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## Memorial Day Observed Throughout the Borough

South Plainfield paid honor to its Veterans on Memorial Day with services at several places around town. This year's ceremonies were sponsored by both the VFW Post 6763 and the American Legion Chaumont Post 243. In preparation for Memorial Day, over 1,600 flags were placed at graves of Veterans who are buried here.

Opening ceremonies started off at the American Legion on Oak Tree Ave., then proceeded to the Jewish Cemetery, the Baptist Cemetery, Holy Redeemer Cemetery, Borough Hall and Veterans Park. Closing ceremonies were held at the VFW followed by a luncheon sponsored by members of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary.

Veterans from all branches of

the service attended, many in their uniforms decorated with the medals received while serving their country. They came to honor their fallen comrades. Also in attendance were Mayor Dan Gallagher, Councilmen Ed Kubula, Jim Vokral and Ray Petronko and Police Chief Steven Merkler.

Middle School students Pam and Steve Janizak added a youthful touch to the ceremonies as Pam sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and Steve played "Taps". Their presence at the Memorial Day ceremony did not go unnoticed. Mayor Gallagher said he was glad to see members of the younger generation taking time out to remember the men

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## Parade Committee Seeks Long-Term Residents

This year's Labor Day Parade theme, "South Plainfield Marches into the Millennium", celebrates South Plainfield's incorporation in 1926. The parade committee is looking for residents who have resided in the South Plainfield for the longest period to lead the annual parade.

If you know of anyone who has lived in South Plainfield for a notable length of time, please contact the parade committee at the following: The Public Celebrations Committee, c/o Joe Scrudato, 535 Elsie Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or email to: jascrudato@ms.att.com.



## Polish Home Makes D.A.R.E. Donation

Polish National Home President Gene Wohanka and Event Chairman Tom Kaufman present a donation of \$500 to Chief Steven Merkler, Capt. John Gear and Officers Allen LaMonda and Joe Papa of the South Plainfield Police Department. The monies were raised at a picnic held in March at the Polish National Home to benefit the D.A.R.E. program.

## Golf Outing Cadillac Winner Denied Prize

A May 24 *Observer* story announced Keith Lewis as the hole-in-one winner of a Cadillac at the South Plainfield Business Sixth Annual Golf Outing.

The happiness Keith Lewis experienced upon hitting a hole-in-one at the seventh hole was short lived. What Lewis didn't know was that due to an error in paperwork, the Business Association would not be able to award him the car. When Lewis went to pick up the car, the insurance company which covers the cost of the prizes claimed that

the Cadillac was to be awarded for a hole-in-one at the fifth hole, not on the seventh.

At each annual golf outing the Business Association hires a promotional company to arrange for the larger prizes and to place signs at certain holes where potential prizes that can be won. They also buy an insurance policy to cover the cost of the grand prize in the event a golfer makes a hole-in-one on the hole designated for a car.

The seventh hole has been the 'hole' where the car had been placed

for the past few years. No one ever questioned the placing of the car on that hole. This year Lewis made a hole-in-one and now the circumstances are under investigation.

Keith Lewis says he is entitled to the car and the Business Association agrees with him, but according to sources, the insurance company is claiming the hole-in-one was not made on the correct hole.

Whether it is an error in paperwork or miscommunication will be determined by the courts. Lawyers are now being hired by all parties.

## Borough News

### Council Notes

■ Lawrence Cochran was hired as a part time senior citizen van driver and David Braine was hired as a Meals on Wheels driver.

■ A contract in the amount of \$116,168.75 for the Phase II construction of the Downtown Revitalization Project has been awarded to Fenandes Construction Inc. of South River. Five bids were received and reviewed by the borough's engineering department. Fenandes was judged the lowest responsible bidder.

■ PMK Engineering will perform a preliminary site assessment on the former Empire Service Station at a cost not to exceed \$17,000. The borough is planning to acquire the property to use as the new site of the Community Policing and D.A.R.E. offices.

■ Frank Cornell has resigned from the Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG). The mayor is asking residents who would like to serve on this board to send him their resumes.

■ Darlene Pinto announced that the borough has received a \$5,000 grant from Middlesex County Forestry for the planting of trees in conjunction with the expansion of Putnam Park at Oak Tree Rd. and Park Avenue.

■ Board of Education member Dan Smith was appointed liaison to the Borough Council by the BOE.

### Board of Adjustment

■ Ramanda Limited on Hamilton Blvd. was granted a variance to the number of parking spaces and gave a final site plan for their planned expansion.

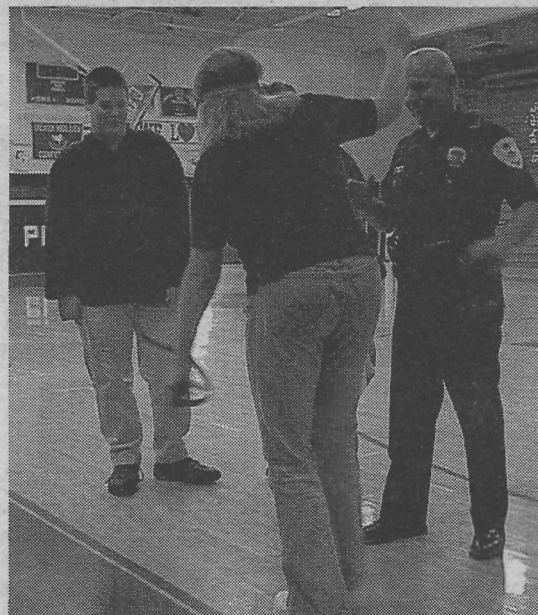
### Planning Board

■ The board approved given preliminary site plan approval for a childcare center to be located on Front Street with several conditions to be addressed at the final site plan hearing.

## High School Students Experience the "Realities" of Drunken Driving

The high school gym was filled with juniors and seniors who will be attending the prom on Friday. A hush fell over the crowd as police officers Joe Papa and Alan LaMonda spoke to students about the program they were about to participate in, a drunk driving simulation. After a brief discussion on the effects of drinking and driving as well as the penalties, the students headed outside. The field was set up with a 'road' of orange cones in a twisting pattern of curves, a golf cart took the place of a car. Specially designed goggles were given to the designated drivers. Wearing the goggles and following the directions of the instructor, the confident students attempted to follow the path without hitting

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## In My Opinion

### To the Editor,

I want to say how proud I am of the South Plainfield Rescue Squad, along with the 911 operator and the police department.

On Wednesday, May 19, my husband Alfred "Rip" Hellrieger, fell on glass and cut himself severely.

The 911 operator kept me on the phone and told me just what to do until the police and rescue squad came to help us.

The Muhlenberg Hospital folks were also great taking care of Al.

Thank God for all of these wonderful people.

**HELEN HELLRIEGER**

### 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 month 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.

**HANK GRABARZ**

### To the Editor,

Our Assistant Superintendent Dr. Lillian DeSimon has given permission for this memo, which was sent to all teaching staff members, to be printed in the *South Plainfield Observer*. This letter demonstrates our administration's appreciation for its faculty, during a time of contract negotiations.

**YOURS TRULY,  
BARBARA HARRIS,  
SPEA COMMUNICATIONS  
CHAIRPERSON**

### To our very fine teaching staff members:

A school district may be in possession of the finest instructional materials and equipment as well as a superior and well-articulated curriculum; but without a talented and dedicated teaching staff to furnish instruction to students, such possessions can prove to be ineffective.

However, we in the South Plainfield Public Schools are most fortunate in that we surely do have a corps of committed, caring and diligent teachers, who provide our students with a very fine, well-rounded educational program. Additionally, our staff members exert great effort in bringing the enrichment of special programs, projects and extracurricular activities to our students. For all of this, the members of the Board of Education and all members of the educational community are most grateful.

In celebration of National Teachers' Day, I extend the expression of sincere appreciation and best wishes of the Board of Education and of the district administrators. May you enjoy your special day of honor amid the richly deserved compliments of parents, community members and your colleagues in education.

**SINCERELY,  
LILLIAN DESIMON, ED.D.  
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT  
OF SCHOOLS**

### Dear Editor:

On Thursday, May 20, we had the pleasure of attending the Instrumental Concert at the South Plainfield Middle School. The time and preparation the children put into their music was evident in the quality of their playing. Their enthusiasm was contagious. Under the leadership of Mr. Paul Sturm and Mr. Andrew Veiss, the Sixth Grade Wind Ensemble, the Sixth Grade Band, the Jazz Band and the Seventh and Eighth Grade Band treated the audience to several wonderful numbers. The rapport between the students and the music teachers was obvious. Adults and children of all ages sat and listened attentively to the music.

Only one thing marred an oth-

erwise enjoyable evening. A number of children of elementary school age were allowed to behave in the back of the room as though they were at a playground. They ran about, practiced handstands and noisily called to each other. From where I sat, I could see many people looking back and shaking their heads, obviously disturbed by the noise. Where were their parents?

At a concert such as this, children should be taught to sit quietly and to listen respectfully. The time and effort put in by the performers deserves this much. Children will usually rise to the expectations we set for them. As parents, it is our responsibility to teach our children appropriate behavior. The reward will often be a child who comes to enjoy the arts and who has an appreciation of the work that goes into a concert of this type.

I thank our schools and administrators for supporting the arts and music programs. The quality of the evening's performance was exceptional.

**JANIS NIETZER**

### South Plainfield Residents,

The South Plainfield Social Services Dept. has reached the time of the year when our food supplies are low. During the holiday season, we could not ask for a better response to our needs. However, we have made great demands on our food pantry during the winter months and as a result we are again asking for your help. If you could donate any staple food items at this time, it would be greatly appreciated. A list of most needed items is available by calling 908-226-7625.

Also, we have had requests for children's summer clothing in various sizes. If you have clothing in good condition, please call the number above for size needs.

As always, we know that our South Plainfield community will respond to our needs. Thank you for all the help you have given in the past and continue to give.

**MARGE ACKERMAN  
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL  
SERVICES  
BOROUGH OF SOUTH  
PLAINFIELD**

### To the Editor,

Now that the weather has warmed up and we've had a sample of what's to come, I think it is inappropriate that some people attend church services dressed as though they were going to the beach.

After all, if a person is going to visit the "House of The Lord" even if it's only for an hour, they should show proper respect. There should not be any "T" shirts, tank-tops or shorts.

Ask the "grandparent generation" what was required of them or considered proper attire for going to church in their younger days. For the men, it was a suit, a tie and a white shirt. The women usually wore long sleeved dresses, (white gloves) and a hat. Most churches were not air conditioned until the building boom of the mid '50s.

I am not suggesting that we go back 40 or 50 years, but it does not look very respectful the way some people present themselves today in church.

**WILLIAM TUTHILL**

## 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

2000: January 18, February 15, March 14, April 11, 2000

### 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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## Updated Middlesex Co. Transit Map Available

An updated edition of the Middlesex County Transit Guide is now available from Keep Middlesex Moving, Inc., (KMM) Middlesex County's transportation management association. KMM is associated with the Middlesex County Improvement Authority. The Guide has been revised to reflect changes to the transit system which have occurred since its first printing three years ago.

The guide contains a map of all the mass transit routes serving Middlesex County as well as a detailed listing of the points served by each route. Other information, including fare programs, ticket options, purchasing

agents and information phone are noted. The guide also explains special transportation services such as access for mobility impaired persons, AccessLink and Middlesex County Area-Wide Transportation System (AWTS) for senior citizens and disabled residents.

The Middlesex County Planning Board provided technical oversight for the guide. KMM printed the guide with funding from the N.J. Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Department.

To obtain a copy of the updated Middlesex County Transit Guide, call 732-745-5903.

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## Community BRIEFS

### Nominations Sought for Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal

The South Plainfield Public Celebrations Committee is asking residents to send in their nominations for the 42nd Annual Labor Day Parade Honorary Grand Marshal. The Labor Day Parade will take place on Monday, September 6.

If readers know of any individuals who they feel have contributed outstanding service to the community, send a letter to the Celebrations Committee describing why you think this person should be considered for

Grand Marshal. Include the candidate's name, address, telephone number and list of accomplishments to: The Public Celebrations Committee, c/o Joe Scudato, 535 Elsie Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or email: jascudato@ms.att.com.

Also, if any non-profit organization wishes to have a concession stand in Veterans' Park during the parade festivities, contact Darlene Pinto, Concessions, at 214 Hopkinson St., South Plainfield, NJ.

### Sacred Heart Revises Mass Schedule

Starting on June 6 Sacred Heart Church will begin a new mass schedule for its Sunday and Holy Day Services.

The new Sunday schedule will be 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. The Saturday evening mass will remain at the same time, 5:45

p.m.

Also changing will be the schedule for Holy Days masses. The new schedule will be 7 and 9 a.m. and 12:10 p.m. There will be no Holy Day evening mass. There will still be a vigil mass the evening before a Holy Day at 7 p.m.

### Summer Solstice Celebration at Highland Ave. Woods

The South Plainfield Environmental Commission and Friends of the Woods will sponsor a Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday, June 19, at the South Plainfield Nature Reserve. Mid-summer revelers will meet at the Sylvania Place entrance (off of So. Clinton Avenue) that evening to enjoy the (almost) longest day of the year.

Storytelling by Dave Street will begin at 7:30 p.m., to be followed

by an evening nature walk led by Friends of the Woods members. Mr. Street is a professional performer who specializes in environmental presentations.

The program is free of charge and registration is not required. Participants should wear sturdy shoes and may wish to bring something to sit on; we also suggest insect repellent. For more information, call the environmental specialist at (908) 226-7621.

## MILESTONES

### Dr. Daniel Santoro Receives President's Award

Dr. Daniel J. Santoro was named the 1999 recipient of the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. Dr. Santoro is the son of Michael and Rose Santoro of South Plainfield.

Santoro graduated from South Plainfield High School in 1975, received a B.A. from Lebanon Valley College in 1979, an M.A. from The College of William and Mary in 1981, and a Ph.D. in Sociology

from the University of New Hampshire in 1989. Dr. Santoro began teaching at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown in 1989 where he holds the rank of Associate Professor and serves as chair of the UPJ Sociology Department. He lives in Johnstown, Pa., with his wife, Lisa Baughman.

The University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown serves some 3,000 students and maintains a full-time faculty numbering 140.

## Project Graduation Gets \$1,000 Donation

One of the many programs sponsored by the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance Awareness is assistance in funding Project Graduation. Since 1994, the Alliance has donated \$1,000 per year to Project Graduation to be used for supplies and operating expenses for this very worthwhile program.

Mrs. Helen Gottlieb, assistant principal at the high school, indicates that Project Graduation is highly successful. "Over 90% of the graduating seniors attend each year. Since the inception of this event, there has not been one fatality due to substance abuse following the graduation ceremony."

Project Graduation is held annually following graduation at the Ricochet Health and Racquet Club. Seniors attend the program from 10 p.m. through 6 a.m. the evening of graduation. A variety of games, events, entertainment, swimming and dancing are provided in a drug-free environment. Supervision is provided by school personnel along with parents and the PTA, headed by President Angela Prybella.

Ricochet Health and Racquet Club also helps to sponsor other community programs including SPASA's annual Labor Day 5K



Middle School Assistant Principal and Coordinator for SPASA William Beegle presents a \$1,000 check for Project Graduation to High School Assistant Principal Helen Gottlieb (left) and High School PTA President Helen Prybella (right).

Race. A special thanks to Gary Hamrah, owner, and the staff at Ricochet for their community involvement and efforts to reduce substance abuse in South Plainfield.

SPASA organizes and sponsors other programs in South Plainfield designed to educate the community on the dangers of substance abuse. Many of the programs are school based such as Peer Mediation, Peer Mentorship, Peer Adolescent Leaders, Respect All Races Everywhere and Project

Use. Additionally, SPASA actively supports DARE which is coordinated by Officers Al LaMonda and Joe Papa. Teen Night is a community program which receives financial support from state grant funds provided by the Alliance.

Anyone interested in information regarding the substance awareness programs of SPASA should contact William Beegle, Middle School assistant principal and coordinator for the alliance at 754-4620, extension 310.

## House Fire Victims Express Gratitude To Borough Emergency Departments

### To the South Plainfield Fire Department and Rescue Squad

On behalf of the Walsh family on Vail Court, I would like to thank all those people who responded to our house fire on Thursday, April 29 at 9:40 p.m. To the many volunteers of the South Plainfield Fire Department who worked in such an intense fire situation in our garage in order to save the remaining living portion of our house, we will be eternally grateful. To the Rescue Squad, who stood outside with us (on an extremely cold spring night) comforting us and making sure that myself and my children were being taken care of, we are forever in your debt. To Mayor and Mrs. Gallagher for representing and supporting the best of our town—thank you for your show of support.

I was not at home when the fire erupted, but three of my children were, as well as a dog and some other smaller pets of my younger daughter. The horror and fear I felt as I approached my house while my children were emerging will be forever etched in my memory. Time

seemed an eternity as our home was burning, but barely two minutes had passed before we could hear and see the approach of the fire engines and within a relatively short period of time, the fire had been extinguished.

I remember a fireman asking me to open my hands and gently placing jewelry within them. Jewelry which was on my dresser in an upstairs bedroom just off the side of the garage, the walls of which had just started to burn. Another fireman had brought out our pet iguana and hamster unharmed.

As I later was allowed into the house to collect some items my children and I would need later that night—I realized that they also had removed a portrait of my children over the fireplace wall (a wall also burned) and safely put it in a relatively untouched room. Thank you—your sensitivity and compas-

sion is what I will remember as I eagerly try to push this horrible memory aside. The strength of my children, Kim, Keith, Mindy and Erin, their fiancées, Michael and Cherie, (who became my children that night), the kindness of my neighbors and friends, most of whom are like family to me, completely envelopes me right now. They brought blankets and coats to keep us warm, held us as we cried and they are the reason we found cause to smile in the ensuing days. Thank you—I love you all!

I remember a long time ago reading a book on the lifestyles of the Eskimos (don't ask why). The Eskimo people have over 500 words they use to explain the word SNOW. It is that important to them. That night I learned at least that many that describe the words loving and caring.

BARBARA WALSH AND FAMILY

## Congressman Bob Franks to Host Town Meeting on Social Security

On Saturday, June 5, Congressman Bob Franks will host a special town meeting on the future of Social Security, 10 a.m. at the South Plainfield Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 2480 Plainfield Ave.

The meeting will explore a number of the Social Security reform proposals being offered by Presi-

dent Clinton and members of Congress. The public is encouraged to attend this very important town meeting to share comments and concerns.

If you have any questions or need directions, please call Bob Franks' Union District Office at 908-686-5576.

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# AROUND TOWN

## EVENTS

### Trip Planned to Resorts Casino

The Polish National Home is sponsoring a trip to Resorts Casino in Atlantic City on Sunday, June 27. The cost of the trip is \$15. The bus will leave the Polish Home parking lot located on New Market Ave. in South Plainfield at 11:30 a.m.

Reserve your seat early. Call Ann 561-6551 or Emily at 757-3428.

### 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.

### Country Breakfast at VFW Post 6763

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

### "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.

### 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.

### Tourette Syndrome Meeting

The next meeting Association Family Support Group will be held on Sept. 14 from 7-9 p.m. - at JFK Hospital, 65 James Street, Edison, in the Neuroscience Institute Department.

The other meeting this year will be held on Nov. 9. For more information call Debbie, 732-283-1439 or www.tsanj.org.

### Single Parents Group to Meet

A newly formed Single Parents of Central New Jersey group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

For information, call Sandra 732-283-1250 or e-mail snlprn tnj@aol.com.

### Trip to Radio City Christmas Show

The Recreation Department is planning a trip to the Radio City Christmas Show on Dec. 9. The tickets are \$50 per person. Purchase tickets at the PAL Building located on Maple Ave.

## From the South Plainfield Library

## Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for more news from South Plainfield Library! So, let's just take a breather from all the fun in the sun, please.

Our children's storytime programs are scheduled for Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. The programs feature stories, music and crafts. Each program is for children ages three and up. No registration is required; contact Linda Hansen at (908) 754-7885 for more information.

On Tuesday, the Library Board of Trustees will hold their monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend and participate in what promises to be an informative meeting.

Here's an event to mark on your calendars. The library will host a health and fitness seminar at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22. It'll be conducted by professional fitness trainer Ken Andes (whose column can sometimes be found in the *Observer*). The seminar will focus on subjects such as diet and nutrition, stress reduction and exercise techniques. Intended for all ages, there's no fee or registration needed for this program. If you'd like more information, call us at the number listed above.

The new group of Circuit videos for June is now available. This month's titles include recent releases like "The Avengers", "A Perfect Murder", and "As Good As It Gets"; children's tapes like "Arthur's Eyes", "A Goofy Movie", and

"Oliver & Company"; and classics like "Treasure of the Sierra Madre" and "Cimarron". Videos go out, four at a time, for two days at no charge.

While we're on the subject of movies, summer is a big movie-going season. There are lots of films and videos to choose from, but sometimes you may have trouble deciding what you want. Sure, a movie looks good, but is it suitable for your kids? Another movie sounds familiar, but is it a remake, sequel or rip-off? Well, we at the library can help. We've compiled a list of movie review websites, all of them accessible from our Internet terminals. These sites give a wide cross-section of information, including cast and credits, ratings and content, and plot synopses. These should give you a good idea of what to expect from a given movie or video (and, given the cost of admission and rental, that makes good consumer sense). Others also include links to a movie's official website, or other related sites. You can pick up a list at the main desk or at the door to the children's room.

Finally, here's news about a book bargain here at the library. At this writing, we have a 33-volume set of the 1997 Thomas Register. It's for sale and any offer is accepted. Check at the main desk if you're interested.

That'll about wrap it up for this week. Thanks for reading, and be sure to stop by next time.

## Save on Amusement Tickets This Summer!!

Thanks to the NJ Recreation & Parks Association, South Plainfield Recreation Department is offering tickets to amusement parks at a great discount. Call the Recreation Department at 908-226-7713 for more information.

### 1999 Ticket Prices

Amusement Park Ticket	Gate Price	Our Price
6 Flags, Great Adventure (Combination)	\$40.30	\$27.00
6 Flags, Great Adventure (Theme Park Only)	\$37.00	\$25.00
Dorney Park/Wildwater Kingdom (Early Season)	\$22.00	\$19.00
Dorney Park/Wildwater Kingdom	\$28.00	\$22.00
Sesame Place	\$27.95	\$28.50
Hershey Park (Adult)	\$29.95	\$25.50
Hershey Park (Junior)	\$16.95	\$18.00
Mtn. Creek Adult	\$29.00	\$23.00
Mtn. Creek Junior	\$15.00	\$13.00

Tickets may be purchased at the Recreation Office located in the PAL Building.

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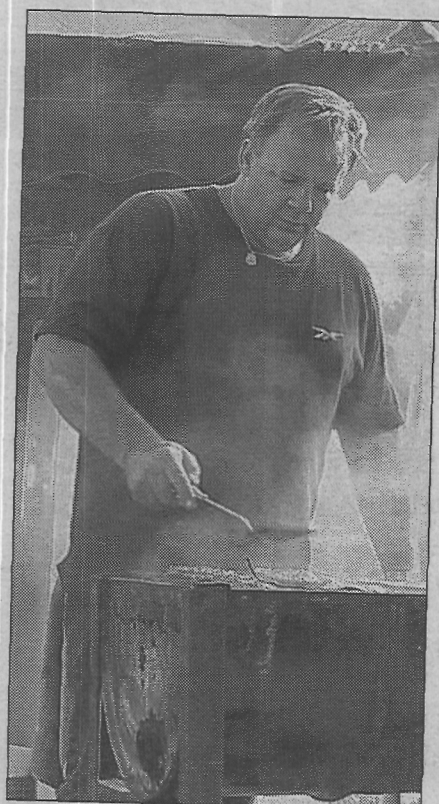
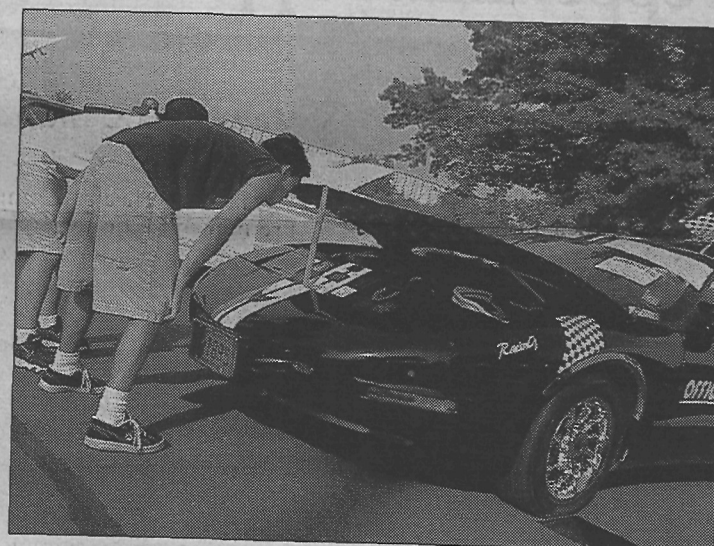
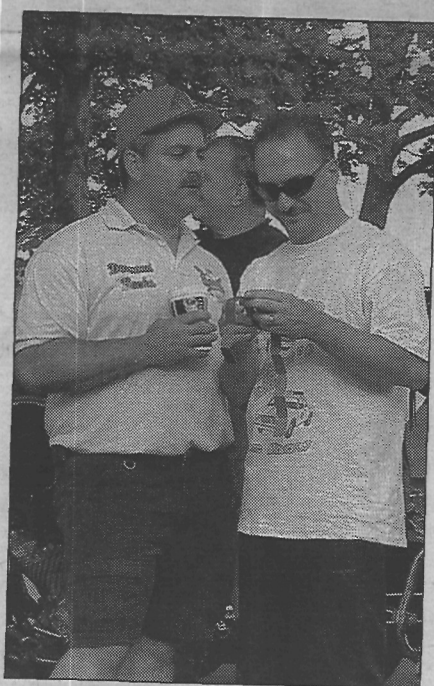
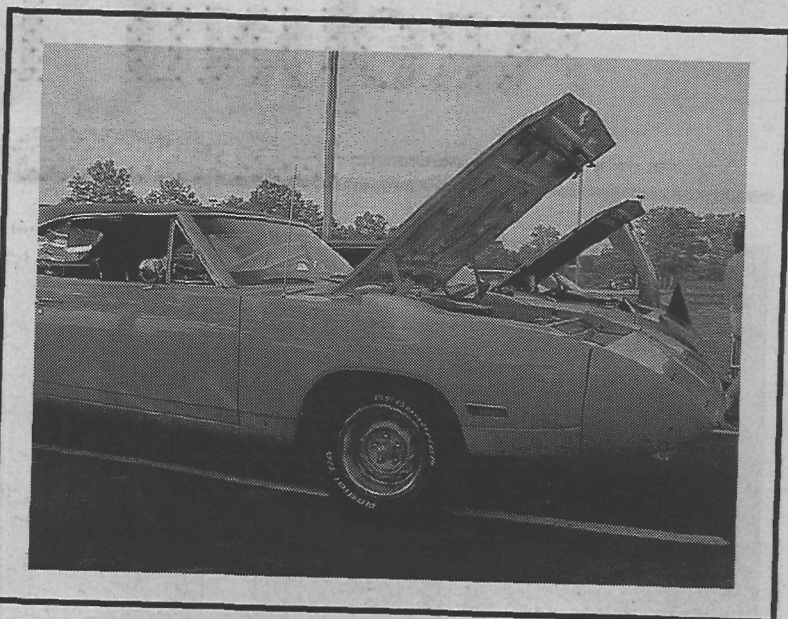
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Submit your events to *Around Town*, at the South Plainfield Observer, 530 Union Ave., Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846 or fax (732) 805-0815.



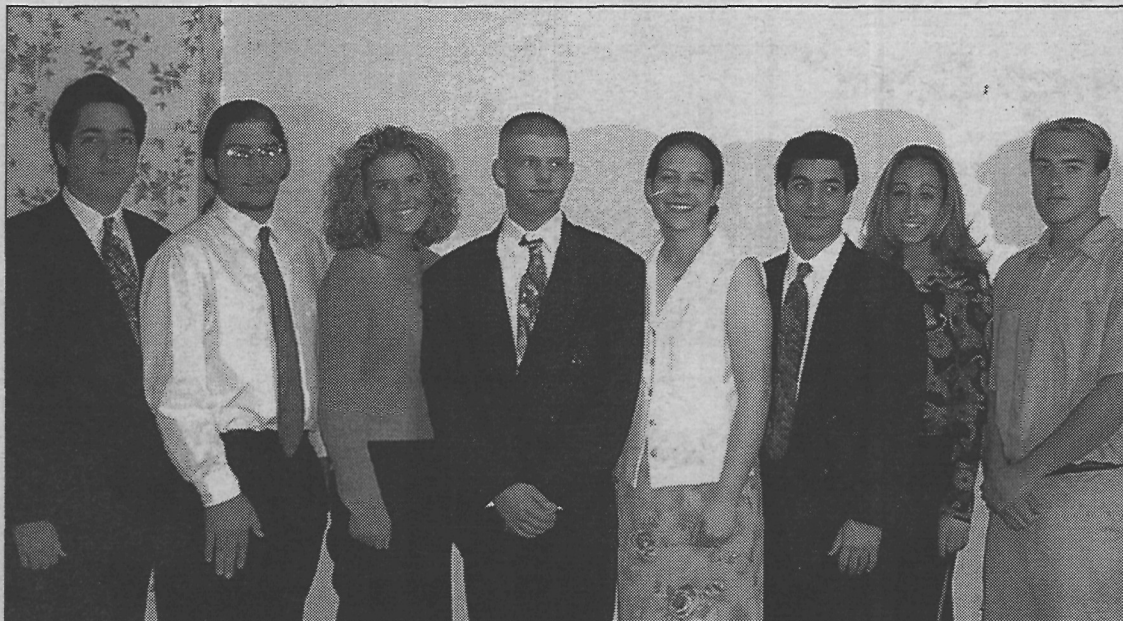


# South Plainfield Gears Up for PBA Car Show





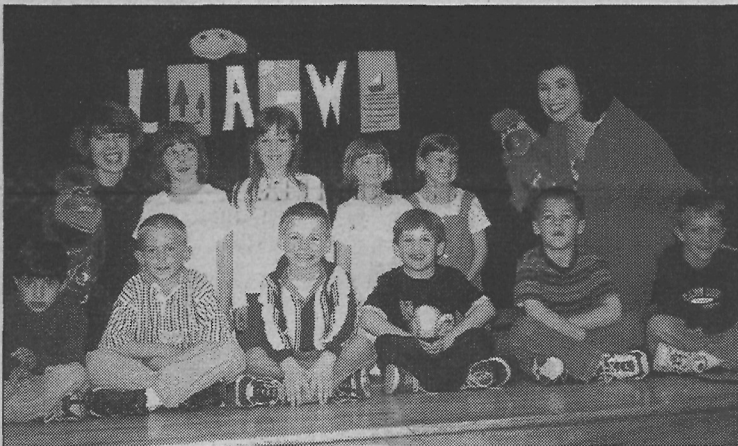
# IN OUR SCHOOLS



## UNICO Holds Memorial and Family Scholarship Award Dinner

Last week the Italian American Club in North Plainfield awarded scholarships to ten students. They are from left to right, Daniel F. LaSpata, Marcelo C. Buschiazio, Lynsey Ann Backman, Elizabeth Ann Serago, Mathew S. LaSpada, Danielle M. Persa, Salvatore L. DeGennaro and Susan Lynn Jaidullo. Not present was Maurizio C. Belestia. UNICO sponsors many local and national scholarships as well as mental health research, Cooley's Anemia Research, Columbus Day celebrations, Christmas parties for special children, cultural programs and District X Brian Piccolo Awards. The recipients of the Brian Piccolo Awards this year were Jill Capano and Mathew Wojcik.

## Peppermint Puppeteers at Riley School



The Peppermint Puppeteers recently performed their widely acclaimed environmental play,

*Don't Waste a Minute*, Part I at Riley School. The presentation highlighted

litter abatement, recycling and source reduction. It was sponsored by the Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management.

The program aims to reach and teach students about current environmental concerns. It features an exciting, fun-filled storyline, a cast of lovable, zany puppets, actors, music, special black light effects and lots of audience participation. Written and performed by the Peppermint Puppeteers, the show is endorsed by the N.J.D.E.P. and educators and government officials throughout the state.

The Puppeteers offer four completely different programs on environmental themes, so return visits are often requested and greatly anticipated. The Puppeteers strive to make learning a fun experience and judging from the audience response, everyone had a great time and learned something valuable in the process.

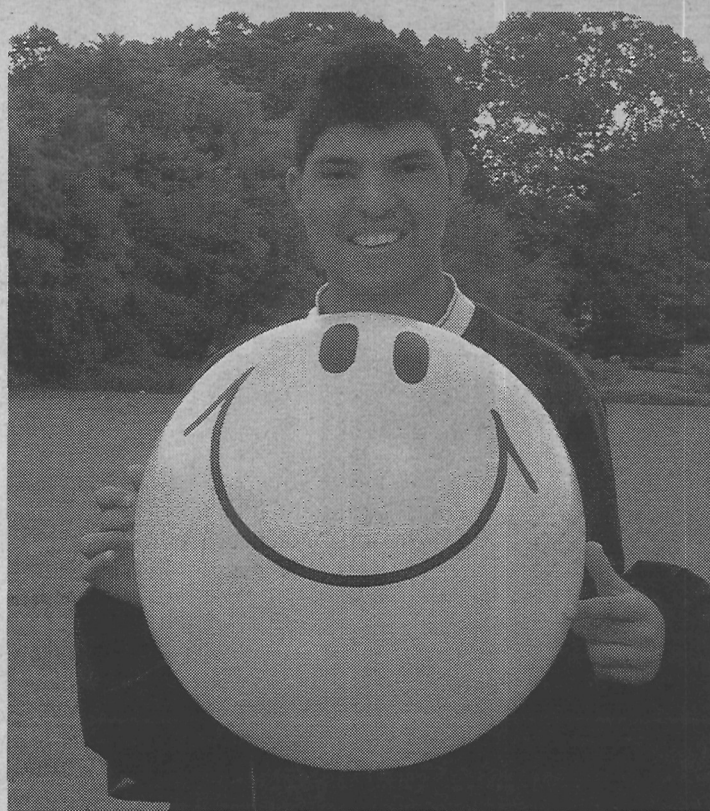
Additional shows in their repertoire include assembly programs on the topics of health, drug awareness, conflict resolution, self-esteem and cultural diversity. For information, call 201-573-0800.

## Registration Reception For New Girl/Adult Scouts 1999/2000

The South Plainfield Girl Scout Community will be hosting a reception on registration for all girls who will be new to Girl Scouting and any adult who is interested in volunteering. The Registration Reception will be held on Wednesday, June 9 at Wesley Methodist Church on Plainfield Avenue, 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 about Girl Scouting. For information, contact Nancy Regan, Town Organizer, at 908-756-4530.

## Gold Card Students Picnic at the High School

One of the rewards of being a Gold Card student is the annual picnic given each year by Vision 2001, who sponsors the program. Students who maintain a 3.0 average, have a good attendance record, have no disciplinary problems and are involved in two extracurricular activities are eligible to be a Gold Card student. This year, over 250 students attended the picnic. Gold Card students get discounts at local stores and free admission to athletic games.



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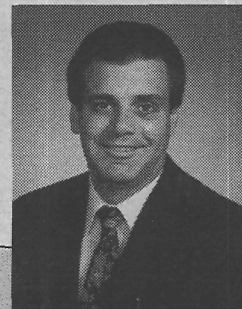
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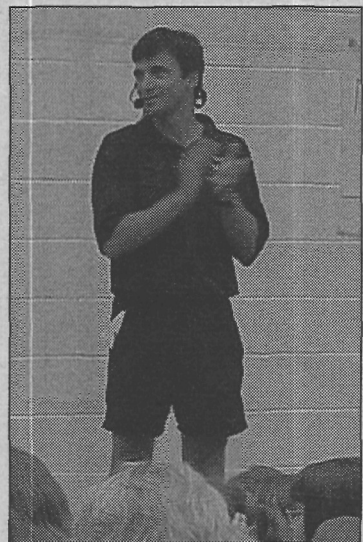
## Franklin School Students "Jump Rope" For the American Heart Association



multitude of giggles and cheers as 27 teams changed jumpers at the end of each 30 second shift. The students were served snacks of orange juice, fresh orange slices and crackers. They had the opportunity to try some double dutch jumping in between their jump shift.

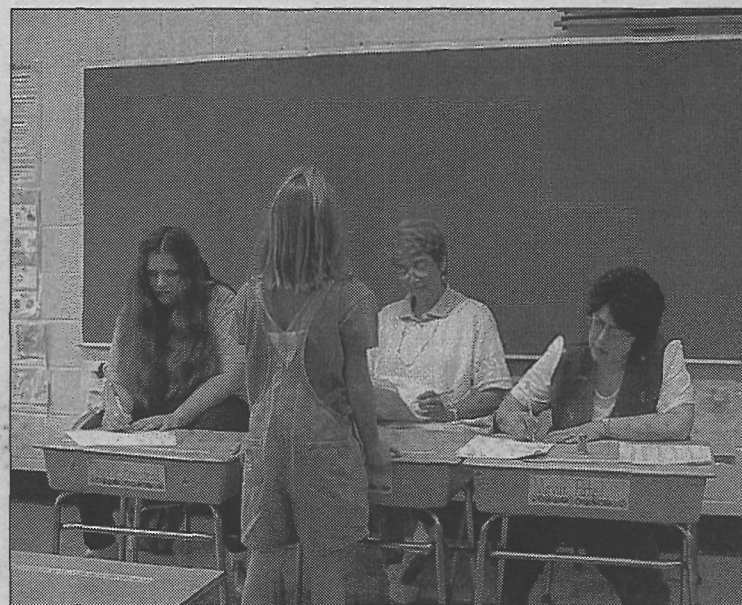
Jump Rope for Heart is sponsored by the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. The event benefits the American Heart Association's heart and blood vessel research, public education and community programs. Most of the students are involved in learning about their hearts and how to develop a healthful lifestyle. Physical Education teacher Drew Smith, jump rope for heart coordinator, said, "When you realize that heart attack and stroke are America's leading cause of death, you realize how important it is to support this effort. Jump Rope for Heart not only supports the American Heart Association's cardiovascular research and education programs, but teaches students the benefits of regular exercise to help keep their hearts healthy. You can never learn too soon about the kinds of things you can do to reduce your risk of heart disease."

Since its inception in 1979 Jump Rope for Heart has quickly grown into a popular way to raise funds and awareness for the AHA. Almost ten million teachers and students have participated nationwide. Franklin School has been participating in the program for the past six years. Last year 120 students raised \$7,600 and over the past six years raised a total of \$22,300 for the AHA. Shirley Horn, a representative for the AHA's Youth Market Team, attended the Franklin event. Shirley noted that South Plainfield was a generous and giving town. She was pleased with the enthusiasm of the students. She said the other grade schools, along with Sacred Heart School, are in the process of signing up to participate in the program.



Physical Education teacher Drew Smith announces the total monies raised by the students.

The American Heart Association has a friend in Franklin School. On May 19 students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart marathon. Each participant had gathered sponsors to help support their efforts. As a one-time pledge, the sponsors agreed to pay the student a set amount for participating in the hour-and-a-half-long program. The students raised \$5,318 while having fun. Age and gender were not factors as 130 youths in grades one through five took turns jumping rope to raise money for the American Heart Association. From 3-4:30 p.m. the Franklin School gym spilled forth with the sounds of jump ropes lightly slapping the floor combined with a



## Roosevelt School Holds Eighth Annual Spelling Bee

On Tuesday, May 18, Roosevelt School held their Eighth Annual Spelling Bee. The event was open to students in grades one through five. Each student received a participation certificate.

The winners are:

Grade 1—First Place to Jamie Thompson, Second Place to Kelly Kline, Third Place to Katherine Douglas.

Grade 2—First Place to Ashley Capparelli, Second Place to Ralph Dimayuga, Third Place to Garrett Kelly.

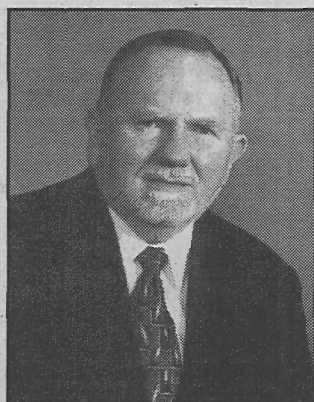
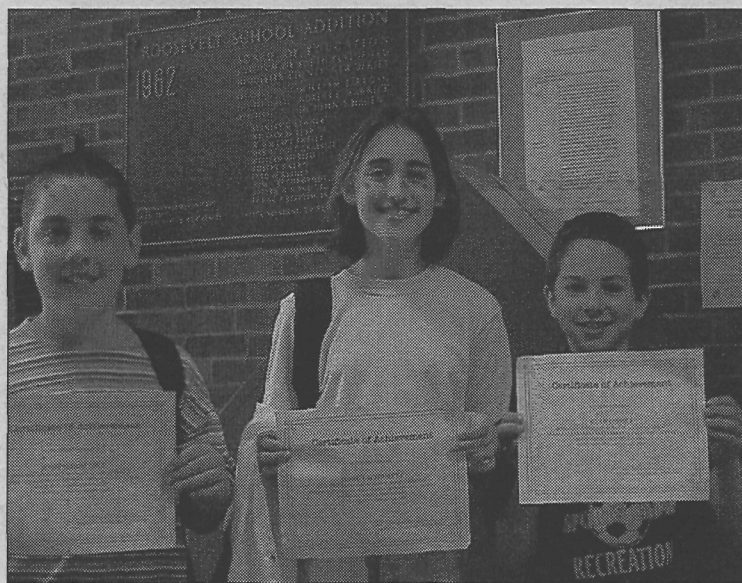
Grade 3—First Place to Erica Linick, Second Place to Nabia Kahn, Third Place to Brooke DeNitzio.

Grade 4—First Place to Kamal Darji, Second Place to Courtney Breland, Third Place to Ashleyanne Chosney.

Grade 5—First Place to Joey DeNitzio, Second Place to Jessica Schwartz, Third Place to Ryan O'Shea.

The winners received their certificates at the Monday morning assembly. The annual event is sponsored by the Roosevelt School PTA.

Special thanks went to PTA members Diane Gualano, Sue Ifrach, Denise Kelly, Michele Kunie, Judy Schoenly and Laura Miyasato for their help with the event.



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**San Francisco Giants**  
**Ryan Smith pitched his**  
**first game and didn't**  
**allow a run**

# SPORTS

**South Plainfield Tiger**  
**Girls finish season**  
**with 19-7 record**

## Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

### All-Star Day

Sunday June 6 is All-Star day at the complex. There will be a game played in each age group. A Home Run Derby and radar pitching contest will follow each game.

### Annual Dance

Tickets are still available for the annual SPJBC Dance to be held on Saturday night June 12th from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Polish National Home on New Market Avenue. Tickets are \$35 per person. 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 Day - Sunday June 6  
 SPJBC Dance - Saturday June 12 - no late games  
 SPJBC Invitational Tournament begins Thursday July 1

### Small Fry C League Highlights

#### GAME & HIGHLIGHTED PLAYERS

**Athletics vs. Diamond Backs** - Brian Erhart continued his hitting streak and Lyndsay Murtaugh pitched her first game for the A's. Joey Lacerda pitched well and Chris Uribe was great in the field for the Backs.

**Dodgers vs. Giants** - Scott Barton and Brad Martin pitched well for the Giants. Ryan Smith pitched in his first game for the Dodgers and didn't allow a run.

**Diamond Backs vs. Tigers** - Jalil Williams pitched well and John Pollizzano showed a strong bat at the plate for the Backs.

**Tigers vs. Diamond Backs** - Keith Heckel and Justin Smith each turned a double play.

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

### 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

## High School

by Brian Cochrane

## Girls Avenge Old Bridge Loss, Fall to Eagles

The South Plainfield girls softball season came to a close last Saturday afternoon with a heart-breaking 2-0 loss to the Eagles from Edison. More on that game later, first up was a quarter final match up with Old Bridge. Last week the Knights dominated the Tigers in an 8-1 win. This time around coach Panzarella decided to tinker with the offensive lineup by moving Carolyn Schweers into the lead off spot while moving Alison Barrett down to the number three slot. It proved to pay dividends as the Tigers wrapped nine hits and scored six runs in the 6-0 victory.

Old Bridge has been a pretty tough team to shut down all year but this time the Tiger defense played very fundamental softball and Alison Barrett did the rest scattering seven hits and only allowing one runner past second base. Alison also went 2-for-3,

scored one and knocked in one from the three spot and Carolyn Schweers went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI in the lead off role.

The semi-final game against Edison last Saturday was suspense at its peak with both the Eagles' Crystal Sweeney and Alison in a pitching groove for five and a half scoreless innings. Then in the bottom of the sixth Edison broke through for two runs on a hit and run double by Sweeney and an RBI single later in the inning to go up 2-0. The Tigers fought back valiantly in the seventh, putting two runners on with less than two outs only to see Edison slam the door on a game-saving catch by second baseman Kristin Patrick. The girls end an exciting season 19-7 and look forward to next year with many talented underclassman coming back to continue Tiger softball pride.

## Join the Summer Fun Program at Recreation

The Recreation office announced its Summer Fun Program to be held at Riley, Roosevelt, Kennedy and Franklin schools during the summer months. Summer Fun is free to any South Plainfield child entering first grade in September through those just completing sixth grade.

The program will have supervised daily activities starting June 30 and running until August 13 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m., rain or shine. It's a great way to make new friends, learn tennis, become a sculptor or an artist and as well as participate in many other planned activities.

In addition, there will be a free tennis program at Spring Lake Park for children ages 6-9 from 9-

10:30 a.m. and ages 10-14 from 10:30-noon. Participants must wear sneakers and bring their own tennis racket, plus one unopened can of tennis balls to the first class.

Preregister at the Recreation office located inside the PAL building or at the site where you would like to participate on the first day you attend. Proof of residency and parent's signature are required. You will have to provide an emergency contact information, including participant's doctor's name and phone number. This program is open to residents only. There is an additional fee for arts and crafts activities.

For more information, call the Recreation office at (908) 226-7713, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

## South Plainfield Golf League

### Week 5

Arena Sports 16 - Twin City Pharmacy 4  
 HCMA 15 - VFW 5  
 Hummel Chemical 13 - Witty's Liquors 7  
 Borman Communication 12 - So Plainfield Police 8  
 Pornovets 11 - Dilex 9  
 Masters 10 - Sport & Social 10

### Standings

American League	National League
HCMA 5-0-0	Hummel Chemical 3-2-0
Arena Sports 4-1-0	VFW 2-2-1
Borman Comm. 3-2-0	Pornovets 2-3-0
Witty's Liquors 2-3-0	So. Plainfield Police 2-3-0
Dilex 2-3-0	Twin City Pharmacy 1-3-1
Sport & Social 1-3-1	Masters 1-3-1

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# SPORTS

**Sacred Heart Track Team  
Won 39 Medals at the  
Central Jersey Catholic  
Track Conference**

## PONYTAIL 'A' LEAGUE TRANSWAYS

**Coach Frank Iber**  
Players Jamie Irber, Jenna DeSimone, Christina Lorraine, Yamara Salazar, Vicky Zappi, Meredith Kalman, Eva Rodriguez, Melissa Scotto, Chrissy Furka, Heather Barrett, Christina Millard, Danielle Tonkin, Judith Ringel and Ashley Mazellan.



## PONYTAIL 'B' LEAGUE NEW JERSEY HARDWOODS

**Coach Gail Kazimir**  
Players Carlie Kazimir, Heather Palitto, Vanessa Cassano, Rachel Cupido, Amber Walden, Jessica Schwartz, Becky Keller, Courtney Sacco, Kaitlin Mackenzie, Kendall Green, Carla Zappi and Kriste.



## PONYTAIL 'C' LEAGUE Quick Chek

**Coach Eleanor Soisson**  
Players Chelsea Soisson, Jessica Pryor, Danielle Ranger, Amanda Harzula, Jamie Okosko, Kim Russell, Dana DeCillis, Kathryn D'Aleo, Stephanie Mazurak, Samantha Horvath, Elizabeth Valentino, Kory McGovern and Sarah Schulte.



Look for more  
photos next issue

## Sacred Heart Track Team Competes in Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference

*Submitted By Lorraine McHugh*

The South Plainfield Sacred Heart School Spring Track Team competed in the 1999 Central Jersey Catholic Track Conference Individual Championships on Saturday, May 22. The meet was held at St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen. Sixty-four Sacred Heart runners participated in 20 events. They won 39 medals and broke five conference records. Congratulations to all runners. Medal winners are:

Event	Place	Runner Name	Time
1600m 3, 4, 5 Boys	2	Jeffery Pierik-Page	6:27.50
1600m 6, 7, 8 Boys	4	Derek Smith	6:07.31
1600m 6, 7, 8 Boys	5	Jayson DeMarco	6:12.43
1600m 6, 7, 8 Girls	1	Margie Monroe	6:41.19
100m K, 1, 2 Girls	1	Marika Simons	17.68
100m K, 1, 2 Girls	3	Geriana Pinto	18.60
100m K, 1, 2 Girls	5	Jackie Dougherty	18.71
100m K, 1, 2 Girls	7	Kaitlin Muglia	19.02
200m 3, 4, 5 Boys	4	Michael Clore	33.83
200m 3, 4, 5 Girls	1	Brittany Culver	28.57*
200m 3, 4, 5 Girls	2	Lakerra Culver	31.33
200m 3, 4, 5 Girls	4	Kiersten Whitaker	32.90
200m 3, 4, 5 Girls	5	Alicia Presley	34.40
200m 6, 7, 8 Boys	1	Camie Littrean	27.22
200m 6, 7, 8 Boys	3	Tyson Johnson	28.42
200m 6, 7, 8 Boys	6	Andres Campos-Marquetti	29.54
200m 6, 7, 8 Girls	1	Valerie Roles	28.42
400m K, 1, 2 Boys	6	Alfonse Muglia	1:28.06
400m K, 1, 2 Girls	1	Marika Simons	1:29.22
400m K, 1, 2 Girls	4	Ashley Forbes	1:36.02
400m K, 1, 2 Girls	5	Jackie Dougherty	1:37.77
400m 3, 4, 5 Girls	1	Brittany Culver	1:10.44*
400m 3, 4, 5 Girls	3	Kiersten Whitaker	1:17.75
400m 3, 4, 5 Girls	4	Julia Dougherty	1:19.83
400m 6, 7, 8 Boys	1	Camie Littrean	1:00.25 *
400m 6, 7, 8 Boys	2	Tyson Johnson	1:05.72
400m 6, 7, 8 Boys	3	Andres Campos-Marquetti	1:08.00
400m 6, 7, 8 Girls	1	Valerie Roias	1:05.60*
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## Obituaries

### Steven A. Bonscher, 51

Steven A. Bonscher died on Saturday, May 29, in the Hackensack University Medical Center in Hackensack, following a brief illness.

Mr. Bonscher was born Orange. He grew up in East Orange and was a 1965 graduate of Clifford Scott High School in East Orange. He has resided in South Plainfield for the past 20 years. From 1966 through 1972, he served with the US Army Reserves.

He had a career with the railroad, which spanned over 32 years, beginning in 1966, with the Pennsylvania RR, being the youngest person ever hired as a towerman with the Penn. He was later hired as a towerman by the former Central New Jersey Railroad and in 1969 he was promoted to locomotive engineer. He had also worked as a road foreman of Engineers for CNJ. In 1976 Conrail took over several failing RR's and he has worked for Conrail for over the past 23 years as an engineer. He recently received a promotion to road foreman of engineers with Conrail, which recently has become the Norfolk Southern Railroad.

His mother, Dorothy Scovern Bonscher, died in 1990.

Surviving are his wife, Paula Grauso Bonscher; his father, John R. Bonscher, Sr. of Toms River; a sister, Jacqueline Bonscher of Old Tappan and a brother, John R. Bonscher, Jr. of Roseland.

Funerals services were held at

McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial Donations may be made to Tomorrow's Children Foundation c/o Hackensack University Medical Center, 30 Prospect Ave., Hackensack, NJ 07601.

### Donald R. Tingley, 74

Donald R. Tingley died on Monday, May 31, in Parkersburg, West Virginia, while on a trip visiting friends.

Born in Bound Brook, Mr. Tingley resided in Westfield before settling in South Plainfield in 1955.

Mr. Tingley was an automobile mechanic for Dorfinger Esso in Plainfield and Warren for 30 years before his retirement in 1986.

He was a Navy veteran where he served as a gunner in the gunner crew during World War II in the Caribbean waters off the coast of the United States.

He is a life member of the Storrichie Veterans of Foreign Wars post #506 of North Plainfield. He is also a member of the Armed Guard.

Mr. Tingley is a member of the Trinity Reformed Church in North Plainfield and a life member of the National Rifle Association and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

He is predeceased by his sister, Anita Merchon.

Surviving are his wife, Bettyjane (Howarth) Tingley; his daughter and son-in-law, BJ and Susan Hageman of South Plainfield; two sons and daughters-in-law: Donald B. and Donna Tingley of North Plainfield and J. William "Bill" and Linda Tingley of Westfield. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Sarah, Claire, Grace, Sheri and Kevin.

Funeral services were by McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations may be made in his memory to the Trinity Reformed Church, c/o 401 Greenbrook Road, North Plainfield, NJ. 07060 or the American Heart Association, C/O 2550 Route #1 North, North Brunswick, NJ 08902.

Well it just doesn't take very long to be proven wrong anymore, especially when you're speaking about technology. It was only in our last column that I was referring to how our computer interacts with three of your five senses. Remember sight, sound, and touch? Ok, I stand corrected and you guessed it: smell-o-rama is back! Who'd have thought it? Certainly not me! Check for yourself by surfing into <http://www.realaroma.com>. Of course you'll need an aroma drive (I'm serious), and a SCSI adapter (honest, I'm serious!) if you don't already have one. The software is downloadable for free, just as are the real audio and real video players you already know about. The programming language is called RATML or Real Aroma Text Markup Language. Check it all out, this is for real, but I don't know if I'll get one!

**TIP:** But if I do, the first person to send me a "loaded" poo-poo cushion virus is dead meat, so DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT! When the dogs can use the Internet, then the "smellu-smellme" chat rooms might have visitors.

Slightly more comprehensible and certainly more market worthy, though just as real, are the geeksquads. When you computer is down and you need help and don't have a friend who'll help, the nerds are out there for hire. Pocket protectors and all, these guys and gals make the house calls others won't. You find them on the Internet of course and these websites will put you in touch with them if you enter the proper information. (I think some of these are even franchised!) [www.geeksguad.com](http://www.geeksguad.com), [www.geek911.com](http://www.geek911.com), and [www.rentageek.com](http://www.rentageek.com). Hi! Who ya gonna call? Pick one and keep their number handy. It might just be worth it someday to be able to make a call

## INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

### By Briggs Longbothum

and have a technogeek reincarnate your hopelessly scrambled workstation.

**TIP:** Scratched computer disks and CD-ROMs can often be buffed back into service if the scratches don't go too deep and let light pass through. Kits are available to do it yourself, or you should try contacting the manufacturer. Often for a very nominal fee, they'll simply replace it for you. It's worth a call as a first step. Failing that, try the Learning Company, who will replace a damaged program disk for \$10. Send disk and payment to: the Learning Company, P.O. Box 629000, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762.

We're waiting a bit to see how the new K-7 chips from AMD look when they are released at the

end of June. Recall my friend who is looking for a new computer?

Now is the time to be smart and wait. Intel has announced it will drop the Pentium-III Celeron prices by about 21% in early June to grab market share from AMD in the low end marketplace. The AMD K-7 is reported to be a much better, and less costly chip as well! (For those not "in the know," the AMD chips are also terrific microprocessors and it's not just "Intel Inside" when it comes to practical computer chip shopping). Smart shopping will always pay well when it comes to buying technology.

Let's hear from some other readers who have recently upgraded or who have new machines and see what's popular with you. Write in to this column c/o yours truly, Briggs Longbothum ([Bruggo@home.com](mailto:Bruggo@home.com)). See you all next time around.

## "Realities" of Drunken Driving

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any cones. Each student hit a number of cones despite obvious caution. Those observing the demonstration were enjoying the display. Each downed cone brought a cheer from the students, after all it was not really happening. A sobering thought occurs, the cones bounce back to shape but on an actual road in a car, if reflexes were impaired from alcohol or drugs, those cones would be people and other vehicles.

As the students enjoy their prom and all the fun that June and graduation brings, we can only hope that the images of those cones stay with them, and they think twice before drinking or even getting into a car with someone who is intoxicated.

Katie Kittel, a SPHS junior who will be attending the prom on June 4, related her reaction to the simulation:

"I watched the other kids at-

tempt to drive, and they hit almost every cone. I could not understand why. I knew that everyone had to wear goggles that distorted their judgement but I didn't think it could be that hard if you went at your own speed and stayed focused. Boy, was I wrong. I had to press the pedal to the floor, it was so hard to control the car and I hit almost every cone. The feelings I had were embarrassment and when I stopped, all I could say was "sorry." Natalie, the person sitting in the cart with me said, "Is that what you would say if you killed someone?" The feeling I got was eerie because I knew how many people drink and drive. I can't speak for anyone else but I will never drink and drive because I think it is very irresponsible. I don't think I could live with myself if I injured someone because of my stupidity."

By Cyrus n Moon

## Weekly Horoscope 6/4-6/10

**ASTRO TIDBITS \*\*\*\*\*announcement\*\*\*\*\*** contest being run in the **So. Plainfield Observer**. One entry per person. No purchase necessary. Can be mailed to **South Plainfield Observer, 530 Union Ave., Suite 3, Middlesex, NJ 08846** or E-mail it to [editor@spobserver.com](mailto:editor@spobserver.com). Cyrus will give you the first line in a quote and you write the second line. Cyrus and the **Observer** at their discretion will pick their favorite response. First prize and the only prize will be an astrology book on your sun sign. Once the responses are received no later than June 17 they become property of the **Observer** and may be printed at their discretion. So have fun and use your imagination and keep it down to one sentence.

**QUOTE:** The sun lights our path through this life from above...  
Your line here

**GEMINI 5/21-6/20 Mercury trines Mars** over the weekend you will want to speak your mind, do not start a fight but get your views out into the open. Needless to say this is a good time for taking some action you've been shying away from. You're not fearful to let others know where you stand. So without being ornery get your point across to the family.

**CANCER 6/21-7/22** try to be a little understanding around Tuesday. With **Moon Squares Mercury** you will want to avoid controversy by changing your own views. But be sure what you are saying is honest, and don't cut a conversation short, because all you'll hear is not what you expected. Emotion, rather than rational thinking, can take over a conversation.

**LEO 7/23-8/22** you have a wonderful transit working for you this week. **Sun trines Uranus**, it's time for you to engage in new activities and making dis-

coveries about your self and the world around you. Also, others around you will see that you are interested in being yourself, and your liveliness will attract others. You will have some vivid dreams.

**VIRGO 8/23-9/22** your thoughts will be heavy this week, even pessimistic. You're more inclined to be critical of others, the situation, or yourself, which does not make for the best of moods. And for this reason you need to ride out your **Mercury in challenging aspect to Saturn**. So on Friday and Saturday hold off on important communication or negotiations.

**LIBRA 9/23-10/22** on the job front you will have the opportunity to persuade others, as in sales or public relations. Also as with other **Moon sextile Jupiter** transits this is good for group activities, as all will see the benefit of putting a pet project together. Regardless of your own sex, relationships with women are also good with this transit. **SCORPIO 10/23-11/21** on Sunday be careful **Moon square Pluto** can install compulsive behavior; your emotions acquire so much momentum that it is difficult not to give in to sudden urges and impulses that may not be good in the long run, particularly if you have been trying to suppress your feelings. On the positive side though, you know what you want.

**SAGITTARIUS 11/22-12/21** you have a nice transit working for you starting on Sunday **Moon sextiles Jupiter**. You will be feeling quite good, and you enjoy being with congenial people. But I think it would be best to be with old friends whom you know so well and establish strong emotional ties. Let them know you will be there for them, and they in turn will be there for you. **CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19** your transit doesn't happen till Thursday **Moon conjuncts Saturn**. You will want to

keep your innermost feelings to yourself. But remember, recognize that life probably looks worse than it is. If loneliness sets in give a friend a call. Also, domestic problems can accompany this transit, that is if you feel domestic life is not giving you what you expect.

**AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18** a **Sun trine to Uranus** on Monday indicates leadership ability, creativity and inspiration. You may not be too impressed with your own accomplishments, but this way you will never be accused of being egotistical. Anyone with problems will be coming to you for advice and that's because you do not consider their problems trite.

**PISCES 2/19-3/20 Mercury conjuncts Neptune** two distinct potentials here. One useful and one difficult. You may want to study mysterious subjects, the occult, or spiritual philosophy and even your artistic expression may shine. But on the other hand this "imaginative" power can get out of hand that it may change from imagination to illusion. One other thing be honest this week.

**ARIES 3/21-4/19** the **Moon enter Aries** on Monday. It's a time of enthusiasm and beginnings. If you are looking to make changes in your life no matter what it is: love, work, or activities, now is as a good time to put thought into it. Be careful of a bad temper or selfishness towards the end of this transit (Tuesday) and all you strive for, will work!

**TAURUS 4/20-5/20** you have the **Moon entering Taurus** on Wednesday, this can signify being stodgy and cautious. You will be happy at what you have instead of striving for more. But if seeking financial assistance bankers or others in charge of money will be slow at making loans. Take that rest on Wednesday be dull by reading a book, or watch a movie.

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## Three Area Residents Appearing in Renaissance Kingdom

Three South Plainfield residents are currently participating in the 11th Annual New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom in Somerset. Pamela Cianfrocca, Christopher Abbott and his mother, Patricia Abbott, just completed the second weekend of the festival. Pam, a ninth grade student at SPHS, is playing the role of the lovelorn Princess Golda in the children's show, *The Dragon Heart*. Christopher Abbott, seventh grade student at the Middle School, portrays hero Prince Beau, in the production. Chris has been involved with the Kingdom since the age of five, while Pamela is experiencing her first year as a volunteer and performer.

*The Dragon Heart* was written by the *Observer's* Patricia Abbott, an eight-year veteran of the Renaissance Kingdom. The play was

originally a two page skit. Patricia developed a full length version, with 36-plus roles, for Roosevelt School's Drama Club. Franklin School fourth grade drama club members presented yet a third version of the play.

The NJ Renaissance Kingdom is open weekends until June 27 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. The annual festival features a ongoing story of the Kingdom of Somerset.

There are too many shows to take in with a single visit. Seven stage and performing areas offer something for everyone. Puppet shows, fairy tales, mimes, dancing and music can be found throughout the day. The kingdom is filled with royalty, knights, nobles and peasants, from the formal ladies to the revellers, all are ready to stop and chat or entertain. The diversity ranges from a

presentation of *Cinderella* to Shakespeare's *King Lear*. New to the Kingdom this year is the Fairy Tale Village, created especially for the younger guests. The village boasts Gulliver and his miniature town and a hysterical juggling show. Merchants with the little ones in mind offer Teddy bears, marionettes, balloon sculptures and face painting. Pony rides and petting zoo complete the picture.

The Fairy Tale Village is also the stage for *The Dragon Heart*. A special feature of the Kingdom is the Enchanted Forest. A journey with a brave knight through the mystical woods takes you on a special quest.

For directions and information, call 732-271-1119. Their website can be found at [www.njkingdom.com](http://www.njkingdom.com).



Cast members of *The Dragon Heart*— Christopher Abbott as Prince Beau and Pam Cianfrocca as Princess Golda.

## POLICE REPORT

- Chin Brothers auto reported the theft of a car from the parking lot. The car had been left for repairs, the keys were left in the car so that the owner, an Elm St. resident, could pick up the vehicle. The owner received a message on her answering machine that her car was blocking a dumpster and had to be moved but no location or phone number were left. The car was discovered at KC's Corners where it had been for approximately six days.

- A Norway Lane resident reported the theft of a cordless drill, circular saw and other equipment from his residence. A witness saw a suspect leave the victim's house on a bike, carrying a box. The witness notified the police.
- A Dumont Ave. resident reported the theft of stereo and equipment from his vehicle. Entrance was gained by smashing window.

- An Eleanor St. resident reported her right rear fender on a vehicle had

been smashed while parked at her residence. A wooden fence post was found near the car.

- A Riley School custodian reported five windows in two classrooms had been broken.

- A Bell Place resident reported pizza thrown on her car and the rear drivers side window was smashed. The incident occurred while the vehicle was parked at her home.

- A tractor with the motor running was found behind the Middle School. Citizens playing softball reported the vehicle. The ignition has been tampered with but an officer was able to turn the tractor off with a screwdriver.

- An Eleanor St. resident reported a vehicle in her driveway had been vandalized. A window had been damaged but nothing was removed from the car.

- A PSE&G employee reported the passenger vent window of a PSE&G van had been broken into. A cell phone was taken from the vehicle.

- A Park Ave. resident reported the theft of jewelry from his home. A hospice nurse who had not returned to the job is a suspected. Other hospice patients have reported items missing from their homes after the nurse had been employed there. A complaint will be filed.

- New England Motor Freight security reported witnessing a suspect leave the loading area carrying shirt valued at \$28. Security notified police. It was discovered that the suspect was also concealing two containers of perfume valued at \$40 each.

### Ame Supermarkets Fined

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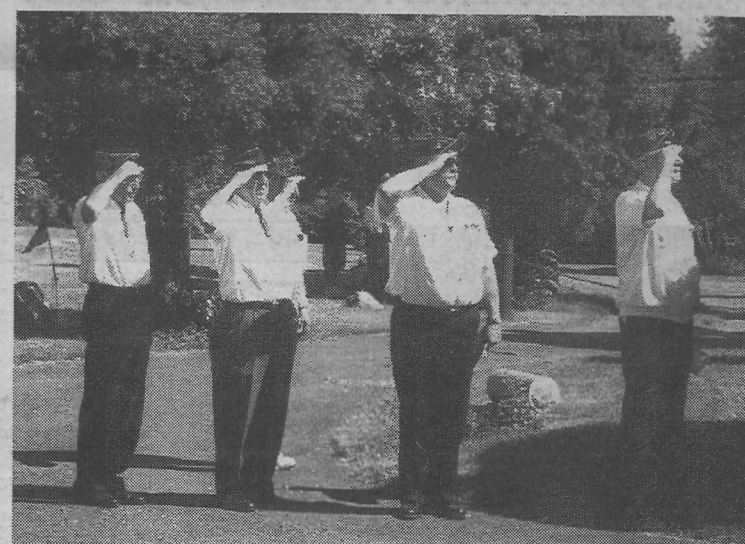
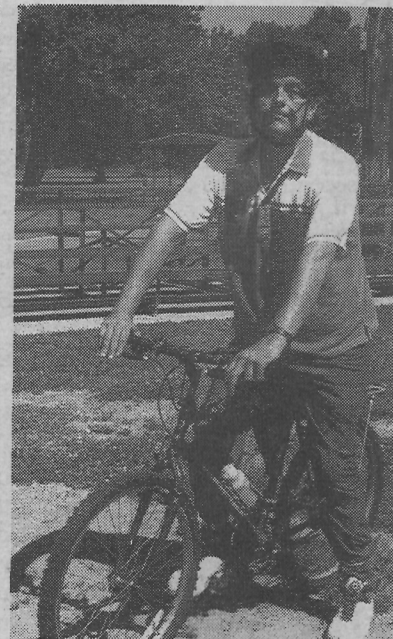
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and women who fought so that we could have our freedom. Their mother, Ruth Janizak, is an active member of the D.A.R. She is now planning the special ceremonies to be held on July 4 dedicating the new headstones which were recently placed at the graves of the Revolutionary War Veterans buried in the Baptist Cemetery.

The crowd of about 40-50 veterans and guests seemed to grow along the way, with more people appearing at each stop. By the time the group got to the VFW, a crowd of almost 90-100 gathered for the closing ceremonies.

Robert Burdnicki, who served in the Army from 1963-1965, attended all of the ceremonies in an unusual fashion. Robert rode his bike to the American Legion and proceeded to bicycle to all three cemeteries, Veterans Park and then to the VFW. He said he wanted to pay tribute to those who had died by attending this year's ceremonies. He has lived in South Plainfield most of his life and this was the first year he attended the Memorial Day services. This was quite a task since last Monday was extremely hot and humid.

At each place the group stopped, a prayer and a tribute was said remembering those who had fought and died. A wreath was laid and "Taps" was played to close the ceremonies.



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