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Fire Inspector Mike Pellegrino demonstrates the use of a fire truck for children enrolled in "Safety Town." The summer program teaches preschoolers all aspects of keeping safe. For story and photos, see page 10.

John R. Contone Named Parade Grand Marshal

The Labor Day Committee has announced that former Fire Chief John R. Contone will be leading this year's Labor Day parade as the Honorary Grand Marshal.

Cotone, a lifelong resident of South Plainfield, has been a member of the fire department for 43 years, serving as a volunteer, captain, deputy captain and chief. He has been fire code official for 20 years. John started working in South Plainfield in 1961 as heavy equipment operator with the DPW and was promoted to foreman. Watch next week's *Observer* for more on John Cotone.

This year's parade is already setting up to be better than ever. With a little less than a month to go, there are already twelve bands and 45 entries signed up to march, including our own South Plainfield

High School Marching Band. There will also be twice as many cartoon characters appearing than last year and the parade will be televised by Comcast.

The day begins with the 5K race and 1.5 mile family walk. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and ends at the PAL, where there will be plenty of food, drinks and concessions for parade goers to enjoy, and at 12:30 p.m., live musical entertainment by "Forrester" will begin.

The evening entertainment at Spring Lake Park begins with the band "Sound Investment" starting at 7 p.m., followed by a huge fireworks display. The day's activities and entertainment are free, so plan to spend the day in South Plainfield and bring your neighbors and friends along.

Summer Drama Debuts "The Pajama Game"

By Patricia Abbott

This week the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) will present their production of *The Pajama Game*, an unconventional story set in the 50's dealing with daily lives of the workers at The Sleep Pajama Factory in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The battle of the sexes is nothing new and union versus management conflicts are an age-old blue collar issue. While neither sound exciting enough to take to the stage as a musical, throw in some romance, comedy, a wonderful assortment of "real people" characters, add dance

numbers by acclaimed choreographer Bob Fosse and you have not just a musical, but a big hit.

Theater lovers in the know realize that *The Pajama Game* was a big hit years before Doris Day lit the silver screen with the film version. The Broadway production was directed by George Abbott (of *Damn Yankees* fame) and Jerome Robbins, choreographed by Bob Fosse, music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross. It premiered on May 13, 1954 at St. James Theatre in New York City. *The Pajama Game* previewed in New Haven, Conn. and it was during the preview the musical nearly lost one of the all time favorite dance numbers

Steam Heat. This jazzy dance with its risqué moves and derby tricks introduced the world to Fosse's style, but Abbott wanted to cut the number. Noting the positive reactions from the audience, co-director Robbins convinced him to leave the dance intact. *The Pajama Game* was an enormous success launching the careers of Fosse and later Shirley MacLaine. The show was the eighth musical to have a run of over a thousand performances.

As the cast of *The Pajama Game* takes to the stage, they are following in the footsteps of hundreds of youths who spent their summers steeped in all that Summer Drama has to offer. Many of the students on the 2005



SDW stage have been with the group for years, while others are excited to be in their first show. Older performers are savoring every second of their final summer drama year and still others have returned as interns or staff such as: Emma Fulton, Christopher Baron and David Garatino. Quite a few SDW veterans have moved on to professional careers in the arts. The Summer Drama Workshop was founded in 1972 by the (original) Grant School PTA, when the school was located on Front St. The program

was eventually adopted by the Adult School and began to flourish. SDW's production board continually finds new and innovative ways to improve the program.

The Pajama Game runs Aug. 4, 5, 6 at 7 p.m. and Aug. 7 at 2 p.m.. The Aug. 6 and 7 shows will be sign language interpreted for the hearing impaired. Performances are held in the air-conditioned auditorium at South Plainfield High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

For more information call (908) 561-5255 or visit the web site at www.spsdw.com. The program has been made possible by a grant from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission/Board of Chosen Freeholders, through funding in part from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



Thirty local youth had the opportunity to get an inside look at police work and the criminal justice system at the Junior Police Academy's second session, sponsored by South Plainfield Recreation Department in conjunction with the police department. For story and additional photos, see page 11.

Update on

Borough Construction

CAUTION:
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Construction work has started on Hamilton Blvd. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the area of Ryan St. and St. Nicholas Ave. Please plan alternate routes. American Water Company has stopped work on Hamilton Blvd. until Aug. 8.

Construction has also begun on Maple Ave. between the hours of 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. At this time, the curbs and sidewalks will be replaced and traffic will flow in both directions

during the construction at all times.

All local businesses on Hamilton Blvd. will remain open during the construction period.

Should you have any questions, call Borough Administrator Vincent Buttiglieri at (908) 226-7606 or Construction Coordinator Michael Zushma at (908) 753-3775, or log on to spobserver.com or southplainfieldnj.com for the latest updates.

IN YOUR OPINION

To the Editor,

On Thursday, June 17 the John E. Riley 2005 fourth grade class had their farewell. The theme for the evening was "We're Having A Party." The gymnasium was decorated with colorful balloon arches. While waiting for the fourth grade class to make their entrance, family and friends all joined in the celebration. As South Side Johnny was singing, the large crowd, led by Mrs. Crown, was clapping and swaying. The fourth graders lead by their teachers, Mrs. Bonanno, Mrs. Gaffney, Mrs. Dispenzere and Ms. Polito got to show off their dance moves to *I'm Coming Out* by Diana Ross. After all certificates were handed out, a DVD presentation of the fourth grader's five years at Riley was shown. Thanks to Matthew Ward for creating the wonderful keepsake DVD.

Riley PTSO would like to thank Mrs. Crown for picking up the pieces and holding everything together this year.

Special thank yous were made to parents who also will be leaving Riley. The following people were acknowledged for their many long hours of volunteering to make Riley events happen. Jen Kelly, Mary Pickarski, Tracy Gratta, Maureen Noll, Catherine

Parillo, Alice Masters, Hope Cotone, Diane Hunterton, Roberta Robjohns, Jim Coupe, Russ Teller, Christine Dispenzere, Debbie and Jeff Seider and Debbie and Bob Boyle.

Many thanks to the following: to the fourth grade teachers for all of their hard work and dedication to our kids. Mr. Bill and Mr. Artie for all of the many favors; we truly appreciate them all. To Georgeann and Mohn's Florist, for donating her time putting together a balloon arch that covered our stage.

The evening would not have been such a success without the hard work of a great committee: Joan Rochotte, Cathy Parillo, Laura and Tom Timmerman, Lori Esposito, Debbie Seider, Diane Hunterton, Kathy Pittenger, Stephanie Wolak, Debbie Boyle, Christine Dispenzere, Cate Bonanno, Kelly Butrico, Jackie Vill, Linda Kelly and Shirley Affinito.

We wish all of the fourth graders the best of luck as they head on to Grant School next year, they all will be taking their Riley roots with them.

As my last child leaves Riley, the memories and the bonds that all of us have made will be in our hearts forever. Thank you to all!

**DONNA TELLER, J.E.R PTSO
PRESIDENT**

To the Editor,

My name is Pattie Jones. I am writing about my two-year-old nephew, Patrick Corsello, who is a resident of South Plainfield. On May 31 of this year he was diagnosed with ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic/Lymphocytic Leukemia). On June 1, I founded a non-profit organization (Kisses for Patrick) to help my sister and brother-in-law with medical and other bills. Patrick is looking at about 38 months of chemo treatments.

Kisses for Patrick will be conducting its first fundraiser, a bikini car wash. It will be held on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Midas Auto Service, 914 West Saint George Ave. in Linden. Minimum donation is \$5.

All proceeds will benefit Kisses for Patrick, a non-profit organization helping one family in the fight against childhood cancer.

Donations can be mailed to: Kisses for Patrick, PO Box 393, Linden, NJ 07036.

You can read Patrick's story at www.caringbridge.org/visit/patrickcorsello, or for more information, Kisses4Patrick@yahoo.com.

PATTIE JONES

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to the letter submitted to the *Observer* by Sen. Barbara Buono, 18th District.

Sen. Buono is sure to blame the "indefensible recalcitrance of the Bush Administration to make the safety of our chemical facilities a national priority." Here we go again - politics above all. What have our senators done since 9/11 to make the various cities, towns, and boroughs in New Jersey that have chemical plants and/or any plant which, if there were an accident, much less a terrorist attack, secure? What have they done to get more money from the federal government to get back a bigger return for the money we send to Washington for security? What about gas lines running through the state? What about the tunnels and bridges? What is a priority? How would we prevent a terrorist from using a hand-held rocket and lobbing it into a gas facility? Or running a car with explosives into a gas station or a large mall? How many such terrorists in a bomb-laden car are needed to hit A, B, and C Terminals at Newark International Airport?

And how would we in New Jersey pay for all this? More taxes?

How about starting with the powers-that-be in New Jersey enforcing whatever codes they already have to ensure those "chemical" plants, propane facilities, air products companies, etc. meet strict safety rules and regulations and mete out heavy fines to those who do not comply. If the codes and regulations are insufficient, make new ones right here. Why wait for the "Bush Administration" to do it? It wouldn't take New Jersey as long to do it on our own instead of waiting for Washington to do it. And who would Washington make responsible in New Jersey to carry out the polic-

ing of whatever law they passed? Then ask Washington to pay for it.

Why doesn't Sen. Buono find out all the facilities where we are vulnerable and let the "enemy" know where they are? Just in case they don't know it already.

But don't worry, Senator: by the time the next election rolls around, we will hear all about where we are weak in our defenses, namely our transportation facilities, airlines, refineries, our borders, our financial centers and our ports, etc. And, of course, how poorly we are doing in defending our country to say the least.

**SINCERELY,
RICHARD V. PETRONE**

Dear Editor:

I recently went to Eyekrafters Optical on Oak Tree Rd. for a routine eye exam. Dr. Lior Koppel diagnosed me with Macular Degeneration, a disease that would basically leave me blind. I spent two days after that in a daze. Nothing anyone said to me would make sense and I would cry every few minutes. Nothing mattered to me anymore, because I was supposedly going blind.

I decided to get a second opinion and when I went back to the same doctor to get a referral to see a specialist, he tried to get me to go to a specialist that worked for him. I refused because I wanted to see my own doctor. When he found out that I was going to a different doctor to get a second opinion he immediately began saying that I had "misunderstood" him and that he had said to me that I "might get the disease in twenty years or so." How could I have misunderstood him if he even gave me types of vitamins to take for this disease? He had lied to me and tried to cover it up by saying that I had misunderstood him; however, I have written proof that he "diagnosed" me with Macular Degeneration. When I went for my second opinion the doctor told me that I didn't even have the beginning of it.

The reason I am telling my story is because I don't want him to do this to anyone else. The suffering that I went through thinking that I was going to go blind when I am only in my late forties was unbearable.

Again, the doctor's name is Dr. Lior Koppel from Eyekrafters Optical, located on Oak Tree Rd. next to Angel

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Please be advised that the Observer will no longer publish anonymous letters. Any letter received without identification will be discarded.

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Tips and Sears Hardware. Please if you do go there, get a second opinion. Do not let this so-called doctor hurt you also.

**SINCERELY,
THERESA FERNANDEZ**

To the Editor,

On Saturday, June 4 we held the second annual COACHES CARE golf classic at Heron Glen Golf Course. Although the weather forecast was shaky, for the first time in five years we were blessed with nothing but sunshine. With a sold out 144 golfers and over 40 sponsors, there are many people that made this a great day for sick kids.

First and foremost is the committee that made this all possible. Tony Cassano, Charlie Decker, Bill DeNizio, Tom Lanza, Guy Moretti and Ted Tucker provided the manpower that made this event possible.

Aside from meeting on a weekly basis, these gentlemen recruited golfers, collected door prizes and selflessly took time away from their families to make the lives of sick children better. Special thanks to Kevin Lykes, who for the second year designed our program and handled all of our literature requests. To the women who volunteered their time to be witnesses and salespeople on the par three's (Toni Moretti, Colleen Hubner, Debbie Lykes, Sharon Tucker, Marianne Decker, Laura McCreesh, Cathy Thomas, and the women of Blue Mountain Mortgage, Anna, Josine, Laura, Vanessa, and Sami), your efforts will have a far reaching impact on this charity and I can't thank you enough.

A special thank you to the following businesses and people who were hole sponsors: Arch Chemical, Brunswick West, Inc., Santoro and Santoro, A.J. Dellavalle Builders, Nischwitz and Company, Lynn Reed Associates, Hughes and Stricker, Honeywell,

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| Date | Agenda Meeting | Public Meeting |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|
| August 9 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| September 6 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| September 20 | 7:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |

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planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641

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Keystone Community Residence Renew Front St. Adoption

Mary Ann Williams, Vocational Supervisor at the Keystone Community Residence, has renewed Keystone's Adopt-A-Spot contract with the South Plainfield Clean Business Association for another year. The Keystone Vocational Program litter crew has been maintaining the entire length of Front Street, from Maple Ave. to the railroad tracks. Working on Thursdays, the crew of six to nine people sweeps the sidewalks, picks up litter and pulls any weeds that might be growing in the curb.

Keystone first adopted this road in 1997, as part of the downtown revitalization effort. The Vocational Program has a separate contract with the CBA to clean litter from the Borough's parks and municipal buildings. Regu-

lar litter removal is an important facet of the Clean Communities Program, because people are less likely to drop trash in a clean area than if a place is already littered.

This Adopt-A-Spot is important to the downtown area. The CBA is looking for other businesses or groups interested in adopting spots in the commercial districts. Hamilton Blvd., Church St., South Plainfield Ave. and Oak Tree Ave. are all subject to littering. Plainfield Ave. between the Middle School and the intersection with Sampton Ave. is another stretch that needs maintenance.

For more information about the Adopt-A-Spot program, contact the Clean Communities Coordinator at (908) 226-7621.

police report

- On July 26 Nicholas Jdue Fareri, 25, of Piscataway was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving an unregistered vehicle and an outstanding warrant at a motor vehicle stop.

- Allan H. Edmond, 31, of Maplewood was arrested for driving an unregistered vehicle, driving an uninsured vehicle and two outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

- Chem Lawn on Corporate Blvd. reported the theft of two chainsaws, a pruner, a blower and hedge trimmer from a locked trailer.

- Mastracola Plumbing, Inc. on New Market Ave. reported the theft of a towable mortar mixer from their parking lot.

- Raceway Gas on W. 7th St. reported that a man drove away without paying for \$10 worth of gas.

- A Tompkins Ave. resident reported the theft of a snow blower and lawn mower from their unlocked porch.

- On July 27 Richard Herman, 38, of South Plainfield was arrested for obstruction of justice and outstanding warrants.

- On July 28 an Elsie Ave. resident reported finding lipstick and nail polish on their vehicle.

- A Montrose Ave. resident reported that eggs had been thrown at their garage door.

- Quick Chek on Durham Ave. reported the theft of two bags of potato chips by two juveniles who fled the store.

- On July 29 Bryon E. Boyton, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and driving on a suspended license at a motor vehicle stop.

- Wakeelah Lateefah Wilson, 27, of Plainfield was arrested for obstruction of justice, driving an unregistered vehicle, no insurance, driving on a suspended license and four outstanding warrants at a motor vehicle stop.

- A Trinity St. resident reported the theft of a moped from their driveway.

- On July 30 Riley School reported that a classroom window had been broken. Nothing was taken.

- On July 31 the PAL reported a broken window on the east side of the building. Nothing was taken.



Lisa Affinito, Natalie Kozak, Joey Affinito, Michael and Jennifer DelBeni, Alex Nevill and Max Gordon became entrepreneurs this week. The girls picked the cucumbers from their backyard garden and along with the boys, set up a stand on South Central Ave. to sell their products.

County Grant Will Help Improve Recreational Facilities

South Plainfield was one of seven Middlesex County municipalities benefiting from a total of \$2.7 million in grants from the County's Open Space and Recreation Trust Fund to construct or improve existing active recreation facilities within the towns.

The Board of Chosen Freeholders at its regular meeting July 28 authorized for South Plainfield a \$180,525 grant to construct a footbridge to enable pedestrians to walk through the entire municipal complex, including the Veterans' and Fire Department Memorials and the Senior Citizen Recreation Center.

"Our towns are always looking for ways to improve and expand their recreational facilities and we are committed to helping them do that," said Freeholder Director David B. Crabel. "The

recreational grants are an effective tool in meeting the needs of our residents. Working with our municipal partners helps us zero in on and respond to those needs."

"Middlesex County is a wonderful place to live, to work and to raise a family," said Freeholder Camille Fernicola, liaison to the Open Space Trust Fund. "A big part of what makes this County great is the Freeholder Board's commitment to preserving Open Space and offering unparalleled recreation facilities to all our residents."

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Concerts Continue at Spring Lake Park

The Jimmy Ray Band (Ray Rothstein, leader) will be the featured performer at Spring Lake Park this Sunday, Aug. 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the gazebo. The performance is free.

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Through Aug. 7

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For info call (908) 561-5255.

Babysitting Workshop

August 8-10

A Babysitting workshop hosted by South Plainfield Library will be held on Monday, Aug. 8, Tuesday Aug. 9 and Wednesday, Aug. 10 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The workshop is for young people age 11-18. It's designed to teach young people the safest approach to child care, including basic instruction regarding safety and discipline. Each participant will receive a certificate upon completion of the course. The course is free of charge. Pre-registration for the course is required.

For information, call (908) 754-7885, or visit: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Music Boosters Meeting

August 10

The SPHS Music Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 10. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Chorus Room. All Chorus, Band and Orchestra parents are welcome to attend. Band Camp will be discussed. Please join us.

Children's Program

August 10

The library will host a special children's program "Mammal Mania" on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

"Mammal Mania," a program for children ages four and over, will look at mammals from all over the world, including behaviors, habitats and relationships with humans. The program is free, but pre-registration is requested.

For information, call (908) 754-7885 or visit: www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us.

Scrapbooking Class

August 18

There will be a scrapbooking class on Thursday, Aug. 18, at 10 a.m. at the library. "Creative Memories" instructor Dayel Giammarino will lead the class in cropping and mounting photos into a 7x7 scrapbook page. Participants should bring 2-4 photos with them. There is a \$5 materials fee for the class; pre-registration is required.

WOODLOCH PINES TRIP

The South Plainfield seniors will be sponsoring a trip to Woodloch Pines in the Poconos from Oct. 31 to Nov. 4. Full trip includes transportation from senior center, four nights at hotel, breakfast, lunch and dinner daily, hotel taxes and gratuities, all resort activities and nightly entertainment. Cost is \$475 for twin, \$465 for triple and \$555 for single.

A down payment of \$100 is required and a \$100 payment per month, with final balance due on Sept. 1. Make checks payable to South Plainfield Seniors and mail to: Mickie Panzarella, 128 Clifford St., South Plainfield, NJ 07080. For information call (908) 755-2487.

What's happening in AUGUST

Daily Events
9-11 AM Coffee & Cake
9 AM-4 PM Cards & Pool
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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

Senior Center EVENTS

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| UPCOMING EVENTS Hunterdon Hills Playhouse August 24, Cost \$55 Woodloch Pines Pocono Resort Oct. 31-Nov. 4 Info at Senior Center | | | | |
| Knitting/Crocheting 9:30-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Drawing Class 11am | Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social 10am | Exercise 8:30am Line Dancing 10am Computer Class 10am, 11:30am & 1pm | Weekly Shopping Pathmark 9am Practical Crafts 10am Computer Class 11am & 1pm | Bingo 10am-2pm Lunch Available |
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quired. For information, call (908) 754-7885.

Stress Factory Comedy Club

August 21

The Stress Factory Comedy Club will present a fundraiser to benefit the South Plainfield Rescue Squad on Sunday, Aug. 21. Dinner starts at 5 p.m. and show begins at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Feature performer will be Lenny Marcus. Reserve your tickets now. The Stress Factory is located on Church St. in New Brunswick.

For tickets call (732) 558-9076 or (908) 754-2324.

Hunterdon Hills Trip

August 24

The Senior Citizen Center is sponsoring a trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on Aug. 24 to see the new summer musical *Living It Up: A Celebration of 100 Years of Popular Music & Dance*. Cost is \$55 and includes transportation, lunch and the show. Bus departs the senior center at 10 a.m. and returns around 5 p.m. You do not have to be a member to participate.

VFW Breakfast

September 4

South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, located on 155 Front St., will hold their monthly breakfast on Sunday, September 4 from 8-11 a.m. The public is invited to attend. Call (908) 668-9751 for more information.

Sons of the American Legion Super 50/50

September 5

There will be a Super 50/50 drawing sponsored by the Sons of the American Legion Squadron #243 held on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at American Legion on Oak Tree Ave. Ticket cost is \$5. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds benefit the various charities that SAL #243 support.

VFW Picnic/Pig Roast

September 10

South Plainfield VFW Memorial Post #6763, located at 155 Front Street, will host their annual picnic and pig roast on Saturday, September 10 from 12-5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 when purchased at the gate. Call (908) 668-9751 for more information.

Celebrity Roast for Chief John Cotone

September 11

A Celebrity Roast for Chief John Cotone will be held on September 11 from 2-6 p.m. at the Italian American Club in North Plainfield. Dinner and an open bar will be available. The cost is \$40 per person. There are only a limited number of tickets available and reserved seating for a table of 10 only. Call (908) 753-3775 for tickets.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex Co. Fair

Through August 7

During the 2005 Middlesex County Fair, to be held through August 7, various events will be taking place highlighting the not-for-profit activities of the Middlesex County Fair Association. Events include rides, music, competitions for the County Fair King, Queen, Prince, and Princess, a blood drive, raffles and a Charity Challenge. For more information, call the Association at (732) 257-8858.

YMCA Summer Photography Class

Through August 24

The Metuchen Branch YMCA, located on 65 High Street in Metuchen, will be hosting a summer photography class every Wednesday from August 3-24. Participants will focus on how to take better pictures and to get a better understanding of photography.

The class will include trips to Metuchen Artworks, Roosevelt Park and downtown Metuchen. Cost is \$15 for YMCA members and \$25 for non-members. Call (732) 548-2044.

Art For Everyone At Metuchen ArtWorks

August 6

Gallery members are proud to announce The Miniature Show at Metuchen ArtWorks. Consisting of contributions from all 15 members, every piece available will be 12" x 12" or smaller. The range of styles represented are as many and varied as the members themselves, and are both sized and priced to accommodate any space.

The gallery is located on Station Pl. in Metuchen. For information call (732) 603-9299 or visit www.metuchenartworks.com.

Middlesex East WOWs Meeting

August 9

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will conduct a business meeting on Aug. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center, located at Pershing and Cooke avenues in Carteret. Light refreshments to follow. Widows and widowers are invited. For information, contact Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Woodbridge WOWs Business Meeting

August 10

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will

have a business meeting and social hour on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. in the Main Public Library, George Frederick Plaza in Woodbridge. Light refreshments served. Call (732) 297-1775 for more information.

Ninth Annual Sweet Sounds Downtown

August 9, 16, 23 and 30

The "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival, sponsored by the Downtown Westfield Corporation (DWC), kicks off their ninth annual season in downtown Westfield. The performances will take place on sidewalks and street corners every Tuesday in July and August from 7 to 9 p.m. Rain dates will be the following Wednesday evenings at the same time.

For more information about Westfield and other downtown events taking place, call the DWC at (908) 789-9444.

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

August 12

Middlesex East Widows or Widowers will hold an open dance on Friday, August 12, from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at St. Demetrius Community Center, 681-691 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. All are welcome. Admission is \$8 for members and \$9 for guests. For information, call (732) 541-2174 or (908) 757-0515.

Walk to Cure Diabetes Luncheon

August 18

The Mid-Jersey Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) is hosting a Somerset/Hunterdon County Walk to Cure Diabetes Kickoff Luncheon on Thursday, Aug. 18 from 12-1:30 p.m. at the Bridgewater Marriott in Bridgewater. Don't miss out on this fun and inspiring event. Information will be available to help you create or grow your walk team. RSVP by Aug. 5 by calling the JDRF at (732) 296-7171. For information e-mail mmalak@jdrf.org.

Woodbridge WOWs Dance-Social

August 21

The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWs) will hold a member/guest Dance-Social on Sunday, Aug. 21 at the Elks' Hall in Woodbridge from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Live music by the Bill Gerry Duo and refreshments served. Call (732) 297-1775 for more information.

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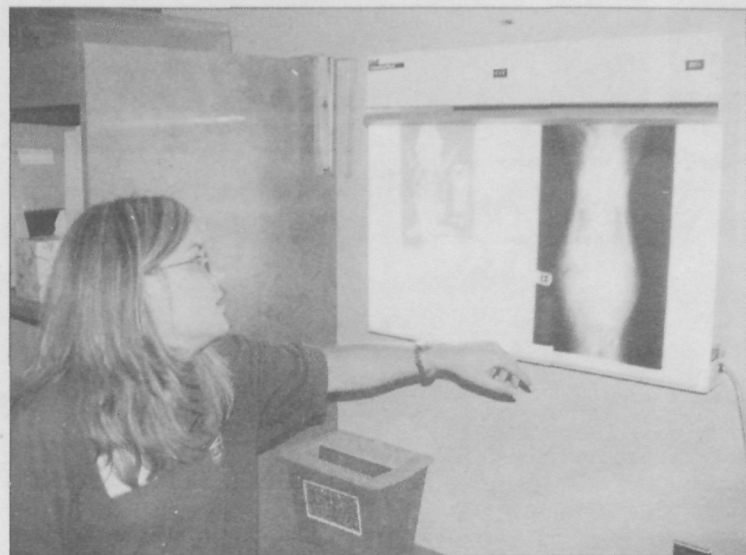
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Plainfield Animal Hospital Unveils State-of-the-Art Building



By Patricia Abbott

The weekend of July 23 marked the official opening of the "new" Plainfield Animal Hospital. The 53-year-old establishment finally made the long awaited move into their brand new building, and Dr. Scott Linick's years of dreams were finally realized. The hospital's website offered a humorous invitation to join the festivities, "This party is for people. The rest of the year is for your pets!"

In order to accommodate everyone the hospital held two ribbon cutting ceremonies. The first was held on Saturday evening, July 23. Owner Scott

Linick, along with his family: wife Karen and daughters, Erica and Ashley, wore ear to ear smiles as the super-sized scissors cut the ribbon marking the hospital's official opening. In attendance were council members, business associates, referring veterinarians, bankers and the staff's families. The guests enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, wine, champagne and soft keyboard music. Staff members ran tours of the facility, regaling fascinated visitors with detailed facts about the many different areas and operation of the hospital.

On Sunday, July 24 a second brief ceremony was held for the hospital's

clients and the general public. Among those on hand for the ribbon cutting were Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and State Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan. The celebration continued with a barbecue held in the parking lot. Over 200 people, including smiling staff members, enjoyed food and fun. Staff sported new green shirts bearing the hospital logo. Scott currently employs eight veterinarians and 20 support personnel.

Scott began planning the hospital in the summer of 2003 after attending a hospital design convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Construction took just over a year. The beautiful new building is located adjacent to the former hospital. The outside of the building is impressive, with glass walls towering to the second floor. Inside the reception area is expansive and cheery. There are check in and check out desks to speed clients along. The waiting area offers a coffee bar, children's play area and a viewing window for the luxury cat condos. A television plays non-stop runs of The Animal Planet.

The new hospital has six exam rooms. Scott proudly noted, "Each exam room is equipped with a television monitor, so that our clients may view videos pertaining to their pets' specific conditions. A large central treatment area is surrounded by our ICU featuring floor to ceiling glass so that the patients can be monitored at all times." Additional areas include a surgery suite, a dental suite, x-ray room and in-house laboratory. There are separate wards for dogs, cats and exotic pets, as well as climate controlled indoor dog runs. The hospital



offers in-house and online pharmacies. They also have a retail area filled with a wide variety of products for pets.

The second floor is devoted to office space—something in short supply in the old hospital.

There is a spacious conference room where Linick plans to teach dental classes. The conference table is equipped with audiovisual hook-ups for laptop computers. The room also features a board for projecting and writing. Linick's office is on this floor; it is the first time he has his own office. There is a staff locker room and an associate's office. The Plainfield Animal Hospital even has a new motto, "We treat each pet as if it were our own."

For more information about the hospital visit their web site www.plainfieldanimalhospital.com.



On hand to help celebrate the opening of the new Plainfield Animal Hospital are Mayor Dan Gallagher, Bob Longo, architect, Dr. Scott Linick and his wife Karen, Vince Vicci, building contractor, Councilwoman Kathy Thomas and Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan.

From Dr. Scott Linick

I would like to thank the following:

~ Mayor Gallagher, Assemblyman Pat Diegnan, State Senator Bob Smith and members of the Borough Council, Zoning and Planning Boards for allowing us to build this beautiful building here in South Plainfield. I have worked in South Plainfield since 1982 and have lived here since 1987 and I truly believe this is a great place to live, work and raise a family.

~ Bob Longo of Cornerstone Architectural Group, to whom I gave the challenge of building a state-of-the-art veterinary hospital. I said, "Bob, can you do it? Have you ever built one?" He said, "I have never done a veterinary hospital, but I think I can!" As you all can see, he certainly could! I would also like to thank Eric Guiliani for his countless hours of putting the plans onto paper and watching every detail. And I would like to thank Vito Tamburrino, the watchdog, who made sure everything was done right, and all of the members of the Cornerstone staff who helped make this building possible.

~ Vince Vicci, John Vicci, Frank Bingert, Ralph, Tony, Mac and the entire crew at Hull-Vicci Construction for their tireless and meticulous efforts. Of course, every time I walked into the building, they were eating and on break, but Tony always offered me a bite of his sandwich. No wonder we were six months late!

~ Bill Snell, Paul Wenslau and his team of bankers, who believed in this project and took great interest in it, thank you. I will now pay great interest to them. I owe you a lot, gentlemen. Literally, I owe you a lot!

~ Lee Ifland, for his tireless efforts without compensation for my telephone and security systems.

~ My wife, Karen, who spent countless hours at meetings and discussing things with me. Just like the scene in the movie, "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," where the mother says that the man is the head of the household, but the wife is the neck, and she can turn the head any way she wants to. She has a knack for coming up with excellent ideas and allowing me to believe they were my own. I love you, honey.

~ My daughters, Erica and Ashley, for never complaining when their dad had too much work or too many meetings to spend time with them. I love you, girls.

~ The staff of the Plainfield Animal Hospital, some of whom have been with me for 15, 20, or 25 years, for their hard work and dedication which has allowed us to grow into one of the finest and most respected practices in New Jersey.

~ And last, but not least, there is an old joke that goes like this: A Jewish woman goes into the hospital to have a baby. When the baby is born, the doctor presents the husband and wife with their new son, the doctor. Nobody embodies this story better than my mother and my father. For as long as I can remember, they always told me, "You are going to be a doctor or a lawyer." I know they thought I was going to be a lawyer because I had such a big mouth, but I fooled them!

My father drove a taxi cab in New York City 72 hours a week so that I would get the education and the opportunities that he never had. Unfortunately, he passed away a long time ago, but I know that he is looking down at me right now and is very proud. My mother, who is here getting away from the heat of Florida and is beaming with pride, gave me the love, guidance and nudging to get me started on where I am today.

And finally, I would like to thank our loyal clients. Without you, we would have no reason to be here.

Thank you, Scott Linick

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◆ **Mary Smyllie Memorial Scholarship**
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(\$500) presented by Nicole Malinowski - Deep Patel

◆ **Suburban Woman's Club**
(\$1000) presented by Frieda Walker - Janine Clemente

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◆ **American Association of University Women**
(\$1,000) presented by Judy Hartpence - Rosanna Mootoo

◆ **South Plainfield Wrestling Club**
(\$500) presented by Jim Sacco and Joe DeBiase - Nick Curcio, Dawn Besser, Pete DeAndrea, and Ashley Martin

◆ **South Plainfield Senior Citizens**
(\$500) presented by JoAnn Graf - Cassie D'Urso

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(\$500) presented by JoAnn Graf - Carolina Gomez

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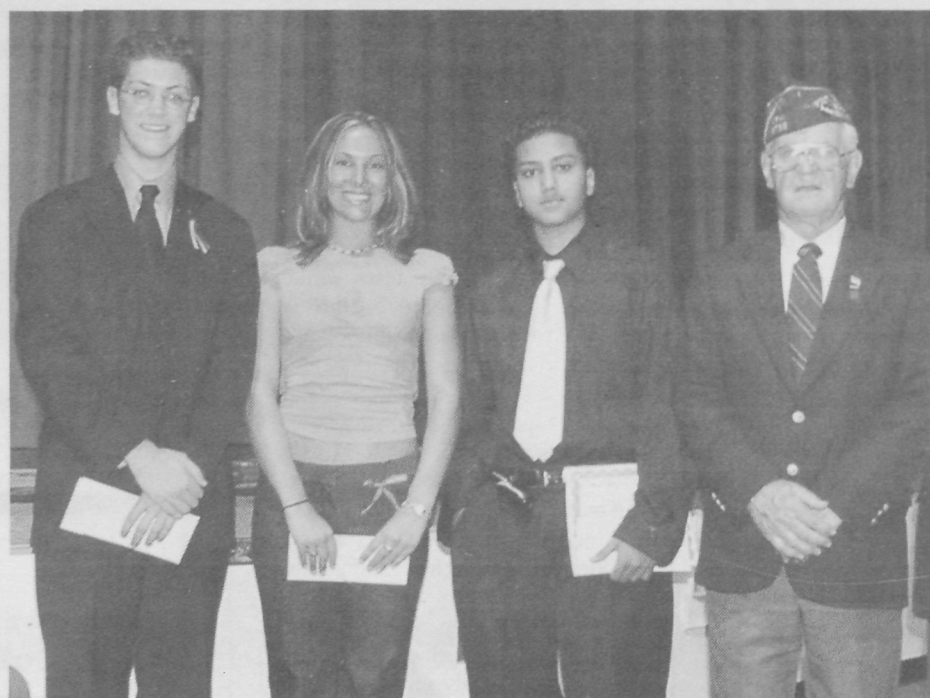
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◆ **Emil Leporino Memorial Scholarship**
(\$1,000) presented by Marjorie Reedy and Myra Stillman - Deep Patel

◆ **Giakas Family Foundation**
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(\$1,000) presented by Marjorie Reedy and Myra Stillman - Vijay Budhan, Kimberly Gaulb, Michael Richard

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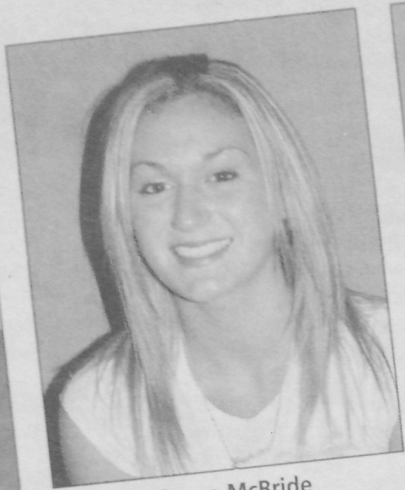
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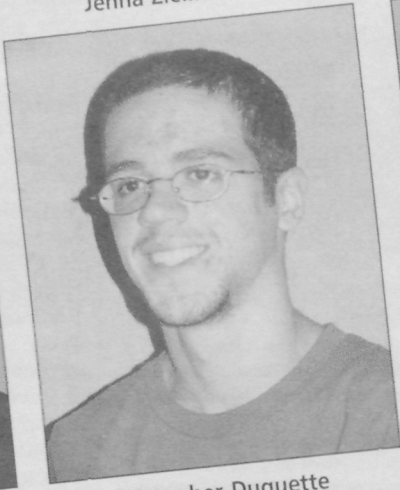
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CHRISTOPHER HARRISON P. ABBOTT (1st helper/Hines understudy) *The Pajama Game* marks Chris' twelfth and final year performance on the SDW stage. He has appeared in over 35 productions with The Brook Arts Center, NJ Renaissance Kingdom, Playhouse 22, Period Productions and Almost Famous Players. His all time favorite role was as the Pirate King in *The Pirates of Penzance*. He is a member of Almost Famous Players and serves as their assistant director and fight choreographer. Chris is also a long time member of the New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom and will appear in the Bucks County Ren Faire in September. He is entering his second year

at Middlesex County College. He hopes to attend Rutgers University, double majoring in forensic archaeology and theater.

PAT CANTARELLA (Max, the Salesman) Pat has been with Summer Drama Workshop for three years. He has been involved in *Crazy for You* playing Everett Baker, *Pirates of Penzance* playing a pirate and this year playing Max the salesman. Pat was also involved with pit orchestra for the spring plays. He has played saxophone in *Hello Dolly*, *Anything Goes*, *South Pacific* and *My Fair Lady*. Pat will be attending Rutgers University this fall. He plans on continuing to be involved in musicals

whether it be pit, crew, or cast. He wishes the best of luck to the cast, crew and orchestra.

VINCENT CARUBIA (Steam Heat Dancer, 2nd Helper) This is Vincent's ninth and final year in SPSPDW. He started in 1997 in *The Wizard of Oz*. He made his first starring debut in *The Music Man* as Winthrop Paroo. Other starring roles include Ren McCormack in *Footloose* and Bobby Child in *Crazy for You*. He is currently studying at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. where he's majoring in film and television. He enjoys playing guitar, singing, and has taken hip hop at Center Stage for two years.

Pajama Game is his second production with the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop. Last year he performed as a pirate in *The Pirates of Penzance*. He has also participated in drama other years at Riley School and at church. Other interests include nine years of baseball and three years of basketball. He is an honor roll student at the South Plainfield Middle School.

DARREN KACZOWSKI (Hines) *The Pajama Game* is Darren's second performance with the SDW. He appeared in last year's production of *The Pirates of Penzance* as Lard the Pirate. In addition, Darren has appeared in two South Plainfield High School productions: *South Pacific* as a sailor, and *My Fair Lady* as Freddy Eynsford-Hill. He is also greatly involved in the SPHS chorus. As well as being the chorus secretary, Darren is in a few select ensembles, such as the Jades, Traveling Choir and Concert Choir.

ERICA LINICK (Ann, Steam Heat Dancer) Erica is a sophomore at SPHS. This is her fourth year performing with the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop. She has appeared in *Footloose*, *Crazy for You* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. She also appeared in the South Plainfield High School's spring musical, *My Fair Lady*. Erica has taken dance lessons at Spotlight on Dance for 12 years. There she studies ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and pointe. She is also a member of the Spotlight on Dance Competition Company. She sang with the high school chorus, and was a part of Emeralds and Traveling Choir.

MARIANNE MCBRIDE (Babe) This is Marianne's seventh year with SPSPDW. This year she is making her starring debut as Babe Williams. She is a 2005 graduate of Bishop Ahr High school and is entering her freshman year of college in September where she is majoring in communications.



Eric Hafen

Other activities also include hip hop at Center Stage where she was accepted into the schools company and also choreographed and taught ballet, hip hop, tap, and lyrical at Fran's School of Dance in Piscataway.

SUSAN MOTT (Mabel) Susan is a junior at SPHS. *The Pajama Game* marks Susan's fifth year with SPSPDW. Previous performances with SDW include *Bye Bye Birdie* (Alice), *Footloose*, *Crazy For You* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. She has taken three years of dance lessons at Joanne's Dance Studio in jazz, tap, and ballet. This is also Susan's second year with the SPHS Players. She most recently appeared in *My Fair Lady*. She also performed in last year's production of *South Pacific*. On the SPMS stage she performed the production *Yearbook*. She is also a member of Almost Famous Players. Susan participates in many extracurricular

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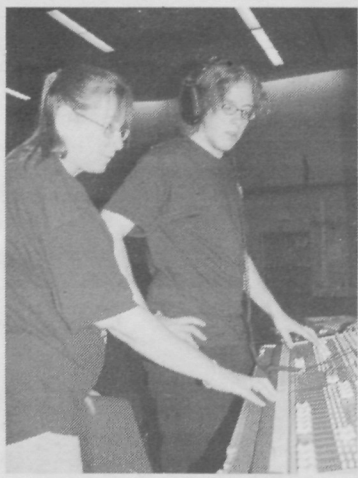
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Joy and Tristan More work on lighting.

SPSPDW for the past three years, appearing in *Footloose*, *Crazy for You* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. He is also actively involved with the SPHS Chorus, Traveling Choir, Concert Choir and Jades.

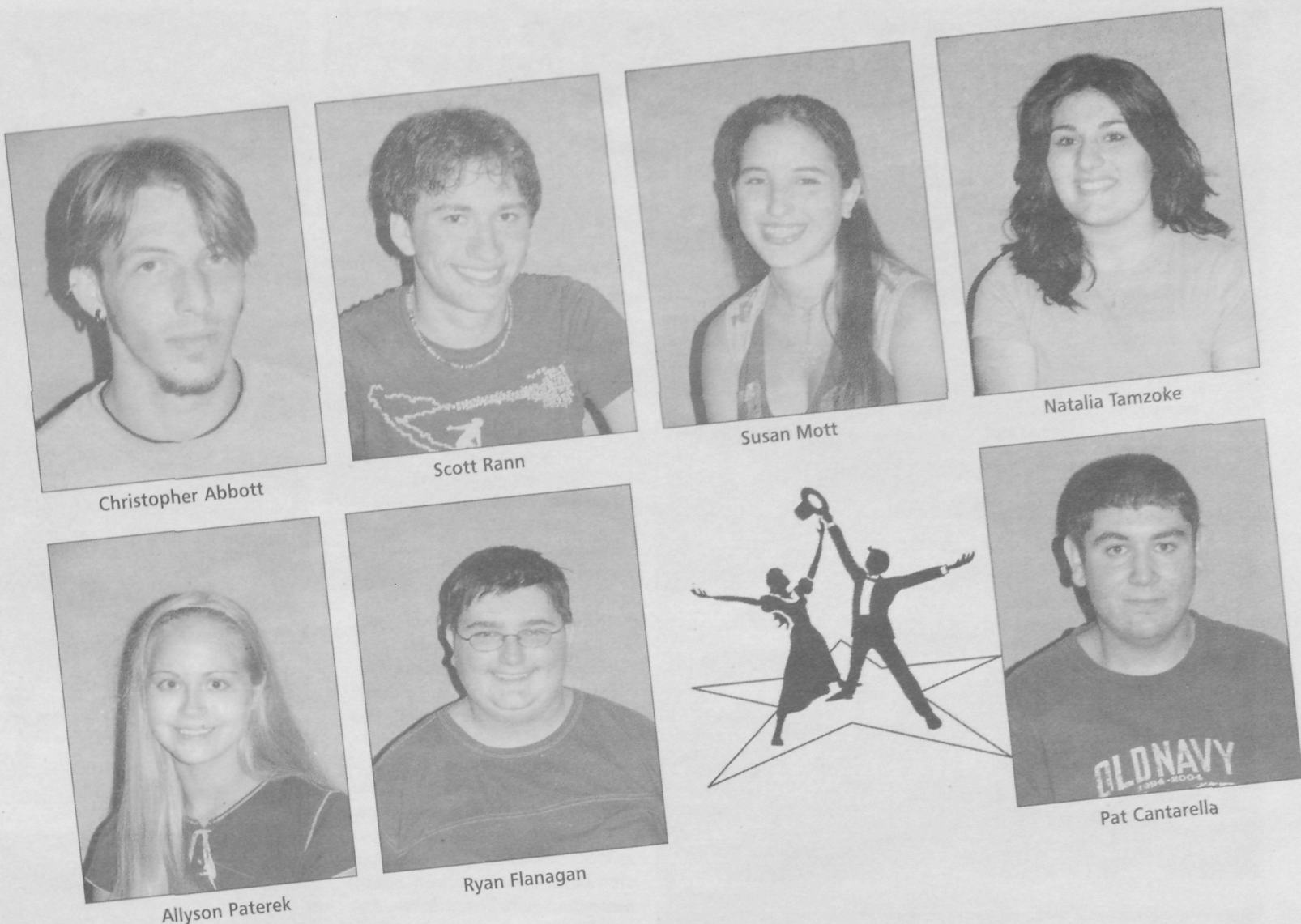
SHAWN FERGUSON (Hasler) Shawn is a 2005 SPHS graduate. He returns to the Summer Drama Workshop stage for his second season. Last year he appeared in *Pirates of Penzance*. His most recent stage credits include the high school's musical *My Fair Lady*. In the fall, he'll be attending Ramapo College of New Jersey and hopes to continue his passion for theater.

RYAN FLANAGAN (Pop) *The*



Jenna Zielinski, Erica Linick, Vinnie Carubia-the "Steam Heat" d

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Who's Who..... the CAST

activities including field hockey, lacrosse, peer facilitators, student council, habitat for humanity, chorus and Emeralds.

JESSICA MUSOLINO (Brenda) Jessica is a 2005 SPSHS grad. *The Pajama Game*. Is her sixth Summer Drama production. She also appeared in; *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Crazy For You*, *Footloose*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *The Music Man*. Her activities at SPSHS mainly focused on performing arts. Jess was in the marching band, concert, jazz and lab bands, Emeralds, concert choir, and traveling choir. She was a four year member with the SPSHS Drama and appeared in *Hello Dolly*, *Anything Goes*, *South Pacific* and *My Fair Lady*. Jess will enter college in September majoring in english/creative writing. She will also participate in the Haunted Woods Tour held in Putnam Park in October.

ALLYSON PATEREK (Poopsie) Allyson is a freshman at SPSHS. She got her start at Montclair State University in the production of *Norman's Ark*. She has been involved in the SPSDW productions of *Crazy for You* and *The Pirates of Penzance*. She has modeled for many years and was featured in an independent film called, *Home*. She recently appeared in the SPMS drama club production of *Holder Posey* as Echo Chambers. She studies piano, voice, dance, gymnastics and plays softball.

SCOTT RANN (Prez) Scott is a senior at SPSHS. *The Pajama Game* is his



Shawn Ferguson discusses props with producer Dawn Noonan.

first time working with the SPSDW. This is also his first time singing and dancing for an audience, but not his first time on stage. He plays a major role in all the band activities including the Marching Band.

JEFF SEESSELBERG (Joe) Jeff is a senior at SPSHS. *The Pajama Game*, is his fifth production with the Summer Drama Workshop. He also appeared in *The Pirates of Penzance*, *Crazy for You*, *Footloose* and *Bye, Bye Birdie!* He appeared with Almost Famous Players in the 2004 Putnam Park Haunted Woods Tour as an insane scientist with

a rubber duckie. Jeff is active in the SPSHS chorus and cross country track. He is currently the concert committee chairperson for the chorus.

ADAM TAMZOKE (Sid) Short and sweet: Adam likes acting and singing.

NATALIA TAMZOKE (Mae) Natalia is a senior at SPSHS. *The Pajama Game* marks her fifth production with SPSDW. She has always enjoyed singing and acting in theatrical performances. Memorable shows include *Male Order Brides* (Starring Billings), *Footloose* (Vi Moore), *South Pacific*, (Bloody Mary) and *The Pirates of Penzance* (Ruth). School activities include chorus, the spring musical and Spanish Club, National Honor Society, Emeralds, Traveling/Concert Choir, Peer Leadership and The Algonquin Square Book Club.

JENNA ZIELINSKI (Gladys) *The Pajama Game* is her fourth SPSDW production, and Gladys is her first leading role. She recently graduated from Bishop George Ahr High School and will be attending Wagner College in the fall. Jenna has been dancing for 13 years at Spotlight on Dance with some side training. She has also performed in three of Bishop Ahr's spring musicals. Her most recent appearance was as a Develle in BAHS *Damn Yankees*.

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There's Always Something To Do at Summer Drama

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop has a long history of providing that "something to do" over summer vacation. This was the original goal when the program was founded in 1972. A summer activity for youths that was both fun and perhaps educational. Thirty-four years later SDW is still going strong and has long since surpassed that goal.

The program is well into its second generation of youths with former students watching their own children on stage. State Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan's

daughters were involved with Summer Drama in the late eighties. Patrick said, "One of the nicest things about South Plainfield is diversified activities for kids. Of course, we are renowned statewide for our athletic programs but we also have activities to enhance the artistic side of young people. I can attest to how great the Summer Drama Program is. Both of my daughters, Heather and Tara participated in Summer Drama for years and I can honestly say that it was one of the most positive elements of developing

(Continued on page 13)



Dave Garatino, intern to vocal director, works with cast members.

It's All About Safety...

Kids learn rules, etiquette in annual road safety program

By Michael Duquette

This summer, the Recreation Department-sponsored Safety Town program has taught soon-to-be school-bound children the basics of leading a safe life.

The program, split into two sessions lasting two weeks, helps kids learn about fire prevention, auto and traffic

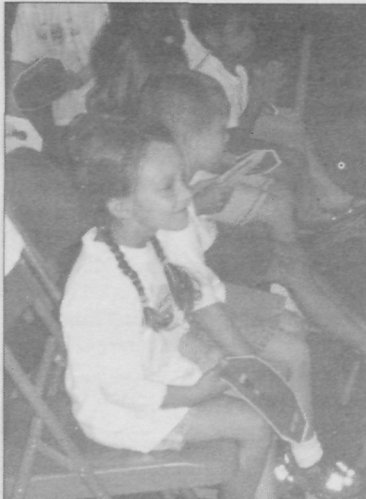
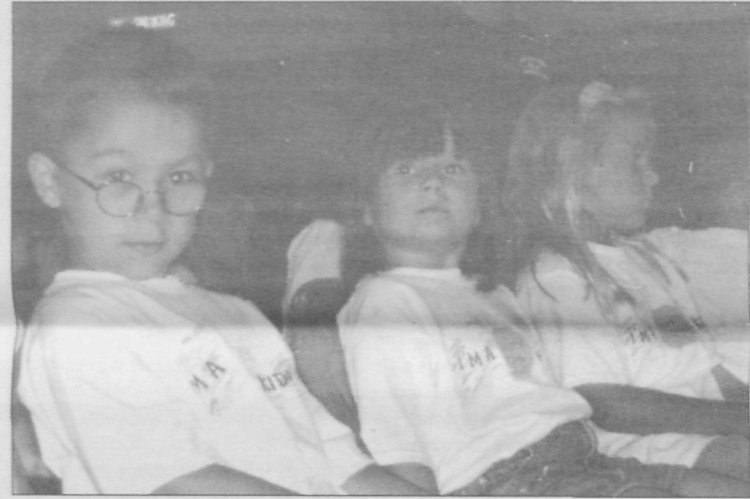
safety, water safety and dialing 9-1-1 in times of emergency. Program coordinators Patti Reach and John Rayho, with the assistance of several dozen volunteers of middle and high school ages, also escorted their students on trips to South Plainfield's Police and Fire Departments and the Community Pool.

Each session concluded with a pro-

motion ceremony attended by proud parents. The children rode their bicycles through a mock "town," appropriately stopping at appropriate signs and signals and received diplomas for their hard work.

This year's Safety Town graduates are: Ashli Bell, Kristen Brady, Cara Capone, Jennifer Christilles, Erika Cieszkiewicz, Karli Colapietro, Kayla Glowacki, Joseph Heilman, Anthony Lacasale, Christopher Lacasale, Joseph Lacasale, Patricia Lacasale, Stephanie Lacasale, McKenzie Larsen, Christina Lobosco, Kristi Maher, Aubrey Marish, Jagger Mendez, Matthew Ozbalik, Rodrigo Ramirez, Natalie Romano, Cody Soper, Kevin Soper, Lindsey Soper, Bridgette Titus, Kathryn Berry, Megan Celentano, Noah Chainey, Megyn DeCarlo, Leanna DeLisa, Hanna Dunn, Jake Elsmann, Brett Hawn, Stephanie Heim, Caitlin Hughes, Thomas Licato, Sera Mann, Shea Price, Alexis Skoczynski, Andrew Toapanta, Stephanie Waters, Connor Wolpin and Zachary Wolpin.

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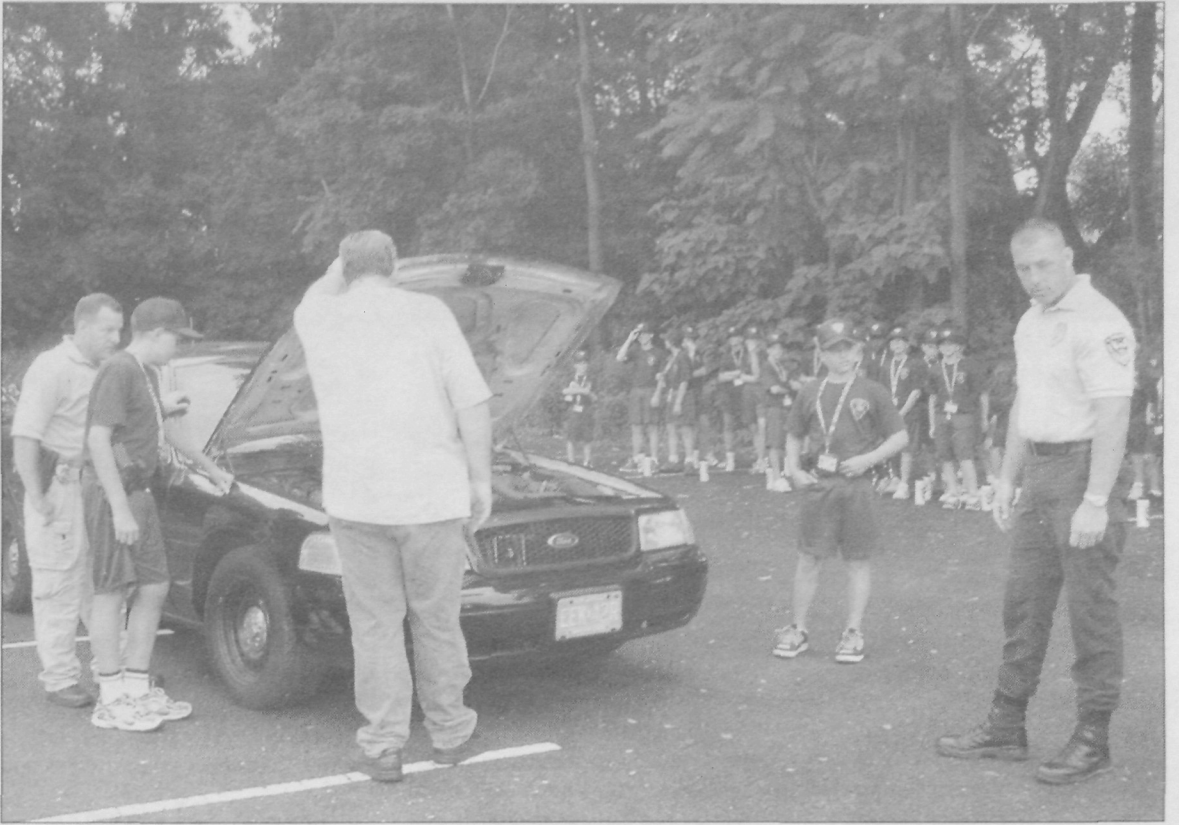
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Junior Police Academy Graduates Second Class

By Jane Dornick

The Recreation Department's Jr. Police Academy wrapped up its second week of training new recruits and produced another 30 excited graduates on Friday, July 15.

Under the instruction of South

Plainfield Police DARE Officers Dave Franchak and Al LaMonda, students spent the week learning the many different aspects of police work. As in the previous week, the grueling 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. program gave trainees a memorable week of learning about laws, vehicle extrication, crime scene investi-

gation, dangers of drunk driving, car stops, gangs, firing a weapon and much more. The highlights of the week were a field trip to the N.J. State Police Museum in Trenton and the arrival of the State Police in one of their helicopters on the grounds of the PAL.

The week culminated in a brief graduation ceremony with the top brass of the South Plainfield Police Dept. in attendance to congratulate the youngsters. The graduates were James Agee, Brendan Berry, Jessica Bohn, Olivia Butler, Sam Butler, Kenneth Cavanagh, Meghan Collins, Ryan Flanagan, Shawn Gorman, Ryan Guarraci, Aleia Hansen, William Hartmann, Jr., Kenny Kaczka, Conner Keane, Kaitlyn Kenny, Frankie Malecki, Shane McCoid, Jalyn McCoy, Liam McDermott, Michael Mocharski, Patrick O'Connor, Christopher O'Keefe, Kyle O'Keefe, Jacob Seider, Emily Skula, Eddie Sullivan, Gareth Teece, Scott Whalen, Paul Zushma and Daniel Zwatschka.

The Police Dept. would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for making the program a success again this year: Recreation Director Mike English for the use of the PAL, Chief John Ferarro, Lt. Charles Siedenburgh, Capt. Michael Grennier, Lt. Mike Lane, Lt. Kevin Murtagh, Det. Gene Bataille, Officers Matt Mahoney, Kevin LoMonte, Shanta Hunter and Pete Magnani, William Hartmann and William Hartmann Jr., the South Plainfield Fire Dept., Frank Abbate from the New Brunswick Fire Dept., the N.J. State Police Aviation Unit, John Rodriguez, Melissa Terpanick and Laura Callahan from the Middlesex County Prosecutors Office, On-Time Towing, The South Plainfield Elks, the Amone Family, Garden State Produce Co., Inc., and Debbie Esposito.



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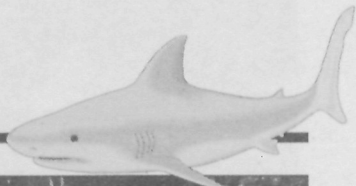
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Sports



Submitted By Bob Nilan

In the hotly contested race in the American Division, Pomovets won a tough match over the Hackers, 12½-7½, to move into a first-place tie with KC's Korner. The Amazing Marty Van De Vaerst once again sparked Pomovets with an impressive three-over 36, aided by the solid round of 39 turned in by teammate Frank Oades. Todd Sherman and Jeremy Szoc continued their fine play for the Hackers, turning in a pair of 39's for a very strong team that, unfortunately, has had a rather disappointing season.

KC's Korner breezed to an easy 15-5 win over Witty's led by the fine play of Mark Dugan, who shot a 38. Kevin Bickunas earned medallist honors for Witty's with a terrific one-over par 34.

The South Plainfield Elks are really on a roll, having just overwhelmed one of the toughest teams in the league, Plainfield Animal Hospital, with an unbelievable score of 19-1. Captain Dale Dube of the Elks again earned medallist honors for his team in posting a fine score of 36 and teammate Jim Gash came through with a 39. Everyone on PAH had problems and the low-round for the team was Steve Schock's 42.

Last year's champions, Masters, finally unleashed some of the firepower that brought them the title last season as Danny Griffin shot a 36, Jeff Johnson had a 38, and Al Szumski fired a 39, as masters crushed Sport & Social 17-3. Todd Gregory had the low-round for

Notes from the South Plainfield Golf League

Sport & Social with a 41 while the rest of his team spent most of the night on safari searching for their errant Titleists. Next week, Capt. Frank Matthews may provide picnic lunches to aid his teammates in their expeditions into the darkest regions of West Nine.

Ed Banach of Aiello Chiropractic had the low round of the night for the league with a superb even-par round of 33. Partner Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer couldn't get enough of his chip shots within tap-in distance and couldn't drain some makeable putts and only managed a 39. Aiello wound up in a 10-10 tie with Patti's Construction but maintained their slim edge over the second-place Elks. "Iron Mike" Behr of Patti's is having a delightful time lately hitting fairways and greens and posted another solid round of 37.

Guy Severini played beautifully and shot a fine two-over 35, but he didn't get enough help from his teammates as Twin City dropped their match to the VFW 11-9. Bob Nilan's 42 earned medallist honors for the VFW, who won their second match in a row.

Al Szumski was the winner in the weekly closest-to-the-pin competition on the third hole.

Low Scores for the Night: Ed Banach, 33; Kevin Bickunas, 34; Guy Severini, 35; Dale Dube, 36; Danny Griffin, 36; Marty Van De Vaerst, 36; and Mike Behr, 37.

LEAGUE STANDINGS:

| American Division | | | | National Division | | | |
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| Pomovets | 6 | 5 | 1 | Aiello | 8 | 2 | 2 |
| KC's Korner | 6 | 5 | 1 | Elk's | 9 | 3 | 0 |
| PAH | 5 | 5 | 2 | Witty's | 7 | 5 | 0 |
| Twin City | 5 | 7 | 0 | Sport & Social | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Masters | 5 | 7 | 0 | Hackers | 4 | 7 | 1 |
| Patti's | 3 | 8 | 1 | VFW | 3 | 8 | 1 |

PBA to Hold Annual Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Police PBA Local 100 will be holding their 11th Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, Aug. 22. The event will be held at the Concordia Golf Club, just minutes off Exit 8A of the New Jersey Turnpike.

The golf outing is held each year and helps the PBA raise money. This money allows the PBA to provide for sick and injured police officers and support many worthwhile causes, in-

cluding sponsoring youth sports teams, the Special Olympics and scholarships for local students.

The tournament will begin at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start. Cost for a golfer is \$105. A complimentary breakfast and lunch will be offered and each golfer will get a commemorative golf shirt and goodie bag to enjoy.

The day will conclude with an awards banquet at the Crystal Room

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Left: The girls 13-18 winning relay team (L-R), Nina Byard, Katie Kaczka, Emily Piekarski and Sarah Konops. Right: Tigersharks celebrate yet another victory by throwing Coach Sarah Blessing in the pool.



Tiger Sharks Swim Team Undefeated

The Tiger Sharks swam their final dual meet at the Roycefield Swim Club in Hillsborough and captured their eighth win of the season with a score of 163 to 113 on July 28.

The boys started the meet taking first place in all age categories in the Individual Medley. First place winners were Liam McDermott (10-and-under), Dylan McDermott (11/12) and Brian Green (13-18). Sean Cullen (10-and-under) placed second.

The girls followed the boys' lead and also took first place wins in the longer freestyle events. First place ribbons were given to Gracie Piekarski (10-and-under), Chelsea Cullen (11/12) and Katie Kaczka (13-18). The 11/12 girls swept their category with Sarah Konops placing second and Maggie Valentino placing third.

The girls continued the winning streak in the Breaststroke events. Taking first place wins were Kelley O'Brien (8-and-under), Kate McLaughlin (9-10), Sarah Konops (11/12) and Nina Byard (15-18). Gracie Piekarski (9/10) and Kate O'Brien (11/12) placed second while Madison Faustini (8-and-under) and Michelle Gustafson (13-14) placed third.

Swimming Butterfly events and taking first place wins were Anthony

Gurrieri (9/10) and Dylan McDermott (11/12). Aidan McDermott (8-and-under), Charlie Butrico (9/10), and CalvinJohn Smiley (15-18) placed second. Enzo Butrico (8-and-under), Alan Kasmer (13-14), and Brian Green (15-18) placed third.

The boys had competition in the freestyle events but were able to capture first place wins in 8-and-under, Aidan McDermott, 9/10: Anthony Gurrieri and 15-18: CalvinJohn Smiley. Liam McDermott also placed third in the 9/10 age category.

The girls pulled far ahead of Roycefield in the backstroke events. Eight-and-under Kelley O'Brien placed first and Casey Le placed third.

Kate McLaughlin placed first for the 9/10 age group. Chelsea Cullen took a first and teammate Maggie Valentino placed second in the 11/12 age group. Emily Piekarski (13/14) placed second with Teresa Gustafson placing third in the same age group. Once again the dynamic duo of Katie Kaczka (first) and Nina Byard (second) placed the Tiger Sharks in the win position before going into the relay events.

The Tiger Sharks won both the girls and boys relay events for 8-and-under and the 9-12 age groups. Placing first in the free relays were: 8-and-under: Megan McDermott, Casee Le, Madison Faustini and Kelley O'Brien. 9-12: Kate McLaughlin, Sarah Konops, Chelsea Cullen and Gracie Piekarski.

Placing first in the Medley Relays were: 8-and-under: Nick Gurrieri, Enzo Butrico, Michael Petritsch, and Aidan McDermott. 9-12: Anthony Gurrieri, Liam McDermott, Dylan McDermott, and Joey Valentino.

The Tiger Sharks Swim Team would personally like to thank Janet and Sean McDermott, co-presidents/treasurer of the parents' organization. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott have spent countless hours of faithful devotion to the team. Every meet has run with smooth clockwork precision due to their efforts. Also special thanks to Sue Barry and Donna Kasmer, who have faithfully manned the concession stand. The swimmers also thank the many contributions of parents and friends who have made the delicious entrees and desserts for the concession stand. Last but certainly not least, thank you to all the parents who have given of their time to work at the swim meets as timers, officials, averagers, runners, and scorekeepers. The swimmers have had an undefeated season due to their efforts.

The Tiger Sharks received a first place trophy from the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference for their 8-0 season in the White Division of the "A" League. The swimmers participated in the "A" League Championships on July 29 and 30. Results of the championships will be in the next issue of the South Plainfield Observer.

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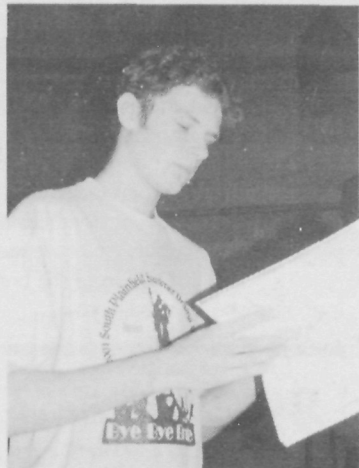
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There's Always Something to Do at Summer Drama

(Continued from page 9)

their personalities. The program gave them to opportunity to work with others and to act in the productions which in turn gave them self-confidence and focus. I cannot speak highly enough about Summer Drama."

For the second year the ever-evolving program is living up to its name by adding workshops to the workshop. Staff members ran a series of fun-filled sessions to supplement the



Chris Baron

skills that students gained during the rehearsal process.

Director Eric Hafen of North Brunswick is returning for his sixth year with the program. His "What is a Director?" workshop offered insight into the duties of a director. Eric said, "I began the workshop asking the very question, then went through the conceptions, misconceptions, duties and expectations of a director in a musical or straight play. At the end of each workshop, I ran through some theatre superstitions to give the students a small sense of tradition."

Eric is excited about this production, he said, "I've waited for SDW to do *The Pajama Game*. This summer's program is really hitting the students where they live. It's going to be terrific, featuring many students in lead roles that the traditional SDW audience has not seen before." *The Pajama Game* has a blue-collar storyline—union versus management—with many lead and supporting characters. It also has many sub-plots. Each student will be able to grab a hold of a character and make it his/her own."

Choreographer Emma Fulton is a SDW veteran returning to the program as a staff member. She presented a dance workshop that focused on the famous choreographer, Bob Fosse, and his signature moves. Enma said, "I personally feel that it's extremely important as a participant in a stage show, to know not just about what you're specifically doing, but about what everyone else is doing as well. If we all learn to understand each other's jobs and purposes, our production becomes that much stronger, and that much tighter."

South Plainfield resident Ellen Cusick, assistant to the director, has been active in many theaters throughout the area, including Edison Valley Playhouse, Parish Players, Plainfield, Circle Playhouse and Piscataway. She offered a valuable workshop dealing with the importance of diction and projection on stage or in any public speaking. Ellen said, "We warmed up with some vocal exercises, talked about breathing properly and explained the difference between yelling and projecting and how to place the voice through diaphragmatic breathing. I went over some commonly mispronounced words, like IYAM as opposed to I AM, FER as opposed to FOR or YER instead of YOUR, and that sort of thing. Each student then had a chance to read some tongue twisters in front of the class. We had fun! The kids were terrific!"

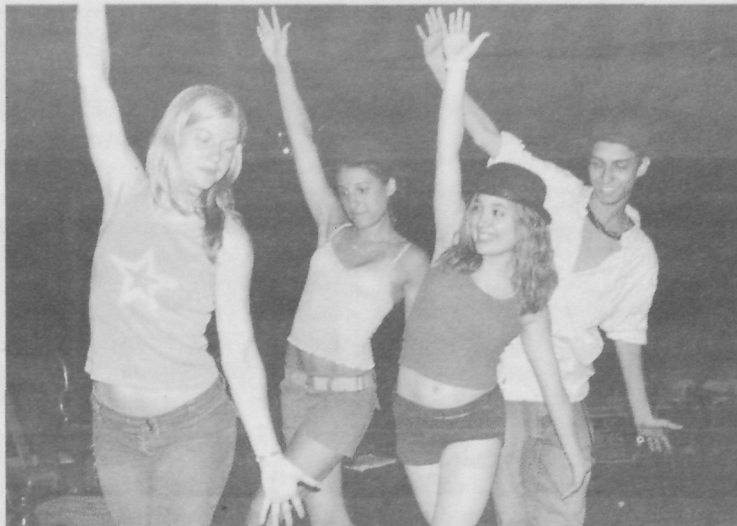
Costume designer and South Plainfield resident Janis Neitzer provided a glimpse into the detailed job of costuming a large cast. The students had fun creating different characters using a box of costumes. She also had

the youths develop their own rules for the care of the costumes.

Set coordinator Dawn Noonan of South Plainfield explained the many details involved in creating and moving sets during a performance. She is a social studies teacher at SPHS and recently assisted with the 2005 spring musical production of *My Fair Lady*.

Vocal Director Tom Langmaack hails from North Plainfield. He teaches music at South Orange Middle School. His workshop covered the basics of vocal technique and care of the voice as well as some warm up keyboard exercises. Tom said, "Proper breathing and support, proper pronunciation techniques and placement of the voice in the correct register. Care of the voice is important as students can easily over use their voice and sing improperly. This can hurt the voice and require a great effort to overcome. Hopefully, I can help those that are unaware of these dangers to avoid this. The SPSDW provides a wonderful opportunity for the students to learn all aspects of theater. They really provide a balanced curriculum and a caring atmosphere where the learning aspect of the experience is emphasized, along with striving for excellence and a quality show."

Lighting designer Mark Reilly has



Emma Fulton choreographs the Steam Heat Dancers.

been with SDW for three years. He described his workshop, "For my workshop I took the students up in to the lighting catwalk so they could get a hands-on lesson in focusing a lighting instrument. I had them work with each of light's focusing adjustments and explained the purpose of each one. I think more than anything they just got a kick out of climbing up the ladder and out onto the catwalk. For those that were afraid of the height coming down, I took them down through the back

stairway through the gym. I think SPSDW provides an excellent opportunity for students to be exposed to all aspects of the theater production so that maybe they will find an interest in something they didn't expect."

Chris Baron, a five-year SDW vet, returns as intern to the director. He is entering his junior year at Rutgers, working towards a BA in theater arts with music minor and organizational leadership minor. His workshop took the form of theater games designed to teach and enhance awareness and

skills. Chris had a lot to say about the program and his experiences. "It's been an absolute pleasure working with this organization for the past six seasons. My experiences on the 'other side of the table' so to speak, have been extremely beneficial as well. Being able to work so closely with Eric Hafen has been a blessing; I certainly feel more equipped to give directing a full-fledged try sometime down the line. Also, SDW is an organization that's a lot about educating people, young and old alike, in all of the various fields of a theatrical production."

David Garatino, intern to the vocal director, is also a long time SDW vet. He will return to Middlesex County College for his second year and plans to eventually transfer to another school to pursue a career in music education. He and Chris Baron collaborated on workshops that concentrated on theater games and exercises. David has been involved in theater for the past five years, through performance, staff and crew.

Musical Director Adrien Synnott holds a Master of Science Degree from Western Connecticut State University. The Long Branch resident teaches music at Monmouth University. Her workshop was about the typical structure of a musical and the songs within it, such as how and why reprises are used.

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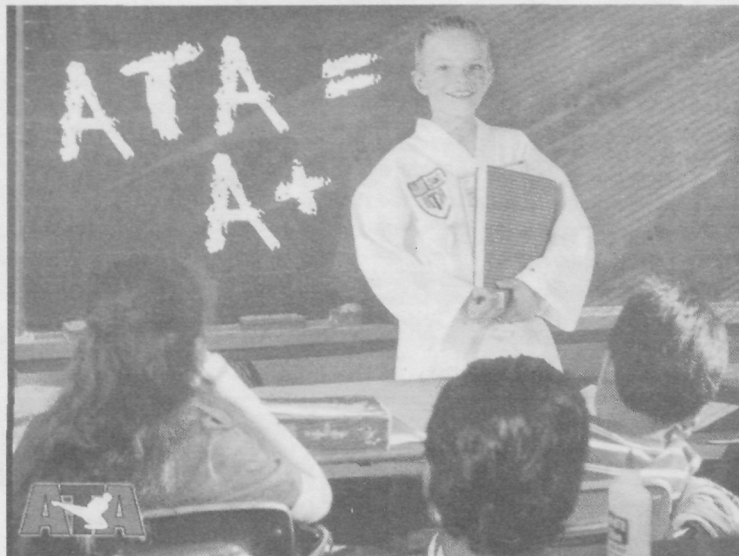


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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Bruce Harger, etc.

What's Cookin' at the Library this Summer?—Two recent additions to our library's collection of cookbooks "sparked" my imagination this week and inspired me to seek out some of the other treasures that might otherwise go overlooked on our shelves. Karen Adler and Judith Fertig's *The BBQ Queens' Big Book of Barbecue* (641.5784 ADL) and James Purviance's *Weber's Real Grilling* (641.5784 PUR) have whet my appetite for some of the best outdoor cooking that summer has to offer.

Adler and Fertig's tome offers more than 30 chicken recipes, 65 rubs and sauces and 50 beef options, as well as chapters on fish, pork, lamb and (for the less-carnivoristically inclined) there is even a chapter on smoking vegetables, cheeses and pizza! One could hardly expect less of these two ladies from Kansas City who are the self-proclaimed Queens of BBQ. I'm personally impressed with something the authors call "The doctor is in Apricot-Bourbon barbecue sauce" (see pg. 90).

Purviance's book is a lot more than an advertisement for Weber's grills and charcoal products, though the name-brand support might account for the quality of this book's incredibly appetizing, full-color illustrations. Do not pick up this book on an empty stomach... it can be hazardous to your waistline! Each of the 200 recipes in this book are relatively simple to follow with ingredients that can be found in most neighborhood supermarkets. The last chapter features some irresistible dessert recipes that you don't always expect to find in outdoor cookery; try "Chunky Chewy Chocolate Cookies" on the grill... I'm dying to whip up a batch!

Two books by Steven Raichlen; *The Barbecue Bible* and, companion volume, *The Barbecue Bible: sauces, rubs and marinades* provide a graduate level education in BBQology. In his first book (pub. 1998) Raichlen offers a truly international approach to America's culinary claim to fame with recipes like Vietnamese "Shrimp Mousse on Sugarcane" (p. 55), French "Grilled Snails" (pp. 56-7), Korean "Sesame-Grilled Beef" (pp. 127-8), Peruvian "Beef Kebabs" (p. 134), and Argentinian "Veal and Chicken Kebabs" (pp. 149-50). But he also has done justice by such hallowed and time-tested pieces of down-home cooking as "North Carolina-Style Pulled Pork" (pp. 154-56) and the classic "Hamburger" (pp. 205-6). His second book (pub. 2000) is a treatise on all the flavor-boosting tricks that give grilled food its irresistible character, personality, and soul. This second book harmonizes well with his first work. Raichlen offers his readers over 200 recipes for a truly global flavoring. With recipes so colloquial as "Pig Picker Pucker Sauce" and as exotic as "Persian Saffron-Yogurt Marinade" Raichlen seems to have covered all the bases.

If you are in for a real change of pace there is Ruby Ann Boxcar's *Ruby*

Ann's Down Home Trailer Park BBQin' Cookbook (641.5784 BOX). "Ruby Ann's" is more about an "ethos" of trailer-park culture from a gastronomic perspective than it is about anything resembling legitimate cooking... but this book is good for a few belly-laughs. If you intend to try out any of the recipes in this book it might be advisable to lay in a good supply of Pepto-Bismol, Tums and Alka-seltzer before you begin.

Big on BBQ-grilled-and-smoked-flavor but not so excited about cooking outdoors? George Foreman has the answer to your outdoor-phobic mania. *George Foreman's Indoor Grilling Made Easy* (641.5784 FOR) provides the health-conscious gourmet with tasty recipes that can be prepared anywhere from a dorm room (laws permitting) to a suburban home. Here's a book that dad can use to learn how to get his Fathers' Day gift into action... and remember, it's not "cooking", it's "grilling"!

Well, this is just a taste of what we have to offer in the library. I would like to remind you that we are now on summer hours. That means the library is no longer open on Sundays. The rest of our weekday and Saturday schedule remains: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

We would like to invite children of all ages to participate in our summer reading club: *Be a Readerosaurus*. Parents can also get in on the fun by participating in our *Adult Summer Reading Program*. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the summer... the more you read, the more chances you have to win! The last day to check in for Summer Reading will be Saturday, Aug. 13. The library is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Other summer programs are Game Gang at 3:30 p.m. and Kidcraft (six years old and over) at 6:30 p.m. on Mondays. There is a \$1 fee for materials for the Kidcraft and registration is requested. The Chess Club meets at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays; Beginning Crochet, part 2 on Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m.; Dinosaur Crafts for ages 6 and older on Friday at 3 p.m. and *MAMMAL MANIA* on Wednesday, Aug. 10 at 6:30 p.m. This program requires registration and it is recommended that children be at least four years old to attend. Normal weekly story times are Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. this week. Books-N-Babies, up to age three, will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday.

A word of advice to our patrons: If you want to use one of our Internet computers, but see that they are occupied, don't just walk away. Go to the circulation or reference desk and let a staff member know you want to use the Internet. We will see to it that you are given use of a computer within 30 minutes or less. Also, if computers are occupied by youngsters playing games, your request will be filled immediately. Library use trumps video games at all times.

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It is my pleasure to announce that we are donating over \$26,000 to the Children's Fund at JFK Medical Center and the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation. We have earmarked some of the funds to serve specific needs at the hospital. We are donating three new pediatric transport vehicles including a race car and a teddy bear rolling carts, and are also

outfitting the pediatric wing with five new DVD/VHS color televisions and stands.

Last year in my thank you letter, my wish this year was to play with my father, who was ill during last year's tournament. This year as I stood on the first tee with my father and son and a full view of the crowded golf course, I realized what a fortunate person I am. Again I quote the line from *Willy Wonka* (the original), "If you want to view paradise, simply look around and view it, anything you want to do it, want to change the world, there's nothing to it."

To RH, an inspiration from the start, I hope you get to play for many years to come and continue to be an answer to prayer. To the hundreds of people who make this charity a success, I say to all of you from the bottom of my heart—Thank you.

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southplainfieldpeople Milestones

Jacqueline Ortega to Participate in Missionary Trip to Liverpool, England

This summer, God has provided Jacqueline Ortega with an opportunity to participate in a missionary trip to Liverpool, England for three weeks.



Jacqueline Ortega

Jacqueline will be involved in an event called MercyFest, where she will be joining 4,000 other youth missionaries in revitalizing the city of Liverpool and sharing the love of God. During the day, Jacqueline will be joining the local town officials and police to do such things as put on sporting events, painting, cleaning and picking up litter and working with the elderly. At night, Jacqueline will take part in hosting various Christian artists and speakers.

Not many people have a relationship with God in Liverpool; however, God is working on Jacqueline's heart along with her fellow youths from Alliance Bible Church in Warren. Jacqueline asks for your prayers as she enters London on August 4 before continuing on to Liverpool, where she has been called to do God's work.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Relocated

The Committee of the Whole Meeting on Aug. 9, originally scheduled to be held in the Roosevelt Administration Building, has been changed to the Roosevelt Elementary School gymnasium, 135 Jackson Ave. at 7 p.m.

Action will be taken to award Bid #23-05-Franklin Elementary School Boiler Room Asbestos Abatement.



The Pauls Family attended their annual 'Race Day at Monmouth Park' last Saturday. Bobby Pauls (second from right) celebrated his 50th birthday in a special way. His family surprised him by having the seventh race dedicated in his name. Bob, his father Stanley, and children Jackie, Kelly and Ryan were invited to watch the race from the winner's circle, and then met the winning jockey and owner.

New DARE Homepage Offers Answers for Kids

By Jane Dornick

If you don't visit the South Plainfield Borough website frequently, you are missing a wealth of information for both you and your children. The website has a new DARE homepage.

DARE stands for Drug Awareness and Resistance Education which is taught to all fifth grader students by South Plainfield Police DARE Officers Al LaMonda and Dave Franchak. As a continuing effort to help the youth in South Plainfield, they have

created an internet site that covers topics that children, and parents, need to know about staying safe.

Different aspects are covered in great length with tips and hints about pedestrian safety, street smarts, a babysitting guide, internet and school safety and "8 Ways to Say No," which answers to difficult questions like do you want to smoke? Or how about a beer? Did you know that there is a \$250 fine for children under 18 violating the curfew law? And that driving privileges may be revoked? These

topics are all things you can discuss with your children or even encourage them to read themselves.

The DARE homepage can be found by logging on to www.southplainfieldnj.com under the title of New and Information. Officer's Al and Dave can also be contacted personally by e-mail at the homepage or by phone at the Community Police Unit at (908) 226-7716 or 7717. E-mails may be made anonymously to encourage children to get the answers to problems they may need help with.

Obituaries

Aniello J. Santonastasso, 86

Aniello J. Santonastasso died on Tuesday, July 26 at Greenbrook Manor Nursing Home in Green Brook.

Born in Fanwood, he resided in Plainfield for most of his life before settling to South Plainfield in 1998.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

A carpenter/contractor by trade, he worked for the New Jersey Carpenters & Millwrights Union Local #155 of Plainfield.

During his life he loved to hunt and fish, he was a true outdoors sportsman. In addition, he collected coins and painted birdhouses after his retirement. Aniello loved to entertain his family and friends; he always had a smile on his face and a joke to tell.

A former communicant of St. Bernard's RC Church in Plainfield, he was also active with their Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the former Madelone Society of Plainfield.

He is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 64 years, Philomena (LaSpina) Santonastasso; four daughters, Rachele Starr, Patricia Mikell and Loretta Gati, all of South Plainfield and Veronica Woodruff of Fla.; eight grandchildren, Raymond

Mikell, Kenneth Carrier, Deborah Mikell, Jeffrey Carrier, Veronika Hodges, John Woodruff, Jr. and Christopher and Matthew Gati and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

George W. Arlington, 60

George W. Arlington died on Saturday, July 30 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Elizabeth, Mr. Arlington had grown up in Union and had resided in Warren and West Long Branch before settling to South Plainfield with his daughter.

He was an Army veteran, serving from 1966-68 during the Vietnam War era and upon his active duty enlisted in the National Guard Reserves, in which he served for seven years.

A part owner of the former Walter Coonie's stables in Warren, George had a great love for horses. In addition to horses, George cherished his five grandchildren. He assisted his daughter with their care, spending time and looking after them.

He is predeceased by his mother, Teresa J. (O'Grady) Arlington, who died in March 2003.

Surviving are his daughter and her

husband, Theresa M. and Michael Ebel of South Plainfield; his father, George R. Arlington of West Long Branch; his sister and her husband, Kathleen and William Sansone of Freehold; his former wife and longtime friend, Nora Arlington and his five cherished grandchildren, Sarah Tufaro, Julie, Alyson, Nicole, and Christy Ebel.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

James V. Sinisgalli, 88

James V. Sinisgalli died on Friday, July 22 at home in Bayville.

Born in New York City, James was raised in Brooklyn and lived in South Plainfield and Yardville before moving to Bayville 20 years ago.

A veteran of World War II, he served with the Army Air Corps. He was employed for 31 years by the Veterans Administration working at the Supply Depot in Somerville, retiring in 1973.

He attended and graduated from the Casey-Jones School of Aeronautical Engineering in Brooklyn in the late 1930s.

He is predeceased by his wife Natalie, who died in 1990 and two sisters, Lena Mattel and Katie Sinisgalli, who died in May of this year.

James is survived by his two friends and caregivers, Martha Gonzalez of South Plainfield and Donna Driscoll of Bradley Beach.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home for Funerals.

Robert J. DeSantis, 76

Robert J. DeSantis died Monday, August 1 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, he resided in Jersey City until moving to South Plainfield in 1989. Mr. DeSantis was employed as an animal technician with UMDNJ in Newark, retiring in 1983. He was a member of the South Plainfield Seniors, Middlesex County Association of the Blind and of the former

Caring and Sharing of Sacred Heart.

Robert was preceded in death by his daughter Mary Rose in 1959 and his grandson Robert DeSantis in 1996.

Surviving are his loving wife of 55 years, Amelia (Fragoso) DeSantis; his son, Robert DeSantis and his wife Frances of East Stroudsburg, Penn.; his daughter, Donna Occhipinti and her husband Carmen of South Plainfield; his grandchildren, James, Rose Mary, Dan and Eric; his great-granddaughter, Katie; and his sisters Nan Collins of Pittsburgh and Louise Reed of California.

Funeral services were held at the South Plainfield Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to The Seeing Eye Guide, PO Box 375, Morristown, NJ 07963.

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