: Gregory Caruso (fourth place).

13/14 Girls: Nina Byard (first place), Kayleigh McGovern (second place), Kendall Green and Carla Zappi.

15/18 Girls: Victoria Zappi (second place) and Veronica Zappi (third place).

Congratulations divers for bringing the Second Place Championship Trophy home to South Plainfield! Thanks to Rose Illardo and the parents who helped make this season a resounding success. Have an excellent and safe school year and come on out again to dive next summer.

Submitted by Jennifer Kelly



Lifeguard Leslie Spayder shares summer fun with swimmers at the South Plainfield Community Pool.

-Photo by Bill Tuthill

Pam McCreesh Named Head Softball Coach At Brown

After four years at Utah State, coach heads back east.

Pam McCreesh, the head softball coach at Utah State University for the past four years, has been named head softball coach at Brown University.

McCreesh's Utah State team earned the Big West Conference's Sportsmanship Award in 1999 and 2000. She managed all aspects of the Division I program and was heavily involved in fundraising. In four years at Utah State, McCreesh coached four All-West region players, seven All-Big West Conference players, a Big West Player of the Year, and nine Academic All-Big West players.

Before becoming the head coach at Utah State, the New Jersey native worked as an assistant coach at Rutgers for one season, Utah State for two years and Trenton State for three seasons.

A 1989 graduate of Trenton State College with a BS degree in Education, McCreesh was a four-year starter and team captain as a senior. She was a three-time All-American at Trenton State and was named the NCAA Division III Player of the Year in 1988. McCreesh was named the New Jersey College Female of the Year in 1989. McCreesh earned a MS degree in Education from Trenton State in 1992.

The Observer welcomes sports editorial and photos. email ggnan@aol.com Fax us at 908-668-8819.

Ricochet/SPASA 11th Annual Labor Day 5K Race; 1.5 Mile Family Fitness Walk

This year marks the 11th year that the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness and the Club at Ricochet Health will sponsor the 5K race held on Labor Day. The annual race takes place prior to the parade on Labor Day in Veterans' Park. The race featured its first group of 40+ runners back in 1991. Last year over 200 runners completed the 3.1 mile course which covers the parade route up and back.

The race would not be possible if it were not for the many local South Plainfield sponsors, especially The Club at Ricochet. The staff at Ricochet offers a wide variety of health and fitness activities along with the 5K race and recently incorporated a 1.5 Family Fitness walk.

Prizes include \$100 in cash, or a one month free membership to Ricochet, \$50 gift certificates donated by Home Depot and Nike running shoes donated by Sportworld. Trophies are also awarded to first place finishers, in each age group, male and female.

Trophies are donated by Joe Romer Trophy.

Entry fee for the walk is \$5 for individuals or the family. The first 75 entrants receive a t-shirt. The 5K run entry fee is \$10 if received before Aug. 27, or \$12 on the day of the race. The first 200 entrants receive a t-shirt.

Registration starts at 7:45 a.m. on race day. The race starts at 9:25 a.m. from Veterans' Park.

Aiello Chiropractic Center will be on hand to offer pre- and post-race/walk massages.

Participants are asked to park in the Drug Fair parking lot or other nearby lots, but not in Veterans' Park and not on the parade route.

Proceeds from the race help support the Drug Awareness activities of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness.

Applications for the 5K race can be obtained at the Club at Ricochet on St. Nicholas Ave., the PAL building or the South Plainfield Observer office.

Bill Beegle, principal at Riley School and race coordinator can provide additional information by calling 754-4620, ext. 345.

The following businesses are supporters of S.P.A.S.A.: Allied Chiropractic Center, Bagel Pantry, Buy-Rite Auto Parts, Carousel Beauty Salon, Casablanca Is Hair, Cicci's Pizza, David's Stationery, Domino's Pizza, Flanagan's Restaurant, Giakas Cleaners, Home Depot, James W. Conroy Funeral Home, Joe Romer Trophy Shop, K.C.'s Korner Bar and Restaurant, McCricken Home for Funerals, Mohn's Florist, Oak Tree Farms, Poland Spring Water, Physiques In Motion, Presto Printing Service, Ricochet Health and Racquet Club, Rodolfo's Pizza, Sherban's Diner and Restaurant, So. Plainfield P.A.L., So. Plainfield Liquor Store, So. Plainfield Middle School Graphic Arts Department, Sportsworld, Spring Lake Texaco Service Center, Twin City Pharmacy, Vail Hard

Regular Youth Soccer Program Sign-Up

Sign-up for 2001 Youth Soccer Program now. The fee, \$35, now includes a \$5 late fee.

The program is open to all South Plainfield residents, ages 6-13 as of October 1, 2001. The Soccer Program runs evenings and Saturdays, September through November.

Register at the PAL, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. A birth certificate and proof of residency are required.

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Sports



Junior Baseball Club's 11-Year Old All-Stars

The 11-year old traveling team celebrated their most successful post-season ever as they went 9-5 highlighted by a third place finish in the Colonia Little League Tournament. Pictured with their trophies are Brandon Ullom, Greg Watts, Grey Coppi, Vincent Padula, Chris De Oliveira, John Polizzano, Chris Pennisi, Jonathan Marcoux, Nick Giannakis, Anthony Simone, Brian Weickowski, Dan Pompilio, Brendan O'Shea, Brad Martin and Bat Boy Ryan Marcoux.

It's Official! 110 Campers Attend Shotman Summer Basketball Camp 2001

Remember Monday evening when the folks at SHOTMAN Basketball Camps posted information that there was a record turnout that was unofficially more than 100 campers at the 2001 SHOTMAN Summer Basketball Camp? Well, tonight, we are able to confirm to you all that a total of 110 campers registered for this year's camp. Last year, there was a total of 81 campers who attended the 2000 version of the SHOTMAN Summer Basketball Camp.

Today, unofficially, the folks at SHOTMAN Basketball Camps are happy to announce that there were over one hundred campers, an all time high for attendance at a SHOTMAN Summer Camp. Back in 1996, when the first edition of the SHOTMAN Basketball Camps web site went online at America Online, there were only 45 kids at the SHOTMAN Summer

Camp that year. Since then, the number of campers has more than doubled, and now with mini-camps and clinics starting to pop up everywhere for SHOTMAN, our staff is excited about the future.

Special thanks to all the parents and kids who made the choice to go with our camp this summer. We hope that you enjoyed it a lot, and continue to attend our camps in the future. Also, special thanks go out to all the coaches and staff who helped put this together, and they include Coach Jeff Lubreski of South Plainfield High School, Gene Mosley of Princeton High School, Chris Walker, former basketball and football standout at South Plainfield High School, who went on to serve as an assistant at St. Peter's High School in New Brunswick, SPHS, and Scotch Plains High School before getting a head coach-

ing job at Hackettstown High School, Daryl Scott, former SPHS basketball player and SHOTMAN Basketball Camp alumnus, who now is an assistant coach at Irvington High School, Nick Prybella, SHOTMAN Basketball Camp alumnus, and former player at South Plainfield High School.

Submitted by Greg Machos

By Tony Cassano

juniorbaseballclubnotes

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 7-Old Timers Game, Picnic Set-Up Volunteers Needed
Sept. 8-Pony A Championship 11a.m. on Field 4
Sept. 8-Club Picnic 12 p.m. All SPJBC Players/Families Welcome
Sept. 10-General Membership Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ponytail Softball Batters Box

By Sharon Miller



Ponytail Softball Association Meeting-August 28-The South Plainfield Ponytail Parents' Association will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 28 at 7:30 p.m. in the South Plainfield Middle School library. If you are interested in becoming a member and being involved in girl's Ponytail softball, please join us on Aug. 28. New members are always welcomed.

Ponytail Softball Online-You can now visit Ponytail softball online anytime at our newly created website...SPONYTAIL.com. You will find the latest news/events, team rosters/schedules, game highlights/pictures, information on our Parents' Association, and All-Star teams. Please feel free to contact us by keying on the email link WEBMASTERSPPONYTAIL.com found on our home page.

Mariners End 2001 Season With 17-8-2 Record

The South Plainfield Mariners, of the New Brunswick Open Baseball League, finished their season with a 17-8-2 record.

In their very first season of existence, they battled hard to win a division title. The M's were unfortunately eliminated in the semi-finals. It's important that the baseball fans in town be turned on to the fact that baseball is back in South Plainfield.

Our own K'C's Corner, Italian American Club, M&V Tobacco, Garcia Welding and South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club were all responsible for helping this organization off the ground with their more than gen-

erous support. This is not some joke beer league. We use wooden bats and get two ump's to call each game. This is pure competitive baseball.

The league is comprised of talented ballplayers from the entire area. It provides for guys like me, a chance to compete again. A chance to step out on to the diamond and play the game while I still can. You'd be surprised, there are a lot of people out there who aren't ready to just hang 'em up just because they aren't playing in the minors or independent ball.

-Submitted by Scott Gleichenhaus, general manager/co-founder/shortstop.

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Obituaries

Peter K. Tabisz, 83

Peter K. Tabisz died on Saturday, August 11 at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born in Junction City, Wisconsin, Mr. Tabisz has resided in New York City and Chicago before settling in South Plainfield in 1949.

He had been employed with Western Electric in Newark for 42 years as an engineer, retiring in 1982.

He is a communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield and a member of their Holy Name Society and the Nocturnal Adoration Group. Mr. Tabisz is also a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

He has been an avid bowler for numerous years, bowling with various leagues throughout Central Jersey.

He is predeceased by his son, Peter C. Tabisz, who died in April of 2000.

He is survived by his wife, Irma (Harenberg) Tabisz; a daughter and her husband, Marcella J. and James Martin of Neptune City; a sister, Anne Florio of Surprise, Arizona; four grandchildren, Jennifer Smith, Matthew and Amanda Tabisz and Julia Martin and three great grandchildren, Linda Anne Tabisz, and Ryan and Reid Smith.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the JFK Haven Hospice, c/o 65 James St., Edison, NJ, 08818 or the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ, 07080.

Aldo S. DeSimone, 74

Aldo S. DeSimone died on Saturday, August 11 at the East Orange Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Born in Newark, Mr. DeSimone had resided in Edison for 30 years before settling in Long Branch eight years ago.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during WWII. He is also a former member of the Metuchen Kiwanis Club.

Surviving are his wife, Florence (Cargiulo) DeSimone; two sons, Robert of Denver, Colorado and Joseph of South Plainfield; a daughter, Lisa Lignos of Woodbridge; a sister, Renee Carbone of Florida and two

brothers, Rico of Virginia and Silvio of Matawan. Also surviving are six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Donations in his name may be made to the National Children's Cancer Society, 1015 Locust, Suite 600, St. Louis, Missouri, 63101.

Roger A. Oades, 46

Rober A. Oades died on Sunday, August 5 in South Plainfield.

Born in Lodi, Ohio, he resided in Plainfield and South Plainfield before moving to Piscataway 23 years ago.

He was employed as a roofer for many years, working for various roofing companies in the area.

Roger was an avid fisherman, hunter and enjoyed playing golf.

His father, Frank E. Oades, died in 1992.

Surviving are his mother, Margaret M. Oades of Piscataway; two daughters, Mandy Mac Oades of Middlesex and Ginger Zachring of South Plainfield; a sister, Helen M. Wolenski of Lehigh Acres, Florida and a brother, Frank E., Jr. of Hillsborough.

Memorial Services were held at McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Alice Rosa (Rigg) Beagle, 85

Alice Rosa (Rigg) Beagle died on Sunday, August 12 at the Woodland Care Center in Plainfield.

She was born and raised in Princeton and was a former resident of Hopatcong before moving to South Plainfield 46 years ago.

Mrs. Beagle attended Rider University in Lawrenceville and was a former clerk in the tax department for the Borough of South Plainfield.

Alice was active in her community as a member and past president of the South Plainfield Board of Health for 25 years. She was a member of the Middlebrook Regional Health Commission, serving as president for eight years and was appointed to the State Advisory Board in 1977 by the State Commissioner of Health, serving until 1989. In 1966, she was appointed as the Borough Deputy Registrar and held that position for 10 years.

She was a member of the South Plainfield Democratic Organization and the So. Plainfield Senior Citizens.

She was predeceased by her husband, Charles W. Beagle, who died in 1984 and a daughter, Joann Bricks, who died in 1988.

She is survived by her son, Charles A. Beagle of South Plainfield; two daughters Rosana Massey of Brown Mills, NJ and Ruth Ella Jerome of Danvers, Mass.; six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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



Pictured are students from Flo's Piano Studio in South Plainfield who performed a recital this past Father's Day at the Watchung Arts Center in Watchung. Performing were Alexandra Maye, Renee Sims, Jessica Volosin, Nicole Soisson, Ben Stoddard, Elijah Sherriffe, Casey Garcia, Nyasha Hayes, Ruth Stoddard, Matthew Galinsky, Jarred Barnes and Colin Slattery.

police report

- D'Annunzio and Sons, Inc. on Park Ave. reported the break in of one of their trailers. Someone had removed a microwave, a 3500 watt generator and a Ford pick-up truck.
- K-Mark reported the theft of six bikes from the outside of the store
- Anthony Cassano, commissioner of the South Plainfield Junior Softball Complex, reported that their sign on the corner of Belmont Ave. and Kenneth Ave. had been spray

painted.

- A Plainfield man and women were arrested at Macys for shoplifting \$1,020 worth of clothes and perfume.
- Holly Park Mower on Park Ave. reported that a new generator had been stolen from the rear yard.
- A Wildwood resident had his tire punctured while parked at 333 Hamilton Ave.
- M & V Tobacco Outlet Inc. on

Park Ave. reported that someone had smashed in the front glass door and stole approximately 75 cartons of cigarettes worth \$3,720.15.

- Michael Pfeiffer, owner of Graduate Lawn Care, reported the theft of his landscape trailer from the parking lot of 3610 Kennedy Rd.
- Hyundai America Shipping reported the theft of a container and it's chassis from the Odd Job parking lot on Helen St.

Adult School Trips Available for 2001/2002

Below is a partial list of the trips available from the South Plainfield Adult School. Reservations for all trips may be made by mail, by phone, or in person. Tickets, which include transportation and admission, will be on a first-come-first serve basis. Please register early to avoid disappointment. All buses leave from the South Plainfield High School parking lot, which is off the Lane Ave. side of the school. We cannot honor any cancellations; you can have someone else attend in your place. We will be happy to sell your tickets if we have a waiting list, a \$5 per ticket cancellation fee will be assessed.

Adult School Trip Policy

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- 532. *U.S. Tennis Open* (Daytime) Monday, Aug. 27—Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Price is \$670.
- 533. *U. S. Tennis Open* (Evening) Tuesday, Aug. 28—Bus leaves at 4 p.m. Price is \$47.
- 541. *West Point Tour*, Cruise on the Hudson, Visit to Brotherhood Winery—Sunday, Sept. 9. Bus leaves at 8 am. Price is \$58.

- 529. *"Noah" Sight and Sound & Lunch*—Saturday, Sept. 15. Price is \$86. Bus leaves at 10:30 a.m.
- 545. *Walking Tour of Harlem and Chelsea*—Sunday, Sept. 16. Price is \$35. Bus leaves at 9 a.m.
- 540. *42nd Street*—Thursday, Sept. 20. Price is \$99. Bus leaves at 5:45 p.m.
- 500. *Music Cities Tour*—Saturday, Sept. 22-Oct. 1. Ten days featuring New Orleans, Memphis, Branson and Nashville. \$1,969 per person based on double occupancy. Round trip air from Newark to New Orleans. Call for day-by-day itinerary.
- 490. *Maine Coast*—Monday, Sept. 24-Friday, Sept. 28. Price is \$599 per person based on double occupancy. Call for day-to-day itinerary.
- 457. *Canada's Atlantic Coast*—Monday, Sept. 24. Ten days, round trip air from Newark airport. Price is \$1,759 based on double occupancy, includes cancellation waivers (air and land), transfers and departure taxes. Deposit of \$160 per person required. Call for day-by-day itinerary.
- 542. *Phantom of the Opera*—Broadway show on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Bus leaves at 5:45 p.m. Price is \$80.
- 543. *Contact*—Broadway show on Thursday, Oct. 18. Bus leaves at 5:45 p.m. Price is \$85.
- 546. *Walking Tour of the Ironbound*

Section of Newark—Saturday, Oct. 20. Price is \$35. Bus leaves at 9 a.m. Please wear comfortable walking shoes.

449. *Queen Elizabeth 2*—Cruising from New York to Bermuda/Hamilton/Newport, Rhode Island/NY. Six nights, Friday, Sept. 28 thru Thursday, Oct. 4. Price is \$1,391 per person, based on double occupancy (outside cabin), \$1,167 per person based on double occupancy (inside cabin). Price includes port charges.

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\$35.00 August 17, 2001

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD

August 13, 2001

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the Borough of South Plainfield at its meeting held on August 7, 2001.

A. 3-01/S/S/V—J.H. Reid Contractor—Block 472; Lot 7.03; Block 472; Lot 2.01; 3230 Hamilton Blvd. & 4350 New Brunswick Ave.—Applicant's request for final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

B. Case #46-01—Ayman Bayoumy—Block 82; Lot 13; R7.5 Zone, 2544 Oxford Ave.—Applicant's request for a side yard variance to erect a deck, was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #32-01—Enterprise Rent-A-Car—Block 295; Lots 1 & 2; M-3 Zone; 1401 New Market Ave.—Applicant's request for final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

D. Case #32-97/S—Harry Popik—Block 265 Lot 27; 139 Hamilton Blvd.—Applicant's request for the modification of their approved plans to be administratively authorized, was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Muccilli,
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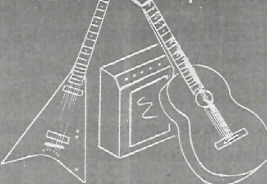
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Summer Drama Workshop Completes Another Successful Run

By Patricia Abbott

Thirty years ago an enthusiastic group of adults and kids spent the summer preparing to present the town with the first South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop production, *Bye Bye Birdie*. That show was the obvious choice to celebrate the 30th season of SDW in 2001. The weeks of hard work by the cast, staff, crew and board were rewarded nightly as the

mom or dad in an old photo.

The 1972 and 2001 productions of *Bye Bye Birdie* were vastly different thanks to progress and modern technology. The 2001 cast had over 70 students supported by a large crew and orchestra. Sets were more elaborate and costumes more detailed. The thick program was professionally done and filled with ads, a far cry from the '72 program. Lighting and sound were far superior to that of the original show.

Despite the 30 year span, some things never change. The student performers were both nervous and excited as were their '72 counterparts. They

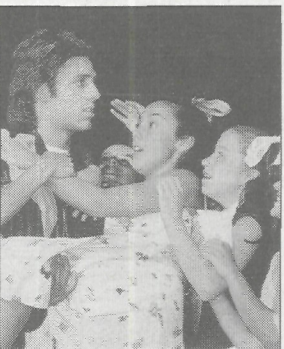
felt the same sense of anticipation as they stood in costumes and makeup waiting for the orchestra to play that first note, signaling the beginning the show. Each successful night was celebrated with flowers, cards, cheers and congratulations. Closing night brought smiles and tears and a wish that the summer would never end. Memories were tucked away to be savored. Alumni in the audience felt a kinship with the children on stage. While alumni may have looked grown up, for a little while they were transported back to their youth and those Summer Drama summers.



hallway filled with people waiting to buy tickets.

To commemorate the anniversary SDW filled the hallway with SDW memorabilia. Collages depicting each SDW production lined the wall. There were hundreds of photographs, as well as tickets, programs, newspaper clippings and memorabilia. Hanging from the ceiling were colorful banners, each bearing the name and year of a Summer Drama production.

Saturday night was the official Reunion Night. Former students studied the frames searching for their face. Laughter was usually the clue that a photo had been spotted. Youngsters giggled as they viewed a youthful



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