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Traveling All-Stars Eleven Year American League players are Chris Bakazan, Michael Benak, Nicholas Cesare, Peter De Andrea, Michael Downes, Daniel LaVerne, Chris McKnight, Billy Merkler, Andrew Miller, Brian Murtagh, Ryan Kenny, 5 and Vincente Velez. Tony Bakazan is the manager and the coaches are Frank Benak, Dan Kenny and Bob Merkler.

All-Stars Repeat as Local Champions

By Manager Tony Bakazan

With their 4-0 victory Tuesday night over North Hunterdon, the Eleven-Year-Old Traveling All-Stars have won the championship at the South Plainfield Tournament for the second year in row.

The Tigers are only one win away from winning the North Edison Tournament and assured

of no less than a second place trophy. A repeat there would give them two consecutive championships. Added to the championship in South Plainfield, this would be quite an accomplishment.

This team won three tournaments last year and a quick count of the championship trophies indicates they may have the most wins of any team in club history.

Since the age of eight they have compiled seven first place finishes and four second place finishes. They have never placed lower than second place in any tournament in which they were entered.

Managers Notes:

Even though the Traveling All Stars' priority is to win, we try our

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Kevin Reitz Killed In Auto Accident

By Jessica A. Stillman

Every night of the week, after midnight, a group of teenagers would crowd into a booth at a local diner. They would drink coffee and enjoy each other's company until early morning.

Last Sunday night, the booth in the diner was empty. Kevin Reitz's life was taken by a drunken driver. Shortly after 1 a.m. on July 12, Kevin, a 17-year-old South Plainfield High School student, was traveling south on Plainfield Ave. Louis Corriero, Jr., a 19-year-old from Edison, who was traveling west on Stephenville Rd., ran a stop sign and smashed into the driver's side of Kevin's car.

Although Kevin's life was taken at 2:06 a.m., the two passengers in his car survived the crash. David Basile, 17 of South Plainfield and Marceric Neilson, 17 of Edison are both being treated for serious injuries at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. Basile is in stable condition and Neilson remains in critical condition. Louis Corriero, Jr. has been charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol, under-aged drinking and disregarding a stop sign.

"All I know is I hate drunken drivers a lot more," said Gary Shelhiemer, a childhood friend of Kevin's and a South Plainfield resident. "I don't know about other stages of grief, but all I can think of is rage. The wrong guy died." Kevin, who had bright, shining blue eyes, a porcelain complexion and raven-black hair,

was a talented artist and musician and was "strikingly smart," according to Shelhiemer. He was an honor roll student at South Plainfield High School and would have entered his senior year this fall. Reitz achieved a score of 1300 on his SAT test.

"The world is different now," said Rob Catalfamo, another close friend of Kevin's. "One thing that is keeping me going, is that I specifically remember him telling me that if anything were to ever happen to him, he wouldn't want me to be upset. I love him too much to go against that," he added.

"He had the greatest sense of humor. If he couldn't make you laugh, he'd keep trying until you would," said a visibly shaken Catalfamo.

"This just wasn't supposed to happen," said John Taber, another friend of Kevin's. "Kevin made everyone complete. His absence makes everyone imperfect. It's like a deep gash and eventually it will turn into a scar. No one will ever be the same." These sentiments echo those of all that knew Reitz. He will be deeply missed by all those whose paths he had crossed; from the waiters at the local diner, to his family, relatives and friends.

Counseling for students and their families will be offered through South Plainfield High School's crisis intervention team, with Mr. Thomas Baker serving as the coordinator. For further information, call the High School at 754-4620.

PUBLISHER'S NOTE

It's Our Turn to Say Thank You

By Nancy Grennier, Publisher

The last two issues of *The Observer* were truly our best ever, especially the latter, our first twenty page edition. We covered each graduation in every school in South Plainfield including Future Kids, all five elementary schools including Sacred Heart, the Middle School, High School and the Adult School. We made sure that everyone had coverage on their special day.

This monumental job required the assistance of many people. We

would like to share with you, our readers, the individuals who helped us to make these issues our best ever.

First of all, we want to thank our own staff writer, Pattie Abbott, who attended both the Middle and High School graduations. Pattie also attended Project Graduation, shooting pictures past midnight because the students didn't start arriving until after 10:30. Pattie was also the one who rode around taking pictures of the graduates decorating their cars!

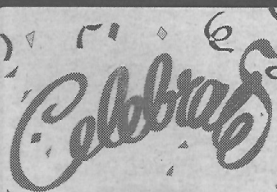
Jessica Stillman helped us in

identifying photographs, making sure the students were identified correctly. She also attended the

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Retiring teachers and Board of Education employees are Barbara Aszuk, Cary Belitz, Nancy Benner (not pictured), Marie Blanchard (not pictured), Thomas Franklin, Lillian Kaiser, Eleanor Maisel (not pictured) and Joan Wysochansky. See pages 6 and 7 for complete coverage of Board of Education Special Awards.



Celebrate the first anniversary of *The South Plainfield Observer* at our birthday party at the Labor Day Parade, September 7. Join us for a scavenger hunt, birthday cake and contests.

WATCH UPCOMING ISSUES FOR DETAILS.

In my OPINION

To the Editor,

Sometimes the seed of an idea takes root in the right person's mind and the result is a wonderful creation. As you drive past Riley School this summer, I invite you all to take notice of the beautiful butterfly garden. It was created this spring by students in collaboration with the Beautification Committee. The idea of a new flower garden developed into a fourth grade project called "HEART"; Helping Earth And Riley Too. From there, it branched out to be a butterfly garden and planting project by all grades. The "Heart" project brought out

some big hearts in the South Plainfield business community. On behalf of the committee, I would like to publicly thank the businesses that supported our efforts with donations of goods and services. Hartje Construction, Moore's Stone and Garden and The Home Depot really "opened their hearts" to help our ideas become a reality. We thank you so much for your assistance with this project.

I'd also like to personally thank the fourth grade teachers: Miss Dress, Mrs. Bonanno and Mrs. Devlin. The incorporation of this project into their lessons was very exciting for the kids

and incredibly helpful to the committee. My sincerest thanks to everyone who joined together in this effort.

**JANICE GRAY
BEAUTIFICATION CHAIRMAN**

Dear Editor,

This month's *Hemmings Motor News*, the 'Bible of Antique and Classic Cars', features a 1931 Model "A" Ford Coupe called Funzi, which is named after my dad, on page 5833. His name is Alphonse Pisaniello and "Funzi" in Italian is short for Alphonse.

I also have a 1966 GTO named "Funzi". We purchased this car as a basket case and restored it. It won both the "Junior" and "Senior" Awards at Hershey, PA. It also won a preservation award in Cherry Hill, NJ. We restored it from the bare frame and it is now in show condition. "Funzi" has only 73 miles on it, as it has been trailered to shows and kept covered in a heated garage.

This year it is going to be in its first parade, the South Plainfield Labor Day Parade. I am hoping I can have the Governor ride in "Funzi" with me. Either way it will be in the parade and everyone will be able to see our beloved "Funzi".

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ANTHONY A. PISANIELLO**

Letter to Ms. Joyce:

My children, ages 7 and 9, signed up for the Tennis Program this morning. After leaving their first lesson, we stopped by Riley School to sign up for the Summer Parks Program. They enjoyed both experiences and we are all looking forward to a wonderful "vacation" in our own hometown.

What has prompted me to sit down and write this letter is my sincere feelings of gratitude and pride in South Plainfield's Recreation Programs. My children have participated in Tee-Ball, Teener Ball, Soccer and the various holiday activities in addition to the aforementioned programs. We have been members at the Community Pool since 1991. All of the team experiences have been positive ones, bolstering self-confidence and sportsmanship. They have also deepened our family's feeling of community. All of us have made many new friends through our Recreation participation.

I am so grateful for our town's sense of commitment to children and family. All of the opportunities which exist are extremely affordable. You and your staff and all of the volunteers are to be commended for keeping it that way.

Thank you for everything past, present and future!

**SINCERELY YOURS,
DEANNA L. FREDERICKS**

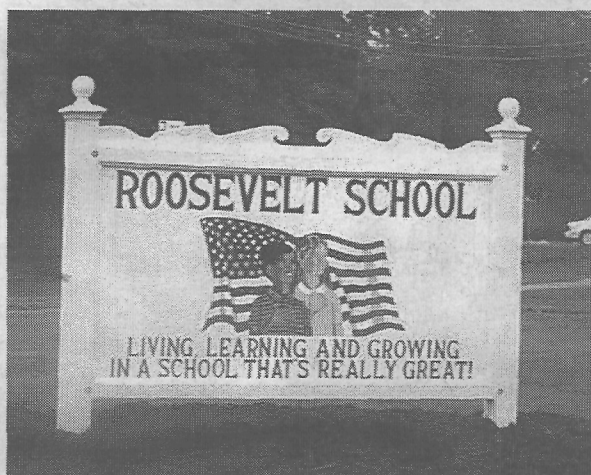
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THE NEW SIGN is in place in front of Franklin School. The sign was built by the Webelos Boys Scout Troop. They are Kyle Bostick, Michael Duquette, Patrick Pryor, Fernando Sandoval, Roy Sorensen, Brian Zielinski, Garry Butrico, Chirs Patti, Matthew Rasmusen, Derek Smith and Nicky Vitale.



Roosevelt School Displays New Sign

There is a new addition to Roosevelt School... a new school sign! Thanks to the efforts of Stacy DeCellis, who initiated this project over a year ago with the financial help of the PTA, the sign was finally in place the last day of this school year. We would like to thank everyone who donated goods and/or volunteered their time and muscle to get the sign up and completed. They are Bill Mosca, Jeff Brindley, Charlie Decker, Nick DeCellis, Bill DeNitzio, Mary Jane DeNitzio, Karl Schuetz, Brian Spisso, Kevin Broderick, Bill Butrico, Mr. Moore and Moore's Garden Center, Cheryl Wiley and Herbs & Spice & Everything Nice. We also want to thank the South Plainfield Road Department employees.

The Roosevelt School community appreciates all the contribu-

tions made by these neighborhood residents and businesses. It is this community spirit that makes Roosevelt School students... "Living, Learning & Growing in a school that's really great!"

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BOROUGH NOTES

Council

■ Borough employees will have the opportunity to choose between receiving medical benefits plan and compensation in lieu of benefits. The compensation will be set at 50% of the benefits' cost to the Borough.

■ Joan Terranova, senior clerk typist in the Health Department will retire effective September 1.

■ Ed Kubala announced a \$50,000 grant for a Senior Bus has been approved. He will be sending out the bids and specifications.

■ Several roads are scheduled for paving and striping during the month of July. They are E. Hendricks Blvd., E. Fairmount Ave., Clinton Place, Avon Ave., W. Crescent Pky., W. Fairview Ave., DeFillipo Dr. Delmore Ave., St. James Pl., Anna Pl. and Delekas Ave.

Planning Board

■ The Planning Board held a special meeting on June 30 concerning the preliminary plans for the proposed 252 unit apartment complex off Durham Ave. Testimony was heard concerning several of the proposed preliminary plans submitted, such as accessibility to emergency equipment, proposed road improvements, sewer line hook-ups, landscaping and how the complex may impact on the school system.

The Board will resume hearing the case on July 29. Members of the public present at the meeting did not get a chance to speak, but will be given a chance to speak at this meeting.

Board of Adjustments

■ Two hearings that were on the July 7 schedule have been postponed. K&K Land Enterprises, requesting to erect a 175 foot antenna on St. Nicholas and Omnipoint Communications, Inc., requesting to use the existing water tower at 333 Hamilton Blvd. to mount wireless communications were rescheduled.

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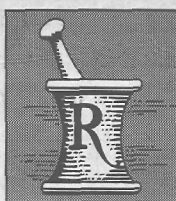
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Pictured are Sr. Antonio and Sr. Josephine with Father McGuire and the scroll announcing the Papal Blessing.

Father Michael McGuire Celebrates 40th Anniversary

By William Tutbill

On Sunday, June 28, Father Michael McGuire, Pastor of Sacred Heart Church, marked the 40th anniversary of his ordination as a priest. The celebration started with mass at 12 noon celebrated with his fellow priests from Sacred Heart Church, Fr. Joseph Komoski, Fr. Anthony Dandry, Fr. Manuel Morales and Deacon Joseph Stanzak. An informal reception was held in the rectory following the mass.

At six o'clock the festivities moved to The Pines Manor in

Edison for a cocktail hour, dinner and dancing. After the dinner Fr. McGuire was presented with many gifts, including a Papal Blessing from Pope John-Paul II.

Two hundred friends and relatives were in attendance, including 20 priests from the Diocese. Also attending were Sr. Miriam Antonio and Sr. Josephine, Franciscan nuns from Peekskill, N.Y. Father was acquainted with them during the years he visited his aunt, Sister Patricia Anne and his uncle, Rev. Msgr. Michael McGuire, Pa., who taught in Peekskill.

Butrico Enterprises Earns Business Assn. Glitter Award

The four partners in Butrico Enterprise — Frank, Charles, Angelo and William Butrico — accepted the South Plainfield Clean Business Association's Glitter Award from Joe Diegnan, CBA President. The partnership owns the Drug Fair Plaza downtown, which they renovated last year, replacing the old, graffiti-ridden facade with a clean, modern look.

Mr. Frank Butrico explained that the building was originally constructed by Food Fair in 1959, which occupied it until 1965. It then stood empty for 12 years. The Butricos purchased it in 1977 and suggested that Disco Fair, a tenant in one of the satellite stores, should move into the larger space vacated by the supermarket. Disco Fair became Drug Fair and signed a twenty-year lease.

In 1997 an additional fifteen-year lease was signed. As part of the lease negotiations, Drug Fair submitted an architectural design for a facade renovation. This was

the basis for the final design of the project, which also included resurfacing the parking lot and adding additional litter cans.

The work took about eight months and was completed in May, 1997. Mr. Butrico notes that in the last year, the facade has retained its clean, fresh look and there has been no graffiti.

The Butricos commented that the entire downtown renovation has been very effective and they are glad to be participating in upgrading the area.

The Clean Business Association gives Glitter Awards to South Plainfield businesses that are unusually well-maintained or have recently improved their appearance through renovation or landscaping. Membership in the CBA is open to all businesses that share its goals of enhancing the appearance of commercial districts through property maintenance and litter control. For more information, contact A. Tempel at (908) 226-7621.

Mayor Seeks COAH Board Volunteers

Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher announced that the Borough will be establishing a Housing Advisory Board. The Board will be responsible for making recommendations to the governing body on issues affecting the Borough's Mt. Laurel housing.

The Board will be responsible for recommending rules and regulations for implementing and overseeing the low and moderate income housing program consistent with court settlement and COAH.

Anyone interested in serving on the Board should submit a letter and resume to Mayor Daniel J. Gallagher, Borough of South Plainfield, 2490 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Labor Day Parade Taking Shape

As previously reported, this year's theme is Family + Fun = Our Hometown. The Committee is very busy with preparations, bands, marching groups and floats joining the list of participants.

The deadline for nominating a Grand Marshal is July 20. If you would like to nominate someone, please mail your nomination to South Plainfield Public Celebrations, 303 Lexington Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Special attention is being paid to the concession booths in the park. If you are interested in having a concession stand in Veterans Park on Labor Day, please call Darlene Pinto at (908) 561-1511.

The Celebrations Committee is also looking for Parade Marshals. If you are interested, call Aileen Levine at (908) 561-9161.

As the time for the Parade draws closer the South Plainfield Parade Committee will begin a new meeting schedule. The meetings are to be held July 21, August 4, August 25 and September 1. All will start at 6:45 p.m. and take place at the Municipal Building.

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Dr. Patrick Aiello Celebrates Fifth Year

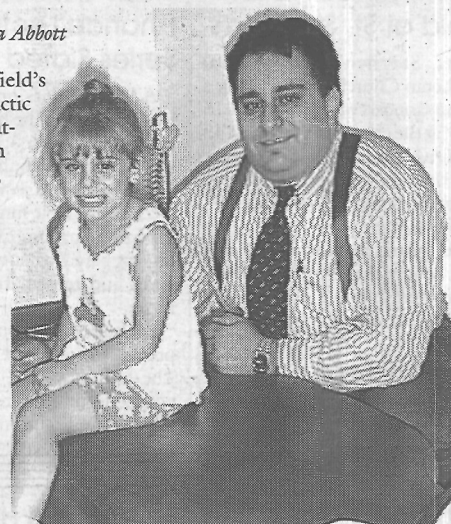
By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield's Aiello Chiropractic Center PC, located on South Clinton Avenue, recently celebrated its fifth anniversary. Founder Dr. Patrick M. Aiello's South Plainfield roots run much deeper. Aiello is a life long resident of South Plainfield. He attended Roosevelt School, the Middle School and graduated in 1984 from South Plainfield High School.

Today, high school students often clog guidance offices as they struggle with the age-old question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" In an era where young folks sometimes go through their entire school years unsure of what direction their life will take, Aiello stood out. By seventh grade he knew he wanted to become a chiropractor. He enthusiastically recalls an uncle who was a physical therapist and a great influence on his career choice.

Aiello also knew that he would one day return to South Plainfield to establish his practice. He first attended Stockton State College in Pomona, N.J., where he studied pre-med. He continued his education at the prestigious National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, Ill., where he received a BS in Human Biology, and in 1991, his Doctorate degree. He worked with an associate for a year before returning to South Plainfield in 1993 to open Aiello Chiropractic Center. After five years, he is pleased with his location on the corner of South Clinton and New Market Avenues. Aiello notes that his location in a residential and commercial area allows people access on the way to or from work.

In addition to his practice, Dr. Aiello has been teaching chiropractic medicine to medical residents at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison for the past two years. Chiropractic medicine, he explains, focuses on a natural approach to healing illnesses and injuries. He feels that some people are slow to visit a chiropractor simply because they are used to a family doctor. However, neck or back pain usually motivates a person to try chiropractic as an alternative to

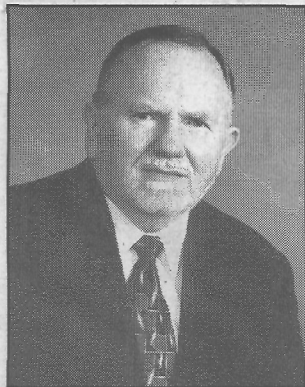


Dr. Patrick Aiello, with his youngest patient, Samantha Listorti.

drugs or surgery. In fact, Dr. Aiello often works closely with a patient's family physician. His passion for his work becomes very obvious as he speaks of working with athletes, helping them recover from sports injuries. While his patients range from children to senior citizens, he notes that his work with the pediatric set has really taken off. Parents don't often think of bringing their child to a chiropractor, Aiello says, although it's an alternative for those who prefer their children not be treated with medication and drugs.

Involvement in a variety of local organizations is the hallmark of the pride Dr. Aiello's family has for their South Plainfield roots. He has been a member of the Lion's Club for five years and currently serves as president. He has also worked with the South Plainfield Business Association and the Junior Baseball Club. His father Philip has been a postal carrier in town for over 30 years and is a volunteer with the Junior Baseball Club and has served as a commissioner for six years. Aiello's mother Maryann is his office manager. She helps to create a friendly family atmosphere. Maryann is a former PTA member and past president at Roosevelt School. Dr. Aiello's brother Philip, a South Plainfield resident, was active in local and school baseball and an All State Player who continued to garner honors at Seton Hall.

It is Dr. Aiello's belief that a good doctor is one who is constantly learning. He strives to stay abreast of new techniques and literature, yet he says he ensures that his patients are always treated as individuals, not just appointments. While an ache or pain may initially bring a patient to see him, it is Dr. Aiello's friendly demeanor, compassion and sincerity that keep them coming back.



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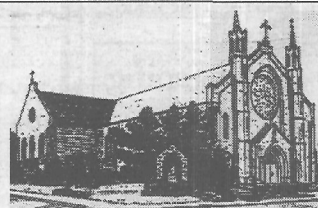
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Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)
Monday Eve. Mass with Miraculous Medal Novena Prayers 7 p.m.
Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7, 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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Saturday 11 a.m.- 12 noon, 5:15 -5:45 p.m.
and after 5:45 p.m. Vigil Mass



events around town

Piano Recital to be Held at St. Stephen's

St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Piano Concert on July 31 at 7:15 p.m. at the church located at 3145 Park Ave. Hear works of Scarlatti, Beethoven, Mendelssohn and Chopin performed by the Rev. Richard Mathisen.

Suggested donation is \$7 and will benefit the "Seeds of Hope" campaign at St. Stephens. Refreshments will be provided.

Czestochowa Sponsors Seminars

Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish will sponsor two seminars given by Charlie Yankoski, an 11 year veteran in the computer industry. The donation is \$10 per person with all of the of proceeds going to the church. Nothing is for sale, nor are any specific products or services mentioned in the seminar.

"How to Buy A Home Computer" on Wednesday, July 22 at 7:15 p.m. will answer all your questions if you are thinking of buying a computer.

"Everything You Need to Know About the Internet" on Wednesday, July 29 at 7:15 p.m. will tell you everything you always wanted to know about the Internet and if you should be a part of it. It will answer all your questions — including can it save you money? Is it all right to buy books, clothes or even cars this way? And what are the risks?

To reserve a space, call Carolyn at (908) 755-2516.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The South Plainfield Library Board of Trustees' regularly scheduled meeting of July 14 has been changed. The meeting has been rescheduled for July 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the South Plainfield Public Library on Plainfield Ave. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Elks Plan Trip to Cowtown Rodeo

The South Plainfield Elks are co-hosting a bus trip to the "Cowtown Rodeo" on Saturday, August 1, located in Pilesgrove, N.J.

For more information see our advertisement in this paper on page 12. The trip is open to the public and promises to be a fun adventure for everyone. Tickets can be purchased through the Elks by calling 668-9750 or Briggs Longbothum at 753-4700. Bring along your family and friends and plan on "Rocking at the Rodeo."

Small Business Finance Lecture Series Slated

A lecture series on small business finance will be held on Tuesday, July 28 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the South Plainfield Library. Some of the subjects to be covered are available funding, raising capital, managing cash flow, being prepared to survive an IRS audit and information on SBA loans.

All business owners and entrepreneurs are invited to attend. The lecture is free. The speaker will be Louis Terrero, CPA from Cash Flow Solutions. For more information call Mark Noble (908) 757-2494.

SPHS Tigers Host Annual Golf Outing

The South Plainfield Golf Association is holding the Fourth Annual Golf Outing for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team on Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. Greens fees, prizes, food and carts are included. All proceeds go to support the activities of the High School Golf Team. For more information contact Coach Mike Kavka at (908) 753-657.

Police Department to Hold Golf Tournament

The South Plainfield Police P.B.A. Local #100 has announced it is holding its Seventh Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, Aug. 21 at the Gambler's Ridge Golf Club, Burlington Path Rd., Cream Ridge, NJ. A 1 p.m. shotgun start is planned. The awards banquet will follow at the Gambler's Ridge

Pavilion located at the course and the P.B.A. is expecting the usual large turnout.

Several sponsorships are available: a playing sponsor for \$210 will receive a commemorative pennant that is displayed on a green and a company representative may play for free. A donation of \$150 sponsors a beverage cart from which you will receive a great deal of advertising from having your commemorative pennant displayed on the cart. A \$100 non-playing sponsor will have their company name printed on a sign located on a tee. A donation of \$75 sponsors a golf cart which will have your company name professionally printed on a sign fastened to a player's golf cart.

Overall, this P.B.A. fundraiser cannot be successful without the public's support. Please contact any member of the Golf Tournament Committee to sponsor the 1998 tournament.

If you have any questions, contact Lt. Paul Brembt at (908) 226-7687.

Drama Workshop Holds Car Wash

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold a car wash on Sunday, July 19 at the Middle School from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The annual fund raiser is one the students particularly enjoy. The reason is the "F-U-N" in fund! Stop by and have your car washed by the enthusiastic cast of GUYS & DOLLS. Cars pay just \$5 and vans/trucks pay \$8. Tickets for the show will be available to purchase as well.

To have your organization included in events around town, submit your information to the Observer editorial department at 530 Union Ave, Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax to 732 805-0815.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for the latest news from South Plainfield Library.

Our summer schedule of children's storytime programs will continue for the next couple of weeks. The programs for children ages 3-6 are on Mondays at 6:30 p.m., Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. The programs for children ages 7-12 are on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and the ones for those ages 1 1/2-3 are Thursdays at 11 a.m. Please check with Children's Librarian Judy Fischer for more information. No registration is needed for these programs.

One program that you do have to register for is the Summer Reading Program. But if you think it's too late to late to sign up, think again. Children with a valid library card from South Plainfield, or any library in the MURAL system, can join up from now until August. Stop by the main desk (or ask Judy Fischer) to register.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the meeting of the Library Board of Trustees has been rescheduled for Tuesday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m. As we noted before, members of the public are welcome to attend and find out about the Library's future plans, as well as make their own views known.

This month's library display is a collection of miniature books, courtesy of Alden Jacobs. This already well-praised display will be in place until the end of July.

Turning to our circuit collections, the latest groups from both the compact disc and book-on-tape circuit are now available for borrowing.

Speaking of the circuits, here's a reminder. Don't lose track of the cards that go out with circuit items, particularly with large print books or videos. If they're lost, it creates unnecessary work for us and messes up our bookkeeping. And if that isn't enough to convince you, a 25-cent fine is imposed if these cards are lost.

We have a couple of advisories for you. First, please remember that our Internet terminals are not toys. Yes, they're helpful and efficient tools, but treat them with respect. Use them carefully and responsibly; in short, don't fool around with them. The last thing anyone wants, especially us, is for those terminals to end up damaged.

Second, we have a word about book donations. We really appreciate how patrons have donated lots and lots of books for our ongoing book sale. Unfortunately, your generosity has resulted in a problem, we don't have enough room for them all. As a result, until further notice, we will only be accepting new or recent hardcover or paperback donations. We're still accepting donations for the paperback exchange, but only in limited quantities. Also, if you are thinking about a large donation, please call ahead, so we can make sure we can handle it.

That's about all for this issue. We hope you're having a nice summer.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			Environmental Comm 8:00 pm Cultural Arts Comm. 8:00 pm PAL Court 9:30 am & 7:00 pm	Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>		
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		Planning Bd. 8:00 pm	Court 9:30 am 7:00 pm	Copy Deadline for <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Summer Drama Presents "Guys and Dolls" 7:30 p.m.		
	Recreation Comm. 7 pm	Board of Adjustment 8:00 pm	Court 9:30 am	Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>		

Street Sweeping Dates Set

Residents should be aware that 1998 street sweeping will begin on July 1. All cars should be removed from streets the week their sections are due to be swept.

The following dates for street sweeping have been established.

Sections are determined by using the leaf pickup map.

Section 3 July 20 to 24

Section 4 July 27 to 31

Section 5 August 3 to 7

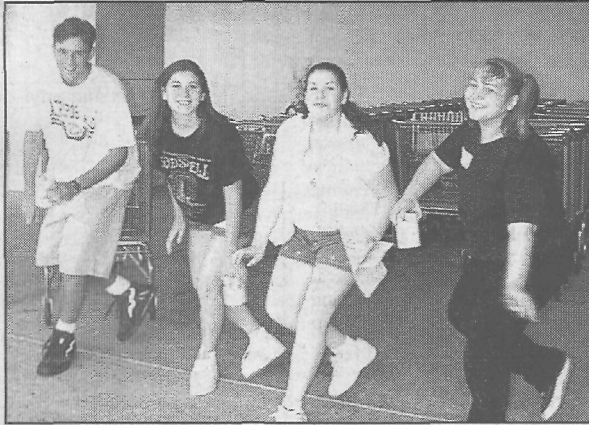
Guys & Dolls/Summer Drama 1998

By Patricia Abbott

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop cast is currently hard at work rehearsing the Broadway hit musical *Guys & Dolls*. The show, based on Damon Runyon's story, *The Idyll of Sarah Brown*, marks the group's 27th season of outstanding children's theater in South Plainfield.

The 1998 cast is one of the largest in the history of Summer Drama Workshop. The show takes place in the theater district of New York City in the late '40s, early '50s. Broadway swarms with an eclectic mix of personalities, from night club performers to small-time crooks and major gamblers. Added to the mix is the local mission and their devout members who try desperately to save the souls of the evildoers.

There are two love stories and four central characters in *Guys & Dolls*, as well as a number of wonderful supporting roles and a large chorus. Nathan Detroit is played by Vinnie DiNizo. Nathan has been engaged to Miss Adelaide for 14 years, but the roll of the dice always seems to conflict with matters of the heart. Nathan, the bewildered and betrothed gambler has one very important dis-



Steve Ambielli, Kristyn Ciarliariello, Nicole Scavone and Candice Leigh Helfand dancin' the night away.

inction that sets him apart from the rest. He is hailed and honored by gamblers near and far because he runs "the oldest established, permanent, floating crap game in New York." Although not quite ready to commit to marriage, he admits his faults and professes his love for Adelaide in song with "Sue me." He promises to give up gambling and find a respectable job but it never quite pans out, especially when high rollers are in town looking for a big game.

Laura Walters plays Miss Adelaide, a slightly ditzzy, larger-than-life night club star with a voice and accent that can make one cringe. Adelaide is desperate to marry her man. She loves him but hates his "job". Despite many attempts, she never quite reaches the altar and the delay makes her sick, literally, as is told through the song, "Adelaide's Lament".

Steve Ambielli plays Sky Masterson. A legend among gamblers, the suave, sophisticated Sky is afraid of nothing. He flourishes in the dark of night, the wee hours of the morning when shadows help hide illicit games from authorities.

Ourrageous bets amuse Sky and he never loses - luck is always on his side. This confidence finds him making a seemingly simple bet with Nathan, "I can have any doll I choose." Nathan, gleefully points out to a uniformed stern sergeant of a street mission.

Nicole Scavone plays Sergeant Sarah Brown. She is the head of

the local Save-A-Soul Mission. Sarah's mission in life is to cure Broadway of all corruption. She marches her band through the streets daily, preaching against the evils of gambling and drink. Sarah is full of conviction and strength. Sarah accepts a dinner date to Cuba with irresistible Sky. After consuming a number of local rum drinks, Sarah lets her hair down and expresses her feelings for Sky as she belts out the song "If I Were a Bell."

Laughs abound with Nathan's array of gambling acquaintances. Adam LaSpata appears as Nathan's sidekick and fellow gambler, Nicely Nicely Johnson, who brings down the house with "Sit Down You Are Rockin' The Boat." The show opens with Nicely and his cohorts Benny Southstreet, played by Jason Kollarik and Rusty Charlie, played by Candice Leigh Helfand, as they sing of their sure bets at the race track.

The Hot Box girls add color and spice to the show as they back up Adelaide with some fancy footwork and sing-alongs. Hot Box dancers are Kristyn Ciarliariello, who plays Mimi and Tammy Dombrowski, Jennifer Forziati, Nicole Gutierrez, Kristina Latonia, Mindy Kovacs, Patty Reach, Emma Fulton and Erin Mackey.

The Mission Band consists of Lenora Zerbian playing Arvide, Sarah's aunt and confidant, Jamie Morris is Agatha, Martha is Beth Golt, Corporal Calvin is Stephanie Cupo and General Cartwright is Natalie Kipila.

On the right side of the law is Lt. Brannigan played by Joe LaJeunesse. Brannigan's goal in life is to catch Nathan and his floating crap game.

Assorted gamblers include Harry the Horse played by Lindsay Noonan, Angie the Ox is Jose Pineda and tough guy Big Jule played by Greg Publik. Chris Abbott is Liver Lips Louie, and Fernando Sandoval is Brandy Bottle Bates. Brian Cantor plays Joey Biltmore, owner of the only place in town that will let Nathan hold his game, for a fee of course. Chris Imbrosciano is the Hot Box Club Emcee and Jordan Lynch is the waiter.

Rounding out the cast in a variety of chorus roles are Allison Butrico, Vincent Carubia, Jesse Nietzer, Kristen Nietzer, Alison Provaire, Pam Cianfrocca, Britany DeNitzio, Joey Reach, Angela Catalfamo, Kaitlin Bundy, Erin Walsh, Sarah Kulihin, Elizabeth Ring, Dana Butrico, Kristie Butrico, Steve Janiszak, Pam Janiszak, Mary Orlowski, Brian Publik, Jaclynn Johnson, Kerry Mackey, Kristy

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum



Wow, has anyone else been following the stock market and especially the internet stocks lately? How about "Yahoo"? It's gone through the roof, and overnight too. People have been talking about business moving to the internet, and this sure shows that the internet is business! Even my ultra-conservative broker says: "This is where the business is now." Not only are the "times a changin'", they're upon us now. I would hope that America's young people are learning computer skills as well as they can now, because when they enter the workforce, such skills will be as expected as is the basic ability to get to work on time! And that's just the way it is! Of course, there will always be needs for manual skills, but even at that, computer ability will almost certainly be needed to support and manage those skills.

TIP: Computer skills are easier to obtain every day. A free 60-day trial version of Kurzweil's VOICE COMMANDS FOR WORD is available from the Microsoft website: www.microsoft.com/office/enhword.asp. This program lets you tell your computer what to do verbally (of course you need a microphone and sound card) and it does it! Pretty cool, but it does take some getting used to. You have to get used to the program and the computer has to get used to you! Got it, HAL?

TIP: Compression utilities are handy for shrinking files before sending them over the internet. One of the better ones available is WinZip 6.3 and it is available as a download via www.winzip.com.

Getting back to business and the internet, did you catch this one: NASDAQ and AMEX are intending to merge. Couple this with the hundreds of millions that NASDAQ is already spending to upgrade its own trading network, and the 110 million it will spend to do the same for AMEX, it looks like direct online trading will be happening soon. Currently, trades are "requested" through online brokers who handle them via dedicated links to the various exchanges. Even Wall Street is becoming "cybersized."

Here's an update on the coming of the high speed internet access that we've been waiting for. I'm as anxious as anyone and on your behalf, have kept on top of the people at Comcast Online (now ComcastPV) to commit to a service date for our area. After the most recent exchange of emails, I do believe that I'll be the last person in town to be installed. At least that's what I was told

when their area representative called me on the phone an hour ago. He was responding to my recent reply to their mailing regarding service in South Plainfield. So much for touting their service and pointing out their missed due dates! To the point though, they can only say that they're working as fast as they can, as many days as they can, with as many people as they can to beat the telcos (telephone companies) to market with the same service. I do believe that, too and I do know that they would like to have been here yesterday, but in the end it does take time to get the job done. So wait we must! What else is new? But I did agree to sit back and wait for their call. Case closed!

TIP: (just so you know and can do this yourself) Most of these "tips" come via my online subscription to: tips@tipworld.com. This is a great site to check out and subscribe to. It also bares links to other very informative sites on the net. A good one is www.tipworld.com/arts.cgi?wshard-drive0707. This site explains in step by step fashion how to install a new, or a second, hard drive. This would be a great project for even a novice who needs more room to store stuff on your computer. Like I've always said, the internet is the fastest and best place to get help and/or information on just about everything.

TIP: Since so much of what we write about and recommend involves using the internet where a very real concern should be about avoiding viruses, here's a real good idea. Learn something about them first and how to choose and use the appropriate software to keep you clean. Go to <http://csrc.nsl.nist.gov/virus/>. Here is where you'll get plenty of information and links to reviews of antivirus software and virus related sites.

Hey, did you know that with the multi-tasking abilities of today's computers, you do not have to sit and wait while a large file or program downloads off the net? You can open and use several browsers (even different ones) at the same time. One very cool and fast browser is called "Opera" and it is available to try for free from www.unipress.com or www.operasoft.com. This browser is from Norway and it is way cool. Try it on my advice. Right now, I've got four sites open in Opera (watching TV on one), one in Netscape Communicator 4.05 and I'm writing this column. Wow, talk about multitasking. CU next time.

Happy 1st Birthday
Alyssa Nicole Maurath
July 23, 1998

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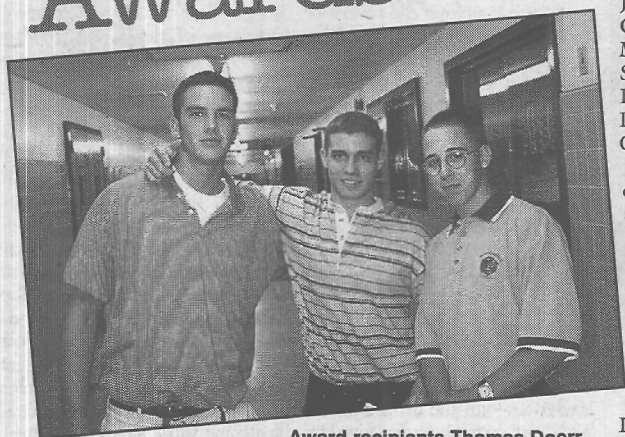
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School Board of Education Presents Awards



Award recipients Thomas Doerr, Mike Francis and Jeff Fritze

The Board of Education presented commendations, awards and plaques to teachers and students during a special meeting held last month before the regular Board of Education meeting.

Presentation of Commendations — The following teachers were recognized for their selection to the Governor's Teacher Recognition Program for the 1997/98 school years: Michael English from the High School; Janet Errico from Grant School; Victoria Molnar from Franklin School; William Nothnagel from John E. Riley School; Donald Panzarella from Middle School; Sharon Perez from Roosevelt School and Joan Wysochansky from John F. Kennedy School.

Special Plaques were awarded to the following retirees: Barbara Aszuk of Franklin School after 40 years, Cary Belitz from the High School Science Department, Nancy Benner from Franklin School, Marie Blanchard from the Business Office, Thomas Franklin from the High School, Lillian Kaiser from the Middle School, Eleanor Maisel from the High School and Joan Wysochansky from Kennedy School.

Academic and Special Achievement Awards

Elementary School, K-5

The Middlesex County Commission on the Status of Women Writing Contest Award were presented to John Roesch for his Third Place Essay, Gerry Butrico and Melissa Sticco for Honorable Mention in Poetry. Gina Butrico was honored because her poetry was published in *The Writer's Choice Newspaper*.

The Stock Market Club from Franklin School received Special Recognition. Presented with awards were Stock Market President Derek Smith, Vice President Alexandria Ramos and Team Members Gerry Butrico, Jennifer Jackson, Jason Lowe, Brian Zielinski and advisors Christina Rojas and Kim Rubin.

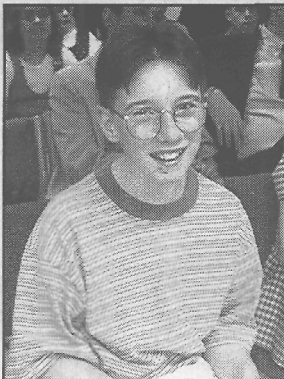
The Webelos Boy Scout Troop from Franklin School was recog-

nized for the Franklin Elementary School Sign they built. The scouts are Kyle Bostick, Gerry Butrico, Michael Duquette, Chris Patti,



Members of the Stock Market Club are Derek Smith, president; Alexandria Ramos, vice president; Gerry Butrico, Jennifer Jackson, Jason Lowe and Brian Zielinski. Advisors are Kim Rubin and Cristina Rojas (not pictured). Also pictured is Board Member Frank McCormick.

Patrick Pryor, Matthew Rasmussen, Fernando Sandoval, Derek Smith, Roy Sorensen, Nicky Vitale and Brian Zielinski.



"Super Kid" Chris Imbrosciano

Middle School

Christopher Imbrosciano received the "Super Kids" Award. Chris actually recorded a radio commercial.

Liz Nguyen received the "New Jersey SEEDS" Award.

R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H awards were presented to Tawanna Nichols, Charmaine Wakefield,

James Nguyen, Debbie Soriano, Caitlin Hunter, Billy Jean Sarullo, Michael Tudor, Allison Dressler, Sally Salib, Justin Gaynor, Ricky Ringel, Adina Ramos, Thomas Pender, Aaron Parks, Valerie Osley and Reginald Thomas.

The Middlesex County School of the Arts Certificates were presented to Pamela Cianfrocca, Kandice Heffernan, Chris Imbrosciano, Katie Lawrence, Jamie Morris, Kristen Neitzer and Stephanie Swiec.

The Central Jersey Region II Intermediate Chorus recognized the following: Grade 6—Tom Holowka, Jason LaFontaine, Kristina Lopez, Chiara Tomie, Jessaka Whitsitt, Chrisann Zushma; Grade 7—Chris Baron, Heather Barrett, Dominick Mascola and Kristen Neitzer; Grade 8—Christine Martinez and Allison Provaire.

one, Jessica Ardis and advisor Karl Spolarich.

Middlesex County High School of the Arts Certificates were awarded to: Matt LaSpata for Theatre, Philip Merlo for Visual Arts, Jennifer Rayho and Melissa Tambone for Modern Dance, Justin Woo for Fiction.

All State Opera Festival Certificates were awarded to: Adrienne Christatos and Daniel LaSpata for singing at the All-State Opera Festival.

Central Jersey Music Educators Region II Chorus Certificates were awarded to: James Foster, Daniel LaSpata, Jason Kollarik and Sandra Reedy.

Rutgers Honors Band Certificates were awarded to Adrienne Christatos, John Drangula, Krista Gunderson, Daniel LaSpata, Sandra Reedy and Roger Vroom.

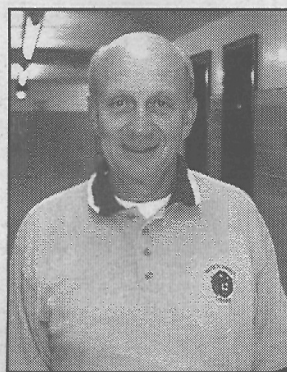
Special Olympics Certificates were awarded to students Maria Berberabe, Jen Borja, Samuel Etwarroo, Steve Gopal, Rami Ibrahim, Paul Israel, Eric Jackson, Richard Leonardis, Carlton Lovett, Dave Micabalo, Jennifer Rhodes, Jason Seay, Elizabeth Serago, Robin Stayvas, Carolyn Timinski and July Wang for participating in the Area 14 Track and Field. Staff members were also honored. They are Janet Pine, Addison Williams and Tara Olvany.

Athletic Awards

Joy Walter was honored as the GMC Female Scholar/Athlete for 1997/98, South Plainfield High School Female Scholar/Athlete for 1997/98 and also for holding the record for the high school's most pitching victories. Joy will attend St. Peter's College on scholarship.

Thomas Doerr was honored for being named GMC Wrestling Coaches Association Scholar/Athlete for 1997/98 and holds the record for South Plainfield High School's most wrestling victories. Doerr will be attending Bucknell University on a scholarship.

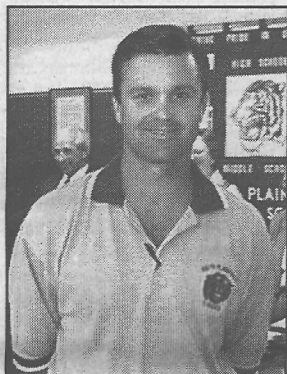
Mike Francis was honored for being named to GMC White Division "Baseball Player of the



Mike Kavka, Head Coach-Golf

Year" and South Plainfield High School Male Scholar/Athlete for 1997/98. Francis will be attending Drexel University on scholarship.

Mike Frances, Jeff Fritze and Mark Rennie were named to the Greater Middlesex County All-Stars in baseball.



William Pavlak, honored as Coach of the Year (wrestling)

Ray Ciecwisz was named "Baseball Coach of the Year."

The High School Softball Team, this year's GMC Champions, were honored. They are Alison Barret, Amanda Bremer, Dana Curcio, Kerri Howells, Jennifer Infante, Natalie Kipila, Heather Roth, Carolyn Schweers, Christine Smalley, Sheryl Thimons, Alison Tietjen, Joy Walter, Laura Walter and Kim Wilcox. Also honored were head coach Donald Panzarella and assistant



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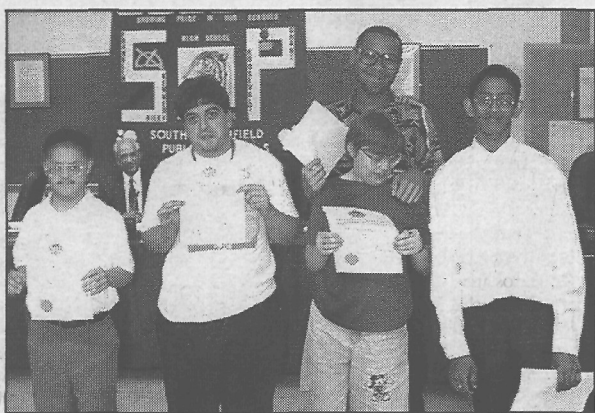
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Some of the Special Olympics Certificates recipients

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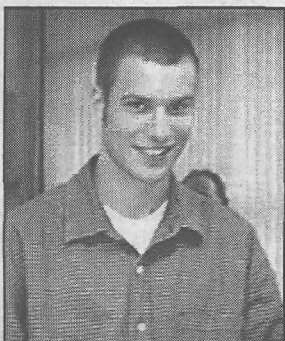
Amanda Bremer, Christine Smalley and Joy Walter were honored for being named to the GMC 1st Team All-Conference.

Donald Panzarella was honored for being named "Softball Coach of the Year" and New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

The GMC District 12 and NJSIAA Central Jersey Group III Wrestling Champions were recognized. They are Glenn Barics, John Blondet, David Butrico, Joseph Celentano, Chris Cioffi, Frank Crincoli, Thomas Doerr, Thomas Doyon, David Fiore, John Foscolo, Chris Francis, Matthew Gati, Richard Gebauer, Michael Grasso, Colin Hunter, Christopher Johnston, Daniel Kunst, Roberto Romos, Shareef

Saleem, David Stoeckel, Jason Stokes, John Vicari and Billy Wilson.

Joseph Celentano, Thomas Doerr, Colin Hunter and Christopher Johnston received awards for being named GMS 1st Team



Governor's School of Environment and New Jersey Boys State Award winner Matthew Wojcik.

All-Conference.

William Pavlak was honored for being named "Coach of the Year," District 12 "Coach of the Year," *Courier News* "Coach of the Year" and GMC Red Division "Coach of the Year."

GMC White Division Sportsman Awards were given to Lisa Morris, Head Coach-Winter Track, Bill Milone, Assistant Coach-Winter Track and Mike Kavka, Head Coach-Golf.

Ralph Fech was recognized for being named New Jersey "Coach of the Year" for Boys Bowling.



High School Softball Head Coach Donald Panzarella

Safe Cycling: Bike Alert

Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc., Middlesex County's transportation management association, wants bicyclists of all ages to bike safely. With funding from the New Jersey Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration, KMM has created Bike Alert!, a compendium of useful information for municipal public safety officers. Bike Alert! is part of an ongoing effort by KMM to help municipalities educate the public about bike safety.

In New Jersey, the bicycle is recognized as a legal vehicle with the same rights and responsibilities as an automobile. However, someone riding a bike is less visible and more vulnerable than someone driving a car. Safety consciousness and training are critical for a safe and enjoyable bike ride.

Bike Alert! contains copies of New Jersey's Law on Bicycles and Law on Roller Skates and Skateboards, which becomes effective August 1, 1998. The New Jersey Bicycle Manual and samples of Bicycling: A Smart Move and Share the Road — A Guide for Motorists and Bicyclists, both produced by KMM, are included.

The Bike Alert! notebook also features municipal programs, like the Baron Von Pedaloff Bike Registration campaign developed by the South Plainfield Police Department, and the Bike Rodeo materials from the Middlesex and East Brunswick Police Departments.

Bike Alert! was prepared in response to needs identified by municipal safety officials who have participated in KMM's Public Safety Forum over the past year.

KMM, a non profit, membership organization, works with commuters, employers and municipalities in Middlesex County to reduce congestion and improve air quality.



The Alternative View

By Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C.



Dear Dr. DeCosta:

I am greatly concerned about the use of chemical additives in our food. What are the side effects of these additives? Which additives should we avoid in our diet? —W.P.

Dear W. P.:

Approximately two thousand additives — artificial colors, artificial flavors, stabilizing agents, texturizers, sweeteners, antimicrobials, and antioxidants — are currently permitted in America's food supply by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Yet, studies show that some additives may be carcinogenic, such as Blue Dye No. 1, Blue Dye No. 2 and Green Dye No. 3, while others pose still different hazards. In 1981, researchers at the National Institutes of Health reported that Red Dye No. 3 may interfere with the neurotransmitters of the brain. Meanwhile, aspirin-sensitive people have developed life-threatening asthmatic symptoms when ingesting Yellow Dye No. 5, which is found in breakfast cereal, bottles soft drinks, ice cream, sherbet, candy, bakery products and pasta.

Food additives can also have profound effects on behavior. Authorities at Tehama County Juvenile Hall in Red Bluff, California, had positive results curbing antisocial behavior when they used honey in place of sugar and eliminated meats cured with nitrites and other foods with additives. United States Naval Correction Center officials in Seattle, Washington, discovered that removing white bread and refined sugar from the diet of inmates reduced the incidence of violent behavior.

In 1979, the New York City public schools ranked in the thirty-ninth percentile on standardized scholastic achievement test scores, meaning that 61% of the nation's public schools scored higher. That same year, the New York City Board of Education ordered a reduction of the sugar content of foods served in the schools and banned two synthetic food colorings. In 1980, New York's achievement test scores went up to the forty-seventh percentile. Next, the schools banned all synthetic colorings and flavorings. Test scores increased again, bringing New York City schools up to the fifty-first percentile. By 1983, when additives BHA and BHT were removed from foods, New York City schools scored in the fifty-fifth percentile. Prior to the dietary changes, the academic performance of the students never varied more than one percent up or down in the course of a year!

Here is a list of the top ten food additives to avoid:

1. **Aspartame:** This chemical sweetener has the longest list or complaints the FDA has ever received — over three thousand. Aspartame also goes under such brands as NutraSweet and Equal. Symptoms associated with aspartame sensitivity can range from rashes, mild depression, headaches, nausea, ringing ears, vertigo, and insomnia to loss of motor control, loss or change of taste, slurred speech, memory loss, blurred vision, blindness, suicidal depression, seizures and tumor formation. Many doctors now warn pregnant women to avoid any products containing aspartame.

2. **Brominated vegetable oil (BVO):** BVO is used as an emulsifier in some foods and as a clouding agent in many popular soft drinks. Bromate, the main ingredient of BVO, is a poison.

3. **Butylated hydroxyanisole (BHA) and butylated hydroxytoluene (BHT):** Used to prevent fats, oils and fat-containing foods from becoming rancid. BHA and BHT can effect normal neurological development, particularly in babies.

4. **Citrus Red Dye No. 2:** Used to color orange skins, it is a probable carcinogen and may cause chromosomal damage.

5. **Monosodium glutamate:** Also known as MSG, it is a flavor enhancer. Sensitivity symptoms include headaches, flushing of the skin, tightness of the chest, heart palpitations and nausea.

6. **Nitrites:** Used as preservatives in cured meats such as bacon, ham and smoked fish, nitrites form cancer-causing compounds known as nitrosamines in the gastrointestinal tract.

7. **Saccharin:** Used as an artificial sweetener, this additive is a possible human carcinogen. Every packet of Sweet'n Low has 40 milligrams of saccharin in it.

8. **Sulfur dioxide, sodium bisulfite and sulfates:** Used to preserve foods such as dried fruits, shrimp and frozen potatoes. Asthma sufferers particularly report adverse reactions after consuming foods with sulfating agents.

9. **Tertiary butylhydroquinone (TBHQ):** Used with BHA and BHT to spray the insides of cereal and cheese packages, TBHQ has been implicated in childhood behavioral problems. It is mainly found in candy bars, baking sprays and fast foods.

10. **Yellow Dye No. 6:** Used in candy and carbonated beverages, it increases kidney and adrenal tumors in rats and may cause chromosomal damage as well as allergic reactions. It has been banned in Norway and Sweden.

Questions for *The Alternative View* should be addressed to: The Alternative View, c/o Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C., 129 South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

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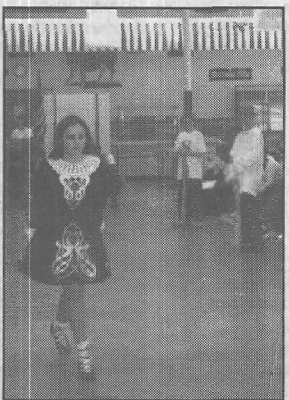
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Middle School Presents Tribute to Multi-Culturalism

When R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H. began at the Middle School in 1994 there were 50 students selected to participate in the organization that stresses peace and multi-culturalism. Assistant



Principal Phyllis Savage noted that in the early days of R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H. few students showed a real interest in the group, now there are over 250 students who proudly share their heritage. The group was formed as a preventative treatment against potential racial tensions. Nelson Baez from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office helped introduce the program into the school. The high school has a similar program called R.A.R.E.

On June 16 the members of the group along with an actors guild presented a very special multi-cultural program. The Eighth Grade

Tribute to Multi Culturalism was dedicated to the late James Robert Tierney. Tierney was a teacher at the Middle School. He was the cameraman for all R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H. events from its inception in 1994 until 1997. His last taping was on October 16, 1997 when he filmed the Overview of Multi-Cultural Activities.

The diverse program covered a wide variety of cultures. The students used song, dance, poetry, essays, displays and more to teach about their heritage. An African American School Pride Drill, Latino Facts, Italian Wedding Dance, Palestine Scarf, Chinese New Year are just a few of the cultures covered by the program. Phyllis Savage spoke of the noticeable changes she has seen since the group began, such as a more diversified mix of students socializing. She is proud of how the program has expanded. R.A.R.E.:S.P.E.A.C.H. stands for Respect All Races Everywhere Stop Prejudice Everywhere And Confront Hatred.

Lauren Burgess Graduates from Villanova University

Lauren M. Burgess has graduated from Villanova University in Pennsylvania with a BSN from the School of Nursing.

Lauren is a 1994 graduate of South Plainfield High School. She is employed at New York University Hospital in New York. Lauren is the daughter of Philip and Barbara Burgess of South Plainfield.



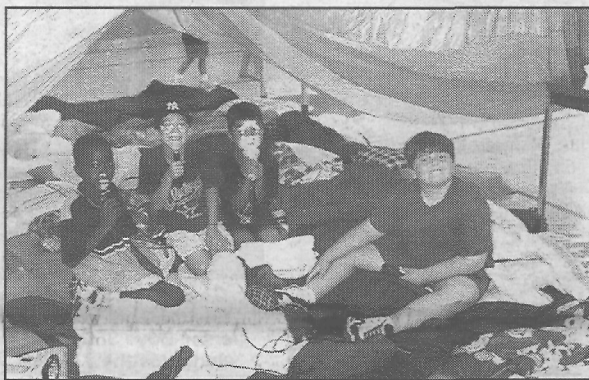
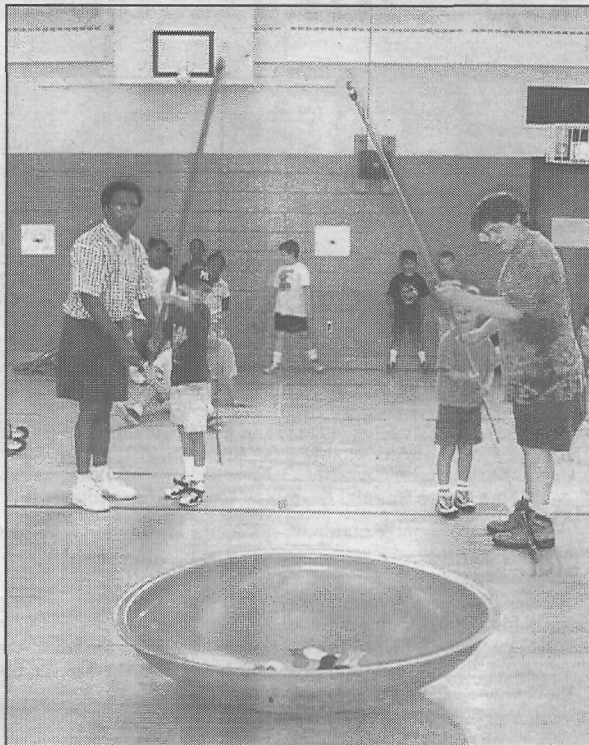
Tiger Day Campers "Sleep In"

The Tiger Day Camp, under the direction of Principal James Lenox and Coordinator Carol Christatos, held a "Sleep In" in conjunction with a special "Camp Out Day." The children brought in their own sleeping bags, blankets and flashlights. Two large parachutes were set up and used as tents in the auditorium. The kids enjoyed a special day of camp related fun games, such as a peanut hunt, a fishing contest, spoon relays and an obstacle course. Addison Williams, a Tiger Camp Counselor, brought in a variety of camping items and tools and explained their uses. He also reinforced the rules of camping and the safety facts that children should know.

Tiger Day Camp, held during the summer months, has 55-75 children enrolled per week. Under the direction of Gail Merlo, June Ward, Pat Guarriaci and Kristen Linczke, the children are involved in a variety of arts and crafts such as mosaic pictures, paintings, puppets, lanyards/beads, object painting, paper mache projects and clay poetry.

Games/activities/cooking are led by Sue Butrico, Leslie Dilollo, Addison Williams and Adrienne Christatos. Some activities planned are relay and obstacle courses, basketball, ping pong, kickball, wallball and knock hockey. Cooking activities includes pancakes, cakes/cookies, pizza and ice cream.

Special days like the "Camp Out" are planned throughout the summer, like "Christmas in July," "Our Play" a talent show and "Wear anything you want to be silly" (inside out, backwards and wild colors).



Scaleras Announce Birth

Thomas and Sharon Scalera of Ivy St. are proud to announce the recent birth of their son Nicholas Thomas Scalera. He was born at 6:02 a.m. on June 4 at Muhlenberg Hospital. Nicholas weighed 9 lbs-6 oz. and is 21

inches long.

Nicholas joins his older brother Dominic at home. His grandparents are Frank and Laura Lemos of Fifth St. and Carmella Scarera of Ivy St., both from South Plainfield.

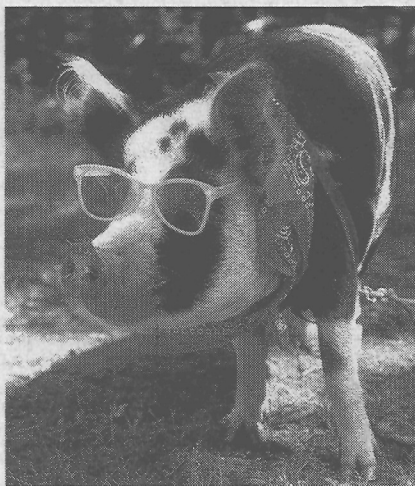
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Obituaries

Marion H. (Green) DeFillipo, 69

Marion H. (Green) DeFillipo of Plainfield died on Monday, July 6, at her home.

She was born in Providence, R.I. and had resided in Plainfield for the last 65 years.

Mrs. DeFillipo was a bookkeeper for the former Smith-Lee Company in Plainfield for 15 years.

She was a communicant of St. Bernard's R.C. Church in Plainfield.

She is survived by her husband, Eugene T. DeFillipo and her daughter, Karen J. DeFillipo of Avenel.

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

Patricia A. (Smart) Clark, 70

Patricia A. (Smart) Clark died on Friday, June 26, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

She was born in Eagle, Wisc. and was a former resident of East Orange before moving to South Plainfield 45 years ago.

Mrs. Clark was a secretary for RCA in Harrison for 20 years retiring in 1980.

Her husband, Baron Clark, died in 1985. She is survived by a brother, Fred L. Smart of Leesburg, Fla.; four sisters, Maxine Kennel of Palmetto, Fla., Kathleen Chapman of Eagle, Wisc., Pam Luedtke of Mukwonago, Wisc. and Paula Wade of Ft. Atkinson, Wisc.

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

Dorothy C. Igan, 89

Dorothy C. Igan died on Monday, June 29, at Princeton Medical Center in Princeton.

Born in Brooklyn, Miss Igan had resided in Plainfield and South Plainfield for most of her life before moving to Princeton six years ago.

She had been employed as an office manager for G.O. Keller's in Plainfield for 53 years before her retirement at the age of 83 in 1992.

She is a member of the Hard of Hearing Society of Westfield.

Surviving are her niece, Carolyn D. Garcia of Princeton; her two great nieces, Jennifer Garcia of Princeton and Debra Carl of Monmouth Junction and three great-great nieces and a great-great nephew.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Sylvia J. (Cusick) Conshay, 65

Sylvia J. (Cusick) Conshay died on Saturday, June 27, at the JFK Medical Center in Edison.

She was born in Staten Island and resided in South Plainfield for 20 years moving to North Palm Beach, Fla. for 18 years before moving back to South Plainfield in April of 1998.

Mrs. Conshay was a licensed practical nurse for the Alternative Family Care Center in Jupiter, Fla. for four years before retiring in 1996.

She is survived by her husband, Thomas L. Conshay; two sons, James T. Madalone of South Plainfield and Dennis M. Madalone of Van Nuys, Ca.; two stepsons, Thomas L. Conshay, Jr. of Boston, Mass. and Patrick Conshay of Singer Island, Fla.; two daughters, Debra A. Madalone of South Plainfield and Beverly A. Madalons of Hillsborough; a stepdaughter, Colleen A. Kaufman of South Plainfield; her mother Sylvia (Dioril) Cusick of Staten Island; a brother, Thomas Cusick of Langhorn Pa.; two sisters, Josephine Ferruigaro of Staten Island and Rita O'Neil of Hazlet and ten grandchildren.

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

Memorial donations in her memory maybe made to the Deborah Hospital Foundation NJ Region, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

Henry A. Goscinski, 55

Henry A. Goscinski died suddenly on Saturday, July 4, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Bayonne, Mr. Goscinski had resided in Bayonne and in Plainfield before settling in South Plainfield in 1974.

He was a 1960 graduate of St. John Kanty Prep. School in Earle, Pa. He then continued his studies at Seton Hall University, where he graduated in 1964 with a BA in Sociology.

Mr. Goscinski was employed by Hudson County Board of Social Services as a supervisor for 30 years

before his retirement in 1993. He later returned to work part time for Summit Board of Social Services in the same capacity.

He had been a volunteer coach in the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club and the South Plainfield Pop Warner football program.

He is predeceased by his daughter, Susan, who died in 1965 and his son, Vincent, who died in October of 1990.

Surviving are his wife, Eileen L. (Morrione) Goscinski and his son Andrew Goscinski of South Plainfield and his sister, Terri MacDonald of Plainfield.

Funeral services were held at the McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Richard E. Steinmann, 74

Richard E. Steinmann died on Friday, July 4, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Union City and was a former resident of Piscataway before moving to South Plainfield 40 years ago.

Mr. Steinmann was an assistant staff manager for New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. in Newark for 35 years before retiring in 1986. He was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers of America Chapter 81 in the Plainfield and New Brunswick Councils.

He was a member and past master in 1984 of the F&A Masons Mt. Zion Lodge 135 in Metuchen and the Scottish Rite Valley of Trenton. He served as past president of the South Plainfield Safety Council. He was a Marine Corp. Veteran serving during WWII and was a life member of the V.E.W. Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield.

He was a member of the Plainfield Chapter of Deborah and a main organizer of the Save a Heart Camp Out which is held yearly at the Buena Vista Camp grounds in Buena, NJ. He was a member of the National Camping Travelers serving on the National Parliamentarian Council. He was past Master of the Travelers Chapter II. He was a member of the United Wesley Methodist Church in South Plainfield.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marcella Brucher Steinmann, who died in 1993.

He is survived by a daughter, Barbara Laurer of South Plainfield and four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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

Memorial donations in his memory maybe made to the Deborah Hospital Foundation NJ Region, P.O. Box 820 Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

Eleftheria Passaris, 89

Eleftheria Passaris died on Thursday, July 2, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Greece, Mrs. Passaris came to the United States in 1935 and had resided in Aliquippa, Pa. for fifty years before moving to

Monaca, Pa. She came to South Plainfield to live with her daughter in 1996.

She was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield and the Kimisis Tis Theotokou Greek Orthodox Church in Aliquippa, Pa., where she was active for many years in the Philoptochos Society, the Senior Citizen Organization, the G.A.P.A. and the Pan-Rhodian Society. She had held offices in many of the organizations during her membership.

She is pre-deceased by her husband, James, who died in 1972.

Surviving are two daughters, Sylvia Fortunato of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Betty Bogatzes of South Plainfield; a son, Theodore Passaris of Beaver Falls, Pa.; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Kasel Gutshteyn, 70

Kasel Gutshteyn died on Saturday, July 4, at his home in Brooklyn.

Born in Odessa, Yukrain, Mr. Gutshteyn came to the United States in 1980, where he resided in North Bergen before settling in Brooklyn in 1992.

He had been employed as a garment worker in Hoboken before his retirement in 1985.

Surviving are his wife, Gisyta (Shvarts) Gutshteyn; a daughter, Malvina Schwartz of South Plainfield and a son, Sam Gutshteyn of North Bergen and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Robert J. Crespy, 62

Robert J. Crespy died on Tuesday, July 7, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Jersey City and was a former resident of North Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 30 years ago.

Mr. Crespy was an Insurance Agent for Prudential Life Insurance company in Morristown for 19 years before retiring in 1991.

He was a 1965 graduate of Jersey City State College where he received his BA in Mathematics Education. He was a former math teacher at Plainfield High School, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Watchung Hills High School.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. as a Sergeant during the Korean War.

Mr. Crespy was an avid golfer and bowler and bowled in the mixed leagues at Edison Lanes in Edison and was a member of A.A.R.P.

He is survived by his wife, Lois Novack Crespy; a son, Paul M. Crespy of Edison; a daughter, Diane Crespy of Takoma Park, MD; two brothers, John Crespy of Blackwood, N.J. and Edward Donald Crespy of Burlington Township.

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

Memorial donations in his memory maybe made to the Vision 2001 South Plainfield Education Foundation, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

Dominick "Sonny" Schiavoni, 71

Dominick "Sonny" Schiavoni died on Wednesday, July 8, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Newark, he had resided there before settling in South Plainfield 44 years ago.

Mr. Schiavoni was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army where

he served in the Tank Battalion. He was most proud of his volunteer laboratory research work that was conducted by him for the U.S. Army, which helped to find the cure for Malaria, that we know as Quinine.

He had been a professional musician for most of his life where he played the drums and sang vocals for his Jazz Trio, "Sonney & the Sonneysiders." They had played various lake resorts, clubs and restaurants, such as Aunt Kates, the former Medici's Restaurant in South Plainfield, Pine Tree Inn in New Providence, the Players Club in Andover and LaBrochette in Somerville. He had also been a private music instructor in the central Jersey area for many children as well as adults.

Mr. Schiavoni had also worked as a security guard for Haagen Dazs Ice Cream at their facility in Woodbridge before his retirement in 1992.

He is a member of the American Musicians Federation.

His wife, Helen L. (Willman) Schiavoni, died in Dec. of 1997.

Surviving are his two daughters, Connie Schiavoni and Valerie Schiavoni, both of Chatham.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations may be made in his memory to the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Oncology Department, South Main 3, c/o Park & Randolph Ave., Plainfield, NJ. 07060.

Linda M. Walsh, 46

Linda M. Walsh died on Friday, July 10, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Born in Plainfield, she resided in South Plainfield all of her life.

She had been employed as a Customer Service Representative for Avery Dennison Corp. located in Raritan Center for the past two years. Previously, she had been employed by the Denby Corp. of Edison as a customer service representative for many years.

Mrs. Walsh was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church.

Her father, Michael Walsh, died in 1988 and her brother, Brian, died in 1990.

Surviving are her mother, Florence M. Walsh of South Plainfield; three sisters, Nancy Borzio of Robbinsville, Gail DiBona of Halifax, Mass. and Dorothy Palko of Fords. Also surviving are three nieces and four nephews.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Kevin A. Reitz, 17

Kevin A. Reitz, 17, died on Sunday July 12, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick as result of a car accident.

Born in Plainfield, he had resided in South Plainfield all of his life.

He was entering his senior year at South Plainfield High School this September. He had been a honor roll student and a member of the German Club and the Art Club at South Plainfield High School. Kevin had been an avid artist.

He was working part time at the Plainfield Ave. CVS Pharmacy in South Plainfield.

Surviving are his parents, George A. Jr. and Patricia Joan (Bonner) Reitz; a brother, Brian of South Plainfield; his maternal grandparents, Philip and Joan Bonner of Lansdale, Pa. and his paternal grandmother, Julia Reitz of Frenchtown, NJ. Also surviving are three uncles and 3 aunts.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Donations may be made to the Middlesex County Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Edison.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE 11 AND UNDER TRAVELING ALL STARS

By Tony Bakazan, Manager

SP 11-South Brunswick 1 1st Game of the So. Plfld. Tourney

Peter DeAndrea, Chris Bakazan and Mike Downes each scored two runs, while Andrew Miller, Billy Merkler, Ryan Kenny, Chris McKnight and Brian Murtaugh each scored one run. Peter DeAndrea and Mike Downes each had two hits and a key run batted in. Billy Merkler tripled in two runs in the fourth to ice the game. Mike Benak and Vincent Velez combined pitching efforts to hold South Brunswick to only one run in four innings.

SP 10-No. Hunterdon 2 Second game at the So. Plfld.

Billy Merkler and Chris Bakazan each hit home runs. Bakazan was three for four, scored twice and had three runs batted in. Merkler walked, singled and homered, driving in four runs on the day. Mike Downes doubled, walked and scored twice. Nick Cesare was two for three driving in two runs on the day and scoring twice. Chris McKnight scored twice, Mike Benak scored once and Dan LaVerne singled in a run. In a combined pitching effort Vince Velez and Billy Merkler held the powerhouse North Hunterdon team to only two runs.

With the game on the line in the third inning Andrew Miller made a spectacular play at second base to retire the side and end a potential scoring threat. In the third inning Billy Merkler hit a three run home run to give the Tigers a 6-0 lead. So. Plfld. went on to score three more runs before Chris Bakazan blasted a shot to left center to finish off what little hope North Hunterdon held of catching up. It was a great victory because North

Hunterdon is one of the Williamsport National Championship teams.

SP 11- Iselin 1 South Plainfield Tournament.

Chris Bakazan was three for three and scored three runs. Billy Merkler walked twice and singled, scoring three runs. Mike Downes was three for three and scored twice. Vince Velez had two hits, a walk and scored two runs. Nick Cesare hit and scored a run. Mike Benak pitched three innings allowing only one hit and no runs. Mike Downes closed out the fourth inning allowing only one run as *The Green Machine*, nicknamed by their adversaries, 10-run-ruled its opponent for the fourth time in all star season.

Shrewsbury 1- SP 0

1st game at Fords Clara Barton

Peter DeAndrea, Chris McKnight and Vince Velez singled and Chris Bakazan doubled to account for the only hits for the Tigers. It was a well played game and defense on both sides was brilliant. But in the end South Plainfield's defense made a couple of crucial mistakes that allowed the winning run to score. It was the first time that this all star team has ever been shut out. South Plainfield left eight runners on base and that certainly came back to bite them.

SP 14-Howell Township 1

2nd Game at Fords Clara Barton

Chris McKnight continued his hot bat with two hits and scoring one run. Ryan Kenny tripled in the second inning and scored one run. Chris Bakazan walked twice, singled and also scored two runs. Billy Merkler singled, walked and scored two runs.

Vince Velez walked twice and scored two runs. Nick Cesare, swinging a red hot bat, was two

for three and scored two runs. Dan LaVerne was two for three and scored two runs. Mike Benak walked two times and scored a run. Brian Murtagh tripled and scored a run. Mike Benak pitched three scoreless innings striking out four. Mike Downes closed out the game and pitched the final inning allowing only one run.

SP 10-Kearny 0

Fords Clara Barton Tourney

Peter DeAndrea and Mike Downes each scored two runs. Chris Bakazan doubled in two runs in the bottom of the third to give South a 10 run lead and enabled South to 10-run-rule a team for the fifth time. In a ho-hum game that saw many walks issued by Kearny pitchers, Billy Merkler, Vince Velez, Andrew Miller, Dan LaVerne and Mike Benak all scored a run each. South Plainfield's Pitchers, Vince Velez and Mike Downes pitched two innings each allowing no hits and no runs.

SP 12-Flemington 6

First game at North Edison.

Peter DeAndrea and Ryan Kenny each scored two runs and had two hits, also scoring a run each were Andrew Miller, Mike Downes, Chris Bakazan, Billy Merkler, Dan Laverne, Mike Benak, Nick Cesare and Chris McKnight. Ryan Kenny, Chris Bakazan, Chris McKnight and Mike Benak each had key runs batted in. Flemington made seven errors that helped contribute to the Tigers victory in their first game of the 1998 All Star season.

SP 10-Edison Boys 7

North Edison Tourney

Nick Cesare drove a three and two pitch over the center field wall in the first inning with two out and the bases loaded for a 10-7 victory

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PONYTAIL



10 AND UNDER ALL-STAR TEAM—Ashleyanne Chosney, Mallory Cooper, Kelly Downes, Courtney Eustice, Donna Garcia, Virginia Gomez, Carlie Kazimir, Katie Koury, Kathleen Morgan, Lacey Santone, Melissa Szehega, Morgan Walter, Becky Watts, and Stefanie Wieckowski. Head Coach, Tom Walter; Assistant Coaches, Ann Morgan and Rich Szeliga.

12 and Under All Stars Results

By Coach Michael DiMeglio

After a disappointing opening game, the Ponytail 12 and Under All Star Team has won every game for a 3-1 record to date.

Sayreville 10 - South Plainfield 2. All-stars 12 and Under team opened their season against Sayreville on July 30. Despite Chiara Tomei's long home run over the right field fence, Jaime Gaughan's two hits and Allison DiMeglio's great defensive play in right field, Sayreville prevailed 10-2.

South Plainfield 14 - Watchung 4. On July 2 against Watchung, Tarryn Carlton had three hits along with Jessa Jones' four hits and three runs scored. Vicki Boley also had three hits including a grad slam home run to support Chiara Tomei's nine strike-out pitching for a 14 - 4 victory over Watchung.

South Plainfield 10 - South Brunswick 5. Tarryn Carlton's two hits, four stolen bases and outstanding defense supported Chiara Tomei's pitching in a 10-5 win over South Brunswick on July 7. Tomei also scored three runs and stole six bases.

South Plainfield 10 - Bernards 4. Ashley Bishop's great defensive play in left field supported Chiara Tomei's two-hit pitching in a 1-4 win over Bernards on July 9. The offense was led by Carly Stoeckel and Tarryn Carlton, each with three hits and three runs scored.

14 and Under All-Stars Results

By Debra Bishop

So. Plfld. 12-Bernard's 11

Pitching duties were shared by Kimberly Bishop and Christine Strani. They totalled ten strike-outs, no walks and eight hits.

So. Plfld. 24-Middlesex 3

Pitchers for this winning effort were Christine Strani and Kimberly Bishop and Kelly Ritchey. They had six strike-outs, walked three and allowed nine hits. Danielle Schweers and Kim Kulick both had four hits. Kimberly Bishop and Christine Strani each had three hits. Kelly Eustice, Melissa Scotto and Danielle Lytwyn had two hits, while Meaghan Schweers, Adina Ramos, Chrissy Furka, Kristen Mazellan and Denise DiMeglio had one hit each. The game was only 4½ innings.

So. Plfld 10-No. Plfld. 3

The winning pitcher, Christine Strani, had eight strike-outs, four walks and allowed eleven hits. Teams hits were, Denise DiMeglio with three hits, Christine Strani and

Kelly Ritchey with two hits and Kimberly Bishop, Kim Kulick, Kelly Eustice, Danielle Lytwyn, Melissa Scotto and Jessica Trber with one hit.

So. Plfld 11-Watchung 1

The winning pitcher, Kimberly Bishop, had six strike-outs, two walks and allowed only one hit. Team hits were Danielle Schweers with four hits, Kimberly Bishop and Kelly Ritchey had three hits, Christine Strani and Kim Kulick had two hits and Danielle Lytwyn, Kristin Mazellan, Denise DiMeglio and Chrissy Furka had one hit. The game went only 4½ innings.

So. Plfld 8-So. Brunswick 5

Pitching duties were shared by Christine Strani, Kimberly Bishop and Kelly Ritchey who totalled eight strike-outs, six walks and allowed two hits. Danielle Schweers and Kelly Ritchey had two hits, Christine Strani, Melisa Scotto and Meaghan Schweers had one hit. This game went one extra inning.

Eleven-Year-Old National League All Star Team Tournament Results

By Tom Kiczula

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Eleven-year-old National Team started its 1998 tournament season with an impressive 17-2 victory over Woodbridge. Leading the way for the winning team were Dane Miyasato, who was two for three, with a two RBI double and Tommy Kiczula, who was three for three, also with a two RBI double.

After dropping a 12-9 loss to Ironbound and a tough 5-4 decision to the Bayonne Bambinos, the Eleven-year-old Nationals

came back to destroy Rahway 22-5. Dane Miyasato, Robbie Maistickle and Michael Richard each had two doubles and John Roesch scored five times. John Kukuch had a clutch triple with the bases loaded. Danny Agostino struck out six in three innings and Robbie Maistickle fanned seven in three innings.

Later that same day, the Eleven-year-old Nationals beat a tough Bayonne Team 10-3. Kurt is Maglique was two for three with a big double and Billy Padula made two standout defensive plays in the outfield. A highlight

was a great catch made by Padula in center field and the strong throw he made to Maglique at home. Maglique then put a nice tag on the runner who tagged up from third base. John Kukuch did some fine pitching in the final two innings and Danny Agostino made two excellent plays in centerfield on two hard hit balls to shut down a tough Bayonne lineup.

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9:30 a.m. Football (9)
10:30 a.m. Boys' Soccer
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Gymnastics
1:30 a.m. Tennis/Girls' Cross Country
2:00 a.m. Cheerleaders/
Girls' Soccer

Athletes should attend on this date at their designated time. Appointments for physical ex-

aminations will be made at the workup and will be given (by appointment only) on the following dates: August 5, August 12 and August 19. The next school physicals will be given on Sept. 10 after school has started. No athlete may practice without a physical. It is the athlete's responsibility to attend the workup and schedule a physical examination.

All necessary forms for the workup may be picked up in the athletic office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday during July. Please do this prior to August 4. If you choose to go to your own doctor, at your own expense, please pick up our physical forms to take with you and return them to the athletic office prior to the first day of practice.

Thank You

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High School graduation and wrote a great story on it. She interviewed some of the graduates giving us insight into some of the individuals who make up the 1998 high school graduating class.

Bill Tuthill and Ellis Williams took all the pictures of the High School Awards Ceremonies and Nancy Flannery from the high school guidance office matched those 40 pictures with the students and their awards.

Ron Hepburn, who took pictures during the Band Boosters Award Ceremony, identified them and emailed them to us.

The elementary schools allowed us to roam anywhere on graduation night, in order to take pictures. When some of the pictures weren't flattering, they allowed us to go back and re-take class pictures.

The schools furnished us with all the graduates names and awards. They made this enormous job a little easier for us.

Harriet Sideck helped us all year with Sacred Heart news. She also helped us match the names and photographs of the school's graduates.

The *Observer* Production Director, Sue Kaneps, who the person responsible for making the paper look great each and every issue, gets a big thank you for getting all the graduates and pictures on the right pages.

Thanks to all of the sponsoring advertisers whose names were on the full page ad in both issues and of course, thanks to all our

regular advertisers for their support every issue. Thanks also goes to Robert Seliga, who signed up the sponsors for the graduation ad.

To the all the graduates from each and every school we attended (and we attended them all), we want to say that we were proud of how well behaved you all were. You showed us all by your actions how proud you are of the schools you attended. South Plainfield can be proud of this year's graduates at every grade level.

As always, thank you to all of our readers for your continued support.

All-Stars Win SP Tournament

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best to play all the kids. Sometimes it is very difficult, particularly when you have to keep four pitchers two catchers in the game, in case you need them later. This forces you to have to take kids out even when they may be having a good game. During the game things in the dugout happen at lightning speed and decisions are being made constantly. You are always thinking two innings ahead. Sometimes you miss a chance here and there two give a kid or two a little more playing time, but our kids and parents have been the most understanding group any manager could ask for. I thank them sincerely. I also thank my son, Chris Bakazan for coming to me at Tuesday's game and volunteering to be the extra hitter. This enabled us to put all our highest average hitters in the game at the same time.

11-Year-Old All-Star Results

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two pitch over the center field wall in the first inning with two out and the bases loaded for a 10-7 victory over the Babe Ruth State Champions. (Yes, that's a Grand Slam!)

Peter DeAndrea was two for three and scored two runs. Mike Downes had two hits and scored a run. Chris Bakazan walked twice and scored two runs. Billy Merkle was two for three and scored a run while driving in two runs. Vince Velez walked, singled and scored two runs. Chris McKnight walked and scored a run. Vince Velez combined pitching efforts with Billy Merkle to hold the hard hitting Edison Boys to 7 runs.

SP 13-North Elizabeth 3

North Edison Tourney, South advances to finals.

Ryan Kenny drove a one ball/one strike pitch over the center field fence in the bottom of the fourth inning, scoring the run that gave South Plainfield its sixth 10-run-rule win. Also scoring were Pete DeAndrea, Mike Downes, Chris Bakazan, Billy Merkle, Mike Benak, Dan LaVerne, Chris McKnight, Brian Murtagh. Andrew Miller scored twice. Nick Cesare and Vince Velez also scored a run each. Mike Downes had two doubles. Chris Bakazan also doubled driving in two runs in the first inning. Dan LaVerne also doubled in a pair of runs in the second inning.

Guys & Dolls

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Glavasich, Jenn Gold, Jessaka Whitsitt, Jeremy Vesper, Ashley Martin, Jennifer Smith, Todd Rivers, Stefanie Miller, Danielle Tonkin, Jessica Manning, Nicole Carlson, Alisha Stasencko, Melanie Foscolo, Stacey Diana, Kelly Thomas, Jackie Muglia, Kelly Pennisi, Gina Severini, Stephanie Stellakis, Natalie Picciottolo, Katie Fasolo, Cynthia Nguyen and Danielle Nobile.

Directing the show is Shayne Miller, vocal director is Eric Witkowski, choreographer is Michele Reilly, band director is Joan Stasio. Stage Manager is F.J. DeRobertis and Technical director is Kevin Glackin. Producers are Patricia Abbott and Bill Seesselberg. The Summer Drama Program falls under the South Plainfield Adult School.

The show, held at South Plainfield High School, runs Thursday through Saturday August 6, 7, and 8 at 7:30 and Sunday August 10 at 2 p.m. For tickets or other information call 908 756-8011.

POLICE REPORT

• Two shoppers at Sterns in the Middlesex Mall got into a confrontation over who should be waited on first. The first customer asked the clerk to check on a price for a coupon. She and the clerk left to verify the coupon and when they returned to ring up the purchase another shopper felt she should be served first. She started to shout and verbally abuse the customer. The customer tried to explain the situation but the shopper became louder and struck the customer, pushing her into a clothes rack. Store security came and broke up the fight and police were called. When the police arrived the shopper who had been abusive had left the store.

• Police were called to the railroad tracks behind Sherban's Diner on a

report that a train operator had observed a man walking along the tracks. He appeared to be drunk and was playing chicken with the trains. When police arrived they found two men along the tracks. When instructed to leave one of the men started throwing rocks at the officers. Police chased and arrested him when he fell trying to run away.

• Constance Sexton was arrested on a Contempt of Court charge issued in Middlesex Borough for the sum of \$1006.

• Dennis Jenkins of Somerset was arrested for shoplifting at Bradlees. The suspect put several items under his shirt and attempted to leave the store without paying. Some of the items were sheets, a clock and a razor, valued at \$136.92.

• A car parked outside of Twin City Pharmacy had a rock thrown through the drivers side window.

• A W. Golf St. resident complained his car was damaged while parked in front of his house. The roof, hood and windshield were damaged by a realtors sign from a neighbors lawn. The car also had footprints on the hood and roof.

• Two plastic planters from the front of Detail's located on New Mar-

ket Ave. were stolen. They were valued at \$90.

• CMF Corp. on Kennedy Street reported someone removed 50 pallets values at \$50.

• A Sherman Ave. resident said someone unlocked the trunk of his car and stole his wallet, sun glasses, a tape player, bible and his drivers license as well as a membership card from a health club. The items were valued at \$600.

• Police were called to a motor vehicle accident on Amboy Ave. and Pitt St. When they arrived one of the cars had left the scene. A description of the car was broadcast. Shortly afterward, police stopped a car fitting the description. When the officer got out of the his car and approached the car, it took off on 7th St. and fled the scene. Police attempted followed the chase was called off. Police later arrested the suspect in Plainfield at the address taken from the registration of the car they had stopped. The suspect was arrested and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle, reckless driving, an unregistered vehicle, improper passing and having a suspended license.

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CRIME TIPS....Suggestions on Making Your Summer Trip Safer

By P.O. Joe Papa

Before you leave...

Make sure that your home looks lived in, not empty.

Stop mail and newspapers or make arrangements for a friend to collect these for you.

Have a friend put some of their garbage in your cans.

Leave shades and blinds in normal positions and put lights and a radio or TV on automatic timers.

Have a neighbor maintain your property. (Cut lawn or remove snow etc. for longer vacations).

Leave a key and emergency numbers with a trusted neighbor.

Store valuables in a safety deposit box.

Lock all windows and doors.

Double check your basement, garage and shed doors and windows before you leave. Unplug your electric garage door openers and put the emergency release cord up out of sight if it can be easily reached by breaking a garage window. When you arrive home don't forget to turn the power back on for the garage doors and to place the emergency release cord back into its proper position.

If you have a pool remove any ladders and secure the fencing around the pool. Ask the police to check your home and fill out a vacant house card at police headquarters if you will be away for an extended period of time, or don't have a trusted neighbor that can watch your home while you are gone.

While you are away...

Carry a minimum amount of cash. Use travelers checks, and credit cards and keep a record of their numbers in a separate safe place.

Keep careful tabs on your travel tickets — they're as good as cash. Carry them in an inside pocket and be careful not to leave them in plain sight unattended.

If driving plan your route carefully. Travel on main roads and make sure your car is in good working order prior to leaving.

Don't advertise your plans to strangers. Always lock your car when it is parked, even if your stop is brief. Keep valuables out of sight and if possible locked in the trunk. Don't leave wallets, purses, or checkbooks in the car especially where they can be seen.

Never pick up hitchhikers.

If you stop overnight remove bags and other valuables from your car and store them inside.

If your car breaks down, turn on your flashers and raise the hood or tie a white rag to the antenna. If you must abandon your car keep all the passengers together. Carry a flashlight with fresh batteries in your car. Also carry safety flares, a fire extinguisher and first aid kit in your car. If you are traveling in a foreign country know how to ask for the police and the location of the nearest U.S. consulate.

When staying at a hotel, or motel...

Use all locking devices when oc-

cupying or leaving your room.

Know who is knocking before you open your door.

Keep extra cash and valuables locked in the hotel safe. Always take cash, credit cards and keys with you.

Locate fire exits, elevators and the nearest phone. Plan the best way to get out of the building in a emergency.

Inventory your belongings daily.

Be observant and report any suspicious activities in the corridors or rooms to management.

While sightseeing...

Select sightseeing companies and guides carefully.

Make sure that all members of your party, especially children, know the name, address and phone number of the place that you are staying. Avoid advertising you are tourist by the way that you dress.

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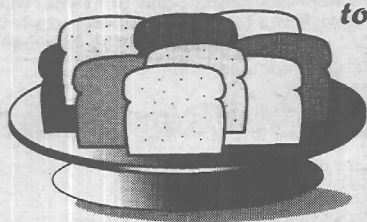
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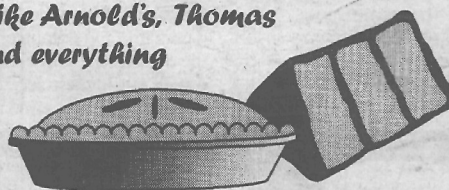
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