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## Borough to Honor Local Veterans at Annual Memorial Day Ceremonies

### Public Invited To Memorial Day Services

Memorial Day services are set to start off at the American Legion Post on Oak Tree Rd., at 9 a.m. and proceed to the Baptist Cemetery at 9:30 a.m., Jewish Cemetery at 9:45 a.m., Holy Redeemer at 10 a.m. and Veterans Memorial Park at 10:30 a.m. The final services will be held at VFW Post on Front St. The public is invited. Refreshments will be served after the services.



Seaman Robert Cook



Pfc. Robert Carbray



Seaman Leonard Piersante



Sgt. Carl Wenzel

### Freedom Is Not Free

I watched the flag pass by one day.  
It fluttered in the breeze.  
A young airman saluted it,  
And then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform,  
So young, so tall, so proud;  
With hair cut square and eyes alert,  
He stood out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him,  
Had fallen through the years.  
How many died on foreign soil?  
How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down?  
How many died at sea?  
How many fox holes were soldiers' graves?  
No, freedom is not free.

I heard *Taps* sound one night,  
When everything was still.  
I listened to the bugle play,  
And felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times,  
*Taps* had meant "Amen,"  
When a flag had covered a coffin,  
Of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children  
Of the mothers and the wives.  
Of the fathers, sons, and husbands,  
With interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard,  
At the bottom of the sea,  
Of unmarked graves at Arlington.  
No, Freedom Is Not Free!

—Author Unknown

## Five Streets to be Named for Local Veterans

By Patricia Abbott

Memorial Day is designated as the day to remember and honor those who fought for our country—men and women who gave their lives to preserve our freedom. South Plainfield can be proud of the fact that our local veterans are honored year-round throughout the borough. We honor them at Veterans' Park where a Vietnam memorial resides, and at the Veterans' memorial which stands in front of Borough Hall. Ceremonies are held on both Memorial and Veteran's Day by members of the VFW and American Legion. Franklin School's well known Annual Veteran's Day program is also held each year. The DAR and other organizations decorate graves of veterans, and the McCrisky Funeral Home December tree-lighting is dedicated in memory of the 101st Airborne ser-

vicemen and women killed in the 1985 Newfoundland plane crash.

Less noticeable than the ceremonies and visible stationary monuments, but equally important, are the handful of South Plainfield streets that bear a single star after the name. Naming of these roads honor South Plainfield Veterans killed in action. This tradition will be continued with plans to name newly developed streets after five World War II Veterans. The five new roads will be part of a soon-to-be-constructed development located off of Durham Ave. near Rt. 287. Construction of the apartments is set to begin later this year. The new roads will be named Cook Lane for Robert Cook, Wenzel Court for Carl Wenzel, Jr., Carbray Court for Robert N. Carbray, Rustay Court for Donald M. Rustay and Kissam Court for Edward K. Kissam Jr.

**Seaman 1st Class Robert Cook** grew up on Roosevelt Avenue near Harris Steel. He attended South Plainfield public schools and was a boy scout. He enlisted in the Navy and was serving aboard a destroyer in the Pacific when he was killed. There was no other information available on this sailor.

**Sgt. Carl Wenzel, Jr.** was born in Yugoslavia but grew up in South Plainfield. He and his parents lived in a Harris Structural Steel Co. bungalow. He attended Roosevelt School and he was employed by Harris Steel. He married Laura Barton and they lived on New Market Ave. Wenzel entered the service on November 6, 1942. He was killed on December 14, 1944 during the invasion of the Philippine Islands. He was buried with military honors in Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

**PFC Robert N. Carbray** lived on

Golf Ave. with his parents. He attended Grant School and enlisted in June of 1951. After basic training he was shipped to Japan where he arrived on September 24, 1951. A letter to his mother dated September 26 told of his arrival in Korea and his imminent departure for the front. Carbray was killed in action on September 28 after spending just two days in Korea and less than four months in the army. He was buried with full military honors at Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

Information on Rustay and Kissam is not available at this time.

Two more streets are slated to be named for WW II Veterans at a later date. The honorees are Sgt. Edward Gruszcynski and Seaman 1st Class Leonard J. Piersante.

The information on the Veterans to be honored is courtesy of research by Rudy Poczak and American Legion Post 243, Oak Tree Rd.

## TAPS: Where it Began!

Once again I remove my journalistic cap to encourage everyone to remember Veterans and to explain a bit of American history and folklore in the hope that those who have not experienced *Taps* will gain an insight into this American tradition. As a girl scout, the song that concluded our flag ceremonies always intrigued me and gave me chills. It was an awesome sense of something larger than I could ever imagine. The simplicity of the song and the impact of the notes; lyrics or not, could be felt long after the simple ceremony had been completed. The song seemed to lay upon you like a protective shield as an example of the complexity and simplicity of our military.

Much controversy surrounds

*Taps*, including a wonderful legend about a Union man finding a wounded Confederate soldier, only to discover it to be his son.

### Lyrics for TAPS

*"Fading light dims the sight,  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright.  
From afar drawing nigh—Falls the night."*

*"Day is done, gone the sun,  
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky.  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh."*

*"Then good night, peaceful night,  
Till the light of the dawn shineth bright,  
God is near, do not fear—Friend, good night."*

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Pilgrim Covenant Church held an open house Sunday at their new facility on Park Ave. Pictured are Director Chris Sienkiewski, Co-pastors Rev. Cathy Stanley and Rev. Jim Erickson, Kindergarten teacher Dianne Seesselberg and daycare student Antunee Ashe. The school offers full-time programs for children between the ages of three and eight.

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Ribbon cutting ceremonies were held last Saturday at the newly opened Unity Bank on Plainfield Ave. Pictured are Councilwoman Darlene Pinto, Councilman Vinnie Buttiglieri, Mayor Dan Gallagher, Unity Bank Financial Service Manager Jeanne Hansen and Councilmen Ed Kubula and Ray Petronko. Donna Soos is pictured in front row with the Unity Bank mascot.

## Important Borough Meeting Notes

### Board of Education Meetings 1999/2000

The following dates have been scheduled for Committee of the Whole and Regular Meetings of the South Plainfield Board of Education. All meetings are to be held on Tuesdays at 8 p.m. in the Board Conference Room of the Administration Building, Cromwell Place, unless otherwise designated.

#### Committee of the Whole Meetings 1999

1999: June 8, August 17, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14

2000: January 11, February 8, March 7, April 4

#### Regular Monthly Meetings

1999: June 15, June 29, August 24, September 21, October 19, November 16, December 21

### Zoning Board of Adjustment 1999 Meeting Dates

First, third and fifth Tuesday of the month as follows:

June 1, June 15, June 29, July 6, July 20  
August 3, August 17, August 30  
September 21, October 5, October 19  
Nov. 4 (Thursday), November 16,  
November 30, December 7, December 21

#### Site-Plan Sub-Committee Meeting Dates:

Fourth Thursday of the month as follows:

June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28

### Planning Board 1999 Meeting Dates

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as follows:

June 8, June 22, October 26  
July 13, July 27, November 9, November 23  
August 10, August 24, December 14, December 28  
September 14, September 28

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council

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## In My Opinion

### To the Editor:

Some of the hiring practices exercised by the South Plainfield governing body leave something to be desired.

A position was opened up at the Department of Public Works recently. Many applications were received from borough residents as well as non-borough residents.

One of the job qualifications is to be a borough resident for at least six months prior to being hired. Common sense would dictate one should first consider the applicants who are borough residents.

Among the borough applicants were an ex-fire chief (who gave many hours of his time serving the borough's volunteer fire dept.) and a "911" operator.

The final outcome was that someone was hired who is not a South Plainfield resident. I questioned the council regarding this and was told the new employee had agreed to move to South Plainfield within his first year of employment.

A resident who has served his community for many years as a volunteer was passed over for a non-resident. To say the nonresident was more qualified is an insult. To play politics is one thing, but doesn't "charity begin at home." What you sow so shall you reap.

### To the Editor,

I want express my deepest gratitude for your coverage of the boys soccer. The boys enjoyed reading about themselves at Friday's practice. Your coverage, along with the recent success of the boys and girls high school teams, is bringing the interest back into South Plainfield and our young children.

### SINCERELY,

WALLY BOLIVAR & THE SOUTH PLAINFIELD SOCCER CLUB  
HANK GRABARZ

### Letter to the Editor:

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Mr. Wallace Giakas and Mr. and Mrs. Chrysanthopoulos for their generous donations toward the recent eighth grade Washington/Baltimore trip. The money helped defray the costs of the trip for the necessary medical supplies

## Advertisers Sought For Recreation Calendar 2000

The Recreation Department is compiling next year's Recreation calendar. By advertising in the calendar, an advertiser's name will be seen by every household in town.

Each year the Recreation Department puts out a calendar listing all the recreational activities sponsored by the department. The calendar has become an important one for the families in our community. Recreation Director Mike English explained, "We were not able to put one out this year and every day someone comes into the PAL to complain that they haven't been able to plan their activities without it."

To finance the \$5,000 cost, the Recreation Department needs advertisers. The cost of 1/4 page ad is \$50; 1/2 page ad is \$100 and a full page ad is \$200. Mail a check with your artwork to the Recreation Department, 1250 Maple Ave., So. Plfd., NJ 07080. If you have any questions contact Mike English at 226-7714.

## Letters

as well as other expenses incurred. Their financial support is an example of their dedication to South Plainfield youth and a willingness to help with this great endeavor.

### SINCERE THANKS,

JOANNE HAUS, JOHN LIMYANSKY, MORRIS SAMMONS, DONNA TIERNEY  
THE SPMS STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISORS

### Dear Nancy,

There has been a great deal of discussion by the Governor on the issue of shared services. In South Plainfield shared services with the municipal governing body and the school district is a working reality.

Some examples are sharing fuel pumping facilities for school vehicles, the assistance of Sgt. Grennier and Ms. Pat Vargo with the school districts technology committee, the effective and efficient response of the police, fire and rescue squads to our needs and the efforts of Councilman Buttiglieri and Superintendent Glowacki for their services of helping to eliminate the ponding problem on Lake Street, in front of the high school. A resolution from the Board of Education was sent to the Council thanking them for their cooperation. Another example is Superintendent Glowacki's help in completing the soccer field behind the Administration Building. So Governor, we as a community are doing what you asked—send money as a form of recognition.

### SINCERELY,

FRANK MIKORSKI  
SOUTH PLAINFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION

### To the Editor,

For the past five years the South Plainfield Girl Scout Community Association has hosted a Family Fun Fair and Flea Market in order to raise funds to offset our programming cost for our 600

plus members in South Plainfield. This year's Fun Fair was the most successful yet, and we are greatly indebted to all who donated items for our fair, or gave of their time and resources to make it possible.

First, we must thank the *Observer* for printing our announcements in the newspaper, and for the fine coverage the Fair received in the *Observer*. It is wonderful to live in a town with a paper that covers local events as thoroughly as you do. We also want to thank all the people who attended the Flea Market. It would not be a success without your support. Our thanks to all of the troops who had booths, non profit organizations who exhibited, flea market vendors who participated, and parents who baked and/or volunteered their time manning the various booths and tables.

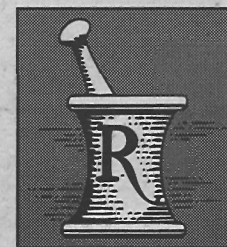
And finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the following people, organizations and businesses in the help: Acme Market, Angelo's Ice Co., Art Directors Club of New Jersey, Bagel Pantry, Boulevard Wholesale Foods Inc., Brazilian Coffee Co., Mr. Chek, Domino's Pizzeria, Dunkin Donuts (Park Ave. Store), Edwards Food Store, Michael English, Freihofer's Baking Co., Great Atlantic Pacific Tea Co., Haisch's Bakery, John E. Riley PTSO, Marriott Management, McCrisky Funeral Home, New Jersey Devils, Party Pros, Pathmark of So. Plfd., Pathmark Stores Inc., The Perrier Group, Pinto Brothers Disposal Co., Pepsi-Cola, Rita's Real Italian Ice, Recreation Dept., Roma Food Enterprises Inc., Sacred Heart Church, Mary Saks, Sal's Spirit Shoppe, So. Plfd. Democratic Club, So. Plfd. Liquor Store, So. Plfd. Music Boosters, So. Plfd. Police Dept. and Tuscan Farm Products.

LISA HAHN-GOULD AND MARIA PEFFY, CO-CHAIRS  
1999 FAMILY FUN FAIR AND FLEA MARKET COMMITTEE

## Registration/Reception for New Girl/Adult Scouts on June 9

The So. Plfd. Girl Scout Community will be hosting a reception/registration for all girls who will be new to Girl Scouting and any adult who is interested in volunteering on Wednesday, June 9 at Wesley Methodist Church on Plainfield Ave. from 6:30-8 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Registration is \$7 per year for girls and adult volunteers. Please plan to attend. There will be interesting facts and activities displayed along with experienced leaders to answer any questions you may have about Girl Scouting. For more information contact Nancy Regan at 908-758-4530.



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# BRIEFS

## Community

### Borough Council Receives Thank You from School Board

School Board member Frank Mikorski read a proclamation from the Board of Education to the Council thanking the borough for its help in resolving a drainage problem in front of the high school. When Lake Street was resurfaced last year a puddling problem appeared in front of the high school. During the winter this caused an icy condition on the road.

The public works department came out and assessed the problem. When the weather became warmer a drain and piping were installed and the road resurfaced correcting the problem. Mikorski personally

thanked the council and the public works department, including Supt. of Public Works Joe Glowacki, for their help. He said this is just one case where shared services saved the school money.

He also thanked Councilmen Ed Kubula and Ray Petronko for their help in contacting and setting up a meeting with Comcast concerning cable access to the schools. A Comcast representative, along with Sgt. Mike Grennier and Pat Vargo, recently met with school board members to discuss receiving cable access in the schools. Mikorski said the meeting was very successful.



Dr. Patrick Aiello of the Aiello Chiropractic Clinic explains the workings of the spinal cord at the 'Raising a Healthy Drug Free Family' lecture he presented last week at the Library.

### Borough Notes

#### Council

- Conrail has entered into an agreement with the borough for a sanitary sewer easement along the Conrail tracks on Helen Street. The extension of the sanitary sewer will provide access to The Villages, a multi-family housing development. The borough is responsible for an initial payment of \$1,465 and an annual rental payment of \$150, plus adjustments. The Villages will pay the first ten years rental.

- Middlesex County is planning to modify the traffic signal at the intersection of Maple and Lakeview Avenues.

- Construction has begun at the intersection of Durham and New Durham Ave. Traffic delays can be expected during construction.

- The council authorized the purchase of seven bulletproof vests for police officers. The PBA Labor Agreement requires vests to be replaced every five years.

- An agreement between the Borough and the County of Middlesex will allow an officer from the Counties disbanded Park Police to patrol Spring Lake Park on a part-time basis.

#### Board of Adjustment

- Lordina, Inc. and Brian Capparelli were granted approval to construct a single family home on Arlington Ave. The lot size and width required variances.



### Residents Applaud 'Fireman of the Year'

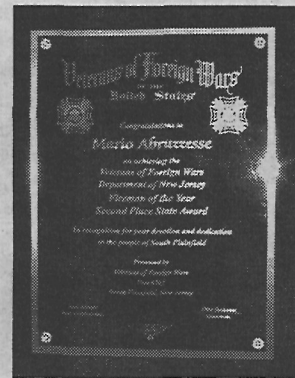
The VFW Post 6763 was crowded with dignitaries, family, friends and scores of volunteer fireman who came out to cheer the selection of Mario Abbruzzese as 'Fireman of the Year' from both VFW Post 6763 and District 8. Mario also placed second in the state competition.

Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Ed Kubula, Police Chief Steven Merkler, Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese, District 8 Commander Huffsmith and Mario's family were on hand. A large contingent of volunteer fireman dressed in their dress uniforms also attended.

It was a fitting tribute to Mario that so many friends, dignitaries and fireman took the time out to

cheer him for being chosen as Fireman of the Year.

Mario has been a South Plainfield volunteer firefighter for over 30 years. He was instrumental in the design and construction of the Vietnam Memorial in Veterans Park. He selected the stone, supervised the placing of it and then cleaned and polished it. He also supervised the construction of the brick walkway up to the stone. Without his hard work and dedication the memorial would not have happened.



While presenting the Fireman of the Year Plaque to Mario, Otto Sodoma of VFW Post 6763 read excerpts from a few of the many letters written in support of his nomination. They included quotes such as, "A remarkable man doing an exceptional job", "He has

always been there when people needed him", and "I am proud to consider him my friend and a brother". The letters along, with his numerous awards and commendations, were placed in a book and presented to Mario.

### VFW Names New Officers at Installation Dinner

The VFW Post 6763 held its installation of officers ceremonies last Friday night. Women's Auxiliary officers were also sworn in.

A large crowd attended the swearing in, including Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilman Ed Kubula, Police Chief Steven Merkler, Fire Chief Joe Abbruzzese and dignitaries from several other area VFW posts. Also in attendance were a number of volunteer firemen who were there to attend the special ceremonies held in honor of Mario Abbruzzese, who was named both local and district Fireman of the Year.

VFW officers for the year are: Commander Philip Cortese, Sr. Vice Commander Hal Katz, Jr., Vice Commander Jake Martinez, Chaplain Michael Pacza, Post Advocate Arthur Bullwinkle, Post Surgeon Rudy Poczak, Trustees Otto Sodoma and Edward Robinson



Woman's Auxiliary President Alice McHugh is pictured with VFW Commander Philip Coreste at last week's Installation Dinner.

and Adjutant Carl Zakzewski.

Women's Auxiliary officers are: President Alice McHugh, Sr. Vice President Joan Jepson, Jr. Vice President Tammy Jepson, Conductress Midge Poczak, Chaplain Marilyn Bird, Patriotic Instructor Harriet Square, Treasurer Mary Ann Rauer, Guard Mary Zak, Secretary Viola Gratta, Historian Dorothy DeWolf and Trustees Jean Youngman, Harriet Square and Jean Kenzakovic.

Midge Poczak and Mary Ann Rauer were presented a five year

service pin; Harriet Square and Jean Youngman a 45 year service pin and Alice McHugh a 30 year service pin.

Outgoing Women's Auxiliary President Joan Jepson presented a check for \$1,500, which will be added to the \$1,000 previously given.

Following the ceremonies a plaque was presented to Mario Abbruzzese in honor of his selection as Fireman of the Year from both the South Plainfield and District 8 VFWs.

OAK TREE FARMS			
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Vidalia Onions 49¢ lb.	Green Giant No. 1 White Potatoes 5-lb. bag \$1.99 ea.	Boar's Head #1 Hot Dogs \$2.99 lb.	Boneless Sirloin Steaks \$3.49 lb.
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# AROUND TOWN

## EVENTS

### Connected Hearts To Hold Meeting

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, June 7 at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. Jana Wolff, author of "Secret Thoughts of An Adoptive Mother," will share her experiences with an open adoption. She'll also sell and autograph copies of her book. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments will follow. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607.

### Roosevelt School Car Wash

Fourth grade Roosevelt School students will sponsor a car wash and bake sale on Saturday, June 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. All proceeds from this event will go toward their fifth grade trip to Stokes State Forest in November.

The fee for all vehicles is \$6. Customers can purchase baked goods while they wait for their cars to be washed.

The car wash will take place in the Roosevelt School parking lot off Jackson Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. Rain date is set for Sunday, June 13 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

### "Kid's Place" Sponsoring Fun Festival

The YMCA Kid's Place, located at 3145 Park Ave., will be sponsoring a Fun Festival on June 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children's activities, including face painting, spin art, sand art, games and a clown to entertain, will be held on the lawn of St. Stephen's Church. Parents will have concession tables - hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas will be available.

Proceeds from the Fun Festival will be used for The YMCA Kid's Place. A full day childcare center, the YMCA Kid's Place is an affiliate of the Plainfield Area YMCA, which is chartered to serve the South Plainfield area. The school offers a full day learning experience for children three months to five years of age, with

options for part-time and full daycare for two to five days a week, from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Ladies' Auxiliary Plans Annual Fashion Show

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad Ladies' Auxiliary is completing arrangements for their annual "Fashion Show" Brunch to be held on Sunday, October 24, at the Polish National Home on New Market Ave. Doors open at 12 noon. Women's and misses fashions will be presented by BJ's Dressing Room in Scotch Plains, the Answer Store in Menlo Park, and children's fashions will be coordinated by Fashion Bug.

We will, of course, have our traditional Holiday Basket Raffle, plus many more exciting raffle prizes and door prizes. Ticket are \$27 and may be purchased by calling 908-754-8275 or from any auxiliary member.

Tickets will not be sold at the door. The proceeds from this annual fund raiser help the S.P. Rescue Squad defray the numerous expenses involved in their dedication to the people of South Plainfield.

### Snoopy, the Musical Playing in June

Oak Tree Theatre Company Premier will be performing Snoopy!!!, based on the comic strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schulz at Edison Valley Playhouse, 2196 Oak Tree Rd., Edison.

Show dates are June 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 26 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 20, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10, seniors and students, \$8. Father's Day special - Fathers free with one paid admission.

For reservations and information, call 908-755-4654.

### AARP Chapter 4144 Meeting

Chapter 4144 is planning an overnight trip to Atlantic City on June 22-23. Bus transportation hotel accommodations, complimentary breakfast, two casino trips, two coin returns and more

are included. The cost is \$60 per person for a double room and \$80 for single. Deposit is required. Space is limited, so call early for reservations. Contact Lee at (732) 968-6613 or Mary at (732) 752-3764 for information or reservations.

### Adult School Seniors Monthly Meeting

The Adult School Seniors will take a trip to Paper Mill Playhouse to see *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The trip is planned for June 30 to see the 2 p.m. matinee. Tickets are available to seniors at the PAL building for \$20 per person, transportation included. Only 47 tickets are available and will be sold on the first come first served basis.

### Country Breakfast at VFW Post 6763

On June 6, a Country Breakfast will be held at the V.F.W. Post, 155 Front St. from 8-11 a.m. Donation is \$4.

### Duprees to Perform at Festa Italiana 1999

June 19, is the date for "Festa Italiana" at the PNC Bank Arts Center, formerly the Garden State Arts Center, in Holmdel, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Activities include a Bocce game, soccer game, art show, food and drink vendors, a performance highlighted by the fabulous Duprees, presentation of Belle Ragazze, the award of a scholarship to a deserving student, kids' games and a 5 p.m. mass.

Admission is \$8, advance purchase; \$10 at gate. Children up to 8 are free; to 12 are \$3. For info, contact Phyllis C. Cedola, general chairperson, at (973) 763-9287.

### Picnic for Seniors at the PAL Building

All South Plainfield seniors are invited to a picnic at the PAL Building on June 17. Doors open at 10 a.m. A hot and cold buffet will be served. The cost is \$7 per person. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL Building.

## From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

What's going on here? We've only just started spring and they're saying summer starts this weekend. Well, whatever season it is, here's some news from South Plainfield Library:

The Library will be closed on Sunday and Monday in observance of Memorial Day.

Our storytime programs next week are set for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Each is for children ages three and up. No registration is required; all kids are welcome. If you have any questions, please call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Linda Hansen.

We're between groups on the Video Circuit today. The new group for June will be ready for borrowing early next week. While we're mentioning videos, we've just added a bunch of them to both our juvenile and adult collections. New additions in our children's section include two tapes featuring episodes of "Little House on the Prairie," "Billboard Dad" with the Olsen Twins, some "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" tapes and "Power Rangers in Space." In the adult section, we now feature the acclaimed drama "Twelve Angry Men," the controversial thriller "The Manchurian Candidate," and replacement copies of two James Bond movies, "The Man with the Golden Gun" and "Moonraker." If you're interested in these or any other videos in our collection, they can be borrowed free, four to a patron, for two days.

The school year is winding down (cue the applause from the kids), but there are still reports to be written (cue the catcalls from the kids). A number of students will be checking out a variety of items for source material. This brings us to a request from the staff: please be conscious of the needs of others. Checking out every book on a particular subject may give you all the sources you need, but it'll leave many others up the proverbial creek. We don't normally impose limits on how

many books can be borrowed, preferring to stick with "Any reasonable number" as a guideline. With that in mind, we ask that you please police yourselves on this matter. Also, be advised that reference books, while they can be photocopied, normally do not leave the Library. While some can be checked out, it is only at the discretion of the Reference Department, and then only for a limited time.

Finally, while still on the subject of books, here's a word about children's books. At present, beyond the usual fiction and non-fiction categories, we don't separate different types of children's books. The exceptions to this are new books, and three very popular series of books. We've separated out books in the "Arthur," "Magic School Bus" and, most recently, "Franklin" series. We've done this to allow kids to find these very popular books more easily. They're presently found on the small shelves directly under the display wall in the children's room. But, be advised, they don't stay there for long, especially the "Franklin" books. You might want to try putting a reserve on those books.

Time to close out this week's column. We'll bring you more news next time. By then, maybe we'll figure out which season it is, after all.

### Recycling Center and Yard Waste Site Closed June 1

The Memorial Holiday Weekend schedule at the South Plainfield Recycling Center and at the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Avenue will be as follows:

Open on Saturday, May 29 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, May 30-June 1 and open Wednesday, June 2 from 1 to 8 p.m.

Regular summer hours will resume on Friday, June 4. They are: Recycling Center-Tuesdays and Fridays 1-8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Yard Waste Site - Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays 1-8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

For updates, call the Recycling Hotline: (908) 226-7620.

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# MILESTONES

## Scholarships

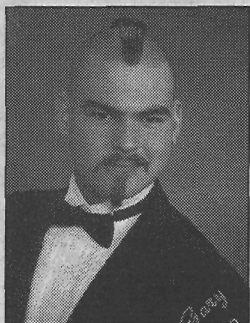
### Gary Shelhimer Awarded \$40,000 Scholarship

Gary M. Shelhimer has been awarded the full Presidential Scholarship to DeVry Institute in North Brunswick.

Gary is enrolled in the Electronics Engineering Technology (EET) program, the first bachelor's degree program offered by DeVry of North Brunswick. The bachelor's degree program of EET was passed by the State of New Jersey in January 1999.

Gary will begin DeVry in the Fall of 1999. He is a senior at South Plainfield High School.

Gary is the son of Gary and Hazel Shelhimer.



Gary M. Shelhimer

## Graduations

### Kordelia Hutans Receives MBA



Kordelia F. Hutans

Kordelia F. Hutans received her MBA degree in Executive Management from St. John's University, Staten Island on May 15.

Ms. Hutans graduated in 1989 from SUNY Plattsburgh, where she earned a BS degree in Marketing. She is a 1985 graduate of the former Draper High School in Schenectady, NY.

Currently, Ms. Hutans is an independent sales contractor representing Thomas Publishing Company, New York. Previously, she has held positions at Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, the Institute for International Research and AT&T. She is also an active member of the United Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association based in Edison.

She lives in South Plainfield with her husband, Richard Heyderman.

### Matthew Ussia Receives Bachelor of Science Degree

Matthew Ussia, son of Frank and Carol Ussia, received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. Francis College in Laretto, Pa. on May 9. Matthew also received two literary and two theatrical awards: the Outstanding Undergraduate Research Project and a Creative Writing Award, the Fine Arts department Award and Outstanding Service Award. The 1995 S.P.H.S. graduate is in the *Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges*.

## SPOTLIGHT on Independent Cellular

Independent Cellular, located at 18 South Plainfield Ave., is owned and operated by Kenneth Falcone. Working alongside Kenneth is his girlfriend, Sandy Teixeira, giving the business a distinctively family feel. After working for a similar company, Kenneth and Sandy found that they were not happy with the way the company did business. Ken felt that more emphasis should be placed on the customers and their satisfaction. Independent Cellular was founded with this goal in mind.

The company opened its doors in South Plainfield in November of 1998. "Anyone can put a pen in front of you and watch you sign on the dotted line," said Ken. "It's the service you get after the fact that will bring you back to us next time. We're here for the customer. We are obviously here to make money, but not at any one individual's expense. This is the store you can get your merchandise, come back six months later with a question, and we'll take the time with you. That's what we do," Sandy said, "Customer service is our most important goal."

Independent Cellular offers Comcast CellularONE service with inexpensive personal, family and business rate plans. Customers get a free DIGITAL cellular telephone with all plans. They carry a full line of cellular accessories as well as pagers and pager accessories. They also carry a variety of 911 emergency phones in stock at all times. Ken noted, "These phones make excel-



lent gifts for Father's Day and upcoming graduations. The phones are not online with any service provider so there is no monthly service fee or contract/credit check involved, yet you get the peace of mind of knowing that in case you need help—it'll be there." All prices are extremely competitive, lower than most stores in the area.

The store has big plans for expansion in the next few weeks. The expansion will include carrying automobile accessories such as pop-out and pull-up sunroofs, fog lights, rims, headlight bulbs, radar detectors and headlight/taillight covers. Pre-paid cellular phones will arrive shortly. These are a great way to give customers the option of no contract or monthly service fees.

The store is open Monday through Saturday and is open late at least one night during the week allowing those with hectic work or family schedules the opportunity to

visit the store. Sandy is in charge of all outside sales, appearing at most trade shows and events, while Ken works in the store trying to get the business involved in new and different things.

Ken was born and raised in nearby Colonia, while Sandy hails from north Jersey.

Ken said "We like to get involved in things that concern the community, because it's the community and its businesses that make this town what it is." They have made donations to the local schools. Most recently, Independent Cellular participated in the annual Girl Scout Flea Market as a vendor and helping to raise funds. They donated to Sacred Heart's Chinese Auction. Kenneth and Sandy agree that being a part of community activities such as the fair gives them a chance to meet and greet the people of the community in a family fun atmosphere.

## Local Student to Visit Yosemite and San Francisco

A delegation of sixth grade students, including Shawn Ferguson from South Plainfield, has been selected by the People To People Student Ambassador Program to visit Yosemite National Park and the San Francisco Area this summer as a representative of our area.

Shawn, together with fifty other student ambassadors from Somerset, Hunterdon, Mercer, Hunterdon and Middlesex Counties, will spend two weeks learning about the environment and nature in Yosemite National Park and the San Francisco Bay Area. They will participate in various hikes through Tiolumne Grove and the Yosemite Valley, as well as visit the Ahwahneechee Village Southern Sierra Miwok Tribal Museum. Students will travel to the Golden Gate Recreation Area just north of San Francisco and explore the Headlands Institute and the Marine Mammal Recovery Center, as well as hike the San Francisco area.

Each student ambassador is selected on the basis of recommendations, including school references and personal interviews with members of a screening committee from

their local community. Once students are accepted into the program, they prepare for their trips by attending orientation meetings, and by studying background materials on the region and facilities they will visit.

Young Americans have served as student ambassadors both here and abroad since 1963. As a result, many former ambassadors have been inspired to pursue international careers in business, law, government service and teaching.

The Student Ambassador Pro-

gram is operated under the auspices of People to People International, a non-political, private-sector organization founded by President Eisenhower in 1956 to further international goodwill and understanding.

Students may obtain high school or university credit through participation in the program and may be eligible for grants. For more information please contact: National Office People to People Student Ambassador Program at (800) 669-7882.

## Kindergarten Orientation at Riley School

A Kindergarten orientation program will be held on Thursday, June 3 at 7 p.m. in the John E. Riley School for parents/guardians of children entering the South Plainfield Kindergarten Program in September.

This orientation will provide important information concerning various aspects of the kindergarten experience, including the curriculum, health and transportation services, the latchkey program, special services programs and tips for helping parents to prepare their children for kindergarten.

Parents who have not yet registered their children for entrance into kindergarten in September are urged to do so immediately in the Transportation Department (room 21) of the Administration Building between the hours of 8 and noon, Monday through Thursday. Children who will have reached the age of five by Oct. 1 are eligible for enrollment.

Parents having questions concerning the registration process may call Mrs. Schenck at 754-4620, Ext. 224.

**Have you recently graduated, become engaged, married, given birth, retired or been promoted?**

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# IN OUR SCHOOLS



Franklin School Band, Chorus and String Ensemble treated parents, family and friends to their Annual Spring Concert last week. The string ensemble was directed by Bruce Mikolon; the band by Joan Stasio and the school chorus by Glen Parisi.

## Cooperative Education Awards Announced

The 1999 South Plainfield High School Cooperative Education Awards were announced by CE Coordinators Dee Falato and John Lartaud. The criteria for selection involves grades, teacher and employer recommendations, community service, sports and extracurricular activities. This year, for the first time, the awards are being sponsored by the USA Detergent Corporation of North Brunswick. Grocery Wholesale Manager Danielle Christiani has been the liaison in this School to Careers Business Partnership. USA Detergent has provided many resources for South Plainfield High School, such as guest speakers, work shadowing and a plant tour.

The highest award is CE Student of the Year. The honor and \$200 US Savings Bond is being awarded to Heather DeBiase, daughter of Eileen and Joe DeBiase of South Central Ave. Heather's current co-op job is at Associated Radiologists of the



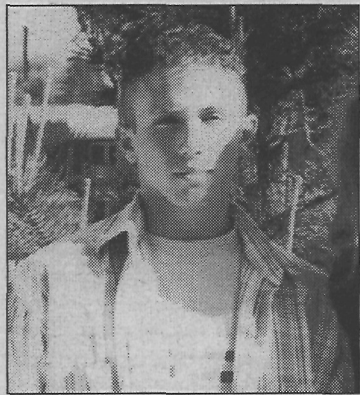
Warren Imaging Center. She will be attending University of North Florida for a degree in Medical Administration. Heather is also being honored by the Italian American Police Society. She has won the Prosecutor Andrew Rutola Scholarship for \$1,000.

The USA Detergent Corporation is awarding \$100 savings bonds to four Outstanding Achievement Award winners—

seniors Glen Thimons, Marjorie Mischewski, Amel Akef and Judeska Pronker.

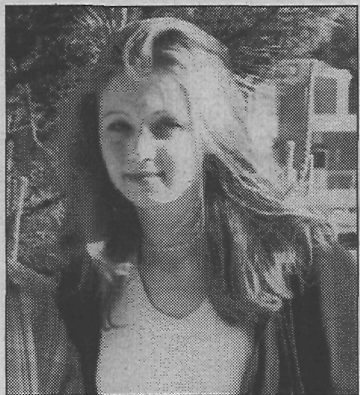
The final award is the 1999 All American Student Vocational Award sponsored by ServiStar Coast to Coast and General Electric. This award includes a \$100 savings bond and will be presented to Peter Papa, son of Joe and Martha Papa of Oak Tree Rd., South Plainfield.

## American Legion Awards Scholarships



Peter Papa

The South Plainfield American Legion Chaumont Post 243 has created an ongoing "School to Careers" partnership with the High School Cooperative Educa-



Kristin Linczyk

tion Program. The American Legion set up a scholarship fund and competition to honor students excelling in both academics and on-the-job training during their

senior year. A highly competitive essay and interview event was held by both teachers and American Legion members which included recommendation and community service activities. Commander "Doc" Donald Austin, Finance Officer John Blanchard, and Adjutant Rich Magri announced two \$1,000 winners for 1999.

They are Peter Papa, son of Martha and Joe Papa of Oak Tree Rd. Peter will be attending Engine City Technical Institute for Diesel mechanics; and Kristin Linczyk, daughter of Glenn and Elizabeth of Pine Street. She will be attending Capri Institute for Cosmetology.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

### High Honor Roll-Grade 6

Peter Aquino, Michael Benak, Pasquale Cantarella, Mallory Christ, Nicholas Curcio, Lauren Darr, Peter DeAndrea, Stacey Diana, Christina Difrancesco, Jonathan Donahue, Michael Downes, Jeffrey Eng, Keenan Gaynor, Lauren Haus, Jessica Kizman, Kevin Lahey, Jessica Manning, Allan Mazura, William Merkler, Stephanie Miller, Kathleen Morgan, Deep Patel, Daniel Piwowar, Jessica Senz, Stephanie Stellakis and Marybeth Tran.

### Grade 7-High Honor Roll

Elaine Alexander, Almasa Amini, Kaitlin Bundy, Tarryn Carlton, Lori Cushner, Ryan Decker, Brittany DeNizio, Martina Ganiaris, Kyle Kazimir, Wendy Kollarik, Pauline Lee, Anuj Patel, Jessica Rodger, Michael Salerno, Daniel Sierzega, Adam Toth and Katherine Whalen.

### Grade 8-High Honor Roll

Christopher Addvensky, Joseph Adorna, Jenny Cai, Gary Curcio, Denise DiMeglio, Christina Furka, Lauren Kaczka, Minh Nguyen, Rupel Patel, Elayne Russell, Stephanie Swierc, Justin Toth, Janine Turrisse and Ryan Vroom.

### Grade 6-Honor Roll

Nicole Aguilar, Shakellah Amini, Christopher Bakazan, Dawn Besser, Shakera Beverley, Adam Bianchi, Ashley Bishop, Erika Blaszk, Christopher Bojarski, Matthew Boley, Kyle Bostick, Jennifer Braco, Alyssa Bubnick, Vijay Budhan, Gerry Butrico, Fabian Casteblanco, Nicholas Cesare, James Char-neco, Timothy Cheng, Toni Ciccio, Kristin Coffey, Paul Corrado, Ginger Crosby and Rachel Cupido, Seiichi Daimo, Jason DeSantis, Louana DeLosSantos, Douglas Dietzold, Allison DiMeglio, Kaitlynn Disch, Michael Duquette, Cassandra D'Urso, Caitlin English, Karen Estonactoc, Shawn Ferguson, Heather Flood-Crisitello, Melanie Foscolo, Kimberly Gaub, Allia Ghanim, Grant Gianneschi, Carolina Gomez, Kendall Green, Nicholas Grego and Sara Grillo, Melissa Hansen, Emily Harkins, Joseph Helgesen, Eva Hum-ber, Phu Dong Huynh, Jamie Jakubik, Destiny Jazikoff, Latoya Johnson, Michelle Kalman, Colleen Kamen, Katherine Kelliher, Peter Kelly, Ryan Kenny, Thomas Kiczula, Veronica Konya, Linda Lee, Qiana Lightner, Johnathan Lopez, Carlton Lovett and Jason Lowe, Kurtis Maglaque, Victoria Maioner, Aimee Maiorino, Alyssa Maiorino, Robert Maistickle, Krista Malecki, Christine Manfredo, Ashley Martin, David Martinez, Storm McDonald, Christopher McKnight, Jayne Merlo, Andrew Miller, Jessica Miller, James Milliron, Alicia Miranda, Samantha Mitchell, Dane Miyasato, Christopher Moore, Rosanna Mootoo, Jacqueline Muglia, Brian Murtagh, Cynthia Nguyen, Huan Nguyen and Jesse Nietzer, Connor O'Brien, William Padula, Jean Pagdonsolan, Abby Papa, Purav Patel, Kristen Penkunas, Amanda Prybella, Patrick Pryor, Dwight Quichua, Alexandra Ramos, Alexa Reha, Justin Reid, Alyce Rettberg, Michael Rettberg, Mayra Robles, Cynthia Ross, Julia Russell, Fernando Sandoval, Alison Schmidt, Jamie Schmidt, Rajiv Sewdat, Jaret Shelton, Justin Shelton, Rutva Shukla, Melissa Silva, Derek Smith, Dominic Sobers, Alisha Stasenko, Melissa Sticco, Sara Sukenik, Darshan Suthar, Joseph Teller, Kelly Thomas, Ray Truitt, Ashlen Udell, Vincent Velez, Erik Vesper, Michael Williams, Phillip Zazzara and Brian Zielinski.

### GRADE 7-Honor Roll

Regina Alin, Danielle Aronowitz, Robert Barone, Victoria Boley, Jonathan Buggy, Joseph Bundy, Kristie Butrico, David Cacciatori, Michael Carmon, Jonathan Chiang, Shadé Coleman, Ryan Cornell, Jason Cosma, Christopher Czaplinski, Justin Czarnik, Daniel DeAndrea, Joseph DeBiase, Christina Del Genio, Kevin Demarest, Frank Dietzold, Claire Dolling and Jenee Douras, Brian Edwards, Chelsea Falato, Catherine Flannery, Michael Fry, Gregory Garbowski, Miguel Garcia, Jacquelyn Graisser, Sarah Green, Vincent Gulino, Christopher Horn, Janice Hussain, Jamie Irber, Tara Israel, Joshua Jackson, Douglas Johnson, Galen Johnson, Katherine Kaczka, Christopher Kelly, Gregory Krylowski, Kristen Kunie, Margaret Lay, Heather Loenser and Jordan Lynch, Charlyn Magat, Alisha Makoski, Jennifer Martinez, David Miglis, Tristan More, Timothy O'Brien, Ankit Patel, Natalie Picciottoli, Bonnie Pornovets, Michelle Puskas, Yarka Ralwins, Amanda Rastelli, Jonathan Rod-ger, Josef Rodriguez, Matthew Santone, Rachel Schwartz, Guy Severini, Susan Smela, Lauren Smithline, Lisa Sniscak, Carly Stoeckel, Rachel Tambone, Alexander Tierney, Stephen Turrisse, Audrey Wilhelm and Chris-ann Zushma.

### Grade 8-Honor Roll

Alain Amazan, David Anthony, Christopher Baron, Heather Barrett, Jason Basile, Tiffany Boyle, Quien Bowe, Milton Bravo, Jesse Brown, Jody Chepulis, Michael Chrysanthopoloulos, James Curcio, Kristina Cwiekalow, Joseph De-Andrea, Nadia Deba, Christina DeMatos, Jenna DeSimon, Kimberly Dziomba, Michael Espin, Abbalonia Falato, Kristen Fredericks Amanda George, Nybil Ghanem, Jamie Glowacki, Nicholas Green, Kristen Gumina, Kelly Harty, Thomas Haus, James Hearne, Marianne Hebreo, Amanda Hermann and Alexander Huynh, Michael Jankoski, Amit Kalia, Michael Kasmer, Elizabeth Kittell, Michelle Kravetsky, Neva Lawson, Brandon Lindgren, Christina Lorange, Daniel Melick, Danielle Morris, Jamie Morris, Tai Nguyen, Kristen Nietzer, Ellery Pagala, Laura Painton, Terry Paschall, Avinash Patel, Chirag Patel, Herry Patel, Gabriela Pineda, James Plate, Cynthia Prybella, Brian Publik and Megan Pulomena, John Rayho, Joseph Reach, Brittany Regan, Judith Ringel, Eva Rodriguez, Anthony Santos, Bridget Schirripa, Jennifer Silhanek, Danielle Skoba, Prasanna Sridharan, Daniel Stallone, Allison Stoloff, Denise Vita, Craig Warren, Matthew Wells, Michael Wiczorek, Ervin Williams, Frank Wrublevski and Victoria Zappi.

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Sunday 7:45, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon

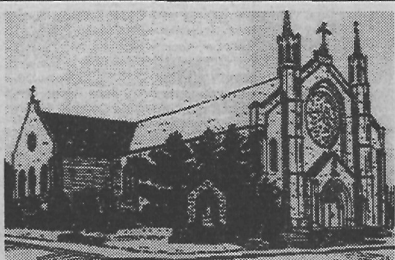
Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

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

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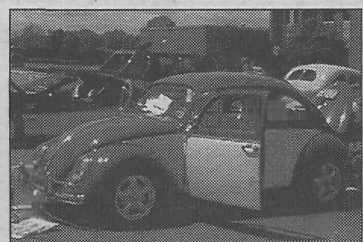
## Camaro Club Sponsors Vision 2001 Car Show

The Northwest Jersey Camaro Club, Inc. recently sponsored a car show in the high school parking lot to benefit Vision 2001.

A wide range of cars and trucks were on display for the event. Also on hand was Miss New Jersey, Stephanie Ferrari, who presented the trophies to the winners. Over 60 entrants participated and trophies were presented to everyone.

The special trophy award winners were, The Ladies Choice Trophy to Mark Axelson for his 1970 Plymouth Superbird, Sponsors Choice Trophy to Anne

Owen for her 1969 Z/28 Camaro, Host Choice Trophy to Dave Cacciamani for his 1972 Ford Grand Torino Sport, Club Participation Trophy went to Galloping Hills Cruisers and NWJCC Member Trophy went to Tom Franklin for his 1984 Z/28 Camaro.



## "Garden Party" To Benefit Kids

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs members from twenty-one local clubs in the sixth district will hold a Garden Party to benefit the Special State Project, the Children's Specialized Hospital's Early Intervention Program located in Mountainside on June 12 from 4-7 p.m. The program is geared to children ages birth to three years who have a disability in their normal development.

The Garden Party will be held in the garden of the Metuchen home of Lenior Stewart, member of the Borough Improvement League.

Tickets are \$20. Hors d'oeuvres, desserts, wine, coffee and tea will be served. A quintet from New York City will entertain.

The New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs is headquartered in New Brunswick on Douglass College campus. It is one of the largest and oldest volunteer services organizations for women and is a member of the General Federal of Women's Clubs based in Washington, D.C.

For information, contact Mary Ann Iannitto at 908-755-1427.

## Girl Scout Troop 431 Holds Bridging Ceremony



Girl Scout Troop 431 held their Bridging Ceremony at John E. Riley School on May 17. The ceremony marks the 'Fly Up' from the

Brownie level to the Junior Girl Scout level. Junior Troop 91 assisted at the Bridging Ceremonies. The girls of Troop 431 are:

Rebecca Bosse, Brianna Calderone, Nicole Cosma, Kaitlin Egan, Melissa Fisher, Julie Garbowski, Clare Kelly, Stephanie Kelly, Alyssa Roibal, Elan Sims, Kathleen Sullivan, Stephanie Szeliza and Amanda Thorn.

The girls each earned some or all of these accomplishments: Gift of Service Patch, Food Fun and Careers Try-Its, Sleepover Patch for the Daisy/Brownie Camp In, Cookie Sale, Cookie Booth Sale, Nut Sale, Magazine Sale and a Membership Star for attendance this year. As part of the requirement for their 'Fly Up', the girls also earned Brownie Wings, Bridge to Junior Patch, Junior Art Dabbler badge and Junior Citizenship badge.

## UNICO Holds Second Annual Golf Outing, Benefits Scholarship Fund



UNICO volunteers and Golf Committee are from left to right, Frank Licato, Dick Grillo, Renato Biribin, Nicole Cortese, Michael Cortese, Roxy Cortese and Joe Cappuccio.



Some of the UNICO winners are (left to right) Joe Bruno, Robert Pellegrino, Ralph Lombardi, Dennis O'Neil, Bill Yuppe and Don Capp.

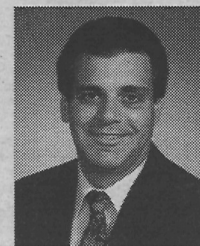
The South Plainfield Chapter of UNICO held its Annual Golf Outing on May 17 at the Beaver Brook Golf Club. The outing proceeds are used to for scholarships for high school seniors. UNICO also participates in underprivileged and handicapped children's work.

The winners of the tournament were Ralph Lombardi who came in first place for low gross with a 68, with four birdies and an eagle, Dennis O'Neil second place low gross with an 84. First place low net went to Joe Bruno with a 72 and second place low net went to Mike Cortese with a 74. Longest drive for men was Dennis O'Neil and for women Linda Rodriguez. Closest to the pin on hole 12 was Robert Pellegrino, hole 4 was Bill Yuppe, hole 7 was Ralph Lombardi and hole 14 was Mike Giannini. Closest to the line went to Don Capp.

UNICO would like to thank all of the sponsors who helped to make this tournament possible and successful as well as the local merchants who donated door prizes.

## The Alternative View

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



**Dear Dr. DeCosta:** Is uneven wearing of the heels of your shoes due to a foot problem, a leg problem or a back problem? - WT.

**Dear WT.**

Uneven wearing of the heels of shoes can be due to either a foot, leg or back problem, or a combination of any or all of these problems. Most commonly, however, uneven heel wear is due to back problems or problems with a physiological or anatomical short leg.

We all know that gravity works in a downward direction. Your body's weight is transferred from your skull down the spine to your pelvis. From the pelvis, the weight is transferred down your thigh, knee, leg and finally to the foot. If the center of mass of your body is thrown off due to a misalignment or imbalance in the spine or pelvis, your body's weight will be unevenly distributed down to your feet. This may cause uneven heel wear to the extremity bearing more of your body's weight.

A shortness in one leg may lead to uneven heel wear. If the pelvis is misaligned, it may cause one leg to raise up and try to compensate to the pelvic misalignment. Although the leg is truly not shorter than the other, it has the *appearance* and *effect* as though it were shorter. This is known as a physiological short leg. Again, your weight will be unevenly distributed down your lower extremity and uneven heel wear may result. The good news is that with proper adjustment of the pelvis, the leg will no longer draw short and the legs will again become even. This will result in a balanced distribution of weight down the extremities and should correct the uneven shoe wear.

A shortness in one leg may be *actual*, that is, one leg is literally shorter than the other. This is termed an anatomical short leg. It may be caused by a disruption in development of the growth plates in the bones of the leg, a previous fracture in which the leg did not heal and grow to the size of the other leg, congenital defects or other developmental anomalies. Most authorities agree that the body can compensate for an anatomical short leg up to 6mm of deficiency. If 6mm or more of deficiency exists, then a heel lift may be needed to help the body to compensate for that deficiency. As with the physiological short leg, the anatomical short leg similarly may affect uneven heel wear.

It should be noted that both an anatomical and physiological shortness of the leg can and usually are found occurring at the same time. By the way, this unevenness of leg length may lead to spinal problems, in particular a scoliosis or curvature of the spine. A proper Chiropractic evaluation can address this problem and help with the resulting uneven heel wear and related development of scoliosis.

If there is indeed a problem with the foot itself, I would recommend an examination by a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine.

*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. Visit The Alternative View on the web at [www.usalternativemedicine.com](http://www.usalternativemedicine.com).*



Danny and The Juniors



Comedian Artie Fletcher

Performing at the SP Fire Department-sponsored 50's Concert was comedian Artie Fletcher and Danny and The Juniors. The crowd enjoyed the evening laughing their way through Fletcher's act and rocking to old-time favorites with Danny and the Juniors.

## Congratulations Graduates!

### Congratulations Shannon A. McGrath!



Rutgers University '99  
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### Congratulations Kordelia Hutans!



St. John's University '99  
MBA  
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**Brian Wieckowski**  
**slams two triples,**  
**bats in six RBIs**

# SPORTS

**Soccer: Under 10 finish**  
**season with a come**  
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## Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

### Traveling All-Stars

Try outs are currently being held. All try-out announcements are posted at the snack stand and in the dugouts. Contact the All-Star team managers for more information.

### Annual Dance

Tickets are still available for the annual SPJBC Dance to be held on Saturday, June 12 from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Polish National Home on New Market Ave. Tickets are \$35 per person and must be purchased by May 29. Admission includes an open bar, buffet, entertainment and tickets for great door prizes. Contact any member of the Woman's Auxiliary or call Cindy Eichler at 908-769-4047.

Contact the SPJBC ... Clubhouse 908-754-2090 or email spjbc99@aol.com.

### Events at a glance

**All-Star Team Try-Outs** — Ongoing - Contact team managers

**Memorial Day Weekend** — May 29, 30, 31 — No games

**All-Star Day** — Sunday, June 6

**SPJBC Dance** — Saturday, June 12 — No late games

**SPJBC Invitational Tournament** begins Thursday, July 1

### Small Fry C League Highlights

**Mets v. White Sox**—John Conroy and James Howard each had their first hit. Kyle Quail and Danny Flynn had two hits each.

**Cardinals v. Giants**—Mike Niemczyk pitched a scoreless inning. Steven Wieczorek got runner out at the plate. Kyle Darr pitched well for the Cardinals.

**Devil Rays v. Giants**—Mike Miorino made a great play at first and Nick Jankowski had his first hit. Stephen Kelly made a great play at second and Peter Adorna had three RBIs.

**Diamond Backs v. Tigers**—Doug Avery pitched well and had two singles.

**Dodgers v. White Sox**—Jimmy Cox pitched a strong inning and Dan Nastarowicz had a double and a triple.

**Yankees v. Mariners**—Jose Charneco pitched a 1-2-3 inning and Stanley Stellakis played well for the Yankees.

**Devil Rays v. Cardinals**—Brian Wieckowski had two triples and six RBIs and Anthony Simone played a great defensive game.

**Tigers v. Diamond Backs**—Mike Brainard and Jeff Seider played well for the Tigers.

**Mets v. Athletics**—Bobby Harrington went four for four with three RBIs. Danny Phillips had two triples and four RBIs.

*If you would like to see your team featured in this column, contact Frank Hanley.*

### Small Fry B Standings

#### American League

Team	Win	Loss
Athletics	4	2
Devil Rays	4	2
Yankees	4	3
Tigers	3	2
White Sox	2	4
Mariners	2	5

#### National League

Team	Win	Loss
Braves	4	1
Cardinals	5	2
Giants	2	2
Diamond Backs	3	4
Mets	0	6

### Small Fry A Standings

Team	Win	Loss
Yankees	7	1
Devil Rays	5	4
Diamond Backs	5	4
Braves	3	4
Mariners	3	5
Cardinals	2	7

**SEA Home Runs**—Vinnie Velez - Braves - Grand Slam - Chris Bojarski - Yankees

### Pony A Standings

Team	Win	Loss
Mets	5	1
White Sox	5	1
Yankees	2	2
Devil Rays	2	3
Diamond Backs	2	3
Mariners	1	2
Cardinals	0	5

### Pony B Standings

Team	Win	Loss
Devil Rays	6	2
Diamond Backs	5	2
Cardinals	4	3
Mets	3	5
Yankees	1	7

## Sacred Heart Track Team Wins 40 Gold and 8 Silver

The Sacred Heart School Spring Track Team competed in the 1999 Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference Relay Championships on Saturday, May 15, in Edison Park.

Thirty-five Sacred Heart relay teams participated in 18 events, won 40 gold, 8 silver and 32 bronze medals and broke six conference records. Congratulations to all runners.

Proud medal winners are:

• **Girls 6-7-8 Distance Medley:** First Place, V. Rojas, L. Abbate, A. Monroe, M. Monroe in 12:25.17 a new record.

• **Boys 6-7-8 Distance Medley:** Second Place, D. Smith, K. Thomas, J. Brubaker, J. DeMarco in 11:30.01.

• **Girls 3-4-5 Sprint Medley:** First Place K. Whittaker, A. Presley, L. Culver, D. Romano in 5:32.00 a new record.

• **Boys 3-4-5 Sprint Medley:** Second Place, J. Pierik-Page, R. DiDario, D. Cerami, W. McCall in 5:37.13.

• **Girls K-1-2, 4x100:** Third Place, M. Simons, L. David, A. Forbes, G. Pinto in 1:22.78.

• **Girls K-1-2, 4x100:** Fourth Place, A. Presley, K. Muglia, S. Bell, H. Thomas in 1:23.78.

• **Boys K-1-2, 4x100:** Fourth Place, Z. Sikanowicz, J. Sansone, M. McHugh, A. Muglia in 1:20.5.

• **Girls 3-4-5, 4x100:** First Place, L. Culver, K. Whittaker, K. Mapp, B. Culver in 1:01.95 a new

record.

• **Boys 3-4-5, 4x100:** First Place, J. Cem, D. Cerami, W. McCall, J. Chmielewski in 1:09.94.

• **Girls 6-7-8, 4x100:** First Place, L. Abbate, T. Bottone, K. Selby, V. Rojas in 1:00.00.

• **Girls 6-7-8, 4x100:** Fourth Place, R. Perez, S. Scott, E. Sikanowicz, K. Gilormini in 1:04.14.

• **Girls 3-4-5, 4x200:** First Place, L. Culver, K. Whittaker, K. Mapp, B. Culver in 2:12.57 a new record.

• **Boys 3-4-5, 4x200:** Third Place, J. Pierik-Page, J. Cem, J. Chmielewski, R. DiDario in 2:28.37.

• **Girls 6-7-8, 4x200:** First Place, L. Abbate, T. Bottone, K. Selby, V. Rojas in 2:09.60.

• **Girls 6-7-8, 4x200:** Fourth Place, R. Perez, S. Scott, E. Sikanowicz, K. Gilormini in 2:18.08.

• **Boys 6-7-8, 4x200:** First Place, C. Littrean, A. Campos-Marqueti, T. Johnson, D. Smith in 2:00.09.

• **Girls 3-4-5, 4x400:** First Place, C. Monroe, M. McHugh, G. Pinto, J. Dougherty in 6:16.65 a new record.

• **Girls 6-7-8, 4x400:** First Place, K. Gilormini, J. Arki, E. Sikanowicz, G. Patnosh in 5:25.71.

• **Girls 6,7,8, 4x400:** Third Place, M. Sansone, Z. Castillo, A. Monroe, M. Monroe in 5:40.50.

• **Boys 6-7-8, 4x400:** Fourth Place, J. DeMarco, D. Smith, J. Brubaker, K. Thomas in 5:20.34.

*Submitted by Lorraine McHugh*

## South Plainfield Soccer

### Boys Under 10 Finish Season With Win

United finished the 1999 season on a positive note. After suffering their third loss of the season to Franklin Twp. the week before, events seemed to go unchanged when the boys traveled to Piscataway.

The first half proceeded to finish in a scoreless tie. The second half began with two quick unanswered goals for Piscataway. The team then calmed themselves down. After a foul outside the penalty area a free kick was awarded

and Kevin Bolivar did not waste the chance and put the ball deep into their net. This motivated Steve Breslau to break away from the Piscataway defense and bring the game to a 2-2 standoff.

The team finally put the crowd of wet supporters back into their cars when Nicky Baldesarre broke through a maze of players and then unselfishly passed to John Lopez, which he vollied into the Piscataway net, bringing the game to 3-2 final. A fantastic job by the

boys didn't go unnoticed.

The team is comprised of Billy Hodge, Trevor Rastelli, Nicky Baldesarre, Ryan Cullen, Jesse Butynski, Jonathan O'Connor, Jack Llerena, Vinnie Padula, Matt Fabino, John Lopez, Steve Breslau and Kevin Bolivar. The team is coached by Paul Baldesarre and Wally Bolivar.

A special thanks to the parents for their time and commitment. The boys' season ending record is 6-3-1. Congratulations!

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**Ponytail A League  
Quality Glass  
Kaitlin Tomei has four  
hits and scores four runs**

# SPORTS

**High School Girls Softball  
Alison Barrett pitched a  
four-hit shut-out, striking out  
four and walking no one.**

## PONYTAIL 'A' LEAGUE QUALITY AUTO GLASS

**Coach Debbi Tomei**  
Players Chiara Tomei, Carly Stoeckel, Meredith Cooper, Shadé Coleman, Kaitlin Tomei, Lindsay Loiacono, Darlene Marin, Amanda Rastelli, Kerry Mackey, Jaime Gaughan, Elaine Alexander, Elizabeth Sabosik, Kristen Kunie and Jennifer Smith.



## PONYTAIL 'B' LEAGUE RT TECH

**Coach Thomas Walter**  
Players Morgan Walter, Malory Cooper, Darice Bishop, Lesley Sideck, Ashlen Udell, Alisha Stasenka, Danielle Plasse, Kimberly Gaub, Lauren Darr, Julia Russell, Courtney Alston, Jessica Kizmann and Kathryn Koury.



## PONYTAIL 'C' LEAGUE PBA

**Coach Michael Greenwald**  
Players Jessica Greenwald, Julie Garbowski, Ashley Sacks, Tara Goitiandia, Theresa Huber, Alyssa Woodel, Katie Rose Yon, Megan Boyle, Jessica Schmidt, Brandee Brown, Julia Zappi, Ashley Woodel and Gabrielle Nilla.



*Look for more  
photos next issue*

## Ponytail Softball Highlights

### A League

**Quality Glass 19-Transways 13**—Shade Coleman scored three runs and Liz Sabosik had three RBIs to lead Quality Glass. Elaine Alexander and Carly Stoekel made key defensive plays in the field. Melissa Scotta scored three runs for Transways.

**Quality Glass 18-Halls 9**—Kaitlin Tomei had four hits and scored four runs as the leadoff hitter for Quality Glass. Meredith Cooper scored three runs and Amanda Rastelli and Chiara Tomei

had strong pitching performances. Alicia Lehman had two RBI and scored two runs for Halls.

**Transways 12-Polish Home 10**—Transways battled back from a 7-2 deficit to win 12 to 10 on key hits by Heather Barrett and Melissa Scotta. Key fielding plays were made by Vicky Zappi and Judy Ringel.

**Quality Glass 12-Polish Home 10**—A seventh inning rally by Quality Glass was led by key hits from Kristen Kunie, Jaime Gaughan and Jenna Smith.

Marissa Judd scored three runs for Polish Home.

### B League

**DiFrancesco Paving 10-NJ Hardwoods 4**—Danielle Arndt had four RBIs and Cassie D'Urso had a key double while Lauren Haus and Stephanie Miller had strong defensive games to lead DiFrancesco Paving.

*Highlights were submitted by Debbie Tomei, Frank Irber and Steven Sens. If you would like to see your team highlights in the Observer, contact Mike DiMeglio.*

## High School

By Brian Cochran

## Boys Season Ends in Quarter Finals

South Plainfield Tiger boys baseball team ended their exciting 1999 campaign with a heart breaking 6-5 loss to John F. Kennedy (Iselin) in the quarter final round of the Central Jersey Group II State Tournament.

As has been the case in many of the Tigers' games this season, South Plainfield had the big inning early in the second inning. With two on and one out Bob Merkler blasted a three-run homer as the Tigers went on to score in the inning to go up by three. JFK added one of their own in the bottom of the inning to cut the lead to two. It stayed that way until the fifth when Ryan Flannery hit a bomb of his own to give Tiger ace Steve Bucchnano a three run cushion.

Kennedy had their big inning in the seventh, scoring three to set up the extra frame. The Mustangs managed to push one across in the bottom of the eighth to seal the victory. The Tigers ended their season a very respectable 17-10 and a few school records were either tied or broken this year. Mike Kapsch breaking the career home run mark and the season hits record and pitcher Steve Bucchnano set the career wins mark with 23.

## Girls Advance In GMC Tournament, Bow in States

The Tiger girls softball team began last weekend with a 1-0 victory over Raritan in the quarterfinal round of the Central Jersey Group II state tournament. The story of the game was Junior Kim Wilcox's RBI double in the third inning giving South Plainfield their only run and junior pitcher Alison Barrett did the rest, pitching a four hit shut out, striking out four and walking no one.

Another game another gem by Alison as the Tigers opened up super Saturday in the Greater Middlesex Conference County tournament with a 4-1 win over the Bombers from Sayerville. This time Ms. Barrett surrendered only two hits as the Tigers broke it open in the sixth inning scoring all four runs on no hits. Next game was Wednesday...story next week.

As for the State Tournament, the Tigers traveled to one time rival North Plainfield and were thoroughly shut down by Canuck ace Tara Duffy 3-0. All North Plainfield's runs came in the second inning on a bases loaded double by Terry Castro. The Tigers managed only five hits and will now turn their attention to the GMC semi-finals and a match-up with Old Bridge.

## South Plainfield Golf League

### WEEK 4

Witty's Liquor 17 - Sport & Social 3  
Arena Sports 15 - Dilex 5  
Ponovets 14 - Twin City Pharmacy 6  
Hummel Chemical 14 - So Plainfield Police 6  
VFW 12 - Masters 8  
HCMA 11 - Borman Communications 9

### American League

HCMA 4-0-0  
Arena Sports 3-1-0  
Borman Comm 2-2-0  
Witty's Liquors 2-2-0  
Delex 2-2-0  
Sport & Social 1-3-0

### National League

VFW 2-1-1  
Hummel Chemical 2-2-0  
So Plainfield Police 2-2-0  
Twin City Pharmacy 1-2-1  
Ponovets 1-3-0  
Masters 1-3-0

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## Obituaries

### Joseph F. Walton

Joseph F. Walton, 68, died on May 16, in Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Plainfield.

Born in East Orange, he had resided in West Orange, Vineland and Woddbine before moving to Plainfield many years ago.

He had been employed as a baker's helper for Lenny's Bakery in Scotch Plains for seven years before retiring in 1996.

Mr. Walton was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in South Plainfield, where he was a member of the church's choir, and had been a soloist.

He had participated in the Local Special Olympics in 1979 was the recipient of the Bronze Medal in bowling.

His father, W. Carl Carlton, died in 1985 and his mother, Irma Walton, died in 1987. He is also predeceased by his brother, Rev. Carl Walton.

Funeral services were held in the Wesley United Methodist Church. Visitation was held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., So. Plainfield, NJ 07080.

### Joe Weingartner

Joe Weingartner, 83, of South Plainfield, died on Thursday, May 20, at Edison Estates Nursing Center in Edison.

He was born in Bristol, Tenn.,

and was a former resident of Plainfield before moving to South Plainfield 31 years ago.

Mr. Weingartner was a lead supervisor for Revlon in Edison for 41 years before retiring in 1987.

Mr. Weingartner was a member of the New Jersey Jazz Society.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Stojek Weingartner; a son, Robert Weingartner of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, William Weingartner of Apopka, Fla.; a sister, Marion Heberling of Maitland, Fla. and a granddaughter, Patricia Weingartner.

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

### Francis N. Bellew

Francis N. Bellew, 80, of South Plainfield, died on Friday, May 21, at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

He was born in Plainfield and has resided in South Plainfield for the last 72 years.

Mr. Bellew was an electrical engineer for Lockheed Electronics in Watchung for 38 years before retiring in 1988. In 1984 Mr. Bellew received the Robert Gross Award as the Engineer of the Year. He was a member of the Stardusters Club at Lockheed and a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Mr. Bellew received his BS degree in 1947 and his MS degree in 1950 from Rutgers University in New Brunswick and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

He was a member of Sacred Heart Church and a member of the Holy Name Society and the St. Vincent DePaul Society. He served on the Sacred Heart Festival committee member for many years. He was the former treasurer for the Parish Council and a former assistant scout leader for Boy Scout Troop 202 at Sacred Heart Church.

He was a charter member and former treasurer of the South Plainfield Historical Society.

He served in the US Army as a Sergeant during WWII. He was a member of the American Legion Chaumont Post 243.

He was predeceased by his brother, John W. Bellew, who died in 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Greco Bellew; two sons, Francis M. Bellew of South Plainfield and Joseph and his wife, Linda Bellew of Piscataway; two daughters, Dorothy Bellew Drangula of South Plainfield, Paulette Bellew and her companion, Eileen Gerety of South Plainfield; his niece, Michelle Smith Newhouse; two grandsons, John Francis Drangula and Jason Michael Bellew.

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

Donations in his memory may be made to the South Plainfield Education Foundation, P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, NJ 07080.

*Because  
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by Robert Hunter

### WHEN ALL SEEMS DIMINISHED

A man who had recently lost his mother after a lengthy illness was once heard to remark that it seemed the flowers had little right to bloom during the spring following his mother's death. He found little of his usual joy in the warming sun and the color and scent of the flowers. Surely, the flowers had done little to diminish themselves in his eyes. The trouble lay in his perception. This same feeling is noted in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: "There is a kind of contempt of the landscape felt by him who has just lost by death a dear friend. The sky is less grand as it sets down over less worth in the population."

The isolation and loneliness we feel when mourning a loved one are best relieved by the company of family and friends who share our feelings. The JAMES W. CONROY FUNERAL HOME can assist you during this difficult time of loss by arranging memorial and burial services to your specification. We have been helping area families in their time of need for many years, and invite members of all beliefs and financial ability to call 756-2800 to schedule a private consultation. We are located at 2456 Plainfield Ave. in South Plainfield. Cremation services available.

*"The event of death is always astounding; our philosophy never reaches, never possesses it; we are always at the beginning of our catechism; always the definition is yet to be made. What is death?"*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

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## TAPS, A Beginning Continued from page one

History tells that Union General Daniel Adams Butterfield was not pleased with the call for "Lights Out." He wanted something less formal to signal the days' end. *Taps* was composed in 1862 during the Peninsula Campaign of the Civil War by Butterfield (Third Brigade, First Division, Fifth Army Corps, Army of the Potomac). The composition was assisted by his bugler, Oliver W. Norton. Butterfield whistled a tune to Norton and they spent many hours rearranging and polishing the notes that became the now famous *Taps*. The 24-note melancholy bugle call is believed to be a revision of "Tattoo," a French bugle call that signaled soldiers to end the evening's pleasantries and return to their barracks. The last five measures of the *Tattoo* vaguely resemble *Taps* according to the stories.

In Butterfield's camp, *Taps* quickly replaced the original "lights out" that signaled the end of the day for the weary soldiers. Curiosity drove nearby brigades to Butterfield's camp to inquire about the bugle call. Pleased with the call, many adopted *Taps* as the evening's end for themselves. *Taps* soon came to represent a farewell to fallen servicemen and women. Composer General Butterfield is buried in the Post Cemetery at the United States Military Academy at West Point despite the fact that he did not graduate from the Academy.

*Taps* was played at the funeral of Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson. This music was made the official Army bugle call after the war, but not given the name *Taps* until 1874. Army infantry regulations required *Taps* to be played at military funeral ceremonies by 1891.

*Taps* is unique to the United States military, the haunting and lovely bugle melody is sounded at funerals at Arlington National

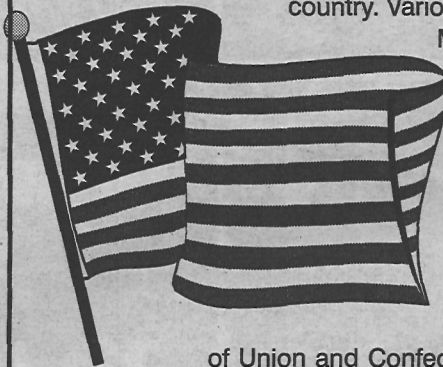
Cemetery. *Taps* is also sounded during the 2,500 military wreath ceremonies conducted at the Tomb of the Unknowns every year, including Memorial Day.

Even today on many military installations *Taps* is played at 10 p.m. as a signal that it is "lights out". When *Taps* is played, it is customary to salute, if in uniform, or place your hand over your heart.

-Compiled by Pattie Abbott

## Memorial Day-The History

Decoration Day was the original name of the national holiday known today as Memorial Day. It is a day of remembrance, a time to honor those who died defending our country. Various stories are told but



Memorial Day's roots began on May 5, 1868, with an order issued by General John Logan in his General Order No. 11. The day was first observed on May 30, 1868. Flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers. Decoration Day was not acknowledged by the South, instead they honored their dead on separate days until after World War I. Almost every state celebrates Memorial Day on the last Monday in May. A law was passed by Congress in 1968 to ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays.

-Patricia Abbott

By Cyrus n Moon

## Weekly Horoscope 5/28 to 6/03

### ASTRO TIDBITS: what is a transit?

It's from the Latin word *transitus*, meaning "the act of going across". Sub-definition: The passage of the Sun, Moon, or planet through a sign of the zodiac, for example: the transit of Venus through Aries.... **Horoscope** (from the Greek words *hora*, meaning "hour" and *skopos*, meaning "watcher"). A diagram of the heavens, specifically that part of the heavens called the zodiac, which charts the positions of the Sun, Moon, and planets as they appeared at a given moment and in relation to a given place on earth. The word horoscope also refers to the analysis and interpretation of that chart. **Watch for a contest coming up in the OBSERVER next week. Win a book on your astrology sign.** Bibliography: Joanna Martine Toolfolk, Scarborough house.

*Quote: Our past travels remembered in our hearts, our future dreams colored with a rainbow.*

**GEMINI 5/21-6/03** excellent time starting Monday to tackle any problems you haven't been able to figure out. **Mercury trines Uranus**, ideas will come to you in furious successions of why didn't I think of that before. Sign up for classes in the areas of science, math and technology. Stimulating conversation abounds.

**CANCER 6/21-7/22** do you have an attraction to a person of the opposite sex? The fact they have a different personality than that of your own is the attraction! But be careful, any relationship that starts at this time, although interesting, might not be very stable. **Moon opposition Sun**, emotional attitude

**LEO 7/23-8/22** be ready to make or have someone make repairs for you. Sun-Pluto contacts can cause the break down of machinery and objects. And just patching them up will not suffice. Be careful of people in authority a power struggle could ensue, stand up for your position. But do not be over-weening or domineering.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22** feel lost in the fog? Can't find something you had a moment ago? Forgot a name or bit of information you know you know? These can be the events that will happen around Tuesday. So be careful in business and or signing a contract. Don't

be a victim. Save the details for some other day. **Mercury challenging Neptune.**

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22** do some writing or better yet, paint! Your artistic energies are flowing. Your color balancing is at a peek, and the colors will move so smooth you will amaze yourself and your backers of your art that is being created. Also with a **Moon in Libra** this will favor any partnerships that are formed.

**SCORPIO 10/23-11/21** you are looking for love. Around the 30th **Moon conjuncts Pluto** and you will not be looking or wasting your time with casual relationships. You want to wait for this rare and elusive person rather than fall in love impulsively. You are truly craving the depth of human companionship. Seek out a Pisces, it will be found.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** have you been suspicious of others lately? Starting the 29th **Moon is in Sagittarius** and you will become more honest and direct in your dealings with others. If you have a need to get away, go for it. A nice little vacation to anyplace USA will do wonders. Memorial Day kick off your shoes and have fun.

**CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19** you have a Mars opposition to Jupiter, a very powerful transit. Be sure to think intelligently and work effectively with enlightened self-interest as opposed to pure selfishness. If you act towards others in a domineering, overbearing man-

ner you may cause them to desert you. Understand what you are doing.

**AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18** time to take that vacation overseas. And where should you go? May I suggest Stockholm or Buenos Aires? **Mercury trines Uranus** is putting you into a very stimulating mentality. You can't wait to start a conversation that will have some electricity to it. So seek out stimulating people and listen to their insights.

**PISCES 2/19-3/20** do a little shopping this weekend. You will be able to pick out the finer things in life that will make your smile last a little longer and also for your friends. **Moon trines Neptune** will have you generating warmth to the point where friends want to be in your company. And even more so towards the opposite sex.

**ARIES 3/21-4/19** do not be lethargically inclined to drift through an enjoyable holiday weekend. That would be a waste. If you are planning ahead a **Sun in cooperating aspect to Jupiter** can help you plan and schedule family celebrations such as weddings, trips, beginning a vacation, or business ventures. In other words do something.

**TAURUS 4/20-5/20** discordant moods can create difficulties in a relationship at this time, especially if you are having any kind of internal emotional struggle. Try to pay more attention to your loved one, a crisis can be kept small. If irritability incites you, step back take a breath and a walk. A **Moon square to Sun** transit can be overcome.



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## Is Your Pet The Best?

If your pet the best? If you think so, then support local girl scouts Michelle Paterek, Allison Kravetsky and Danielle Schweers by bringing your pet to the pet show. Sign up your pet for various activities such as an obstacle course. Put your pet to the test at the hot dog eating and tail wagging contest.

The pet show will be held at McAulley Hall, 1633 Highway Rte. 22, Watchung on June 5 from 1:30-4 p.m. Registration starts at 12:30 p.m.

Come have a ball at McAulley Hall and show off your pet. Please support your local Girl Scouts and help them earn their Silver Award.

For questions or pre-registration call Michelle Paterek at 755-4833, Allison Kravetsky at 757-3148 or Danielle Schweers. Help is needed to run activities. All pets are welcome.

*We want  
your news!!!*

If you have news about South Plainfield people or events, send us a note or give us a call (732) 469-4380. We would like to include your story in the paper.

## POLICE REPORT

• A Scotch Plains resident reported the theft of a paint sprayer from his vehicle while it was parked at Home Depot. Entry was gained through a side window.

• A Melrose Ave. resident reported receiving harassing phone calls. Police listened to the message containing threats and profanity that was left on the victim's answering machine. The tape was taken as evidence. The suspects name and phone number were recorded from the caller ID.

• A Home Depot customer tried to pay for merchandise with a counterfeit \$50 bill. The manager contacted police but will not press charges. The customer claimed he had been given the bill in change from a purchase made at Home Depot earlier in the day. His description of the cashier was accurate and the manager believes the customer was telling truth.

• Lube Express located on Stelton Rd. reported that they suspected an employee of taking money from the daily deposits. An assistant manager is suspected of holding the deposits for several days while taking money for himself. He was fired

for an unrelated incident several days before the discrepancy was found.

• Several Pomponio Ave. residents reported criminal mischief, tires were slashed on three of their cars.

• A Garden Drive resident reported the theft of two bikes from an unlocked back yard shed.

• A NY resident was arrested in the parking lot of 7-11 for possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

• Three male juveniles were arrested for possession of alcohol after a motor vehicle accident on Franklin Ave. After the thief ar ran up on a lawn, two passengers exited the car and ran down Franklin Ave. They were apprehended by police and returned to the scene. The driver failed a dexterity test and several bottles of beer, some empty, were found in the vehicle.

• Penske Trucking reported the theft of a vehicle after checking with the other Penske rental agencies.

• A Home Depot employee spotted a man placing flowers on the ground near a wooded area of Home Depot. The witness was able to get a license plate number and will file a complaint.

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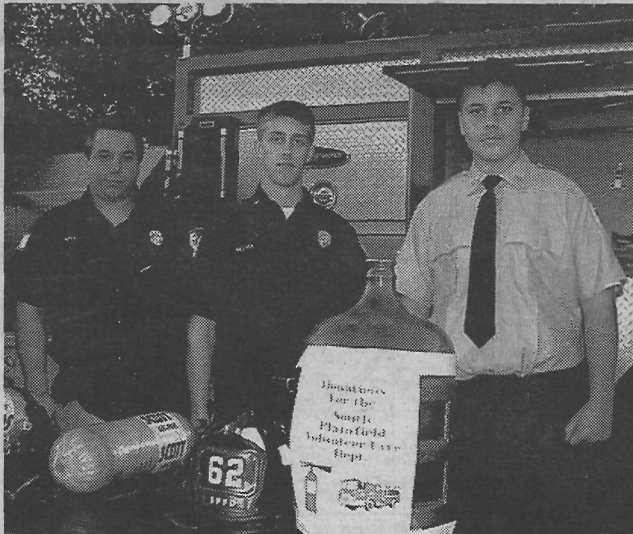
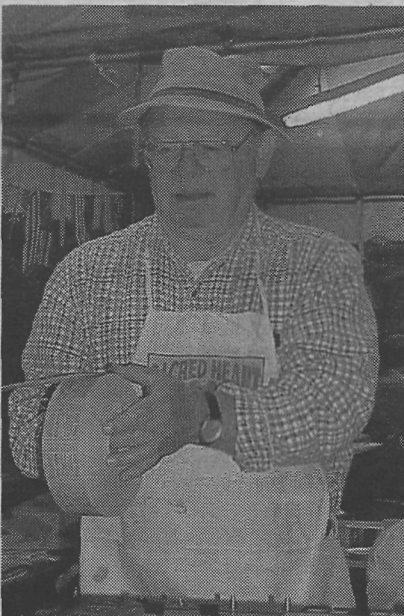
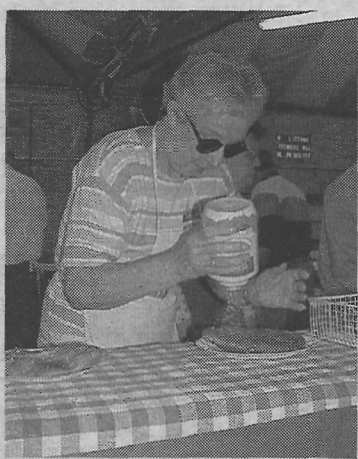
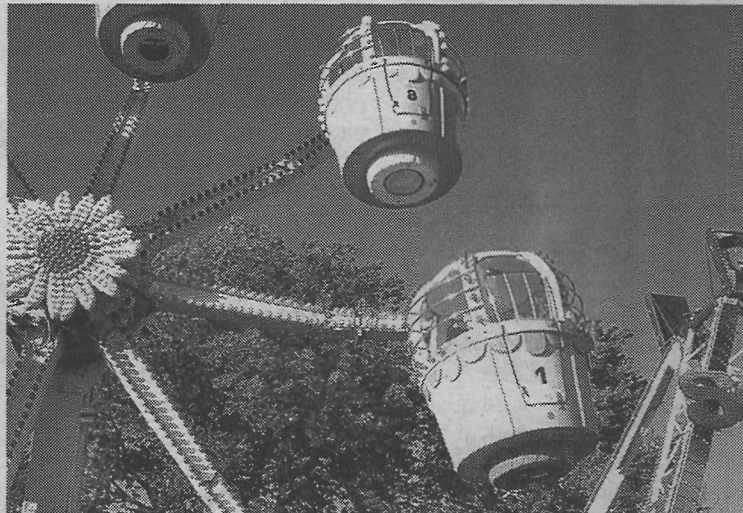
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