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Gary Muccigrossi

Rain Derails Charity Softball Tourney; Rescheduled for Saturday

The South Plainfield Police PBA Local 100 Charity Softball Tournament for ailing South Plainfield Police Det. Gary Muccigrossi (ret.) scheduled for last

Saturday was postponed due to inclement weather, but has been rescheduled for this Saturday at the SPHS baseball fields beginning at 8 a.m. Proceeds will go

towards medical expenses for Muccigrossi, who was diagnosed two years ago with Pulmonary Fibrosis, a lung disease. Last week the 41-year-old retired detective

was taken by helicopter to a NY hospital and underwent a double lung transplant. He is reported to be in stable condition and doing well.

For updates on the game, call Det. Gary Cassio at (908) 226-7663, Det. Chris Colucci at (908) 226-7662 or the PAL at (908) 226-7714.



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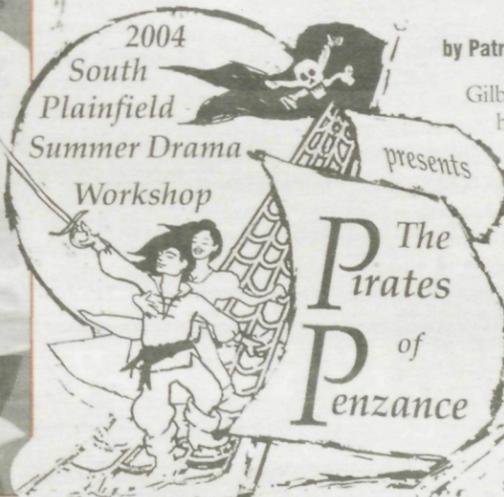
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Summer Drama Workshop Tradition Continues with *Pirates of Penzance*



by Patricia Abbott

Gilbert and Sullivan's *Pirates of Penzance* has come ashore in South Plainfield.

The Summer Drama Workshop cast has been hard at work for many weeks perfecting the well-known musical. The show would not be complete without the work of many behind-the-scenes people who see to details such as props, sets, costumes and much more.

The cast's performance is enhanced by the educational theater workshops held by the staff throughout the summer.

The 33rd annual South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop's production is a must see for anyone who loves theater. The story opens aboard the vessel of the famous, or is that infamous... *Pirates of Penzance*. Pirate apprentice Frederic is about to come of age. He has been mistakenly apprenticed as a pirate instead of a pilot by his nursemaid Ruth. On the hour of his twenty-first birthday he informs the

Pirate King that he will take leave of the pirates to become a law abiding citizen. He warns them that he plans to bring them to justice. When he leaves the ship with Ruth he finds a bevy of beautiful women on shore. It is his first glimpse of a female other than Ruth and he discovers that Ruth is not as beautiful as she has led him believe, instead she is plain and old.

In his quest to find a woman, Frederic meets Mabel, one of Major-General Stanley's many daughters. The Major arrives in time to find pirates ready to abscond with his daughters. Frederic plans to lead a band of Keystone Cop-type police officers and their sergeant to the pirates. But before he carries out his plan, Ruth and the Pirate King seek out Frederic to inform him that due to his leap year birthday he is not 21 but a boy of five, thereby keeping him a pirate apprentice until his actual twenty-first birthday.

The fast paced operetta is full of song, sword play, romance and hilarity. The conflict is finally put to rest when it is discovered that the outlaws 'are all noblemen who have gone wrong.'



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To make it in next week's edition...

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Mark Your Calendars Log on to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda

council meetings

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

| | Agenda Meeting | Public Meeting |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Monday, August 9 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, September 7 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |

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. 10 and 24, Sept. 21, Oct. 12 and 26, Nov. 16 and 30 and Dec. 14 and 28

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Aug. 12 and 26, Sept. 9 and 23, Oct. 14 and 28,
Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2 and 16

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m.—Aug. 17*, Sept. 14, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14, Jan. 11, 2005, Feb. 8, March 8 and April 5
Regular Board Meeting held Tuesdays at 8 p.m.—Aug. 17*, Sept. 21, (Monday) Oct. 18, Nov. 16, Dec. 21, Jan. 18 2005, Feb. 15, March 15 and April 12
*Meetings will be held in Roosevelt Elementary School Gym)

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? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
Aug. 17, Sept. 21, Oct. 19, Nov. 16 and Dec. 21

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
Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621
August 11, September 8, October 13, November 10, December 8 and January 12, 2005

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

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays, (except where noted) at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.
August 16, September 13, (No meeting in October), November 15, December 13,
January 31, 2005, (No meeting February) and March 21

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IN YOUR OPINION

Dear Editor,

Once again we must read the "so called" research of Mr. Fryszczyn concerning the teachers of South Plainfield. As a teacher of 35 years in Plainfield, I can honestly say that the SAT scores of 17- or 18-year-olds have no effect on the teaching abilities of the same people years later. I believe this holds true for many other professions as well. Incoming freshmen at the College of New Jersey (formerly Trenton State College) average 1200 on their SAT scores. My research is what I have observed over the last 35 years. Some of our greatest teachers in the state of New Jersey fall into this category. All teachers in New Jersey must complete 100 hours every five years in professional development and continuing education. Very few other professions put this time limit and hour requirement on their members.

To be a teacher is to love the art of teaching and getting your ideas across. That is the problem today with the writers of the "No Child Left Behind Act." Instead of teaching children, these "experts" prefer you to teach to the test. Also to equate data "of mostly tenured staff of economic departments of major universities" to public school teachers is mixing apples and oranges. All teachers in this country as per NCLB must be highly qualified either by course work, experience or passing rigorous tests.

If Mr. Fryszczyn is so "disgusted" with the South Plainfield teaching staff, then I challenge him. Call Dr. Rosado and ask if you could volunteer your time for a week or two in one of the classes, perhaps one of the more challenging classes, where your "expertise" could be used to motivate and bring up test results. At the end of the week(s), let's look at the test results of the students you taught.

By the way, I don't understand the concerns of Mr. Fryszczyn when his children don't attend the South Plainfield Public Schools.

CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY, SOUTH PLAINFIELD RESIDENT; OFFICER, PFLD. EDUCATION. ASSOC.

Dear Editor:

The photograph you chose to place on the cover of the July 23 edition of the *Observer* was in very bad taste. It is a very disturbing image to see a child holding a gun in the back of another person lying on the ground. Adding to this madness is the background of children "recruits" with smiles on their faces. While it seems

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that some of the "educational" aspects of this recreation dept. program may have some merit, I question the intelligence of targeting this young age group. I recall your paper carrying a letter to the editor a few months back about a sixth grader at Grant School being suspended due to a zero tolerance policy with regard to toy guns on school property, even after school hours. What message does this town and society at large truly wish to convey to its youth?

This leads me to your next cover article of the same date: "Park Provides Lasting Tribute and Place for Reflection." What is reflective about sitting beneath a U.S. Cobra helicopter with gnarly teeth painted on its nose? The Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC is reflective. The 9/11 Memorial in Westfield is reflective. Ever since that helicopter was erected I have found it intimidating and hostile. Neither reflective nor inviting is hardly the word I would use to describe South Plainfield's take on this Memorial. I have no intention of ever venturing inside this park to read the names of those so worthy of our respect and gratitude. Instead I want to take cover. I am a patriotic citizen and am deeply indebted to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for

my freedom. It's just that I prefer to think that those who had to kill for our freedoms did not enjoy doing it.

**SINCERELY,
AFRAID TO INCLUDE MY NAME**

Dear Editor,

Recently I received a phone call from a company performing a poll on behalf of the local Democrats. The poll apparently was about certain issues in town and who I was going to vote for in November. We never got very far, however, because the caller only wanted to speak to the "eldest male" in the household, which I found rather insulting.

After I hung up, I thought about what had just occurred and it made me realize the amount of money being spent on what I thought was just a small-town election. Where are the Democrats getting all the money from, so much that they could hire professional pollsters?

But that's not even the worst part of the story. After speaking with others who had received a similar call, I learned even more. The people doing the poll were not from South Plainfield. Nor were they even from New Jersey or the United States. The polling company uses workers from Nova Scotia, Canada to take the poll. The proof was right there on my Caller ID.

At a time when U.S. workers are getting pink slips and watching their jobs being outsourced, the local Democrats are sending jobs and local money to Canada. It's bad enough that they are paying thousands of dollars to do this polling, probably to turn around and do specific target advertising, but then to outsource the work to another country makes it flagrant. I think I know who should get the next pink slip...in November!

CYNTHIA GUANCIONE

Red Cross Disaster Course Available

The American Red Cross Tri-County Chapter will hold an Introduction to Disaster course for your community group or organization. This free course can be held at your church, community center or one of the American Red Cross Chapter offices. Introduction to Disaster is a prerequisite for all American Red Cross volunteers dealing with disasters.

If you are interested in assisting your neighbors by responding to fires, offering mental health coun-

seling, serving food to families and emergency services workers or helping manage a shelter, then we want you to volunteer for our Chapter. Information on volunteer opportunities and the programs available at the Tri-County Chapter will be discussed. Volunteers that complete all necessary training will be hand-selected to participate in out-of-state assignments. All out-of-state assignments call for DSHR qualifications.

If you are interested in attending an orientation or scheduling a course, call Victor Webb, Jr. at (908) 756-6414 ext. 21.

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New Carjacking Scheme Revealed

Residents are warned to be aware of a new car-jacking scheme. You walk across a parking lot, unlock the car and get inside. You lock all your doors, start the engine and shift into reverse. When you look into the rearview mirror to back out of your parking space, you notice a piece of paper stuck to the middle of the rear window. So, you shift into park, unlock your doors and jump out of the car to remove the paper (or whatever it is) that is obstructing your view.

When you reach the back of your car, the car-jackers appear out of nowhere, jump into your car and take off! Your engine was running (ladies would have their purse in the car), and they practically mow you down as they speed off in your car.

Watch out for this new scheme! Just drive away and remove the paper stuck to your window later. Remember...a purse contains all identification and you certainly do not want someone getting your home address. They already have your keys!

Babysitting Classes Available

The Middlesex County Health Dept. will be holding a class on babysitting on Monday, Aug. 9 and Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The class will cover basic childcare instruction, household safety and basic first aid. The class is for young people ages 11 and over. The classes will be held in South Plainfield Borough Hall, located in the Municipal Complex at 2480 Plainfield Ave. Space is limited for this class, so pre-registration is required. Participants may register at the library, located next to Borough Hall.

For more information, call the Middlesex County Health Dept. at (732) 745-8860, or the South Plainfield Public Library at (908) 754-7885.

You can also visit the library's website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

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Want to reach every household in South Plainfield? Call now to reserve space for the Labor Day Issue, 908-668-0010.



John Kraft, Director of Lenape Lifeways, Inc, discusses the different clothing worn by the Lenape Indians at a program held at the library.

History Program of Lenape Indians at Library

Photos/story by Patricia Abbott

The "Lenape (len-AH-pay) Lifeways" program presented at South Plainfield Library on July 19 gave audience members a close up look at the Native Americans who lived in the region long before the first European settlers arrived. The program focused on the Lenape lifestyle.

John Kraft, director of Lenape Lifeways Inc., began by explaining the vast area that was Lenape. They lived in "Lenapehoking", which translates to "Land of the Lenape." This encompassed all of what is now New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, southeastern New York state, northern Delaware and a small part of southeastern Connecticut.

Kraft started off the evening by allowing youths to examine the handmade items used by Lenape in their daily lives. The formal presentation took the form of a slide show that Kraft said was geared for the adults

but captured the attention of all attending. When the lights came up Kraft expanded on much of the information covered. He stressed the importance of the family unit to the youths and explained the three clans of the Lenape, the wolf, turtle and turkey, traced through the female line.

Kraft explained the importance and duties of each member of the family. The youths were amazed to find that these people created almost everything they needed from the resources surrounding them. From clay cookware, to woven mats, baskets, masks, dolls and even a version of today's baby slings to clothing for the entire family.

John Kraft, Director of Lenape Lifeways, Inc, is an archaeologist/educator. He has presented many programs on the Lenape Indians of New Jersey. The program was presented in conjunction with the Library's Summer Reading Program, "Exploring New Frontiers at Your Library."

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Well, July is nearly finished and August is on the way. And with August comes the dog days of summer (as opposed to the cat, horse, baboon and ferret days, I suppose). But, you can always beat the heat by heading over to air-conditioned South Plainfield Library. Here's what we're doing now:

We're between groups on the Video Circuit today. The group for August should be available early next week. Meanwhile, after a brief delay, we now have a new group from the Audiobook Circuit. Titles include *Sullivan's Law* by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, *Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austen, *Blue at the Mizzen* by Patrick O'Brian, *Three Men Out* by Rex Stout, *Tuesdays with Morrie* by Mitch Albom and on CD, *Second Chance* by Danielle Steel. Audiobooks may be borrowed, four at a time, for two weeks.

We'll be following our summer schedule of children's programs over the next week. Monday night at 6:30 we'll have our Summer Reading Kidcraft program for children ages six and over. Our usual Storytime programs for children three and over will be held on Tuesday morning at 10:30, Wednesday evening at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon at 1:15. On Thursday night at 6:30, there's our "Reading with Miss Mija" program, featuring books in the "American Girls" series. And on Friday morning at 10:30, we have "Books-N-Babies" for children up to age three. If you have any questions about these programs, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Miss Linda.

You still have one more day to enter our "In Your Dreams..." contest, where you can submit drawings of

what you'd like the new Library to look like, regardless of the construction project's budget. Everyone, no matter what age, is welcome to participate. Just make sure your entries are submitted by closing time (5 p.m.) tomorrow and that they have your name and phone number on the back. For more details, check with one of our staff members.

Here's a reminder: Our Notary Public (yours, truly) will be away on vacation and unavailable from Thursday, Aug. 5 until Monday, Aug. 16. We apologize for the inconvenience, but I could use the rest.

The Middlesex County Health Dept. will be holding a class on babysitting on Monday, Aug. 9 and Tuesday, Aug. 10, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The class will be held across the parking lot at Borough Hall. It's for young people age 11 and over. You can register for the class at the library, but be aware that space is limited for this program.

Recently, we had two open meetings where members of the public could comment on the proposed library building project. But, while those meetings have passed, we're still interested in your views. We've started handing out our library survey forms again; they're available at the Circulation Desk. Please pick one up and fill it out when you can. You can also get more information and offer your comments by attending one of our Board of Trustees meetings; the next one is scheduled for Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 7:30 p.m. Or leave us a note in the Community Suggestion Box near the public photocopier, or just give us a call. (At present, we're not equipped to receive messages via semaphore.)

That's about all for now. See you next Friday for more.

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Events

SDW Presents *Pirates of Penzance*

July 29, 30, 31 and Aug. 1

The 2004 South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will present Gilbert and Sullivan's, *The Pirates of Penzance* at the SPHS on July 29, 30, 31 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 1 matinee at 2 p.m. The auditorium is air conditioned. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for senior citizens and students. Four adult tickets purchased together in an advance are only \$30. Sign language interpreted shows will be July 30 and Aug. 1 performances.

For information call (908) 561-5255 or email contactus@spsdw.com.

Pierogi Sale at Nativity of Blessed Virgin

August 5

There will be a pierogi sale on Thursday, Aug. 5 at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, 400 Delmore Ave. (corner of Belmont and Delmore). The pierogi are handmade and freshly cooked to order by Sisterhood and Brotherhood members. You have a choice of potato with cheese or sauerkraut at \$4 a dozen.

Order by 4 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 2 for pickup on Thursday, Aug. 5. To order, or for information, call (908) 561-6366 and leave your name, phone number and order. For more information or questions, contact Dorothy at (908) 756-7223.

SP Golf Association Golf Tournament

August 4

The South Plainfield Golf Association Tournament will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 4, at Gambler Ridge Golf Club. The tournament benefits the South Plainfield High School Golf Team.

The entry fee of \$85 includes greens fee, golf cart, prizes, food and beverages.

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

Hypnosis Seminars

August 7

On Aug. 7, hypnosis experts will present nine seminars to make the public aware of the uses. An exciting day filled with such topics as Stress Reduction, Health & Hypnosis, Past Life Regression, Weight Management,

What's happening in JULY/AUGUST

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
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Senior Center EVENTS

The Senior Citizen's Center is open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. NOW OPEN SATURDAYS 9:00 AM-12:30 PM—CREATIVE PAINTING 10AM

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|---|--|---|--|--|
| <p>EVENTS</p> <p><i>We are looking for volunteers to help our Labor Day Parade Committee Sign Up at the Center Trip to AC Taj Mahal - Aug. 5</i></p> | | | | |
| Knitting/Crochetting 9:30-11:30am 2 | Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am 3 | Exercise 8:30am Movie Time 11:30am 4 | Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am 29 | Bingo 10am-2pm Pizza lunch available Meditation 9:30am 30 |
| Yoga 10:30am-11:30am Drawing Class 11:30am Parade Committee 1pm | Men's Forum 1:30pm | AARP Crafts 1pm Computer Class 11 & 1pm | Practical Crafts 10-11am Hunterdon Hills Playhouse musical "Heatwave" 10am | Lunch available 6 |
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For more information, call (908) 964-4467 or visit their website at www.gattohypnoacademy.com.

Wesley Vacation Bible School

August 9-13

Wesley Church, located on Plainfield Ave. will hold a Hero Quest Vacation Bible School from Aug. 9 through 13, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Hero Quest program is designed to lead children through four power-booster phases. Children will meet biblical heroes of faith. They will experience the power of faith in God through stories, games, crafts and music. Our students come to know Jesus as the "Ultimate Hero" and discover the faith hero inside themselves. Hero Quest finds the extraordinary in the ordinary. For registration, contact Pastor Thompson at (908) 757-2838.

First Baptist Vacation Bible Schools

August 9-13

The First Baptist Church of South Plainfield, located at 201 Hamilton

Bld., will be hosting a Vacation Bible School Aug. 9 - 13, at 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Children ages five through entering the fifth grade are invited for a week of exciting games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. This year's theme is "Camp Creation." Explore God's great creation this summer at Davey and Goliath's Camp Creation VBS!

Registrations are being accepted through Aug. 1.

For information or to register call the church office at (908) 753-2382, contact Karen Flanagan at (908) 561-6348 or you can register at the church after Sunday Services. Come and join us for a Super Gospel Celebration.

VFW Breakfast

September 5

The VFW will be holding a breakfast to benefit veterans at the VA Hospital at Lyons on Sunday, Sept. 5 from 8 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$5 and children get in for a reduced rate. This is an all-you-can-eat breakfast. The VFW is located at 155 Front St.

Pig Roast at VFW

September 11

The VFW will be holding a Pig Roast/Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 11 from 12 Noon until 5 p.m. It will be at the VFW Post, 155 Front St. Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Children six to 12 are \$7. Children under five are free. For tickets or information, call (908) 668-9751. The event will be held rain or shine.

Trip to Dover Raceway

September 26

The Polish National Home is sponsoring a trip to Dover Raceway for Sept. 26, for the Nascar race. For information and to sign up for the trip, call (908) 668-9442 and speak to a bartender. The deadline is July 29.

Rec Going to Fiddler on the Roof

October 10

The South Plainfield Recreation Department is sponsoring a trip to Broadway to see the musical revival "Fiddler on the Roof" on Sunday, Oct. 10. The bus will be leaving the PAL at 11 a.m.

Send Your Events to:
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— Out of Town —

Student Art Exhibit

Through July 31

A multi-media showcase of works by 19 young award-winning artists selected from the Annual Juried Student Exhibit at the duCret School of Art are on exhibit now through July 31 at Swain Galleries in Plainfield, 703 Watchung Ave.

Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more details, call (908) 756-1707.

Middlesex County Fair

August 2-8

The Middlesex County Fair Association is looking for non-food vendors. The fair will be held Aug. 2-8 at the fairgrounds on Cranbury Rd. in East Brunswick.

For information, contact Mary Lou Conover at (732) 416-1929.

USS Isle Royale Reunion

August 5-8

The USS Isle Royale AD is having its first reunion on Aug. 5-8, at the President's Casino in Biloxi, MS. Contact the reunion coordinator through the web page at www.ussisleroyale.com, or mail to George Lowell, Box 307, Hatfield, AR 71945.

Moonrakers Meeting

August 10

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., serving people of "taller-than-average" stature in the NJ/NY metropolitan area, will hold its monthly "Meet and Greet" social at Saddle Brook Marriott hotel, located between Route 80 and the GSP in Saddle Brook on Tuesday, Aug. 10 at 8 p.m.

For a schedule of our social events, call (973) 267-3648 or visit our website at www.njtall.org.

Free Workshop About College Costs

August 10

A workshop, presented by Mark J. Mauro, CPA, is being held for the parents of college bound high school students at Raritan Valley Community College on Aug. 10.

The workshop class is from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Seating is free but limited. To reserve a seat, call toll free: 1-877-656-2727.

Moonrakers "Meet and Greet"

September 14

The New Jersey Moonrakers Tall Club, Inc., a social and community service organization serving people of "taller-than-average" stature in the New Jersey/New York metropolitan area, will hold its monthly "Meet and Greet" social at Saddle Brook Marriott hotel, located between Route 80 and the Garden State Parkway in Saddle Brook on Tuesday, Sept. 14 at 8 p.m.

For further information about the club or for a schedule of our social events, call our 24-hour hotline service at (973) 267-3648 or visit our website at <http://www.njtall.org> or email at newjersey@tall.org.

Colonia High School Reunion

October 16

Colonia Senior High School Class of 1969 will hold their 35th class reunion at LaGriglia, Boulevard in Kenilworth on Saturday, Oct. 16 from 7 to 11 p.m. Contact Robin Zeiger at (908) 654-8813 or promarengine@aol.com (in subject line, re: reunion). You can also visit classmates.com for more information.

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On Saturday, July 10, the senior class of 2005 held their first official fundraiser for the school year. The car wash was held at the Middle School from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., even though problems with the water faucet (school principal Czech had to come help the students) delayed the car wash until 9 a.m. With many students on vacation, the seniors didn't have as much help as they expected, but they still managed to earn about \$250 for their class account. This money will be used towards the senior project, the senior prom and any other expenses throughout the school year. The Class of 2005 would like to thank everyone who supported them and their car wash.

Injured Dog, "Charm," Needs Your Help

People for Animals, a non-profit animal welfare organization serving New Jersey, is appealing to the public for donations to help Charm, a beautiful sweet natured one-year-old German Shepherd-mix.

Charm was rescued from a high-kill animal shelter. A car apparently had hit her. When rescued, we found that

her back paw was injured but that was only the start of her misery. During an exam by a veterinarian, a mass was found in her belly and other internal injuries were suspected. Poor Charm now had to undergo surgery. The mass was huge but not malignant. One kidney was found to be terribly infected and not functioning. The mass and one

kidney were removed. The veterinarian estimates that Charm would have died in two to three days of her injuries, had she not been rescued. Her prognosis is excellent and she is almost healed, soon to be ready for adoption.

For information about Charm, call (908) 668-1073 and press 1. To help People for Animals with her veterinary bills, please send your tax-deductible donation to: "Charm," People for Animals, 433 Hillside Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205 or donate online at www.pfa.petfinder.com.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Ann Mondoro Celebrates Her 90th Birthday

Ann Mondoro, a resident of South Plainfield for more than 70 years, celebrated her 90th birthday at the Pines Manor in Edison on July 10 at a reception given by her children, Maryanne and Gary Costa, Michelle and Paul Geene and Carl and Darlene Mondoro.



Ann Mondoro

Ortega Crowned Miss New Jersey Teen

Jacqueline Ortega was crowned Miss New Jersey Teen and will compete for the National Crown in Nov., which will take place Thanksgiving week at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla.

Jacqueline is the daughter of Cecilia Baita.

In addition to being crowned Miss New Jersey Teen, Jacqueline also won Best Gown. She was first runner-up in speech, photogenic and personality. Jacqueline won the Spirit of America Award and the Alumna Award.

Jacqueline's cash award is \$1,000. She will appear on *Good Morning America*, tour the *Intrepid* in New York, participate in community service and so much more. Jacqueline has an exciting year ahead of her.

Jacqueline is now preparing for her trip to Arizona as a youth missionary for seven days with her church youth group.

Her sponsors include the McCrarkin Home For Funerals, Commerce Bank, Ciccio's, Moore's Stone and Garden, Pizza Stop, So. Plainfield Dental Group, Giakas Dry Cleaners, David's Stationary and Sherban's Diner.



Jacqueline Ortega

Runner-Up "Entrepreneur of the Year"

Cecelia M. Kennedy, CEO of The Multitech Group (TMG), was selected as a runner-up for the 2004 New Jersey Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Awards Program. This recognition celebrates the "spirit and drive" behind an entrepreneur, as well as their extreme importance to the growth and support of our Nation's economy.

The New Jersey award was judged by an independent panel of local, civic and academic leaders and the regional winners then compete countrywide in an effort to be named the national winner of this prestigious honor.

TMG is a 28-year-old, Certified Small, WBE Engineering Services firm that has tremendous experience in the power/utility, material handling, industrial/schools and homeland security industries. The company has also been listed as one of the Top Design Firms in the Tri-State area.

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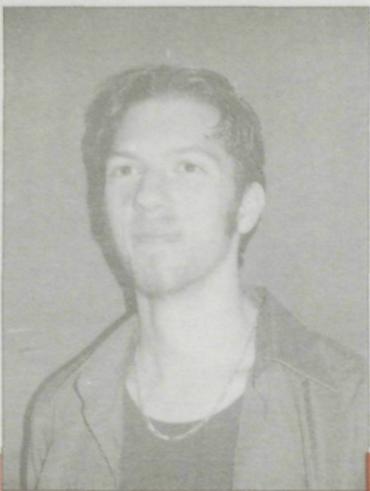
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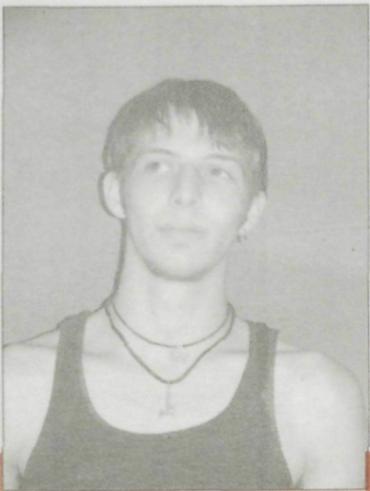
Katie Mott



Christopher Barron



David John Garatino



Chris Abbott



Natalia Tamzoke

Who's Who in "Pirates of Penzance"

Katie Mott • Mabel • Katie has been with Summer Drama for six years and has appeared in *The Music Man*, *42nd Street*, *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *Footloose* and *Crazy For You*. She has performed with the SPHS Players in *Anything Goes* and most recently in *South Pacific* as Nellie Forbush. She is a member of *Almost Famous* and was a student director for plays at Roosevelt School. She was nominated to perform for Middlesex County Teen Arts Festival. Katie also performed in the NJMEA Opera Fest. She is involved in the chorus, Emeralds and Traveling Choir at SPHS. She has been performing at the NJ Renaissance Kingdom for the past five years. Last fall she appeared as a ghoul at Six Flags Fright Fest. She was a winner of the 2004 Young Artist competition and received a Gold medal in Vocal Excellence.

David John Garatino • Major General Stanley • David has been involved in music and theater for 11 years; 10 years in school choruses with various solo works. He was a member of Jades and Traveling Choir and served as vice president of Chorus. He has appeared with SPHS Players in *The Who's Tommy*, *Damn Yankees*, *Anything Goes* and *Hello Dolly*. He also appeared as Bela Zangler in the 2003 SDW production of *Crazy for You*. Most recently, David was a production assistant for SPHS Players *South Pacific*.

Christopher Barron • Frederic • "Pirates of Penzance" is Chris's fourth and final SDW production. Chris, a 2003 SPHS graduate, has appeared in eight musicals prior to this show. Some of his favorite roles include Willard in *Footloose*, Billy in *Anything Goes*, Albert in *Bye Bye Birdie* and Cornelius in *Hello Dolly*. Chris plans to pursue theatre in his sophomore

year at Rutgers this fall.

Christopher Harrison P. Abbott • The Pirate King • A recent SPHS graduate, has been performing since age five. *Pirates of Penzance* marks Chris's eleventh year on the Summer Drama stage. Chris has appeared in over 35 productions with a variety of groups including The Brook Arts Center, SPHS players, Almost Famous Players, NJ Renaissance Kingdom, Triumvirate Productions, Chandler Theater, Haunted Village of Somerset and Playhouse 22. He recently appeared in *South Pacific*, and in the Almost Famous Haunted Woods Tour. He is an assistant director with AFP and fight choreographer for the Halloween show. He is a six-year member of the New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom and Haunted Village of Somerset. He will enter Middlesex County College in the fall.

Natalia Tamzoke • Ruth • *Pirates of Penzance* marks Natalia's third SPSPDW production. She also appeared in *Footloose* and *Crazy For You*. Other productions she has been in include *It's A Small World* and *Male Order Brides* with SPMS Players. She appeared in *Anything Goes* and most recently in *South Pacific* as Bloody Mary with SPHS Players.

Adam Tamzoke • Sergeant of Police • Adam an 2004 SPHS grad has always enjoyed acting and singing. He was most recently seen in the SPHS Players production of *South Pacific* as Emile de Becque.

Vinnie Carubia • Samuel • This is Vincent's eighth Summer Drama production. Previous roles include Ren McCormack in *Footloose* and Bobby Child in *Crazy For You*. He also had various lead roles in the past and was involved in drama and chorus in SPHS. He most recently appeared as Lt. Joe Cable in *South Pacific*. He is a

member of Almost Famous Players and emceed their coffeeshouse at the PAL. In September he will attend college at Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia to pursue a major in film and video.

Katie Noonan • Edith • *Pirates of Penzance* is Katie's second SPSPDW production. She has been performing since the fourth grade and has appeared in *Bye, Bye Birdie*, *School House Rocks*, *Males Order Brides*, *Yearbook* and this year's SPHS Player's production of *South Pacific*. She is active in chorus, color guard and lacrosse.

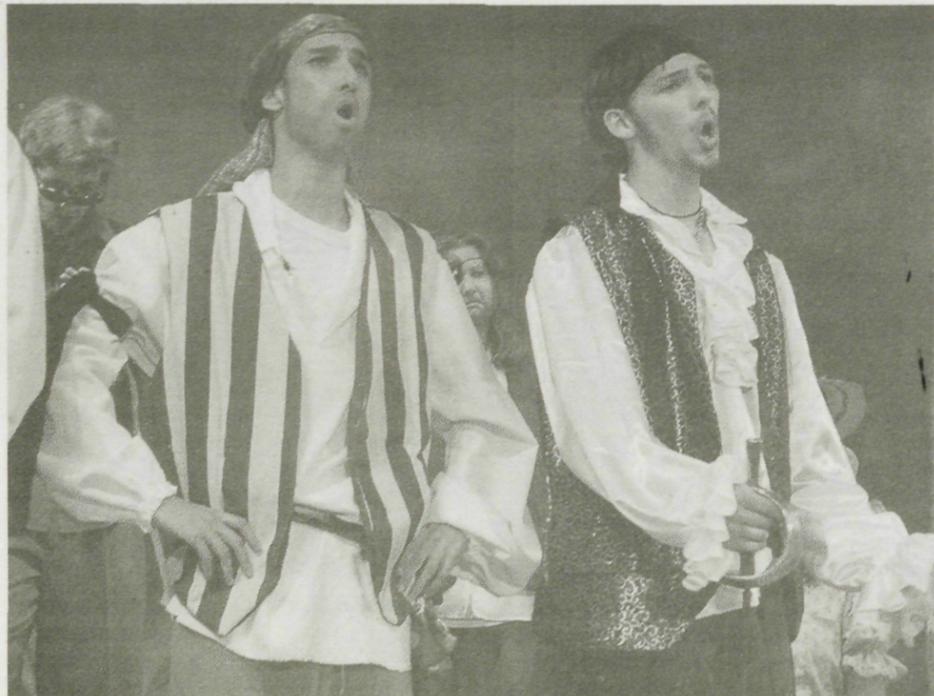
Jessica Lynn Vasquez • Kate • *Pirates of Penzance* marks Jessica's debut with Summer Drama Workshop. She has performed with the Drama Clubs of Riley, Grant and Middle schools. She has worked on the stage crew for SPHS Players production of *South Pacific* and the SPMS Players production of *Who Dunnit and to Whom*. She looks forward to working with the Drama Club of SPHS and SPSPDW over the next couple of years, whether it be on the stage or behind it.

Cassandra Krajcik • Isabel • Cassandra has appeared in three Summer Drama productions, *Footloose* and *Crazy For You*. She has also performed with the SPHS Players in *Anything Goes* and *South Pacific*. She enjoys singing in the chorus and taking dance lessons at the Paper Mill Playhouse.



The cast of Pir

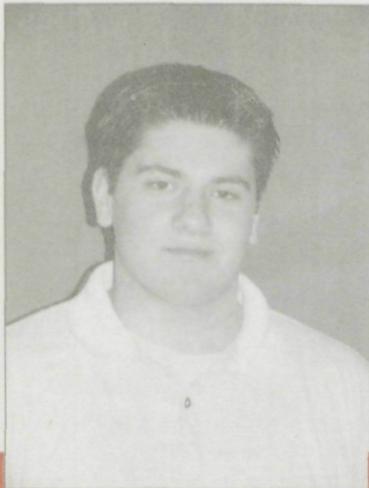
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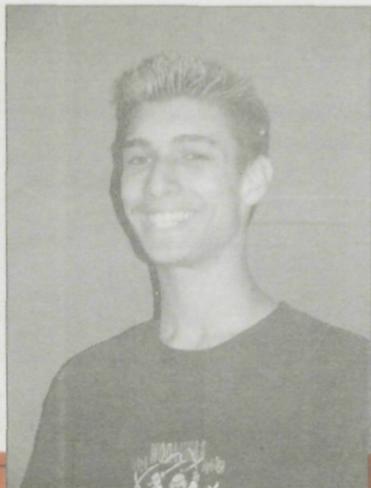
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| Producer | Bill Mott |
| Director | Eric Hafen |
| Vocal Director | Wayne Mallette |
| Choreographer | Pattie O'Brien |
| Orchestra Director | Paul McCullen |
| Assistant Director | Kristyn Ciarlariello |
| Intern to the Director | Leo Campos |
| Intern to the Choreographer | Emma Fulton |
| Rehearsal Pianist | Andrea Kahn |
| Technical Coordinator | Jak Prince |
| Fight Coordinator | T.J. Glenn |
| Stage Manager | Mark Reilly |
| Lighting Designer | Mark Reilly |
| Costume Coordinator | Dianne Seesselberg |
| Costume Design | Janis Neitzer, Harriet Sideck, Janet Panella, Luanne Severini |
| Sound Mixing | Joy More |
| Auditions/Registration | Janis Neitzer, Pattie Abbott |
| Logo Design | Larry Roibal |
| Props | Lori Stolz, Jayne Mott |
| Make-Up | Ranae Roesch |
| Program | John Roesch, Steve Ambielli |
| Workshop Coordinator | Diantha Clark |
| Lighting Board Director | Colin Slattery |
| Follow Spot Operators | Nicole Cortese, Stephanie Kelly, Ashley Welch |
| Stage Crew | Robert Kitlasz, Menran Memon, Samuel Mootoo, Kristyn Neitzer, Meg Nigro |





Adam Tamzoke



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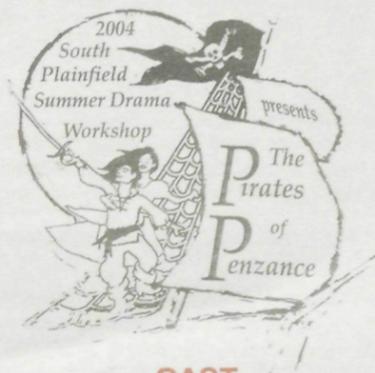
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CAST

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| Major-General | David John Garatino | Mabel | Katie Mott |
| Pirate King | Christopher Abbott | Edith | Katie Noonan |
| Frederick | Christopher Baron | Isabel | Cassandra Krajcik |
| Samuel | Vincent Carubia | Kate | Jessica Lynn Vasquez |
| Sergeant of Police .. | Adam Tamzoke | Ruth | Natalia Tamzoke |

POLICE: Erica Linick, Lauren O'Day, Nora Stasio, Susan Mott, Ashlen Udell, Marianna McBride, Jenna Zielinski, Sarah Brooks, Kendall Green and Faryn Evans

DAUGHTERS: Ashlen Udell, Susan Mott, Jenna Zielinski, Marianne McBride, Lauren O'Day, Erica Linick, Jessica Musolino, Chrisann Zushma, Olivia Smith, Diana Naser, Julia Zappi, Amanda Aiemezohu, Katie Fasolo, Marissa Kline, Davonna Approvato, Katie Nuber, Jennifer Marie Vasquez, Rosanna Mootoo, Sarah Brooks, Kathryn Paterek, Allyson Paterek, Shannen Rivers, Nicole Aguilar, Sara Grillo, Kendall Green, Faryn Evans, Kirsten Nuber and Nicole Rann

PIRATES: Adam Tamzoke, Rocco Severini, Darren Kaczowski, Philip Jon Campos, Eric Nuber, Ryan Flanagan, Chris Seesselberg, Chris Duquette, Stanley Stellakis, Pat Cantarella, Joel Cortese, Shawn Ferguson, Tristan More, Jeff Seesselberg, Timmy Ratti, Jesse Nietzer, Nate Udell, Michael Kenneth McBride, Nora Stasio and John Roesch

CREW: Nicole Cortese, Stephanie Kelly, Robert Kitlasz, Mehran Memon, Samuel Mootoo, Kristen Nietzer, Meg Nigro, Colin Slattery and Ashley Welsh

Sign Language Interpreters at Two Performances of Pirates of Penzance

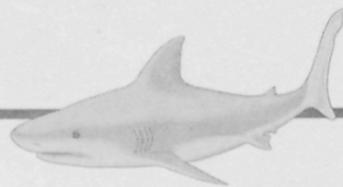
The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) will offer sign language interpreters for deaf and hearing impaired patrons at their July 30 and Aug. 1 performances of *Pirates of Penzance*. This is the first show in the theater's history to be sign interpreted. Suzanne Baker of East Hanover and Joanne Murphy of Cranford will interpret the show. Suzanne specializes in signing for theater. Last summer she was accepted into the Julliard School for theatrical interpreting. She had a week of intense training to further perfect her skills. Suzanne is a nationally, RID and state certified Sign Language Interpreter. Joanne is also state certified and has signed fifteen shows with Suzanne. American Sign Language is not a word for word interpretation of spoken language but a translation. They will bring in a deaf consultant to ensure the accuracy of their translation.



Suzanne and Joanne work with novice interpreters in a mentor/apprentice relationship. This allows the novices to learn a new skill while saving the theater the funds they would require to hire additional interpreters. Signing a large musical such as *Pirates of Penzance* can be a difficult task. The speaking roles are broken down with each interpreter signing for several performers. The interpreters were made possible in part by a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Pirates of Penzance runs July 29, 30, 31 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 1 at 2 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. For more information or to inquire about sign interpreted performances call (908) 561-5255 or email bills@spsdw.com.

Sports



Tiger Sharks Host Annual Odd Age Jubilee



(Left) The undefeated South Plainfield Tiger Shark 9-12 year-old girls Medley and Free-style Relay Teams. From left to right, Kate O'Brien, Chelsea Cullen, Maggie Valentino, Gracie Piekarski and Emily Piekarski. (Right) is the eight-and-under boys, from the left Bill McLaughlin, Enzo Butrico, Aidan McDermott and Charlie Butrico relax after beating Frog Hollow.



On July 18, the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team hosted the Ninth Annual Odd Age Jubilee at the South Plainfield Pool. Despite the rainy weather there were over 320 entries. The event was open to swimmers ages five through 13.

The Odd Age Jubilee categorizes swimmers in different age groups. For example, if a swimmer were age 12, he or she would usually swim in the age category 11-12. In the Odd Age Jubilee the same swimmer would be in the category 12-13.

Medals were given to those who placed first, second, or third and ribbons to those who placed fourth

through ninth. Events were in Individual Medley, Butterfly, Backstroke, Breaststroke and Freestyle. Swimmers had the choice of swimming in up to five events for the day.

Ten-year-old Dylan McDermott placed first in each of his five events. For the girls: seven-year-old Kelly O'Brien won two first place and two second place in four events. Nine-year-old Gracie Piekarski took three first place and one third place in four events.

The following are the results for the South Plainfield swimmers:

Age 7 and under—Boys 100 IM Aidan McDermott-first; 25 Fly Aidan

McDermott-third and Enzo Butrico-fifth; 25 Back Aidan McDermott-second, Enzo Butrico-fourth and Billy McLaughlin-seventh; 25 Breast Aidan McDermott-third and Billy McLaughlin-fifth; 25 Freestyle Aidan McDermott-second, Enzo Butrico-fourth and Billy McLaughlin-sixth.

Girls 25 Fly Kelly O'Brien-second; 25 Back Kelly O'Brien-first; 25 Breast Kelly O'Brien-first; 25 Freestyle Kelly O'Brien-second and Megan McDermott-fourth.

Ages 8-9—Boys: 100 IM Liam McDermott-second; 50 Fly Charlie Butrico-fourth; 50 Back Joey Valentino-fourth, Liam McDermott-fifth, Charlie Butrico-sixth and Mike Olano-eighth; 50 Breast Liam McDermott-second, Charlie Butrico-sixth and Joey Valentino-ninth; 50 Freestyle Liam McDermott-third, Joey Valentino-sixth and Charlie Butrico-eighth.

Girls: 100 IM Gracie Piekarski-first, Kate McLaughlin-fourth and Kaitlyn Kenny-eighth; 50 Fly Kate McLaughlin-second, Kaitlyn Kenny-seventh; 50 Back Gracie Piekarski-third and Kate McLaughlin-fourth; 50 Breast Gracie Piekarski-first, Kate McLaughlin-second, Shannah Conway-sixth, Kaitlyn Kenny-seventh and Christina Kasmer-eighth; 50 Freestyle Gracie Piekarski-first, Kaitlyn Kenny-fifth and Kate McLaughlin-seventh.

Ages 10-11—Boys: 100 IM Dylan

McDermott-first; 50 Fly Dylan McDermott-first; 50 Back Dylan McDermott-first; 50 Breast Dylan McDermott-first; 50 Freestyle Dylan McDermott-first.

Girls: 100 IM Chelsea Cullen-second, Maggie Valentino-sixth and Sarah Konops-seventh; 50 Fly Chelsea Cullen-second, Sarah Konops-fifth and Maggie Valentino-eighth; 50 Back Chelsea Cullen-third, Sarah Konops-sixth and Kate O'Brien-ninth; 50 Breast Sarah Konops-second, Chelsea Cullen-third, Kate O'Brien-fourth, Maggie Valentino-sixth, Kelly McLaughlin-eighth and Christina Butrico-ninth; 50 Freestyle Chelsea Cullen-third, Sarah Konops-fourth, Maggie Valentino-seventh and Michelle O'Sullivan-ninth.

Ages 12-13—Boys: 200 IM Alan Kasmer-second; 100 Back Alan Kasmer-third and JP Barry-fourth; 100 Breast Alan Kasmer-second and JP Barry-third; 100 Freestyle Alan Kasmer-third, JP Barry-fourth; Girls: 200 IM Emily Piekarski-second; 100 Fly Emily Piekarski-fifth, Teresa Gustafson-seventh and Michelle Gustafson-eighth; 100 Back Emily Piekarski-third, Amanda Ray-fourth, Teresa Gustafson-fifth and Michelle Gustafson-sixth; 100 Breast Teresa Gustafson-sixth and Michelle Gustafson-seventh; 100 Freestyle Emily Piekarski-third, Amanda Ray-sixth, Teresa Gustafson-eighth and Michelle Gustafson-ninth.

Since the meet is open only to those swimmers 13 and younger, some of the older swimmers helped out in other capacities. Joanna Luzny and Leah Konops marshalled the swimmers, making sure each one made it

Tiger Sharks Dive Team

On Monday July 19, the South Plainfield Community Pool hosted the dive meet against Metuchen Municipal Pool. Once again South Plainfield did an outstanding job!

In the eight-and-under age group, girl's category, Janet Kelly took second place and Jamie Bohn placed fourth.

In the boy's category, Eddie Kobilis took first place and Jacob Alba placed second.

In the 9/10 age group, Alexis Alba won first and Jena Cianfrocca won second. In the boys, Patrick Boyle take home second.

In the girls 11/12 age group, Gerianna Pinto placed second, with Julia Caruso coming in fourth. In the boys, George Graves won first and Josh Biggs took second.

In the 13/14 age group, girls, Michelle Kobilis won first and Clare Kelly took second. In the boys, Stephen Kelly placed first, Stephen Wagner took home second and Michael Boyle was third.

In the 15-18 age group, girls, Nina Byard was first and Megan Boyle third. In the boys, Will Terry took second, Brian Kelly took third and Chris Reid took fourth.

Once again, the dive team did an outstanding job! WAY TO GO DIVERS!

to the correct lane and heat. Liz Valentino was the runner. After times were recorded Liz carried the sheets to data technicians for overall scoring and results. Calvin John Smiley worked the entire meet as the lifeguard.

Coach Jen Otlowski was on deck for the entire meet encouraging the swimmers despite the rain. Her encouragement led to the many victories.

The parents' organization helped out in many capacities but special kudos to Janet and Sean McDermott who were the organizers and data technicians who made the meet run smoothly.

The Tiger Sharks will be ending their season within the next week. Look for more articles about the team in the upcoming weeks. The Tiger Sharks are coached by Laurie Post-Head Coach, Robin Cone and Jen Otlowski.

Submitted by Cheryl Nagel-Smiley



The rain was not enough to dampen the spirits of these Tiger Sharks at the Odd Age Jubilee.

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Sports

Eight-year-olds Take Second in Colonia Tourney



From left to right, front to back: Matt Hurst, Mike Olano, Matt Resende, Cody O' Connor, Kevin Farrell, Tim O' Leary, Mike Polizzano, Justin Marks, Sean Cullen, Danny Ruiz and Aidan Mc Dermott. Coaches are Glenn Cullen, Jim Olano, Joe O' Connor and Chris Hurst.

The South Plainfield eight-year-old traveling all-star baseball team finished second in the Colonia All-star Tournament.

The South Plainfield eight-year-olds were pushed to the brink of elimination before rattling off three consecutive wins to face Millburn in the Championship game.

They beat Marlboro 11-6 in the semi-finals to reach the tournament championship. In the Championship game South Plainfield led Millburn most of the game, but could not hold on to the lead.

The Colonia Tournament capped a successful summer for the South Plainfield eight-year-olds.

All eleven members of the team contributed to the second place finish in Colonia.



First Annual SPJBC Camp

Dear Editor,

We'd like to thank the SPJBC for hosting the first annual baseball camp held this past week. There were 40 campers, ages 7-10, who spent four days learning and applying new skills, making new friends, creating memories and having a lot of fun.

We'd like to thank all who made the camp possible: Lee Flanagan, The Benak Family (especially Michael Benak), Nick Cesare, Andrew Miller and Andy Cupido for running the

program. The boys came home with the stories of the day and were excited to go back the next day for more learning and fun. High school coaches and helpers made it very exciting for the young ballplayers. Thanks to Mrs. Benak, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Cesare for taking photos, serving great lunches and snacks, and for watching over our boys! This was a great opportunity for all the kids. We're looking forward to next year!

CAMPERS AND THEIR MOMS

Obituaries

Frank (Butch) Bumback, 81

Frank (Butch) Bumback died on Wednesday, July 22 at his home.

Butch was born and raised in South Plainfield and was a life long resident.

He was a heavy equipment operator for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 825 in Springfield for 45 years before retiring in 1988.

Butch served his country during WWII as a sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was in the 745th Field Artillery Battalion and saw action in Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was a life member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243 and the VFW Memorial Post 6763, both in South Plainfield.

Butch was a member of the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department from 1946 to 1966 and served as a lieutenant. He was a life member of the South Plainfield Exempt Firemen's Association and the New Jersey Exempt Firemen's Association.

He was a life member of the Middlesex BPO Elks Lodge 1488 and a communicant of Sacred Heart

Church in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Christina Robustelli Bumback; three sons, Anthony and his wife Diana Cotone, John Cotone and Ralph and his wife Marjorie Cotone, all of South Plainfield; three daughters, Louise and her husband Robert Doyle of South Plainfield, Grace Cotone of Scottsdale, Ariz. and Kimberly and her husband, William Honick of Exton, Pa.; a sister, Anna Goode of Piscataway and 17 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the South Plainfield Fire Department, 123 Maple Ave. or the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, 2520 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Anthony J. "Tony" Vanderputten, 67

Anthony J. "Tony" Vanderputten died on Thursday, July 22 in Atlantic City Medical Center.

Born in Harlem, Holland, he came

to the United States in 1954. He resided in South Plainfield for many years before moving to North Plainfield 36 years ago.

Tony was employed as the general manager of Micro Tube Fabricators in Middlesex for 36 years before retiring in 1999.

He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966. Years ago, Tony had been an instructor in judo, of which he was a second degree black belt. He was also an avid golfer.

His brother, Rhein, has predeceased him.

Surviving are his wife, Carmella (Fabino) Vanderputten; a son, Todd Vanderputten and his fiancé, Michele Williams, both of North Plainfield and two brothers, Michael of Seattle, Washington and Everett of Brick Township.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Irene C. (Piccone) Maroncelli, 74

Irene C. (Piccone) Maroncelli died on Friday, July 23 at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, she had resided in Staten Island and settled in Piscataway in the late 1960's.

A homemaker for many years, she had previously been employed as an assembler at General Motors Co.

She is predeceased by a brother, Donald Piccone.

Surviving are her husband, Bart; a son, Richard of Piscataway; three sisters, Ida and her husband Steve Bellasino of Middlesex, Nancy Cavhenaro of Franklin Township and Phyllis and her husband Marshal Silvestri of Palm Beach, Fla.

Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Rose T. Eadicicco Pellegrino, 89

Rose T. Eadicicco Pellegrino died on Tuesday, July 20 at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Rose was born and raised in Staten Island, NY and moved to South Plainfield 65 years ago.

Rose was a clerk for the former Cornell-Dubilier in South Plainfield for 10 years.

Rose was a communicant of Sacred

Heart Church.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Joseph Pellegrino, who died in 1990 and a sister, Terri Chumanti, who died in May 2004.

She is survived by two sisters, Josephine and her husband, Frank Bellina and Sophie and her husband, Thomas Gifford and a brother-in-law, Robert Chumanti, all of Staten Island.

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

Lois M. (Wilbert) Jackson, 70

Lois M. (Wilbert) Jackson died on Saturday, July 24 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Metuchen, she had resided in South Plainfield and Watchung before settling in Edison in 1960.

A woman who put her family and friends before herself, she spent many years as a homemaker. She was previously employed by the former Plainfield Trust Bank of Plainfield in the Bond Department.

She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Charles W. Jackson; a daughter, Cheryl and her husband Charles Miller of Edison; two sisters, Phyllis Schultz of Springfield, Pa. and Joyce Stark of Solebury, Pa. and a brother, Harry Binck of Kensington, Md.

She is also survived by two grandchildren, Lauren and Brandon Miller, both of Edison and many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Matthew E. Mehlhorn, 30

Matthew E. Mehlhorn died on Thursday, July 22 at his home in South Plainfield.

Born in Summit, Matt was raised and had resided in South Plainfield. He attended South Plainfield High School and was a member of the South Plainfield High School Marching Band, as well as a member of the school's Jazz Band, where he played the trombone.

A devoted father to Maci Marie, he was also a loving and caring boyfriend, who planned to wed Mindy Morgan.

Matt held various security jobs throughout the South Plainfield area, was an avid weightlifter and a member of the Apollo Gym in Edison.

He is predeceased by his grandfather, Harold Wolf.

Surviving are a daughter, Maci Marie of Trenton; his father, Carl and his wife Carolyn of South Plainfield; two sisters, Allana Panzarella and her husband Rich of Fla. and Patricia Cofone of South Plainfield; his special love, Mindy Morgan of South Plainfield; his paternal grandparents, Carl and Toni Mehlhorn of Fla. and his maternal grandmother, Ruth Wolf of Westfield. Also surviving are numerous aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

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Varsity Boys' Baseball Season Review

Sports

By Tim Morgan

In 2000 and 2001, the South Plainfield High School Varsity Baseball team experienced a mild slump in their predominately winning history, going 10-17 and 11-12, but they rebounded in 2002 with a 17-10 record. The following year, the majority of their players graduated and they still produced respectable results. They went 13-11 with a fairly young



Tim Morgan, Jr.

starting squad, and I said that history should be indicative of what to expect of them in future seasons. My prediction was accurate. This past season, the Tigers went 17-9 and won the White Division title for the first time in four years. They made it to the final round of the North Jersey Group III Section II Tournament before losing to Raritan and were seeded third in the GMC Tournament.

"I thought we had a great year," said ninth year Head Coach Ray Ceicwiz. "The players played hard, we played as a team, and the kids respected each other. We always looked like we were well prepared."

As usual, the Tigers had their share of personal accomplishments and additions to their recordbook. Senior Andrew Cupido, who will be playing at Kean University next year, was given the distinction of being the top pitcher in the White Division for the second year in a row and was a Group III All-State Team selection. Junior first baseman and pitcher Nick Cesare was also a Group III All-State Team selection and was selected for the All-GMC Team as well. Junior Billy Merkle was given the distinction of being the top catcher in the White Division, also for the second year in a row. Junior left fielder and pitcher Chris Bakazan was a White Division All-Star Team selection as well.

Senior third baseman Steven Turrisse's finest moment of the season was hitting a three run home run in the bottom of the eighth inning against North Hunterdon in the semi-final round of the Sectional Tournament when the Tigers were down 4-2. This was pivotal in allowing the Tigers to win the game to advance to the finals. He was also an outfielder and a pitcher and will be playing for Middlesex County College.

Senior pitcher and center fielder Matt Finn, junior short stop Mike Benak, and junior second baseman Andy Miller rounded out the infield players, who collectively had nineteen double plays this past season.

Seniors Rob Barone and Jason Cosma and juniors Michael Downes, Billy Moates, and Dan Piwowar, who led the team in stolen bases and runs scored, made up the outfield.

Seniors Chris Czaplinski and Dan Laverne were the designated hitters and also filled in as pitchers. Cupido and Merkle were the team captains. Cupido was the MVP, and Downes was the Rookie of the Year.

Recreation Soccer Sign-ups Underway Through August 20

The South Plainfield Recreation's Youth Soccer Program will begin on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Register now through Aug. 20. Children between the ages of 6-13 are invited to play. You must be six years old by Oct. 1, 2004. Fee is \$35 per child. Register at the PAL.

Cupido had 75 career hits, which is the fourth best of all-time in South Plainfield history.

The managers were senior Jessica Rodger and junior Stacey Diana,

who Ceicwiz complimented greatly for their roles in announcing and providing music at the games and for keeping statistics. Joe Cirigliano, Jim Darby and Bill Mosca were the assis-

tant coaches.

This season was delineated by the experience the Tigers had. "We had a nice mix of seniors and juniors - almost a perfect blend," said

Ceicwiz. "There was a lot of leadership from the seniors, and the junior class was very talented." With the proper preparation and continuing hard work, the juniors will be poised

Submitted By Bob Nilan

In a handicap league, no matter how equitable the handicap system seems to be, there are times when the low-handicappers have good reason to grumble when they play well and lose, nevertheless, because they have just too many strokes to give.

That's precisely what happened to Aiello Chiropractic last week when Ed Banach shot a beautiful even-par 33, partner Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer had a terrific one-over 34 and Bob Tumolo, Sr., had a fine round of 35 and Aiello lost their match to Plainfield Animal Hospital, 14½ to 5½. Mark Chichvar had another excellent round of 36 to earn medalist honors for PAH who moved past Aiello into first place in the American Division.

KC's Korner, led by Dan Conti's

35 and Rich Steele's 36, gained a tie for second-place with Aiello by defeating Masters, 12-8. Danny Griffin turned in a 37 for Masters and Al Szumski came through with a 39.

Witty's upended Hank's Hackers 11-9 behind the marvelous play of Howard Adler who fired a 35 and Kevin Bickuna's 39. John Cacciatore and Todd Sherman both had 39 for Hank's in a losing cause.

Over in the National League, Sport & Social, after climbing into first place three weeks ago, continued its tailspin and got totally rushed by Patti's Construction, 19-1. "Mongoo" Mike Behr once again led the way for Patti's with a 36 and partner "Jovial" Matt Ward chipped in with a 39 to lead the victory. The best score for the struggling Sport & Social team was a 42 by Dennis Bibby. With this win, Patti's main-

tained its slim hold on first place.

Twin City moved into sole possession of second place by edging Pornovets, 11-9. Charlie Hasselgren and Dave Mancini both had 38's and Kevin Cunniff kept it out of the rough for a chance and had a 39 to lead Twin City. Marty Van de Vaart stayed on his hot streak and had another splendid round of 34 for Pornovets, who dropped two games behind league-standing Pornovets.

The Elks ho-hummed their way to an easy 12-8 win over a VFW team that played with only two men. Captain Dale Dube turned in the best round for the Elks with a 42, while Bob Nilan was low-man for the VFW with a 41.

The tight race for championship honors in both divisions will come down to crucial matches to be played in the final two weeks.

Dan Conti of KC's Korner won the closest-to-the-pin competition on the

third hold and Ed Banach of Aiello won the luncheon-for-two prize at KC's Korner with his fine tee shot on the fifth hole.

Low scores for the night: Ed Banach-33; Fred Kirchofer-34; Marty Van de Vaart-34; Bob Tumolo, Sr.-35; Dan Conti-35; Howard Adler-35; Mark Chichvar-36; Rich Steele-36; Mike Behr-36; Danny Griffin-37.

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| American Division | W | L | T |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| PAH | 6 | 4 | 1 |
| Aiello | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| KC's Korner | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Hank's Hackers | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Masters | 5 | 5 | 1 |
| Witty's | 4 | 7 | 0 |

| National Division | W | L | T |
|-------------------|---|---|---|
| Patti's | 7 | 3 | 1 |
| Twin City | 7 | 4 | 0 |
| Pornovets | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Sport & Social | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| Elks | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| VFW | 2 | 8 | 1 |

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By Majority Whip Peter J. Barnes, Jr. & Patrick J. Diegnan, Jr.

With newer and more advanced computer technologies available about every 18-months, consumers often have no choice but to purchase new ones in order to keep up in this high-tech informational era. Meanwhile, what exactly do they do with their old computers? If they are like most Americans, they probably throw them in the trash, which means that their old computer and its many toxic materials end up in a local landfill, threatening the environment, including the water they drink.

The accelerated growth of electronic technology in the past decade has resulted in an improved quality of life for millions of Americans, but at the same time, it has had some unexpected consequences — namely it has left the U.S. with a glut of electronic products that require disposal. Just how much needs to be disposed? According to the National Safety Council, by 2007, more than 500 million computers will need to be discarded, resulting in the disposal of 6.3 billion pounds of plastic and 1.6 billion pounds of lead. In the near future, this problem will only worsen. When you factor in

the additional burden of discarding older televisions, cellular telephones, printers, fax machines, microwave ovens and other electronic products that contain toxic materials, it becomes clear why 26 states in the country are currently considering legislation that would address their electronic waste problems.

So what is New Jersey doing to solve its electronic waste problem? Not much. Some New Jersey counties have implemented a program allowing residents to drop-off their electronic equipment on several specified days a year, where a contracted company disposes of the materials, but the problem here is twofold. First, the consumer or taxpayer still picks up the expense and second, hiring one company to properly dispose of harmful products that they are unfamiliar with is inefficient at best.

Therefore, with an overabundance

of electronic waste piling up in New Jersey landfills and posing serious environmental hazards, we introduced legislation (A-3057) that would shift the responsibility for collection, recycling and storage of discarded electronic waste from the taxpayers of New Jersey and place it firmly on the producers of electronic equipment.

Under this bill, electronic waste materials would be required to be phased out and replaced with electronic equipment containing less harmful alternatives.

Assembly Bill 3057 would also require every producer of electronic equipment to implement an environmentally-sound management program for disposal. Manufacturers would be required to submit their proposals to the DEP for review and any producer that failed would be prohibited from selling their products in the State of New Jersey.

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SCHOOL BOARD *Briefs*

• The upgrading of the school parking lots will not be done by the beginning of the school year. The board is planning to apply for state aid to help fund the project. The new completion date is June of 2005.

• The installation of fiber optics in the schools is proceeding. When the installation is complete, the board will address air conditioning in the schools with the remaining money available.

• The Board discussed the idea of not reading committee reports at the start of each meeting, but instead placing them in the packet which is available at all Board meetings. After a lengthy discussion and objections by Board Member Mike English and a few of those attending the meeting, it was decided that a summarized report would be given and the entire committee report would be placed into the packet.

• The board is compiling a list of projects in the schools which were recommended in the five-year plan submitted by Mr. Schroeder of Sodexho. The estimated cost could run up to \$150,000. Items will be prioritized according to health and safety issues.

• A trip for high school cheerleaders to Pine Forest in the Poconos was approved by the board for Aug. 20-23 at no cost to the board.

• Harry Romeo resigned as assistant principal at the high school effective Sept. 15.

• After creating a new position of assistant business administrator, the Board named Donna Tolley to the new position effective July 21.

• Kathy Murano has been appointed as assistant transportation supervisor.

• Gina Nobile was appointed physical education teacher at the Middle School. She replaced Beverly Malinoski, who resigned.

• The board announced hiring of the following: Robert Conroy as high school mathematics teacher, Judy Wang, pre-school and special education teacher and Dana Curcio, high school physical education teacher.

• The following have been appointed to coach sports this fall: Brian Figueiredo, assistant girls' soccer; Anthony Guida, assistant football and Patricia Porzio, assistant volleyball.

• On July 20 Julian-Colaj Bernabe, 21, of Plainfield was arrested on Worth Dr. for driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and being an unlicensed driver at a motor vehicle accident.

• A Christopher Ave. resident reported their mailbox had been damaged.

• An employee of Hong Kong Supermarket on Park Ave. reported the theft of his unlocked bicycle from outside the store.

• A 2nd Pl. resident reported the passenger door mirror of their car had been damaged.

• Mid-Atlantic Waterproofing on Hadley Rd. reported the theft of a metal box containing cash from a desk drawer overnight.

• On July 21 Shakoor McCoy, 22, of Piscataway was arrested on two outstanding warrants following a police chase from Best Western in So. Plainfield and ended in a motor vehicle accident in Piscataway. McCoy

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was a passenger. The driver of the vehicle, Gerrell E. Crawley, 18, of Piscataway, threw a 32 cal. handgun out of the vehicle during a high speed chase on Rt. 287 and fled the scene after the accident. Criminal complaints were signed against the driver for possession of a handgun, eluding a police officer and summons for careless driving, reckless driving, red light violation, going 90 MPH in a 65 MPH zone and failure to utilize headlights were also issued.

• A Hudson St. resident reported the theft of his car stereo from his unlocked vehicle. The wires had been cut and the stereo removed.

• On July 22 Donald J. Alena, 31 and Edward Joseph Andolino, 31, both of Edison were arrested for receiving stolen property after fleeing from a stolen 1991 Ford Econoline on New Brunswick Rd. Alena was issued a summons for driving with a suspended license. Both were held in lieu of \$15,000 bail with no 10%.

• A Hamilton Blvd. resident reported the theft of a 1990 Ford Probe from their driveway.

• On July 23 a Plainfield resident reported the theft of his car stereo while parked in the lot of Just Packaging Inc. on Oak Tree Ave. The driver's side window had been broken out and

the wires to the stereo were cut. A wallet was also taken from the passenger seat.

• A Piscataway resident reported the theft of two air staplers, a finishing nailer, an air compressor, a 10 in. chop saw and a 12 in. table saw from his unlocked van parked at Regal Cinemas.

• Cleveland A. Johnson, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at a motor vehicle stop.

• On July 24 a Lawrence Harbor resident reported the theft of his wallet from his unlocked vehicle which was parked at Napa Auto Parts on New Durham Ave.

• On July 25 Gene D. Banks, 21, of Elizabeth was arrested for possession of a controlled substance at a motor vehicle stop.

• Ken's Link on Hamilton Blvd. reported that a pane of glass from his front door had been broken sometime overnight.

• On July 26 an employee of Good Time Gulf on Oak Tree Ave. reported the theft of his wallet that was left on a desk.

• On July 27 Edward E. Hearon, 46, of Piscataway was arrested for driving while intoxicated and careless driving at a motor vehicle stop.

Borough Tax Bill Update

Borough Extends Due Date to Aug. 31

The South Plainfield tax bills have not yet been mailed due to the fact that Middlesex County has not yet determined a county tax rate. The grace period for property tax payment has been extended until Aug. 31.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by Alexander Hermes requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 4 x 16 deck extension to an existing 10 x 16 deck. Proposed extension lacks 8' required side setback, 6' being proposed, deck exceeds lot coverage by 180 square feet or 3.6%; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 2333 Oxford Avenue on Block 75, Lot 20 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 12, 2004 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 July 30, 2004

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
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LEGAL NOTICE

An appeal has been filed by John Pilla requesting a variance from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield to permit a 240 sq. ft. shed. Proposed shed exceeds maximum square footage according to Ordinance No. 1655; 200 sq. ft. allowed. Proposed shed exceeds allowance square footage by 40'; and other variances that may be required, said property being located at 1300 Durham Ave. on Block 529, 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 26, 2004 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.

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LEGAL NOTICE

July 23, 2004
Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 22, 2004.

A. Case #48-04—Joe DeSimone, Block 146; Lot 1; 1319 Walnut St. the applicant's request to erect a one story addition 10 ft. by 26 ft. with a 9.8 ft. front yard setback from Chestnut Ave. was hereby APPROVED with one condition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary—Zoning Board of Adjustment
\$20.00 July 30, 2004

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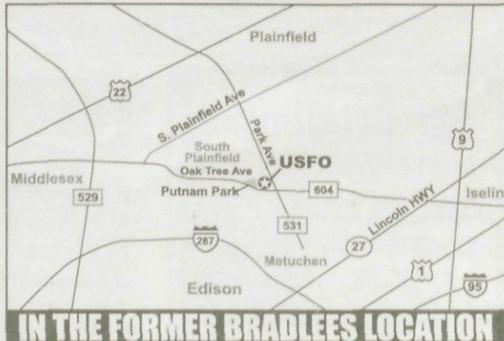
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