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Summer Drama Workshop 2003



Presents

The New Gershwin Musical "Crazy for You"

July 31, Aug. 1 & 2, 7 p.m.
Aug. 3, 2 p.m.

By Patricia Abbott

After weeks of hard work the cast of Summer Drama Workshop's (SDW) *Crazy For You* presents the fruit of their labors, a musical extravaganza that is a feast for the eyes and ears. It takes more than song and dance to bring a musical of this magnitude to life; there is a myriad of details that are essential to the success of the show—costumes, props and sets, not to mention music, sound, lighting and more. Behind the scenes a dedicated and experienced staff has been hard at work along with the talented youths.

Director Eric Hafen returns for his fourth year with SDW. Hafen is the artistic director at the Bickford Theater in Morristown. He has been active in theater for 27 years and has directed throughout New England, New York and New Jersey, including Off-Broadway and regionally. He has worked with numerous theater companies including Foothills Theatre Company, Plays-in-the-Park and Attic Ensemble. Hafen is associated with the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers.

Vocal Director Grant Mech is a junior Music Education major at Westminster Choir College in Princeton. He has toured portions of the eastern U.S. with both the Westminster Chapel Choir and the Schola Cantorum. Production credits with Westminster Players includes *Parade* and *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*. He is the director of music and organist for Christ Episcopal Church in Sumers Point, NJ. In 2002 Mech served as assistant vocal director for SDW.

Choreographer Patti O'Brien is also in her fourth year with SDW. She recently choreographed the high school spring musical, *Anything Goes!* She is a kindergarten teacher for South Amboy Elementary School. She has choreo-

graphed extensively throughout NJ. Her credits include *George M*, *42nd St.* and *Gypsy*. She has also performed with numerous groups and was most recently seen as Tintinabula in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* for First Ave Playhouse in Atlantic Highlands. In September she will appear as a featured dancer in *Joseph* at GB Productions in Old Bridge.

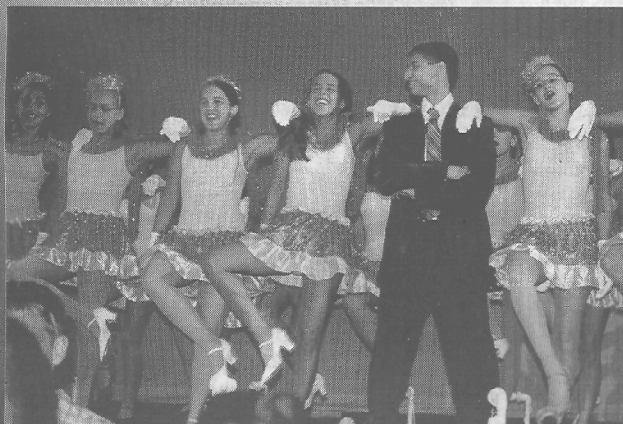
Paul McCullen, orchestra director, is a 1997 graduate of SPHS. He has been working with SDW since 1994. He has studied music at the College of New Jersey, studying clarinet with Roger McKinney, professor of clarinet. He has performed with groups such as Raritan Valley Symphonic Band, South River Imperial Band and Rutgers Alumni Band. McCullen also directs the SP Brass and the recently formed Crescent Chamber Ensemble.

The *Crazy for You* staff also includes Debra Sasso, assistant director; Leo Campos, assistant vocal director; Roberta Leszczynski and Dianne Seesselberg, costume coordinators; Adam Toth, rehearsal pianist; Lory Jackson-Alcaro, stage manager; Bob Alcaro, set coordinator; Mark Reilly, lighting designer; Lynn Fasolo and Jayne Mott, props; and Kristin Turner, intern working with the choreographer.

The show opens on Thursday and everyone from the performers to the parents and staff are excited. Director Eric Hafen is once again proud of his cast. He said, "Summer Drama took on quite the challenge with *Crazy For You* and the Gershwin music and dance. The students are meeting the challenge very well; this is the hardest I've seen these students work in the past three summers."

Summer Drama Workshop Board President Bill Seesselberg is pleased with the production. "I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to see the hard work everyone has done for this year's show. I've always had a goal in mind of what the SPSPDW can be, and with the help of our producing board, the school district, and the many volunteers, staff, and participants, we've attained a new level of achievement in theatre. Our kids deserve the best in opportunity, instruction and facilities, and I believe our work over the past 32 years demonstrates the love and support of theatre by our borough."

See pages 6 and 7 for additional photos and cast.



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council meetings

Meets twice a month on the first and third Thursday.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. (New Time) • Questions? 908-226-7605

AGENDA MEETING	PUBLIC MEETING
Monday, August 11	Thursday, August 14
Tuesday, September 2	Thursday, September, 4
Monday, September 15	Thursday, September 18

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, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

Aug. 12, Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 14, Oct. 28,
Nov. 11 (no meeting) Nov. 25, Dec. 9, Dec. 23.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month

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

Aug. 14 (meeting cancelled), Aug. 28, Sept. 11, Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Oct. 30,
Nov. 6, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18.

board of education meetings

Grant School Gymnasium on Cromwell Place unless otherwise noted

The August Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 26-
Committee of the Whole at 6:30 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting at 8 p.m.

Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.: Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.: Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough
Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-668-0538

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.

Aug. 19, Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 16.

recreation commission

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

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

September 2, October 7, November 11 (Nov. 4 is Election Day) and December 2.

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday except August)

Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)

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

traffic safety advisory commission

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

IN YOUR OPINION

Submit Letters to the Editor:

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public employee

Dawn Jefferys—homemaker

Patrick Kelly—Edison Police Officer,

public employee

Kenneth LaFreniere—AT&T retired

Timothy Morgan—Funeral Director

Daniel Smith—PSE&G, union official

The Board's negotiations committee are: Dan Smith, Pio Pennisi, Mike English and Ken La Freniere

This is a contract year for the SPEA. How do you think these people are going to handle the finances of the South Plainfield School District?

Do you think that they will negotiate a contract that will reflect what is occurring in the business world, or will they be giving a contract that gives four or five percent a year?

Will the children pick up extra teaching time to cope with the test score problem, or will we continue on in the same manner next year?

Will the Board negotiators win language that will have employees pay even a single dollar toward their health benefits or will they continue to get a free ride on the taxpayer's back?

Are they going to take into consideration that the health care premium is going up 19 to 25% next year? Are they going to remember that there is \$287,000 for the English arbitration award due next year?

Can any of you answer that this Board will decide for the taxpayer and not for the union?

CAROL M. BYRNE

Dear Editor,

On July 20 the Police Athletic League held a charity softball tournament to raise money to offset the costs of a bone marrow transplant for South Plainfield resident David Kile. This is the second year in a row my softball team participated, and on behalf of some of the many players who took

part, I want to thank the organizers, Detectives Gary Cassio and James Parker of the South Plainfield Police Department.

These two men did a superb job. I remember the work Det. Cassio did on last year's softball tournament and was happy to see that this year's event was equally well run. The tournament was skillfully organized and the money couldn't have gone to a more worthy cause. In fact, I had a chance to speak with David Kile recently, and he was overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity.

Again, thank you Detectives Cassio and Parker, and congratulations—your hard work made a difference!

RAY RUSNAK

Senator Corzine Co-Sponsors Bullet Proof Vest Bill

U.S. Senator Jon S. Corzine co-sponsored a bill, which passed in the United States Senate Tuesday, providing federal matching grants to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of bulletproof vests.

The Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Act of 2003 authorizes \$50 million a year for local law enforcement agencies to purchase bulletproof vests through fiscal year 2007. These grants provide matching funds that help state and local jurisdictions purchase armor vests for use by law enforcement officers.

Since its inception in 1999, bulletproof vests grants have provided 16,000 jurisdictions nationwide with almost 350,000 new bulletproof vests.

"Properly protecting law enforcement officers is one of my top priorities, and passage of this legislation ensures that those keeping our neighborhoods safe are themselves appropriately protected," said Senator Corzine.

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Dear Nancy,

On Saturday, July 19, the South Plainfield Athletic League and the South Plainfield Recreation Department sponsored the second annual Summer Softball Tournament. All proceeds went to someone who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. I am writing this letter to personally thank Gary Cassio and Jim Parker for their unselfish commitment to those in need in our community. These two police officers spent countless hours setting up the tournament, organizing teams, publicizing the event, collecting donations and preparing the fields for the day's events.

They started working on the fields at 6:30 in the morning and they were the last ones to leave at 8:45 that evening. The next day they returned to make sure everything was cleaned up.

The members of the South Plainfield Athletic League are constantly organizing programs that promote health and civic awareness. Our town is a better place to live because of them. I believe that Gary and Jim make great role models for the children of South Plainfield. I personally want to thank them and commend them for all they do to help other people.

**MIKE ENGLISH,
DIRECTOR OF RECREATION**

Dear Editor,

This week's mail brought my South Plainfield tax bill, and with it, a letter from the Borough Council. Describing it as a letter, though, does an injustice. It's actually the first Democratic campaign ad this year. But we're not supposed to know.

The letter describes several projects—some of which were not even the Council's doing—that are meant to show what a great job the Democrats have done. Absent, however, are this administration's failures: diminishing services, lack of adequate staffing for the road department, lousy snow plowing due to dilapidated equipment, broken promises, increasing traffic, and lack of open government (i.e., secret meetings), just to name a few.

I find it offensive that the Democrats used our tax dollars to mount their re-election campaign. In fact, the letter even plugs Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and Freeholder John Pulo-mena, two Democrats who are running for re-election this year. And we're supposed to think this is a coincidence.

What's more galling about the Democrats using tax dollars for political gain is that they have oodles of money in the bank they could have used instead. They've been raking in the dough all year from big developers and businesses they award no-bid contracts to. That's right, they had fifty grand in the bank as of April, and the campaign season hasn't even begun.

It's bad enough that these people have turned Council meetings into mutual back-patting sessions. But to use tax dollars for political advertising brings arrogance to a new high. We need a change.

ROBERT JONES

To the Editor,

Have the taxpayers and Borough Council taken the opportunity to look at the Board of Education's make-up with a view to the current and future monetary decisions it will make?

President—Pio Pennisi, former teacher, current principal Dunellen, public employee

Vice President—Susan Peck, Edison Housing Authority, public employee

Steven Bohm—Middlesex County Sheriff's Officer, public employee

Michael English—former teacher, current borough Recreation Director,

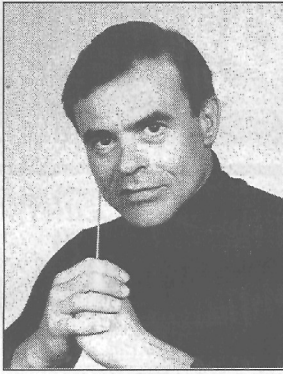
Rev. Stephenson's Orchestra Returns to Sacred Heart

The Sacred Heart Rosary Alter Society will once again present the internationally acclaimed Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted Rev. Alphonse Stephenson. This year the orchestra will be playing Broadway tunes as well as patriotic anthems. The concert will take place on Sunday, Sept. 21 at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church.

This is the fourth time Orchestra by the Sea is returning to Sacred Heart Church. Rev. Stephenson says that he really enjoys playing at Sacred Heart because of the acoustics in the church, which makes his orchestra sound like they are playing at a Philharmonic hall."

Father Alphonse Stephenson is well-known for his versatility—part maestro, part comedian and part priest.

Born in Paterson in 1950, Father Alphonse has a long and impressive background in music, studying under George Schick of the Metropolitan Op-



Father Alphonse Stephenson

era and Dr. Robert Abramson of Juillard School. He has served as guest conductor at Fresno Philharmonic, Delaware Valley Philharmonic and many other orchestras.

Stephenson's first orchestra was

formed in New York's Theatre District while he served at St. Malachy's, the Actors' Chapel. In 1980, Michael Bennett, the late Broadway director and choreographer, hired him as conductor and music director for his smash hit, *A Chorus Line*. He conducted nearly 3,000 performances of the famous musical.

He is also the founder and conductor of the *Festival of Atlantic* in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey's largest outdoor music festival. Father Alphonse also entertains his audience with his good cheer and charisma.

St. Peter by the Sea consists of 45 members who have 750 years of study and performed over 57,000 concerts and recitals.

General admission is \$25 and seniors and students are \$20. For ticket information, please call (908) 756-0632, ext. 10, (908) 755-6416, or (732) 549-9633.



Ralph Cotone with daughters Amy (left) and Susan (right), his wife Marjorie and granddaughters (l to r) Amanda, Cadence and Christina.

Borough Hall Maintenance Worker Retires After 28 Years

By Jane Dornick

After 28 years of maintaining the spotless appearance of the South Plainfield Borough Hall building, evening custodian Ralph Cotone is calling it quits.

Cotone began working for the Public Works Department, which is responsible for the maintenance of public buildings, in 1975. Aside from Borough Hall, he also worked at the Public Library and Senior Center until other custodians were hired.

Mayor Gallagher, good friend

Councilman Ed Kubala and other Borough employees were on hand to wish him well at a retirement party held last week. Kubala commented on how Cotone always had a "positive attitude" and how hard he worked to keep everything in tip top shape.

Cotone is a life long South Plainfield resident. He and his wife Marjorie have three daughters, Amy, Susan and Danielle; and three granddaughters, Amanda, Cadence and Christina. He will be taking a few months off before looking for part-time employment.

Reedy Named to Republican Chairman's Honor Roll



Marge Reedy

National Republican Congressional Committee Chairman Tom Reynolds announced this week that South Plainfield resident Marge Reedy has been named to the 2003 Republican Chairman's Honor Roll. Reedy, also a candidate for South Plainfield Bor-

ough Council, is a former school board president and president of the South Plainfield Education Foundation, a group that raises scholarship money for graduating seniors. She is also a past president and active volunteer for the South Plainfield Music Boosters.

On a national level, Reedy serves as a co-chair of the Congressional Committee's Business Advisory Council. As a member of the Honor Roll, she will have her name displayed at Republican Headquarters in Washington, D.C. and qualifies to receive the Committee's highest honor, the prestigious Republican Gold Medal, which will be presented at the nation's capitol during an upcoming awards ceremony later this year.

"Nobody deserves this more than Marge," said Ray Rusnak, her running mate for Borough Council. "She's done so much for South Plainfield, and it's great to see her get recognized na-

tionally. Under her leadership, our schools became a model for others in New Jersey."

South Plainfield GOP Chairman Bob Jones agreed: "Marge has done a super job for South Plainfield's families. I'm sure most people know that she, along with her fellow board members, upgraded the schools by adding much-needed 21st-century technology to the classrooms. Moreover, school taxes remained flat during seven of the nine years Marge was on the board. But Marge refuses to take the credit; she says it was a team effort by each of the board members and the administration. That kind of modesty is refreshing."

Reedy served on almost every board committee during her three terms and was president for two of those years. She resides on Oxford Ave. with her husband, Michael and three children, Sandy, James and Patrick.

Seniors Applaud Approval of Parking Lot Expansion

The Planning Board has approved the expansion of the parking lot at the senior housing complex on Morris Ave., to allow parking for 109 vehicles.

When the Lutheran Ministries originally applied for the permit to build a senior housing complex, they thought only 65 parking spaces would be needed for the 100 units and employees who work there. As seniors moved in it was evident that the number of spaces did not begin to meet the needs of today's active seniors, most of whom still drive.

The first order of business during the hearing was to address several violations from the fire department, one for a fire lane to access the rear of the building (which was never completed) and the second for a fire hydrant that was never installed. The Board was

assured that both violations would be taken care of immediately.

The only concern that the Board members had was the adequacy of the number of spaces and they were assured that it would be sufficient. No additional handicapped spaces were added.

Approximately 20 residents from the complex attended the meeting. Dominick DiNardo, spokesperson for the group, said he was glad to hear it was finally going to happen. He added that the expansion of the parking was promised last October; he just didn't realize which year. DiNardo also said that right now the parking situation is horrendous. There is also no public transportation available in the area.

The Board voted unanimously to allow the new parking lot expansion.

Bring Your Chairs!

Music-in-the-Parks Summer Series

During the month of August, the Middlesex County Parks Department presents a series of free music concerts at five County parks—Johnson Park on Sunday afternoons, Thompson Park on Wednesday afternoons, Warren Park on Sunday evenings, Spring Lake Park on Sunday evenings and Raritan Bay Waterfront Park on Wednesday evenings. All concerts are free to the public. Times, locations and performers are announced weekly on radio station WCTC (1450AM) as well as in local newspapers.

The U.S. Recording Industry, in part, provides the instrumental music for these performances through the Music Performance Trust Funds, arranged by Local #204-#373 and Local #746, American Federation of Musicians.

Concerts scheduled here in Spring Lake Park Gazebo on Maple Ave. are held on Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Upcoming events are:

- Aug. 3-The Big Band Express
- Aug. 10-Art Smith & The Associates
- Aug. 17-The Verstyles
- Aug. 24-The Live Sound of Magic

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Pictured left to right are the newest members of the South Plainfield Lions Club, Rich Gromek, Andy Pinto and Charlie Yulick. They were officially sworn in on at their meeting on May 28.

Roosevelt Plans Kindergarten Orientation

Kindergarten orientation for Roosevelt Elementary will be held on Friday, Aug. 15. If you need further information, please call Stephanie Walsh at (908) 769-7761 or the school at (908) 754-4620 ext. 333

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Around Town

South Plainfield Open Golf Tournament

August 6

The South Plainfield Golf Association will hold its ninth annual golf tournament for the benefit of the SPHS Golf Team on Wednesday, Aug. 6 at Bunker Hill Golf Course.

Entry fee of \$85 includes green fees, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages. Check-in at 7 a.m., during which a continental breakfast will be served. Play begins with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Food and beverages will be available. A dinner and awards ceremony will follow. Prizes will be awarded for both men and women, including low gross, low net, low team score, longest drive, closest to the pin and a hole-in-one prize.

Register on-line at www.spga.org or print out and mail in entry forms.

For more information, call Dick DeAndrea (908) 755 1700 or Coach Mike Kavka (908) 753-6578.

Wesley Methodist Vacation Bible

August 11-15

Wesley United Methodist Church, located at 1500 Plainfield Ave. invites you to join them for Vacation Bible School taking place Aug. 11-15 each evening from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The theme this year is "Lighthouse Kids." Children will learn about "Shining God's Light" while they enjoy music, crafts, games and refreshments.

To register, contact the church office at (908) 757-2838.

Sonshine Bible School

August 11-15

Sonshine Bible School will take place Aug. 11-15, 9 a.m. to noon at Cedarcroft Bible Chapel, 1715 Kenyon Ave., for children ages four through those entering fifth grade in the fall. Bible stories, games, crafts, singing, refreshments, and it's FREE!!

To register, call Bobbie, (908) 754-8069 or e-mail bossceight@aol.com.

South Plainfield Music Boosters Meeting

August 13

The South Plainfield Booster Club will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 13 at 7 p.m. in the band room at the high school.

This meeting is open to anyone who wants more information on the club. New members are welcome.

SEND YOUR EVENTS TO:

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What's happening in AUGUST

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
(908) 754-4135

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

Senior Center EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
UPCOMING TRIPS....				
August 6 Atlantic City September 28 & 29 Cape May Trip				
Adult Crafts 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Learn to Draw 11:30am AARP Board Mtg. 2:30pm Senior Advisory Bd Mtg. 4:30pm	Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available Ladies' Social Group 10am Men's Forum 1:30pm	Exercise & Walking Club 8:45-9:45am Line Dancing 10-11:30 Movie Time 11:30am AARP Crafts 1pm Atlantic City Trip 9am	Shopping Day 9am Video Exercise Class 9:30am-10:30am Practical Crafts 10-11am	Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza Lunch
4	5	6	7	8
TO SIGN UP FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S CENTER, VISIT THE PAL BUILDING ON MAPLE AVE.				

Sons of American Legion Golf Outing

September 24

The Sons of the American Legion, Chaumont Post 243 will hold its first annual golf outing at Bunkerhill Golf Course in Princeton on Wednesday, Sept. 24. The cost is \$85 per person and includes green fees, cart, prizes, breakfast (coffee and bagels), lunch (hot dogs and burgers), drinks (beer, soda, water), as well as a buffet dinner at Chaumont Post 243. Tee times start at 10 a.m. and a hole-in-one on the 13th hole will get you a trip for two in Hawaii!

If you would like to participate or sponsor a tee for \$50 or a hole for \$100, contact Mark at (908) 755-5914, or Joe at (908) 822-0494.

Proceeds will go to the various charities supported by the Sons of the American Legion. Make checks payable to the Sons of the American Legion, Post 243, 243 Oak Tree Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Checks must be in by July 21.

Rainbow Academy Plans Open House

September 27

Rainbow Academy Child Care Center, located at 2177 Oak Tree Rd., will hold an Open House on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Rainbow Academy offers a variety of programs to fit your child's needs, from ages six weeks to five years. There is limited space available for the infant, nursery, pre-kindergarten and half-day pre-school programs. Everyone who registers will receive one free month of ParentWatch, an internet viewing service. For a demo of their video services,

visit their website at www.parent-watch.com.

In addition to the Open House, you are invited to visit the center for a tour during normal operating hours (7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday through Friday). For directions and additional information, visit their website at www.rainbowacademy.com.

Fall Pocono Getaway to Woodlock Pines

Oct. 27-31

The South Plainfield Seniors will be running a trip to the Woodlock Pines Resort in the Poconos, Oct. 27-Oct. 31. The cost is \$475 per person based on double occupancy and includes transportation via private motor coach, four nights accommodation, all meals from lunch on Monday through breakfast on Friday, hotel tax and gratuities. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Mickie at (908) 755-2487 or the Senior Center at (908) 756-4135. This is a very popular vacation, so sign up today.

Class of 1989 Plans 15 year Reunion

November 27

The South Plainfield High School Class of 1989 is planning their 15th reunion to be held in Edison at the Sheraton in Raritan Center on Nov. 27, 2004. Price is \$80.

Contact SPHSClassof89@yahoo.com with address information.

Rec Plans Trip to New Orleans

Sept. 11-19, 2004

South Plainfield Recreation presents a trip to Biloxi and New Orleans from Saturday, Sept. 11 to Sunday, Sept. 19, 2004. The trip includes the following: A guided tour of New Orleans, eight nights deluxe hotel accommodations, including four nights in a luxurious Gulf Coast Casino Hotel, a Jazz Cruise on a Mississippi riverboat, a tour of NASA's Amazing Stennis Space center and much more! The price also includes deluxe motorcoach transportation and 14 meals- eight breakfasts and six dinners.

For info and reservations, contact Mike English at (908) 226-7714. The cost is \$560 per person based on double occupancy. Add \$219 for single occupancy. \$75 is due upon signing. Final payment is due July 6, 2004.

freshments. All are welcome.

For more information, call (732) 969-1123 or (908) 757-0515.

German-American Folk Festival

August 16 & 17

The 129th German-American Folk Festival sponsored by the Plattduetsche Volksfest-Verein of NY and NJ will be held at Schuetzen Park, Bergen Turnpike (32nd St.) and Kennedy Blvd., North Bergen, on Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17, starting at noon. The festival, open to the general public, is held for the benefit of the Fritz Reuter Home for the Aging and other charities. \$5 per person. Children 16 and under are free when accompanied by a responsible adult.

German delicacies such as potato pancakes, sauerbraten, bratwurst, etc. will be available. A visit to the coffee house will be a pleasurable experience. There will also be prize shooting.

For more info regarding the folk festival or the Little Miss Schuetzen Park Beauty Pageant, call (201) 553-9171.

Return Engagement At Wayne Manor

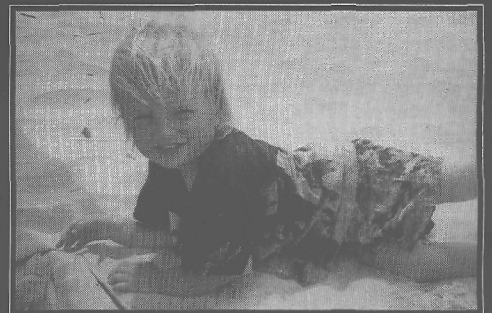
August 13

Perennial Productions presents a luncheon theatre, "Show Me Where The Good Times Are," at the Wayne Manor on Aug. 13.

The musical revue has enjoyed sold out houses in NYC cabarets and features Broadway divas Alice Evans, Betsy Parrish and Nancy Barry with Paul Trueblood at the piano.

Luncheon matinees are \$43 for individuals, \$40 for groups of 10 or more and includes one-hour open bar, wine, beer and soft drinks on the table, four course luncheon with coffee, tea and ice cream sundaes for dessert, show, tax and tip, Wayne Manor, 1515 Rt. 23 in Wayne. Open bar at 11 a.m., luncheon at 11:30 a.m.; curtain is 1 p.m.

Happy 2nd Birthday Jack!



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Love you, Grammy, Papa Z. & Petey

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Saturday Evening Mass 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays 6:30 a.m. (except Monday) 9:00 a.m. (church)

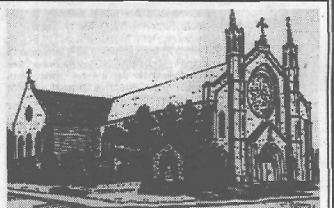
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.

Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 10-11 a.m., 4-4:45 p.m.

and after 5 p.m. Vigil Mass



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FALL BASEBALL

southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Franklin & Marshall Student Receives Academic Honors

Alison Marie Barrett received academic honors for the Spring 2003 semester at Franklin & Marshall College.

A student earns Honors List recognition for achieving a 3.7 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale. A student earns Dean's List recognition for achieving a 3.25 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Alison, a rising business (accounting/finance) major, is a 2000 graduate of South Plainfield High School. She is the daughter of Cindy and Thomas Barrett of South Plainfield.

Founded in 1787, Franklin & Marshall College is a coeducational, liberal arts institution.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Marcia Lubansky

Summer Camp at the Library Continues! Calling all kids! Register for face painting and balloon twisting with Moogie the Clown on Thursday, Aug. 7. The face-painting program starts at 6:30 p.m. and is limited to 20. The balloon-twisting workshop, for children ages eight and up, is also limited to 20. Registration is required for both programs. Watch for more information on the conclusion of "Camp Read-A-Lot" with a special performance by violin virtuoso, Caryn Lin on Wednesday, Aug. 13.

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New! New York Times "Home" Delivery—Access the *New York Times* online from home or the office. From the Library's website (www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us), click on "Online Databases," then on "New York Times." Your library barcode is required. This online subscription from Proquest includes coverage of the *New York Times*, Late Edition (East Coast), as well as the *New York Times Magazine* and the *New York Times Book Review*.

view (1999-current). It offers full-text coverage of national and international news, plus coverage of important speeches and documents, Supreme Court decisions and presidential press conference transcripts.

The *New York Times Historical*, with coverage from 1851 to 1999, is now available in the Library. Did you know that we also offer online access to the *Star Ledger*, *The Bergen Record* and the *AccuNet/AP Multimedia Archive*?

We Come to You—The South Plainfield Public Library offers home delivery of books and other library materials to those confined to their home. The Edith Goodrich Homebound Delivery Program provides, through volunteers, delivery and pick-up of library materials to any South Plainfield resident that cannot come to the Library because of illness or disability. Items are selected based on your requests and preferences. We are also happy to try to obtain books that we may not own through our interlibrary loan system.

You will be paired with a volunteer who will select library materials and then deliver and pick them up on a mutually agreeable schedule. The Library has a wide variety of materials available, including large print books and a large collection of videos, music CDs and books on tape. We also offer a cassette/CD player if needed. Please call the library for an application form.

Placing Hold—From the library home page, click on the link "Library Catalog." This catalog lists every title in the library. Once you find the item you want, simply click on the box labeled "Request item." Type in your library barcode. The next screen asks you to confirm your request. Click on "request." Of course, you can always call the library at (908) 754-7885 and we will be happy to place a hold for you.

Come visit us soon. We are always worth a visit.



Scouts from Franklin School's Girl Scout Troop #228 and Brownie Troop worked together to accomplish their bridging requirements at Merril Park.

Troop 228 Holds Bridging Ceremonies



On May 28, Girl Scout Junior Troop #228 from Grant Central Sixth bridged to Girl Scout Cadettes. Family and friends gathered together for the candle lighting ceremony. The girls were awarded the Girl Scout Bronze Award for their active duty in the community.

Pictured left (front row) are: Christine Snogans, Tina Foscolo, Gina Curcio, Brittany Tucci, Rachel Smith, Caitlin Herriot, Allysia McCreesh, Kaleigh White. **In the back row are** Becky Deffler, Brittany Smith, Lark Stagnitto, Michele Arancio, Samantha Rabimbas and Cathryn Krawiec.

IRS: "The checks are in the mail."

According to the IRS, the checks are in the mail. This week families across New Jersey will begin to receive the first of more than 775,000 Advance Child Tax Credit checks, totaling more than \$300 million, as provided under the recent federal income tax law change.

The federal government began to mail the first wave of checks, which represent an advance of this year's child tax credit increase and will go to most parents who claimed the credit on their 2002 returns. More than 25 million checks will be mailed nationally, totaling an estimated \$12 billion, with the majority of those checks being mailed over the next three weeks. The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act increased the maximum credit amount from \$600 to \$1,000 per qualifying child and directed that taxpayers receive the increase this summer, rather than waiting until they file their 2003 returns.

"As long as we have a good mailing

address, taxpayers don't have to do anything to get their checks," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson. Taxpayers should, however, notify the Post Office if they've moved since filing their last return. "The IRS will figure the advance amount based on each taxpayer's 2002 return," he said.

The initial checks are going to those who filed early enough for the IRS to process their returns by early July. The mailing date depends on the last two digits of the taxpayer's social security number, 00-33 will be mailed July 25; 34-66 will be mailed Aug. 1 and 67-99 will be mailed Aug. 8.

People who filed after April 15—for example, those with extensions—will

get any advance payment they are entitled to receive after the IRS processes their 2002 return.

Taxpayers who did not claim the Child Tax Credit last year are not eligible for an advance payment, even if they will be able to claim the credit on their 2003 returns. For example, if your only child is born this year, you will not get any advance payment, but you may qualify for the credit when you file your return next year.

The IRS is also sending notices that contain the advance payment figure to eligible taxpayers. They should save these notices with other records that they will need to complete their 2003 tax returns.

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Correction

The East Crescent Parkway block party in the July 11 issue of the *Observer* was incorrectly identified as "West Crescent Parkway." We apologize for the error.

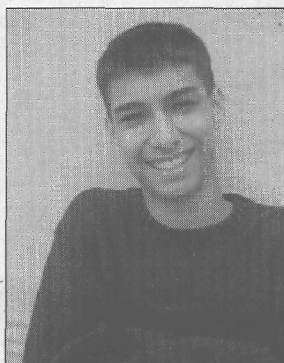
July 27
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Chris Imbrosciano!
Pattie and the Almost Famous gang





Summer Drama Workshop 2003 presents

The New Gershwin Musical



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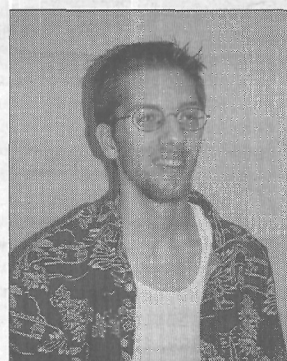
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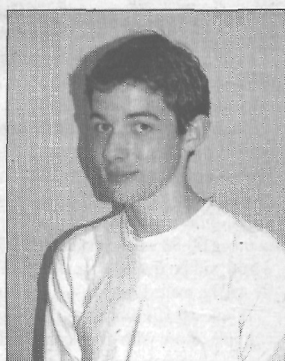
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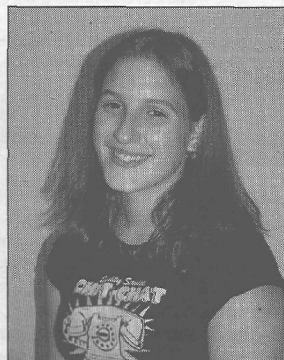
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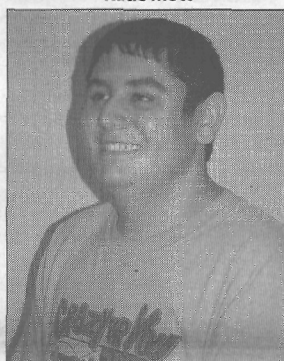
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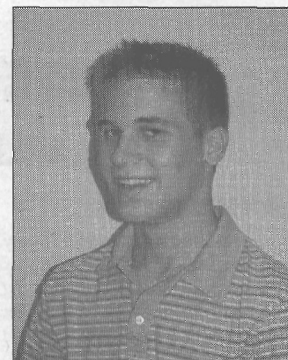
Katie Mott



Pat Cantarella



Marissa Judd



Greg Publik



Allyson Paterek



Chris Baron

The Cast (in alphabetical order)

► **Christopher H.P. Abbott** (Pete) - Crazy For You marks Chris' 10th year with Summer Drama Workshop. A senior at South Plainfield High School (SPHS), he has appeared in over 35 musical, dance, comedy, drama and Renaissance productions. He has performed with a variety of groups, including Brook Arts Center, SPHS Players, Almost Famous, NJ Renaissance Kingdom, Triumvirate Productions, Chandler Theater, Haunted Village of Somerset and Playhouse 22. A few of the productions Chris has appeared in are *Macbeth*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie* and *Legend of Sleepy Hollow*. In the fall he will continue fighter choreography classes to prepare for the much anticipated NJRK '04 and a combat role. Chris is a Varsity Soccer player and a long time member of the band and chorus.

► **Nicole Aguilar** (Irene) has appeared in *War on the Home Front* (Delores), *Snow White* (Sleepy), *Sinbad* (Harem Girl), *42nd Street* (Chorus), *Kokonut High* (Frosty), *Hello Dolly* (Chorus) and *Anything Goes* (Faith). This is her second appearance with the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SPSDW).

► **Christopher Baron** (Moose) will be a freshman at Livingston College of Rutgers next year. He was most recently seen on the SPHS stage as "Billy" in *Anything Goes*. His other SPHS stage credits include "Willard" in *Footloose*, "Cornelius" in *Hello*

Dolly, "Albert" in *Bye, Bye Birdie* and "Vernon" in *Damn Yankees*. During high school, Chris spent two years as Drum major for the marching band, and was a part of numerous clubs and activities. Chris hopes to pursue music and theatre in college and is thrilled to be in his third SDW production.

► **Pat Cantarella** (Everette Baker) - This is Pat's first show at SPSPDW and he is extremely excited about his role. He has been involved in pit orchestra for *Hello Dolly* and *Anything Goes*. Pat is also involved in concert band and marching band at SPHS.

► **Vincent Carubia** (Bobby Child) is a 17 year old senior at SPHS and has been involved in drama and music for the last nine years. He has been in nine musicals and four dramatic plays. His roles include Winthrop Paroo in *The Music Man*, Bert Barry in *42nd Street*, Harvey Johnson and Maude the bartender in *Bye, Bye Birdie*, and his first lead role as Ren McCormack in last summer's SPSPDW production of *Footloose*. He was assistant director for *Anything Goes* at SPHS. He has also had other minor roles and is involved in many school activities.

► **Joel Cortese** (Chauffeur) was a member of the pit band for *Anything Goes* and has been a member of the Summer Drama cast for *The Music Man*, *Bye, Bye Birdie*, and *Footloose*. He has taken a great interest in

music and is a very talented musician. He has played the piano and trumpet for five years, the viola for two years and has just recently started playing the tenor saxophone. Joel is an active member of the marching band, jazz band, b-band, pit band and concert band.

► **Mike Duquette** (Junior), a junior at SPHS, is excited to once again participate in a SPSPDW production. He was last seen in *Footloose* in 2002 as "Bickle." Mike is an avid music fan, participating in chorus through most of his years in school, as well as enjoying five years in Rutgers Childrens' Choir. This year Mike will be serving as one of the vice-presidents of the South Plainfield High School Chorus.

► **David Garatino** (Zangler) has been active in the SPHS music department since his freshman year. As a sophomore, David was vice-president of the chorus. During his senior year, he was a member of the chorus, traveling choir, and the newly formed Concert Committee. He has been a participant in the Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival for the past three years. David was a finalist in 2002's NJMEA Opera Fest. David appeared in the SPHS productions of *Damn Yankees*, in which he played the roles of "Del" and "Postmaster" Hawkins, and *Hello Dolly*, in which he played "Ambrose Kemper." This past spring, David was "Lord Evelyn Oakleigh" in *Anything*

Goes. While doing his best in school and in performances, David also takes an active role at his church, where he sings in the choir, ushers, is a Youth Leader and a volunteer for Vacation Bible School and Sunday School activities.

► **Marissa Judd** (Polly Baker) is going to be a senior at SPHS and has been involved in singing, dancing and theatre for about 12 years. This will be her third year with the SPSPDW. She was in *Bye, Bye Birdie* as "Margie." She was also in *Footloose* as "BobbySue" and she was last seen in *Anything Goes* as one of Reno's Angels. Outside of drama, Marissa has been involved with the girls' tennis team for four years and is on the co-ed Competition Cheerleading team.

► **Tristan More** (Eugene Fodor/Nevada Townsperson) is proud to be returning to the stage in his third SDW production. He was last seen in the SDW production of *Footloose* as "Coach Roger Dunbar," and in the SPHS production of *Anything Goes* as "Reverend Henry T. Dobson." Besides his numerous school productions, Tristan has also been in many community theater plays. His favorites include *The Diary of Anne Frank*, *The Miracle Worker* and *The Grapes of Wrath*.

► **Katie Mott** (Patricia Fodor) is going to be a junior at SPHS. This will be Katie's fifth year performing with SPSPDW. Her

performances include *The Music Man* (chorus), *42nd Street* (Chorus), *Bye, Bye Birdie* (Kim MacAfee), and *Footloose* (Urleen). This past school year she was a part of the high school's production of *Anything Goes* (Chastity). She has performed on the SPMS stage in two productions - *Squad Room* (Student 1) and *Kokonut High* (Lynn). She has been performing with the NJ Renaissance Kingdom for four years as a Kingdom Reveler. She has been in chorus since the fourth grade and is currently taking voice lessons.

► **Jackie Muglia** (Mitzi) has been involved in drama since she was in fourth grade. Her love for the arts has inspired her to seek a career in drama. She enjoys dancing and singing which is why her character Mitzi is perfect for her. Jackie hopes to become a more experienced and skilled actress in the future.

► **Jesse Nietzer** (Jimmy) will be performing in his sixth SPSPDW production. He previously has been seen in *Guns and Dolls*, *The Music Man*, *42nd Street*, *Bye, Bye Birdie* and *Footloose*. He was the rehearsal pianist for the SPHS production of *Anything Goes* this spring. He enjoys Marching Band, as well as playing the piano and organ. He also enjoys working on computers and has done the program booklets for *Footloose*, *Anything Goes* and this year's *Crazy For You*. He is thrilled to have a part this year and will continue to per

Cast

Bobby Child Vincent Carubia
 Bella Zangler David Garatino
 Lank Hawkins Greg Publik
 Everett Baker Pat Cantarella
 Polly Baker Marissa Judd
 Irene Roth Nicole Aguilar
 Eugene Fodor Tristan More
 Patricia Fodor Katie Mott
 Mother Leslie Sideck
 Perkins/Custus Patrick Pryor
 Chauffer Joel Cortese
 Tess/Bobby
 Dream Girl Gina Severini

Patsy Allyson Paterek
 Mitzi Jacqueline Muglia
 Harry Rocco Severini
 Pete Chris Abbott
 Jimmy Jesse Nietzer
 Moose Christopher Baron
 Mingo John Roesch
 Sam Steven Tietjen
 Billy Stanley Stellakis
 Wyatt Jeff Seesselberg
 Junior Michael Duquette

Featured Dancers—Tina Bijlani, Cassie Hoffman, Eva Humber, Kristina Latonio, Susan Mott, Lauren O'Day, Tara O'Keefe, Kathryn Paterek and Jenna Zielinski.

Follies Girls—Nicole Aiello, Kristie Butrico, Faryn Evans, Erica Linick, Christina Martin, Marianne McBride, Marianna Sansone, Lauren Santillo and Ashlen Udell.

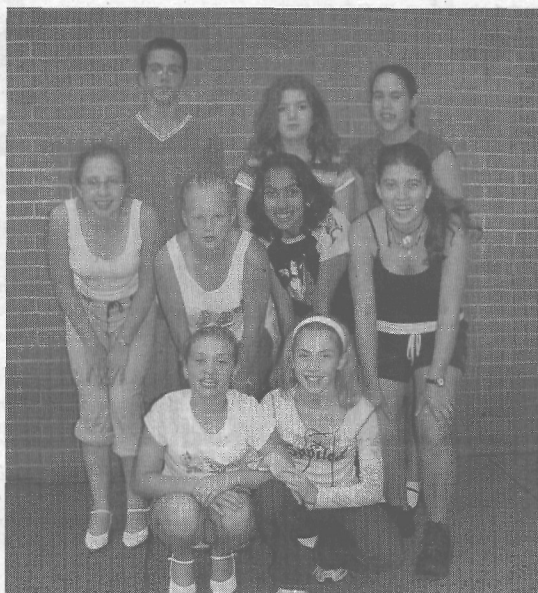
Bobby Dream Girls—Kazuki Daimo, Cassandra Krajcik, Jessica Musolino, Natalia Tamzoke and Kristina Latonio.

Bank Directors/Cowboys—Alan Kasmer, Timothy Ratti, Chris Seesselberg and Nathanael Udell.

NY State Union—John Crisitello, Stanley Stellakis and Nora Stasio.

Zangler's Boys/Cowboy—Christopher Duquette.

Nevada Townspeople—Noelle Aguilar, Nicole Cortese, Rachel Esteves, Katie Fasolo, Breanne Fore, Clare Kelly, Saira Memon, Katie Nuber, Kirsten Nuber, Nicole Rann, Nora Stasio, Julia Zappi and Chrisann Zushma.



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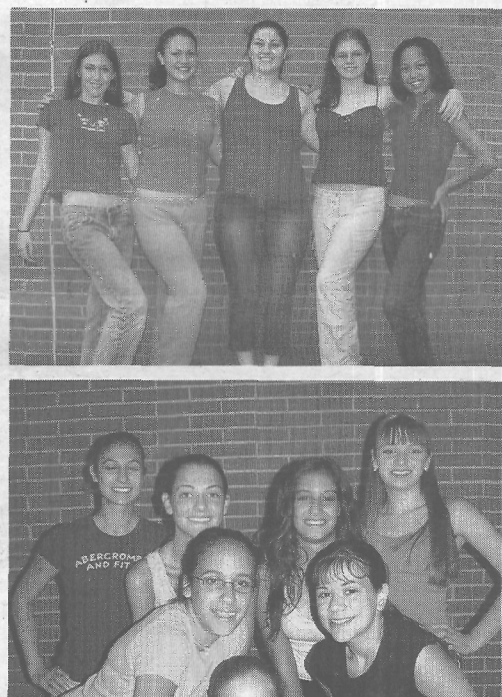
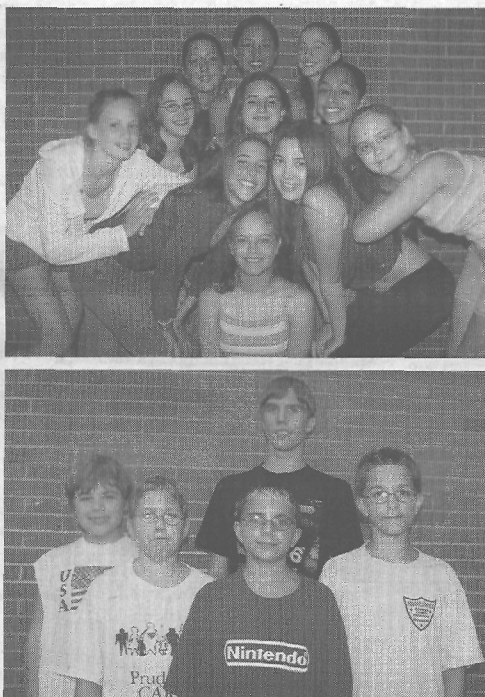
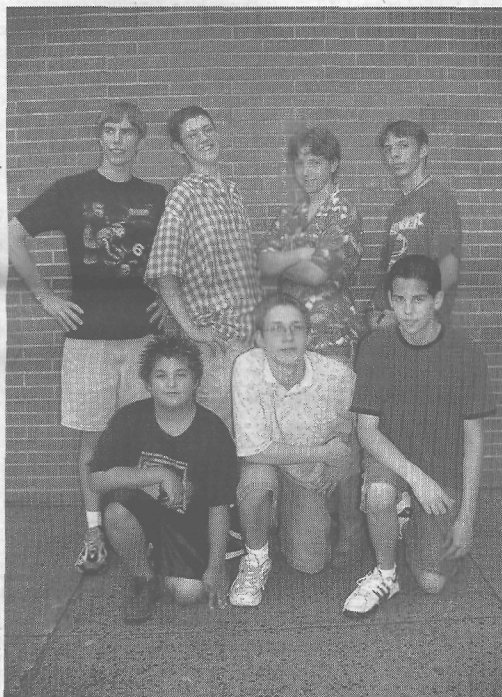
Lynne Schreur, Ken Abbott, Joe Valdes, Raymond H. Brungard and Linda Koch

Horns

Jennifer Schecter and Jennifer-Catherine Ludlow

Trombones

Dana Chandler, William Humber and Nicholas Figler



The Cast (in alphabetical order)

form in SPSPDW for the rest of high school.

■ **Allyson Paterek (Patsy)** got her start in the theatre at Montclair State University Theatrefest, in the production of *Norman's Ark*. She loves to sing, dance and act. She studies piano, dance, voice and gymnastics and hopes to someday make it to Broadway.

■ **Patrick Pryor (Perkins/Custus)** is very excited to be a part of this summer's production of *Crazy For You*. In order to prepare for his role as a cowboy/banker, Mr. Pryor has taken up smoking and started to closely follow the works Roy Rogers and The Village People.

■ **Greg Publik (Lank Hawkins)** will be entering his senior year at SPHS this fall. *Crazy For You* marks his fifth SDW show, including *Wizard of Oz*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Music Man* and *42nd Street*. He has appeared in over 17 theatrical productions, although his favorite role to date was "Jay" in *Lost in Yonkers* at Middlesex County College. He is a member of the SPHS debate team, currently ranked third in the state of New Jersey in their division.

■ **John Roesch, Jr. (Mingo)** will be performing in this fifth SDW show. He is very happy with his part. Although he didn't know how to dance, he caught on fast. He is involved in the SPHS Marching Band and is the vice-president of the chorus this year.

Other plays John has been involved in are *Music Man*, *42nd Street*, *Bye, Bye Birdie* (Randolf Marafee) and *Footloose* (Lyle).

■ **Jeff Seesselberg (Wyatt Earp)** has always loved the theatre and is very excited to be in this year's production of *Crazy For You*. This is Jeff's third SDW production and fifth theatrical appearance. His previous roles include "Fred" in *Bye, Bye Birdie*, "Garvin" in *Footloose*, and a miscellaneous sailor in *Anything Goes*. His favorite role to date is "Lucky Betts" in the SPMS production of *Male Order Brides*.

■ **Gina Severini (Tess)** will be entering her sophomore year at SPHS. She has appeared in five SDW productions including

Guys and Dolls, *The Music Man*, *42nd Street*, *Bye, Bye Birdie* (Helen) and *Footloose* (Rusty). She takes ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz and tap classes at Spotlight on Dance in South Plainfield and is a member of the competing company as well. She has been in chorus for six years and has taken acting classes at Wiest-Barron Studios in NYC.

■ **Lesley Sideck (Bobby's Mother- Lottie Child)** has been in SPSPDW for two years,

previously seen in *42nd Street*. Other plays include *Anything Goes* (reporter), *Kokonut High* (angry mother) and *Squad Room* (student). She is also a member of the high school chorus and plays soccer.

■ **Stanley Stellakis (Billy)** attends the South Plainfield Middle School. He has attended SPSPDW for several years and has appeared in shows with the Shoestring Players of NJ and the Performing Arts Studio. This year he was selected to participate in the Middlesex County Arts Middle School in Theater. He has appeared in several school plays and was in the chorus of SPSPDW's *Footloose*. Stanley wishes to become a successful Broadway actor some day.

Production Staff

Producers Patricia Abbott, Bill Mott and Janis Nietzer
 Director Eric Hafen
 Choreographer Patti O'Brien
 Vocal Director Grant Mech
 Costume Coordinator Dianne Seesselberg, Roberta Lesczynski
 Musical Director Paul McCullen
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 Assistant to Vocal Director Leo Campos
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 Dance Captain Gina Severini
 Set Coordinator Bob Alcaro

Stage Manager Lory Jackson-Alcaro
 Lighting Designer Mark Reilly
 Choreography Intern Kristin Turner
 Security Bruce Gold
 Sound Mixing Steve Ambielli
 Auditions & Registration Janis Nietzer, Bill Mott
 Box Office Bob Ambielli
 Logo Design Larry Roibal
 Props Lynn Fasolo, Jayne Mott
 Costumes Janis Nietzer
 Make-Up Patti Ambielli
 Program Jesse Nietzer
 Refreshments & Cast Party Donna Tierney, Karen Stahura

Fundraising Bill Mott
 Publicity Patricia Abbott, Patti Ambielli
 Parental Coordination Dee Carubia, Diantha Clark
 Web-Site Charlie Butrico
 Play Selection Chair Joan Stasio
 Administration/Finance Kathie Slattery
 Production Staff Selection Bill Seesselberg, Patricia Abbott
 House/Lobby Patti Ambielli, Kathy Winner
 Newsletter Janis Nietzer

Stage Crew

Sal Gullace, Alex Huynh, Amit Kalia, Michael Kasmer, Richard Muglia, Kristen Nietzer, Meg Nigro, Colin Slattery, Ashley Welch.

High School Music Boosters Looking for Sponsors

The South Plainfield High School Music Boosters recently acquired a 1990 box truck to be used to transport instruments and equipment for the marching band and color guard. The truck, which is driven by the parents of these students, travels throughout the tri-state area attending various competitions and football games.

The music boosters are asking local businesses to help support these hard working students by either a donation or by sponsorship. All businesses that sponsor this organization will have their business name lettered on the truck, as well as placed in the music booster program that is sold at various music functions throughout the year. This means free advertising, just for helping out these fine students.

Items needed to get the truck off and running are: lumber, six quartz lights, a generator (enough to run six 500 watt quartz lights), wire, brackets, hinges, assorted hardware, ratchet straps, communication devices (walkie talkies), and lettering for the vehicle, just to name a few things. A cash donation is also appreciated, since there are too many items needed beyond what is mentioned. If your business is interested in helping out the music boosters, please contact Gregory Kuhn at (908) 754-8294 for more information.



LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey on August 13, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. prevailing time in the Council Chambers of the municipal building, 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for:

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Specifications and other bid information may be obtained at the Municipal Clerk's office in the municipal building at the above address during regular business hours 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only bidders who have picked up specifications will be allowed to submit bids. All bids must be submitted on the Proposal Forms furnished by the Borough. A bid bond in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or bid bond payable to the Borough of South Plainfield in the amount equal to 10% of the highest bid amount, including alternates, if any, but not to exceed \$20,000 and a duly executed Consent of Surety. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, c. 127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27 et seq.), the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34:11-56.25, Employment on Public Works N.J.S.A. 10:2, EOE, ADA.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$36.75 August 1, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by David Riccardonna requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit the addition of a mother-daughter; not a permitted use; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 417 Joan St. on Block 230, Lot 3 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, August 18 in the Council Chambers, Borough Hall, at 8:00 p.m.

The maps and documents pertaining to this appeal are available for public inspection in the Building Inspector's Office, South Plainfield Borough Hall, Monday through Thursday, between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

\$35.00 1T August 1, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1625

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

Ordinance #1625 entitled: AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$250,000.00 FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LIVABLE COMMUNITIES GRANT FOR THE REMEDIATION OF VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD was presented for adoption after a public hearing was held thereon by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield on Monday, July 28, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$24.50 August 1, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1628

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

Ordinance 1628 entitled: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A MUNICIPAL HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY P.L. 2003, c.114 be adopted on first reading and advertised in The Observer on Friday, August 1, 2003 and that a public hearing be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 14, 2003 in the Municipal Building, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

ORDINANCE NO. 1628

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE IMPOSITION OF A MUNICIPAL HOTEL AND MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY P.L. 2003, c.114

WHEREAS, P.L. 2003, c.114 authorizes the Governing Body of a municipality to adopt an ordinance imposing a hotel and motel occupancy tax at a uniform percentage rate not to exceed 1% on charges of rent for every occupancy on or after July 1, 2003, but before

July 1, 2004, and not to exceed 3% on charges of rent for every occupancy on or after July 1, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the Borough of South Plainfield that:

Section 1. The Code of the Borough of South Plainfield is hereby amended by adding a new chapter to read as follows:

Chapter 32. Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax

1. Purpose: It is the purpose of this ordinance to implement the provisions of P.L. 2003, c. 114, which authorizes the governing body of a municipality to adopt an ordinance imposing a tax at a uniform percentage rate not to exceed 1% on charges of rent for every occupancy on or after July 1, 2003, but before July 1, 2004, and not to exceed 3% on charges of rent for every occupancy on or after July 1, 2004, of a room or rooms in a hotel subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of P.L. 1996, c.40 (N.J.S.A. 54:32B-3) which shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the occupancy of a hotel room.

2. There is hereby established a Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax in the Borough of South Plainfield which shall be fixed at a uniform percentage rate of 1% on charges of rent for every occupancy of a hotel or motel room in the Borough of South Plainfield on or after July 1, 2003, but before July 1, 2004, and 3% on charges of rent for every occupancy of a hotel or motel room in the Borough of South Plainfield on or after July 1, 2004, of a room or rooms in a hotel subject to taxation pursuant to subsection (d) of section 3 of P.L. 1996, c. 40, N.J.S.A. 54:32B-3 (sales tax).

3. The Hotel and Motel Room Occupancy Tax shall be in addition to any other tax or fee imposed pursuant to statute or local ordinance or resolution by any governmental entity upon the occupancy of a hotel room.

4. In accordance with the requirements of P.L. 2003, c. 114:

- All taxes imposed by this Chapter shall be paid by the purchaser.
- A vendor shall not assume or absorb any tax imposed by this ordinance.
- A vendor shall not in any manner advertise or hold out to any person or to the public in general, in any manner, directly or indirectly, that the tax will not be separately charged and stated to the customer, or that the tax will be refunded to the customer.
- Each assumption or absorption by a vendor of the tax shall be deemed a separate offense and each representation or advertisement by a vendor for each day that the representation or advertisement continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
- The penalty for violation of the foregoing provisions shall be not more than \$1,000 for each offense.
- The tax imposed by this Chapter shall be collected on behalf of the Borough by the person collecting the rent from the hotel or motel customer. Each person required to collect the tax herein imposed shall be personally liable for the tax imposed, collected or required to be collected hereunder. Any such person shall have the same right in respect to collecting the tax from a customer as if the tax were a part of the rent and payable at the same time; provided that the Chief Financial Officer of the Borough shall be joined as a party in any action or proceeding brought to collect the tax.

Section 2. A copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the State Treasurer and to each hotel or motel located within the Borough of South Plainfield.

Section 3. If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof.

Section 4. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the Borough of South Plainfield heretofore adopted that are inconsistent with any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage. The tax provisions of this ordinance shall take effect on the first day of the first full month occurring 30 days after the date of transmittal to the State Treasurer. Notice of adoption shall be published as provided by law.

ATTEST:
Vincent Buttiglieri/Municipal Clerk

\$219.50 August 1, 2003

Sports

Boys' Cross Country Preview



Tim Morgan, Jr

The last five years have been interesting and eventful ones for the South Plainfield High School Boys' Cross Country team. Back in 1998, after suffering a five year slump of sub .500 records, the team managed to bounce back a little bit, posting a respectable 7-5 record. At the time, the boys did not realize what would happen in the ensuing years.

1998 was an important year for the Tigers, but 1999 was the pivotal one. The harriers shocked everyone by capturing the Blue Division, beating out long-dominant Metuchen for the title. In that same year, the boys also placed fourth in the State Sectionals, advancing to the State Group meet for the first time where they would place seventh. They also took fifth in the GMC Championship race that year.

Since 1999, the success of the cross country team has continued. In 2000 and 2001, the Blue Division title eluded them by literally a few places in the crucial race against Metuchen. Finally in 2002, the Tigers made the long-awaited switch to the White Division and went 8-1 to win it.

Head Coach Mike Capizola, who is entering his 23rd season, has justifiably high hopes for this upcoming season. He currently has an unprecedented 47 names on his roster and only lost three varsity seniors from last year, only one of which was a consistent top seven runner. While it is expected that the team membership will drop to around 40 by mid-season, that will still be a record number of runners for Capizola (last year's team had 33, which was the biggest turnout ever). The runners returning this year are poised to be contenders. And there are almost always a few surprises every season that could give the team an extra kick.

At the moment, Capizola has a good spread - 16 seniors, 11 juniors, seven sophomores, and 13 freshmen (three of which were on the middle school team). Six of his returning runners ran Green Lightenings last season, and a few more are knocking on the door. The term "Green Lightning" is one Capizola came up with as a motivator when he first started coaching; it is any time under 18:00 for the 5K (3.1 mile) race the athletes run at every meet. Besides the satisfaction of reaching this mark, they also get a shirt for it.

To foster motivation this year, "Cap," as he is known to his athletes, created a new board for the fieldhouse to illustrate the history of the program and to display how other people who have participated in the program made their marks.

Senior Galen Johnson is expected to be the team's top runner; his best time was 17:22 last year, and he has the most Green Lightenings out of anyone on this year's team. Seniors Adam Toth (17:06), Mike Maher (17:48), Kyle Kazmir (17:49), Dave Allara (17:53), Derek Smith (18:08), Rob Hoffman (18:10), and Tom Holowka (18:34) all help form a competitive unit, along with juniors Jeremy Rodas (18:03), Mike Richard (18:33), and Mike Williams (18:38) and sophomore Jimmy Conroy. Maher and Kazmir have progressed nicely through the past three years, as has Holowka, who showed the most improvement of all. Toth and Allara showed excellent flair for the sport as first time runners last year, and Rodas and Williams showed no difficulty in

getting their feet wet either. The most outstanding accomplishment for last year, though, belongs to Conroy, who broke the freshman record by 11 seconds with a time of 17:39.

Last year, the Tigers placed fourth in the GMC, tying with 2000's team for the best finish ever, and sixth in the State Sectionals, narrowly missing advancement. This year, Capizola may have the best team of his career on his hands. He describes the team as "big, strong, and deep" and has a very positive outlook for them.

Capizola has come close for the past four years, but has never had an undefeated season; he believes the harriers can do it this year and recapture the White Division title in the process. Their only loss last year was an unexpected one, to Oratory Prep, a non-White Division team, and they will be eager to avenge it if Oratory is on their schedule this year. His other goals are to place second or third in the GMC meet and to once again qualify for the State Group meet, something the team has narrowly missed doing for three years straight.

Capizola is "happy as can be" about the turnaround the program has experienced. Capizola said that his runners are just as motivated as he is - they

have the same drive and the same goals. The runners have seen that 1999's season was not a fluke and Capizola believes that that has imbued them all with a desire to be a part of the program's success with their team. The growth in recognition and popularity of the program is also encouraging and can be linked to the turnaround.

Capizola, 50, has been running for nearly 30 years himself and loves the sport genuinely and fervently. He said that, while he is a competitive person, the main reason he coaches is that he wants to instill that love in others, mainly his young athletes. He said that he has not had a season yet that he hasn't enjoyed, because he always has "a great group of kids" to work with.

Things look optimistic not only for this year but for several more to come for the SPSHS Boys' Cross Country team. The Tigers should have no problem meeting most, if not all, of their goals; they are feasible ones. There is one word that can be used to encapsulate the attitude of everyone involved in the program this year: excited.

Register Now For Fall Ball!

Registration for Fall 2003 baseball season at the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Complex is underway!

Applications will be taken by any board member or at the snack stand throughout August. Formal registration will be held on Friday, Aug. 1 from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The age groups, based on next year's playing age, are as follows: 8 and 9, 10 and 11, 11 and 12, 13 and 14, and 15 and 16. The cost to register

is \$50 per player, which includes a fall shirt and hat. Individual registrations only, but Out-of-towners are welcome.

For more information, email fallbaseball2003@yahoo.com, or contact the S.P.J.B.C. at P.O. Box 166, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, or call (908) 754-2090. You may also contact any board member, or Vijay Bijlani, Fall Ball Director.

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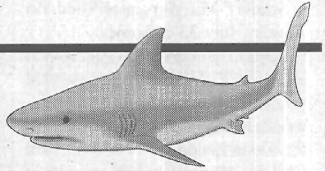
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Sports

Tiger Sharks Best Rivercrest 175 to 100



Girls 13-18 winning relay at the Rivercrest meet. Kristen Dabrio, Nina Byard, Joanna Luzny and Leah Konops.

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks, representing the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool, beat their Piscataway rivals from the Rivercrest swim team at the meet held July 19 at Rivercrest, with a score of 175 to 100.

Earning points for the Tiger Sharks in the individual medley races were age 10 and under swimmers, Chelsea Cullen in first place and Maggie Valentino in second place, in the 100m event. For the girls ages 11-12, 100m, Emily Piekarski took third place and for the age 13-18 swimmers, Kristin Dabrio placed third in the 200m race. For the boys freestyle events, 10 and under 100m, Dylan McDermott took first place and Michael Grzenda placed third; in the 11-12 age group, 100m, Michael Boyle took first and Caleb Tou took second; and for the older boys, Calvin John Smiley placed first in the 13-18, 200m event and Philip Luzny took third.

In girls freestyle, Tiger Shark swimmers placed first in every race and took second place in four out of five races as well. For the eight and under girls: Grace Piekarski took first and Rachel Krause placed second in the 25m race;

for ages 9-10, 50m, Sarah Konops took first and Maggie Valentino, second; ages 11-12, 50m, Amanda Ray placed first with Emily Piekarski in second; ages 13-14, 100m had Leah Konops in first place and Joanna Luzny in second; and Nina Byard took first place for the older girls, 15-18, 100m.

Backstroke swimmers Liam McDermott and Sean Cullen placed second and third, respectively, for the eight and under, 25m race; Ryan Lind took first place for the 9-10, 50m, with Michael Grzenda, third. Michael Boyle placed first with Brian Babinetz, second in the 11-12, 50m race; with Matt Moates in third place for the 13-14 age group, 100m and for the older boys: Calvin John Smiley in second and Chris Reed in third in the 15-18 age group, 100m.

Liam McDermott also took second place in the 8 and under, 25m breaststroke event, with his brother, Dylan, taking first place in the 9-10 age group, 50m with Ryan Lind placing second.

Caleb Tou claimed first place in the 11-12, 50m with Anthony Baldasarre in second; Philip Luzny took first place

with Matt Moates placing third in the 13-14 age group, 100m; and Chris Reed placed third in the 15-18, 100m race.

Girls butterfly swimmers who earned points were Rachel Krause, first place, and Kate McLaughlin, second place, in the eight and under, 25m race; Chelsea Cullen, second and Sarah Konops, third, in the 9-10, 50m; and Teresa Gustafson, third, in the 11-12, 50m. For the 13-14 year old swimmers, Tiger Sharks took all three top places with Leah Konops in first place, followed by Abby Petritsch, second; and Allison Harty, third, in the 100m race. Nina Byard took second place in the 15-18 girls, 100m event.

The relay race events were also strong races for the Tiger Sharks with the South Plainfield swimmers taking first place in five of six relay races. In the boys 100m freestyle relay, eight and under teammates Aidan McDermott, Sean Cullen, Joey Valentino and Liam McDermott took first place; for the 9-12 division, 200m, race, teammates Michael Grzenda, Caleb Tou, Dylan McDermott and Michael Boyle took first place. In the girls medley relay races, eight and under teammates Grace Piekarski, Kate McLaughlin, Rachel Krause and Allison White took first place in the 100m; 9-12 age group teammates Sarah Konops, Emily Piekarski, Kate O'Brien and Amanda Ray placed first in the 200m race for their age; and 13-18 year old teammates Nina Byard, Leah Konops, Kristin Dabrio and Joanna Luzny claimed first place in the 200m event for the older girls.

This victory over rival Rivercrest has added one more meet to the "win" column for the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks season so far.

—Submitted by Donna Egan



Pictured are Shanon Dabrio, Laurie Post, Jennifer Otlowski and Robin Cone, Tiger Shark coaches.



Girls 9-10 stars Maggie Valentino, Kelly McLaughlin and Kate O'Brien with coach Robin Cone at the Rivercrest Meet.

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Obituaries

Stanley M. Marciniak, 70

Stanley M. Marciniak died on Tuesday, July 22 at home.

Born in Brooklyn, he had resided in South Plainfield for the past 42 years. He was employed as a millwright for the Millwright & Carpenters Local Union #740 of New York City for 40 years before retiring in 1980.

Stan was a member of Sacred Heart Church and a life member of the Polish National Home, both in South Plainfield. He was also an avid fisherman and hunter.

Surviving are his wife, Joan H. Marciniak; three daughters and sons-in-law, Susan and Michael Spangler, Karen and Steven McGill, both of South Plainfield and Katherine and Lawrence Nealan of Piscataway; a son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Margaret Marciniak of South Plainfield and five grandchildren, Nicole, Michael, Andrew, Erin and Adam.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Frank F. Squindo, Jr., 72

Frank F. Squindo, Jr. died on Wednesday night at his home.

Born in Metuchen, Frank grew up in New Brunswick and had, for a short time, lived in Warren before settling in South Plainfield in the mid 1960's.

He attended St. Peter's High School, where he was a member of their football team, The Cardinals. He and some of his friends from the football team still were meeting on a regular basis to this day.

Frank entered the U.S. Army where he served from 1951 to 1954. He is a life member of the South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763.

He started his career with the Pennsylvania Railroad at a young age and acquired a nickname of "Gandy" from the workers, which he is known to many to this day. He later worked for William Meeker Trucking of South Plainfield and for United Steel Deck, also of South Plainfield as a foreman, before his retirement at the age of 65. He worked with heavy construction equipment as a mechanic and as a driver during his vast career.

Frank is a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose of Perth Amboy and was a fisherman, hunter and traveler, but most of all he will be known as a unique conversationalist who lived his life by the phrase, "live well, love much and laugh often."

He is survived by his wife, Carol (Colvin) Squindo; three sons; three sisters, Elizabeth Bulfin, Margaret Petrillo and Ann Marie Koch and four brothers, Joseph, Thomas, Peter and Richard.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the NJ Cancer Institute Development Dept., 195 Little Al-

bany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

Estelle Cybowski, 78

Estelle Cybowski of South Plainfield died on Saturday, July 26 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield.

Estelle was born in South Plainfield and lived here her entire life.

She was a florist working with her sister Jean at Sternador's Florist in South Plainfield for 20 years before retiring in 1987. Prior to that she was an assembler for the former Diehl Manufacturing Company in Bridgewater for 19 years.

Estelle was the daughter of the late Paul and Leonora Cybowski. She was predeceased by her brother, Paul Cybowski and three sisters, Lucille Rogers, Jean Sternador and Helen Gryniak.

She is survived by her brother Adolf and his wife Stella Cybowski of South Plainfield; three nephews and six nieces and many great and great, great nieces and nephews.

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

Margaret A. (Graham) Sopko, 86

Margaret A. (Graham) Sopko died on Friday, July 25 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Garwood, she had resided in Plainfield for 50 years and in Edison for seven before entering the Woodlands in Plainfield in January of 2002.

She had been employed by the former Diamond Expansion of Garwood as an assembler. Later, she opted to stay home and raise her children and become a homemaker.

Her mother was the longtime housekeeper of St. Ann's Church in Garwood.

Her husband Michael died in 1975. She is survived by three sons, Dennis of Newark, David of Monroe Township and Michael of South Plainfield. Also surviving is her grandson, Michael Robert Sopko.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Christopher L. Yoos, Sr., 36

Christopher L. Yoos, Sr. died on Tuesday, July 22 at his home.

Born in Perth Amboy, he grew up and lived in Piscataway where he was a 1985 graduate of Piscataway High School. He resided in Piscataway until eight years ago when he settled to Pocono Summit, Pa.

He had been a construction worker for Lear Brothers and later for CRC Builders, both of Piscataway.

He is survived by his wife Lorraine (Ettre) Yoos; three children, Natalie, Ann Marie and Christopher, Jr., all of Piscataway; his mother and step-

father, Ann (Infusino) and Robert Young of Bayville; his father William and his brother David of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Mary M. (Phillips) Mason, 95

Mary M. (Phillips) Mason died on Friday, July 25 at her daughter's home in Asbury.

Born in South Plainfield, she had resided here most of her life. When she married in 1945, she and her husband John moved to New York City before moving back to South Plainfield in 1955. In 1978, she settled in Manahawkin.

She had been employed by Silvers 5 & 10 Store in Plainfield as a bookkeeper for 20 years. She was also employed by the South Plainfield Post Office and B. Altman's Department Store.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Church in South Plainfield and the Altar Rosary Society and had been a Girl Scout leader. She was currently a member of St. Mary's Church of Barnegat.

Her husband John died in 1981. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and John Propsner of Asbury; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Darlene Mason of Calif. and a sister, Natalie Keslosky of Md.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, Kimberly, Kirsten, Amy and Emily and two great-grandchildren, Mason and Madilyn.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Audrey (Meidhof) Negra, 75

Audrey (Meidhof) Negra, 75, died on Monday, July 28 at the McCarrick Care Center in Somerset.

Born in Jersey City, she had spent much of her early life in Metuchen before settling in South Plainfield over 50 years ago.

She had been employed by the Loupassakis Insurance Company in South Plainfield as an office worker during the late 1960's and 1970's.

Mrs. Negra was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church in South Plainfield.

Her husband, John S. Negra, died in August of 2000. She was also predeceased by her sister, Annette Stolte.

Surviving are her sisters, Gloria Steele of Florida and Sister Patricia Meidhof of Ridgefield Park; four brothers, Herbert Meidhof, Jr. of South Plainfield, Paul Meidhof of Edison, George Meidhof of Forked River and Allen Meidhof of Middlesex. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations to the Sisters of Charity Villa, Convent Station, NJ 07961, would be appreciated.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

July 24, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on July 22, 2003.

A. Case #686/S- National Realty and Development Corporation; Block 528; Lots 46, 47.07, 47.09 and 66; Stelton Road, Corporate Ct. and Corporate Blvd. The applicant's request for minor subdivision and preliminary site plan approvals has been GRANTED subject to (9) conditions.

B. Case #03-01—Kilmarnock Builders; Block 21; Lots 1 and 2; Block 22; Lots 1 and 8; Harold Place, Baker, O'Donohue and Tompkins Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary major subdivision approval has been GRANTED with conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

\$25.50

August 1, 2003

NOTICE

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL

Take notice that application has been made to the Borough Council of South Plainfield, by GMRI, Inc., trading as The Olive Garden Restaurant located at Hadley Road, South Plainfield, NJ, for the transfer of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1222-33-013-003.

Officers: Laurie B. Burns, President/Director, 403 E. Amelia Street, Orlando, FL, George T. Williams, Vice President/Secretary, 651 Lake Catherine Drive, Maitland, FL and William R. White, III, Vice President/Treasurer, 1524 Anchor Court, Orlando, FL 32804.

Objections, if any, should be made immediately in writing to Vince Sutigliero, Municipal Clerk, Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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July 25 & August 1, 2003

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY

July 25, 2003

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Zoning Board at its meeting held on July 24, 2003.

A. Case #13-03—Joseph T. Penyak; Block 332; Lot 13; Pulaski Street. The applicant's request that this application be WITHDRAWN without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.

B. Case #30-02/S—Wesley United Methodist Church; Block 24; Lot 1; 1500 Plainfield Ave. The applicant's request that this application be WITHDRAWN without prejudice was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #15-03—Home Depot USA, Inc. Block 472; Lot 35; 3096 Hamilton Blvd. The applicant's request for a use variance for outdoor plant carts and the expansion of (2) outdoor seasonal bulk storage areas together with preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

D. Case #31-03—J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. Block 277; Lot 2; Sampson Avenue. The applicant's request for a temporary use permit from July 10, 2003 until August 31, 2003 was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

E. Case #51-01/S—Michael Ciardiello; Block 450; Lots 1 and 7; Seymour Street. The applicant's request for bulk variances for a high accessory storage building and outdoor storage within a front yard together with preliminary and final site plan approval was hereby GRANTED with conditions.

F. Case #31-03—Stephen Marston; Block 532; Lot 1; 1328 Famularo Drive. The applicant's request to allow an existing above ground 24 foot round pool to remain in his rear yard was hereby GRANTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
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Secretary Zoning Board of Adjustment

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policereport

On July 22 James Robert Lewandowski, 27, of Cliffwood Beach, was arrested for possession of cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia at a motor vehicle stop.

An employee of Motorola on Durham Ave. reported the theft of a catalytic converter from a 2001 Hyundai Elantra that was parked in the lot.

An employee of Dunkin Donuts on Maple Ave. reported the theft of his bike from the rear of the building. The bike was chained to the fire escape ladder.

An employee of Best Western reported the theft of \$40 from her purse that was in an unlocked locker.

On July 24 John W. Dunham, 31, of Rahway was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

Joseph Williams, Jr., 40, of New Brunswick was arrested for hindering apprehension and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop. He gave a false name.

Joseph Prince, 40, of Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting \$199.99 audio

system at K-Mart.

A Clinton Ave. resident reported the theft of a bike from their driveway.

On July 25 the manager of Domino's Pizza on Maple Ave. reported the theft of a laptop computer. The computer was in a rear office unattended with the back door open.

On July 26 Ritesh R. Patel, 20, of Edison was arrested for shoplifting at Macy's. He was an employee and had credited his own account for \$348.31 and took various merchandise worth \$397.52.

A Bollinger Pl. resident reported the theft of his cell phone from his unlocked vehicle.

A patron of the Holiday Inn reported the theft of her purse from her vehicle. She was putting luggage in her car when two Hispanic males pulled up and asked for directions. The passenger was able to reach into the front seat and remove the purse.

Vitamin Factory Outlet on Hadley Rd. reported that their front glass door had been smashed and a small amount of cash was taken from a register.

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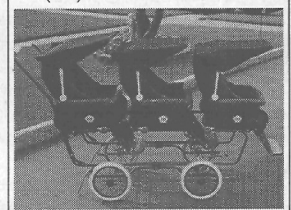
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South Plainfield Goes to Bat for Bone Marrow Candidate

By Jane Dornick

It was a beautiful day for the South Plainfield Police Athletic League's second annual charity softball tournament and for the recipient of the donations, resident David Kile. According to event organizer South Plainfield Police Det. Gary Cassio, the PAL raised \$20,000 toward a much needed bone marrow transplant for Kile, who was diagnosed with leukemia two years ago.

Teams were formed all over town and several neighboring towns to rally for Kile, nicknamed "The Floor Guy." Kile owns a flooring business in town.

Winners of the co-ed division were "Just One" who received a trophy. The first place winner of \$500 for the men's division were repeat champions, "Bada Bing," who were sponsored by Sal's Spirit Shoppe.

Second place and \$250 went to "Ricigliano's Law Firm." Both teams generously donated their winnings back to the event.

The South Plainfield Elks Club presented David with a \$3,000 to match donations.

Breakfast foods were served throughout the morning by volun-

teers, with bagels supplied by Clark Bagels and Dunkin' Donuts from their Park Ave. location. Around noon Sal Severini fired up his grill for meats supplied by Roma Foods. Sherban's Diner donated salads and Wayne and Janice Diana donated equipment and supplies for frozen drinks. Hall's Warehouse supplied a refrigeration truck, as well as bottled water, and Twin City Pharmacy also helped out with food and drinks.

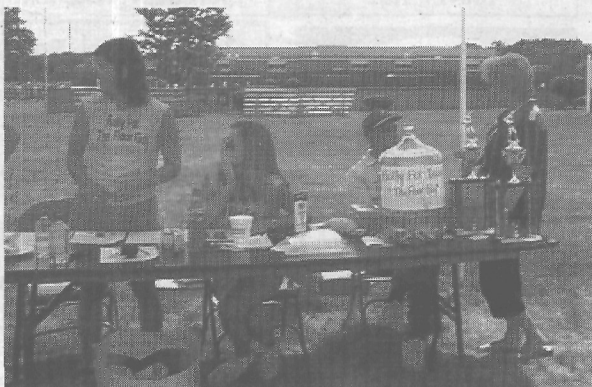
David, girlfriend Rachel, and David's son Devin, attended the games and were overwhelmed at the outpouring of generosity from friends and strangers alike. He hugged and thanked everyone he could. The players were also glad to meet the man they were playing for and got to know him a little better.

Det. Cassio said that the two charity softball tournaments the PAL has held so far have been very successful and they plan to help someone else in need next year again with another tournament.

It's not too late to make a donation to David Kile. If you have any questions, please contact Det. Gary Cassio at (908) 226-7663 or Det. James Parker at (908) 226-7661.



Pictured are the members of the first place co-ed division team "Just One" with David Kile. Back (l to r) Bob "Smoke" Bors, Jeff Healey, Chris Pelletier, David Kile, Steve Chrzaszcz, Steve Gluchowski, and Ray Rusnak. Front (l to r) Michelle Huzar, Dina Fornaturo, Fran Perullo, Debbie Huzar, Kathi Petagna, Robyn Rusnak and Kelly Burns.



"David was overwhelmed at the outpouring of generosity from friends and strangers alike."



David Kile is presented a check on behalf of the South Plainfield Elks. Left to right is Gary Cassio (rear), Jan Kile, Al Mateyka, Jim Parker, David Kile, Nick Chupko, Rachel Morgan, Devin Kile and John Kormendy.



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