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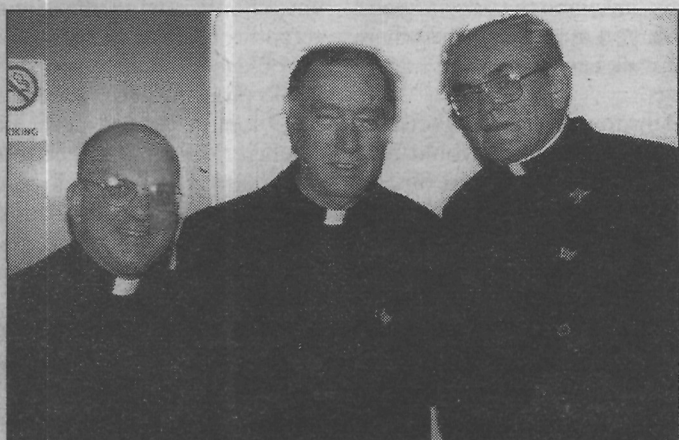
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Father Skwara Celebrates 40 Years in Priesthood



Pictured right to left are Father Gerry Chylko, Father John Skwara and Msgr. Joseph Krysztofir.

By William Tuthill

May 23 was a day of celebration for Father John Skwara of Our Lady of Czesochowa Parish as he celebrated his 40th anniversary in the priesthood. The date also marked his 27th year as Pastor of Our Lady of Czesochowa Parish. It was also an important day in the Catholic Church. It was Pentecost Sunday, commemorating the descent of The Holy Spirit on the Apostles.

The festivities started with an

11 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Czesochowa. Father John co-celebrated the mass with two of his priest-friends, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Krysztofir, who marked his 49th year and Rev. Gerry Chylko, C.S.S.R., who was marking his 20th year.

The mass was followed by a reception in the parish hall. It was filled with a crowd of well wishers enjoying the good food and celebrating the occasion. Music was supplied by *The Mello Tones*.



Congressman Bob Franks held a Town Meeting on Social Security at Borough Hall last Saturday.

Standing Room Only Crowd Turns Out for Bob Franks

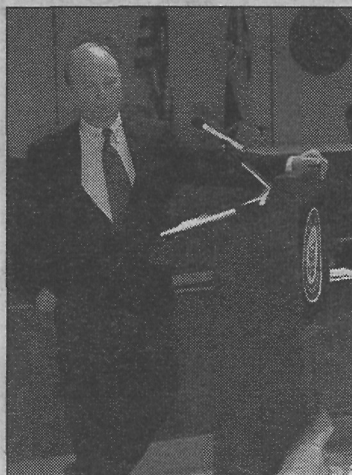
Congressman Bob Franks held a Town Meeting last Saturday in South Plainfield Borough Hall. The room was packed, every seat was filled and many people were standing outside in the corridor. Both young and old were present to listen and give their opinion on the future of Social Security.

Congressman Franks explained how Social Security has been funded in the past, changes that have been implemented and the problems which might occur in the future. He stressed that if no changes are made to Social Security funding, there will be a shortfall of money in the system by 2014 and funds from the surplus will be needed to sustain the payouts. By 2034 the surplus will be completely exhausted.

With the life expectancy constantly on the rise, Americans will be collecting Social Security for a longer period of time, thus further depleting the fund. He said a new system must be devised without hurting those who are now collecting, but that will also benefit future beneficiaries.

Franks said he and other congressmen, both Democrats and Republicans, all over the country are holding meetings to discuss problems which may occur in future years and to listen to suggestions and opinions from the voters before proposing any changes.

Most of the younger members in the audience felt they would never see any money from Social Security. They advocate taking their contributions and investing them individually. The audience listened attentively and a lively and informative discussion followed.



Congressman Bob Franks

The ELKS TALE

Elks to Honor Our Nation's Flag at Annual Ceremonies

The South Plainfield Elks invite all of our neighbors to visit with us and observe the Elks Flag Day Ritual, which is the story of the evolution of our Nation's flag. This proceeding lasts about 20 minutes, after which the Lodge

will serve coffee and soda and cakes to all attendees.

Every Elks Lodge in America performs this same ceremony every year in observance of Flag Day. This year, our ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, June 13 in our Lodge at 1254 New Market Ave., South Plainfield. For more information, call the lodge at 908-668-9750.

Mark Tomei Wins By Write-In Votes

Tuesday was Primary Election Day in South Plainfield. Most residents either ignored or did not cast a vote.

Incumbent Council Democrats Jim Vokral and Ed Kubala ran unopposed and received 137-125 votes.

On the Republican side only Henry Grabarz, who received 83 votes, was on the ticket. With 12 write-in votes, Mark Tomei became the other Republican Candidate running for the two three-year council seats this year. William Hogan, who ran for mayor last year, received nine write-in votes.

Franklin and Roosevelt Schools Drama Clubs Showcase Their Talents

Thirty-six students transported the entire school back to the days of chivalrous knights and fire breathing dragons last Friday afternoon and evening as the Roosevelt School Drama Club presented *The Dragon Heart*.

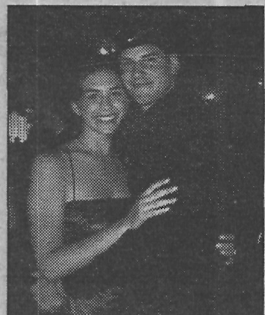
The Franklin School Drama Club also proudly presented two short plays last Wednesday to both students and teachers. *Goldilocks and the Four Bears* was performed by five students in grades 1-3, directed by Randi Gregorio. Kathi Downes and Liz Teal assisted. The fourth grade drama club presented a version of *The Dragon Heart*, directed by Linda Berkowitz with Kathi Downes assisting. Morning and afternoon performances were held at Franklin to accommodate the entire student body.

The Dragon Heart was written and directed by Patricia Abbott, now in her second year with the Roosevelt Drama Club and Pattie



also adapted the play for the smaller Franklin School cast. The play has a third version now being performed at the New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom in Somerset. Student directors were Pamela Cianfrocca, ninth grade; and Chris Abbott, seventh grade and assistant student directors Chris

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In My Opinion

Letters

To the Editor:

Think twice about being a Senior in South Plainfield. I felt I was treated rudely when I called on May 17 for a yard debris pick-up for my parents. I was told it had to be tied. My parents are elderly, and while I can do it, the point is some elderly people have no one. I was told they could hire someone. On a fixed income who will pay for it? My parents are lucky they have a caring grandson who removed their debris.

Youth may be your greatest asset, but years are wisdom, and

that counts for something.

Wake up South Plainfield! Think about your SENIORS.

JOAN MCCREESH

To the Editor:

The Brunch-cruise on the Cornucopia Princess sponsored by the South Plainfield Historical Society on May 30 was a huge success. Fifty-eight members and friends attended. The cast off was on time at 12 noon and started the buffet lunch. There was a great variety to the menu. Everything from deviled eggs, garden

salads, fruit salad, broiled salmon, roast beef, roast chicken, French toast with cherry sauce, pastas and "made-to-order-while-you-watch" omelettes and beverages. Pastries were served for dessert.

This group mingled with other groups on board, for a total of 220 and it seemed everyone had a great time. When members of the group were asked if they would like to do it again almost all said they would. (Many rolls of film were shot.) The Society says, "Thank you" to all those that joined us.

**WILLIAM TUTHILL
PRESIDENT, SO. PLAINFIELD
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

The following letters were submitted to the Observer by students at the Middle School.

Dear Editor,

My name is Peter Kelly. I am writing this letter to you because of the backpack issue in our school. Our principal, Robert Doggett, has said we could not use our backpacks in school. Now, instead, we have to carry our books in our arms.

It is harder now and most of the kids have been dropping their books in the hall. More accidents have been happening. Many people think they have wasted money on backpacks and feel they shouldn't have gotten them at all. A lot of students have also tried to get them back, but most kids have failed. If we could get our backpacks back, we would be more careful with them and try not to cause a safety hazard. I am also writing this to you because if you explore the idea in your newspaper, more people could understand our problem. Also they can understand what I mean when I say that carrying books is harder than keeping them in our backpacks.

**SINCERELY,
PETER KELLY**

Dear Editor,

I am in the sixth grade and a student at the South Plainfield Middle School. As of January 4, we have not been allowed to use our backpacks anymore in school.

When the backpacks were taken away, I thought that it was unfair. I don't think they were really a problem. When we used them we would rarely be late to class. We could just take all of our books and other things such as pens, pencils, binders and put them in our backpacks.

People wouldn't stomp on all of our belongings, break them, or make marks on our papers. Also

our desks wouldn't be so packed with books, papers, folders and other materials.

I feel very strongly about this issue and I hope we get to use our backpacks again.

**SINCERELY,
ROSANA MOOTOO**

Dear Editor,

I feel that Spring Lake Park needs to be cleared and kept cleaned up. Spring Lake Park's lake is especially dirty. Garbage and junk pile up in the corners of the bridge. Fish are unable to be eaten because of contaminated water and along the sidewalks and grass, you must be careful where you walk because of goose droppings.

If the town would support a bill to clean the park, it would be a beautiful place to spend time at or just hang out. Spring Lake Park is a nice calm place and if we all pitched in to clean it up it would be a fantastic park.

**SINCERELY,
CASSIE D'URSO**

Dear Editor,

I am a student at the South Plainfield Middle School. Due to a new rule we are not allowed to carry our backpacks around school. I know it is dangerous for the teachers when the backpacks are thrown all over the aisles. However, it also difficult for the students to carry three text books, notebooks and workbooks around school all day.

It is difficult for us to carry our books around school because they are so heavy. In the hallways people drop their books. When they pick them up they can get stepped on. With backpacks you can't drop your books and the halls are safer.

If the student were able to carry their backpacks, they could put them on the back of the chair while in class. The aisles would be clear and the teachers wouldn't get hurt. If we could carry our backpacks around school again, the school would again become a safer place.

**SINCERELY,
JESSICA MANNING**

Dear Editor,

As you know, there was an attack in a high school in Colorado. There were guns and bombs in-

volved. Many people were killed.

There was a bomb threat made at South Plainfield High School on April 13. The high school was evacuated and the students were sent home. Many students at the Middle School were also sent home. I am a student at the Middle School and this was very scary for me.

Many of the students at the Middle School were also scared and they didn't know what was going on. Rumors were going around about what was happening. I know there have been many acts of violence in several different schools around the country recently but most probably think it could never happen to them. That's probably what they thought in Colorado, "It can never happen here." It can. I'm afraid something similar to Colorado might happen here. I used to think it couldn't happen in South Plainfield, but after the bomb threat, I think differently.

The bomb at the high school turned out to be a high voltage fuse. A student at the high school brought the fuse to school and said it was a bomb. The student was later arrested. I am concerned with the safety of our schools. I am writing you to ask you what is being done to prevent future incidents of violence?

**SINCERELY,
LESLEY SIDECK**

Dear Editor,

I am writing to suggest that the South Plainfield Middle School have a study hall. A study hall would help students get better grades. During the study hall students could go to their teachers and ask for help. I know you might think it's better to have students go after school and ask their teachers for extra help, but if we have a study hall, students would not be late getting home because the study hall would be held during school hours. Students could study for upcoming tests. They could do their homework. If they did not understand their homework they could ask a teacher for help instead of saying they didn't understand it the next day when they come to school. Therefore, I think the South Plainfield Middle School should have a study hall.

**SINCERELY,
JAMIE JAKUBIK**

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: 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 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

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OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as follows:

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

Council Meetings

AGENDA MEETINGS PUBLIC MEETINGS
Monday, June 21 June 24

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 Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Logon to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda.

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Home Composting Bin Sale On Saturday, June 12

The Middlesex County Division of Solid Waste Management will be sponsoring a home composting bin sale at ShopRite parking lot at 1665 Oak Tree Road, Edison, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 12. South Plainfield residents should not miss this one-day opportunity.

Compost bins generally cost \$75-\$200. These county-subsidized bins cost only \$21. A free composting guide is included, and a free kitchen pail will go to the first 1,000 Middlesex County

residents who purchase a bin.

Composting yard waste and kitchen scraps has many benefits. It produces free fertilizer and mulch that is great for your soil and plants. It is more convenient than bagging yard waste and taking it to the Borough's Yard Waste Site. Composting your kitchen scraps reduces odors in your garbage pail and reduces the amount of waste going to the landfill.

Call the Recycling Coordinator at (908) 226-7621 for directions or more information.



Terra Nova Garden Club Beautification Committee members prepare to plant flowers at the South Plainfield Municipal Building. Left to right are Gail Sulinski, Eugenia Maranich, Mary Mazepa and Arline Anthony.

Garden Club Elects Officers

The Terra Nova Garden Club met on May 26 at the North Edison Library on Grove Ave. Guest speaker Jamie Anderson of Wind and Wolfe Company presented an interesting program on natural health and healing herbs entitled, "Wise Woman Healing Traditions."

Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Philomena De-Fillipo, presented a slate of officers for the coming year, and elections were held at this time. Re-elected as president is Gail Sulinski of South Plainfield, vice-president is Helen Behrens of Edison; treasurer is

Eugenia Maranich of South Plainfield, and secretary will be Susan Lauricella of Woodbridge.

The Garden Therapy committee held a workshop with clients of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center Adultcare on May 19. They also participated in making bedside arrangements for the Veterans at Lyons V.A. Hospital in Bernards Township on May 21.

The Civic Beautification committee planted flowers at the South Plainfield Municipal Building and the North Edison Library on Grove Ave. They will continue to care for them throughout the summer.

Sacred Heart Revises Mass Schedule

Starting on June 6 Sacred Heart Church began 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.

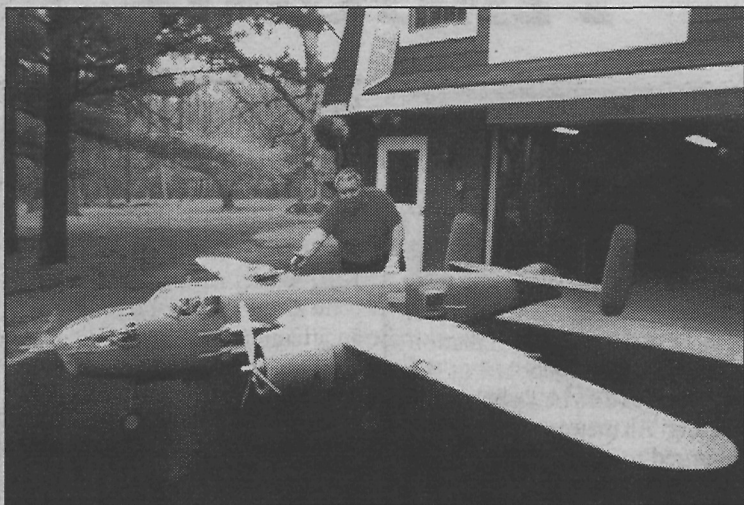
Building Warbirds — A Labor of Love

For Art Muglia of South Plainfield, the hobby of duplicating WW II airplanes is a labor of love. For more than 45 years, he has spent most of his free time in his garage building replicas of well-known airplanes called warbirds.

Art doesn't enjoy watching TV, so on those long winter nights he goes out to his garage and works on his favorite hobby, building replica warbirds.

Art has been building warbirds for years. He used to fly model planes at the makeshift airfield off Hadley Blvd., where many enthusiasts flew their model planes before industrial buildings were built on that sight.

Art belongs to the World Miniature Warbirds Association (WMWA), a group of hobbyists who build and display miniature airplane replicas including many WW II planes. His most recent undertaking took him 2½ years to complete. It is an exact, ¼-scale replica of a Mitchell B-25-J named after the famous General



Art Muglia with the Mitchell B-25-J airplane he built.

Billy Mitchell. The plane weighs over 200 pounds. Art displayed his plane at a Top Gun event in Florida. The group meets to display and fly their planes at this annual event. Art's plane could not be flown at this event but he did put it on display and hopes to fly it in the near future. Each part of his B-25-J was handmade

following the original specifications, including the radio.

Art, owner of Muglia Enterprises on Hollywood Blvd., is a certified private pilot and flies out of Somerset Airport. He is a member and past president of the South Plainfield Business Association and the president of the Business Advisory Commission.

Summer Drama Schedules Auditions

The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop will hold auditions for this summer's production of "The Music Man" on June 14 and 15 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the South Plainfield High School chorus room.

Auditions are open to any South Plainfield resident who has completed fifth grade and will be 19 or younger by August 5. Students from all area schools are encouraged to audition.

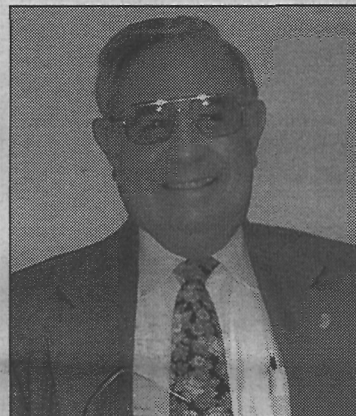
Auditioning students should be prepared with a short song and dress comfortably for dance and movement. An accompanist will be provided, along with a tape player if needed.

Students interested in joining the orchestra or backstage crew are also welcome to come and fill out an application.

The performance dates are August 5, 6, 7 and 8, and rehearsals will be held during the week beginning on June 28.

For information, call (908) 561-4416.

Licato Named "Insurance Person of the Year"



Frank Licato

Frank Licato of South Plainfield was the recipient of this year's Dick Hardenbergh Community Service Award. Frank has been self-em-

ployed as an independent insurance agent since 1962. He graduated from the first class of AAI designation program and served in the US Naval Reserves from 1952-1960 working in Naval Security.

Frank has served as president of the Community Pool, chairman of the planning board, was an active member of the Jaycees, general chairman for the fundraising campaign of the South Plainfield United Way and in 1970 he founded the Plainfields' Chapter of Unico National, serving as their first President.

The recipient's of this award are recognized as an Insurance Industry person for his/her non-industry contributions to the community.

Business Association To Meet

The South Plainfield Business Association will hold their monthly meeting next Thursday at Sherban's Diner located on Front Street. In order to accommodate business people around

town the meeting will take place at 8 a.m.

Business persons from around town are invited to come out, join us for coffee, and see what the organization has to offer.

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Saturday Evening Mass 5:45 p.m.

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. (church)

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

Holy Days 7 p.m. (Vigil); 7 and 9 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

AARP Luncheon/Meeting And AC Fundraiser

Chapter 4144 will have a luncheon/meeting at the Willows on June 18 at 12 noon. Installation of officers and the board of the Chapter will also be a part of this meeting. All members and guests are urged to attend.

We are also planning an overnight trip to Atlantic City on June 22 and 23. We'll stay at the Clarion Hotel. The cost is \$60. per person for double occupancy, and \$80. for singles. We will visit Sands Casino, where we will enjoy a show and receive \$5. in coins. On the second day we will be at the Trump (Worlds Fair) Casino and will receive \$8. in coins. Trip includes transportation and continental breakfast at the hotel. Call Lee at (732)968-6613 or Mary at (732)752-3764 for more information and reservations. Space is limited, so call ASAP.

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. Proceeds go toward the 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 consignment tables—hot dogs, hamburgers and sodas will be available.

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

ers 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.

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.

Ladies' Auxiliary Plans 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.

The event will include the 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.

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.

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 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.

Adult School Seniors Theater Trip

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 PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Activities include Bocce game, soccer game, art show, food and drink vendors, a performance by the 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.

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.

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 snglprntnj@aol.com.

The Alternative View

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



Dear Dr. DeCosta,

I suffer from multiple sclerosis and have been told to try hyperbaric oxygen therapy to help my condition. What exactly is this therapy and do you think it can help me? - K.S.

Dear K.S.:

Hyperbaric oxygen therapy (HBOT) dates back to the beginning of this century, although its modern use in the United States dates only to the formation of the Undersea Medical Society in the United States in 1967. HBOT may be administered in individual oxygen chambers that consist of acrylic tubes about seven feet long and twenty-five inches in diameter. The patient lies on a stretcher which slides into the tube. The entry is sealed and the tube pressurized at up to two and a half Atmospheres Absolute (two and a half times the pressure of the atmosphere at sea level) with pure oxygen for 30 to 120 minutes. The increased pressure makes it possible to breathe oxygen at a concentration higher than that allowed by any other means. After treatment, the chamber is depressurized slowly with the patient resting inside. Most of the hyperbaric facilities in the United States are either part of, or affiliated with, American hospitals or the military.

Multiphase chambers which accommodate many patients at once, and in which oxygen is delivered by mask, are now used at the University of Maryland, Duke University, the University of Texas, Scripps Institute and the Hyperbaric Oxygen Institute in San Bernardino, California. These chambers allow nurses and technical personnel to attend to patients during treatment. An added advantage of multiple chambers is that a patient can be removed immediately if problems arise, whereas in individual chambers, the patient cannot be removed until the entire chamber is depressurized.

In the United States, HBOT is primarily used for traumas such as crash injuries, burns, wounds, gangrene, carbon monoxide poisoning, decubitus ulcers (bed sores), radiation necrosis (death of an area of tissue or bone surrounded by healthy parts) and recalcitrant skin grafting (skin grafting that doesn't take). Some microsurgical procedures for the repair and restoration of severed limbs are made possible only by the use of HBOT during the surgery.

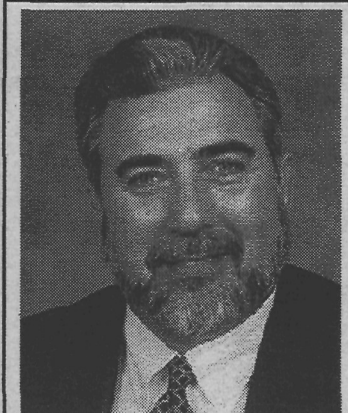
Davis Hughes, D.Sc., of the Hyperbaric Oxygen Institute, reports that, "In West Germany, HBOT has been used extensively to treat stroke victims. In France, it is employed for peripheral vascular and arterial problems, and in Russia, it is used in drug and alcohol detoxification. In Great Britain, more than twenty-five thousand multiple sclerosis patients have benefited from HBOT."

Dr. Hughes also reports that much work has been done with HBOT as an adjunct to radiation therapy for cancer and to minimize the side effects of some chemotherapy protocols. "Noncancerous cells are much less sensitive to radiation when the oxygen concentration in their vicinity is increased," explains Dr. Hughes, "HBOT prior to radiation treatment enhances its effectiveness."

According to Dr. Hughes, HBOT has also demonstrated its value as an adjunct to antibiotics in the treatment of anaerobic (able to live without oxygen) infections. It has also been used experimentally to treat the symptoms of HIV infection and its accompanying fatigue. "HBOT is a valuable adjunct in treating opportunistic infections which threaten the immunosuppressed patient," Dr. Hughes says.

HBOT may cause problems for those with a history of middle ear infection, emphysema, or spontaneous pneumothorax (collapsed lung) due to the pressure it requires, according to Dr. Hughes. The use of HBOT for illnesses including AIDS, heart disease and detoxification from recreational drug addiction and alcoholism, is in debate. Yet HBOT is gaining acceptance and is used by alternative and conventional physicians.

Questions for *The Alternative View* should be addressed to: *The Alternative View*, c/o Dr. Anthony J. DeCosta, D.C., 129 South Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080. Visit *The Alternative View* on the web at www.usalternativemedicine.com.



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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Here's some more news from South Plainfield Library:

Next week, our storytime programs will follow the regular schedule. They'll be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Each program is for children ages three and up. Also, this month's children's craft program is set for Friday, June 18, at 4 p.m. It's for children ages six and over; space is limited, so you must pre-register. And, if that wasn't enough, you can sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program starting Monday. The kick-off program for Summer Reading is coming up on Saturday, June 26. If you have any questions about this or any other kids program, call us at (908) 754-7885 and ask for Children's Librarian Linda Hansen.

Don't forget about the Health and Fitness Seminar on Tuesday, June 22, at 7 p.m. No registration is needed; call us for more information.

As we move into summer, people tend to do more outside in the sunshine and fresh air. But how fresh is that air? During the summer, humidity, sunlight, carbon monoxide and ozone can combine and lead to unhealthy, even harmful air quality. If you're not sure about what you're breathing, we at the library can provide some help. We're handing out information about the state DEP's air quality forecast.

You can get details at the main desk. The forecasts themselves can be accessed by calling 1-800-782-0160 or by logging onto www.state.nj.us/dep/airmon.

Here's another note about summer. As you probably know, it can get very hot. This is particularly true in a car, where, with the windows rolled up, the heat can rise very significantly. This brings us to our main subject: our tapes. Please don't leave them in your car for long periods of time. Not only can the tapes themselves be damaged, but also the plastic cases can melt very easily. If you have to keep tapes in your car for a long period, at least put them in the trunk, away from direct sunlight. Thanks for your help on this.

We've got two displays up at the moment. On the wall, you can see stitchery done by Amy Obley (the mother of art teacher Dorothy Miele) between 1960 and 1990. Meanwhile, in the display cabinet, we have collectible mugs from the collection of Piscataway-resident Kenneth Morgan, who is also known to write newspaper columns. Both displays will be at the library until the end of the month.

Finally, a reminder. Please do not attempt to put returned items in our drop boxes outside during our operating hours. You'll just be wasting your time; the drop boxes are locked when the library is open.

That'll just about do it for now. We'll see you next week for some more news.



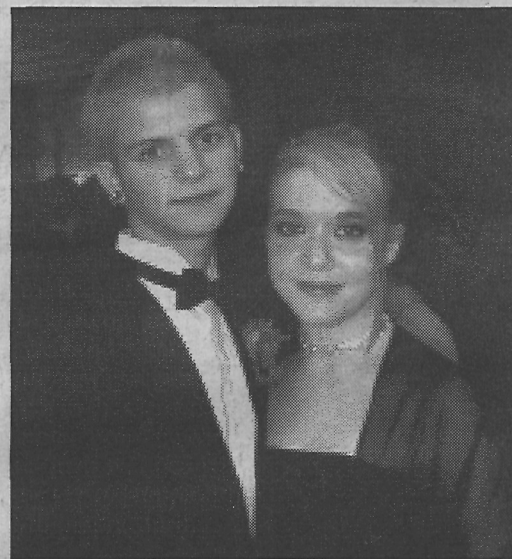
1999 Prom: "Remember Me This Way"

The theme of this year's Junior/Senior Prom, "Remember Me This Way," was more than fitting as the almost 400 juniors and seniors who attended the prom held at the Victorian Manor in Edison last Friday evening were decked out like movie stars. This was one of the largest groups ever attending from the high school.

Teachers and chaperones hardly recognized the students who were dressed, not in their sport or band uniforms or their everyday school garb, but in gowns and tuxedos, some with top hats and canes.

The evening began with a cocktail hour (non alcoholic), followed by a buffet dinner. There was plenty of dancing to a DJ who put up a large screen showing everyone on the dance floor. It was a great evening of celebration.

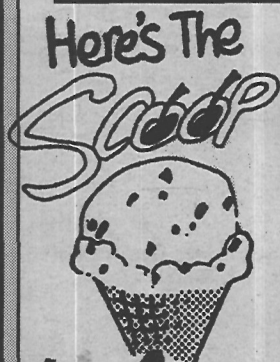
Senior class advisors were Kathy Zoda and Rita (Ludovico) Marocchi. Senior class officers were Chris Atcachunas, president; Samantha Noonan, vice-president; Riza Ysla, secretary and Patricia Reach, treasurer.



Have you recently graduated, become engaged, married, given birth, retired, been promoted, etc.?

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Good Luck!!!!

FLAG DAY – JUNE 14

The Making of a Holiday in America

The Fourth of July has been traditionally celebrated as America's birthday, but the idea of an annual day specifically celebrating our flag is believed to have first originated in 1885. In this year, B.J. Cigrand, a Wisconsin school-teacher, arranged for the students in his Fredonia, Wisconsin public school to observe June 14 as "Flag Birthday." That year was the 108th



anniversary of the official adoption of the Stars and Stripes. In many magazine and newspaper articles, and public addresses over the following years, Cigrand continued to enthusiastically advocate the observance of June 14 as "Flag Birthday," or "Flag Day."

On June 14, 1889, George Balch, a kindergarten teacher in New York City, planned appropriate ceremonies for the children of his school, and his idea of observing Flag Day was later adopted by the New York State Board of Education. In 1891 the Betsy Ross House in Philadelphia held

a Flag Day celebration, and in the following year, 1892, the New York Sons of the Revolution began their observance of Flag Day.

In 1894, the Governor of New York directed that on June 14 the Flag be displayed on all public buildings. With B.J. Cigrand and Leroy VanHorn as moving spirits, the Illinois organization known as the American Flag Day Association, was formed for the purpose of promoting the holding of Flag

Day exercises. As a result of their efforts, on June 14, 1894, and under their auspices, over 300,000 children participated in the first general public school children's

celebration of Flag Day in Chicago!

Adults, too, celebrated this event. In 1904, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a distinctively American organization, began their annual observance of Flag Day in San Diego. They were to become most instrumental in making this the national holiday we observe today.

In 1914, Secretary of the Interior Franklin Lane delivered a moving Flag Day address in which he repeated the words he said the flag had spoken to him: "I am what you make me, nothing more. I swing before your

eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of yourself!" President Woodrow Wilson, in 1916 and at the urging of citizens across the land, declared June 14 to be a voluntary national observance. However, in 1949, at the further urging of the Order of Elks, President Harry Truman, himself an Elk, proudly signed an Act of Congress designating the date June 14 of each year as National Flag Day in America. Thus Flag Day is observed on this date in all government offices and buildings everywhere.

Throughout all of the evolution of the various Flag Day celebrations and observances, the clearest signs of devotion to Flag and country still come from the citizens who fly our flag on this great day of respect—citizens like the two Elk Marines who helped carry the flag to the top of Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima a generation ago, and like our children who go to school today that they may learn from the lessons of the past. The price of freedom and liberty remains high, and our Flag is the symbol of our high reward. This June 14 will see Americans everywhere celebrate Flag Day once again. Remember well our Flag, and its long and glorious history. This is truly a day for all of us to celebrate and enjoy.

(This brief history of the Flag Day tradition in America is offered for the enrichment of all Americans by Briggs Longbothum who is a contributing editor to the South Plainfield Observer, and himself a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.)

Sisters Receive Volunteer Service Award

Erin and Pattie Walter, daughter of Arthur Walter, have been selected by Dollars for Scholars as recipients of the 1999 Community Volunteer Service Award. Erin and Pattie were among 2,878 students from 43 states selected to receive a \$500 scholarship for their post secondary education.

Erin and Pattie were nominated for the national award by South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation. They are both students at South Plainfield High School and will attend Southwestern College A/G. Erin is

planning to major in Biology and Criminal Law. Pattie is planning to major in Interior Design and Elementary Education.

Nominees for the community service awards are evaluated on their record of volunteerism and community service, making the award unique among nationally distributed scholarships. The scholarships, which also recognize academic achievements, are sponsored each year by a number of companies, foundations and individuals. Erin and Pattie were the recipients of the South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation Commu-

nity Service Award.

A total of \$181,000 was granted through the 1999 Community Service Awards program. Open to all Dollars for Scholars chapters, this year's program drew applications from 139 chapters throughout the country.

"Sponsors of the Community Volunteer Service Award program are helping to expand educational opportunities for students and their investment will pay off greatly in the future," said Dr. William C. Nelsen, president of Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America, Inc., parent organization of Dollars for Scholars.

"Recipients of a Community Volunteer Service Award are already involved in community service and the vast majority will continue to give back to their communities for the rest of their lives," he said.

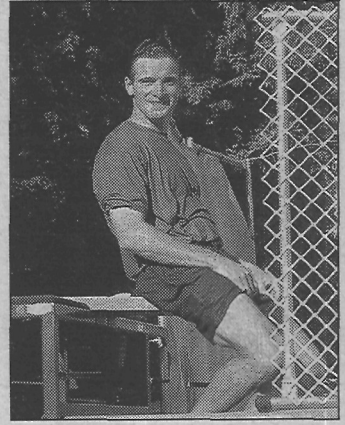
Dollars for Scholars is a national network of over 800 grassroots scholarship foundations in 38 states and the District of Columbia that raise funds and provide financial and academic support to local students seeking post-secondary education.

Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America is the nation's largest private sector scholarship and educational support organization. Since its founding in 1958, Citizens' Scholarship Foundation of America has distributed over \$470.4 million to more than 492,000 students. The organization is headquartered in St. Peter, MN.

Block Party at Franklin

By Patricia Abbott

The Franklin School Block Party is an original event that was born five years ago. With each passing year it grows with leaps and bounds. More and more families come to spend an old fashioned, fun-filled evening reminiscent of a Rockwell painting. From 6-10 p.m. the parking lot was transformed into a picnic ground with a carnival atmosphere. One dollar gets the entire family into the party. Once inside the activities seemed endless. A Moonwalk ride graced the corner of the playground. The yellow and red 'castle' seemed to have a life of its own, powered by the gleeful jumping children inside. There were many games of skill that challenged the children. A ice-your-own-cupcake table was rarely without smiling children. A DJ supplied dance music and contests during the course of the evening. Pony rides delighted even the youngest of guests. Oddly enough the most popular event seemed to be the dunking booth. Many of the teachers such as Gym teacher Drew Smith and music teacher Glenn Parisi took turns getting dunked by their young charges. Each time a ball hit it's mark and a teacher dropped into the water

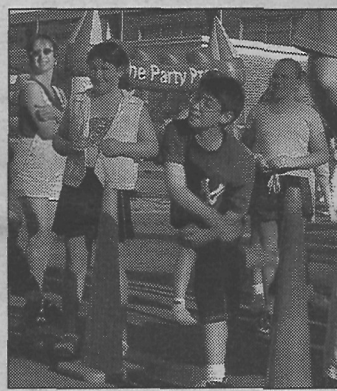


Physical Education teacher Drew Smith gets dunked.

shouts went up from the long line of those awaiting their turn. Even Principal Ms. Nancy Erickson took a turn in the dunking booth to the delight of the children.

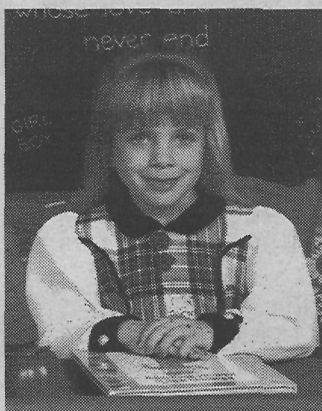
While the youngsters were ready to head for the fun as soon as they arrived, the parents headed straight for the food. Grills manned by the many parent volunteers were kept busy throughout the evening. Hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, juice, ice cream, cupcakes, cookies, watermelon and more were available to the hungry crowd. Tickets were 25 cents each and a hamburger or hot dog complete with chips could be bought for just three tickets. Tickets were also used for all the games and rides.

Chairmen for the annual block party were Mary and Bob Sacks. Mary is also the genius behind the incredibly successful Fall Harvest Festival that is held in October. The weather cooperated, providing a perfect evening for the party. Instead of winding down as the sun began to set, the party was still going strong at 9:30 p.m., a sign of a truly successful party!



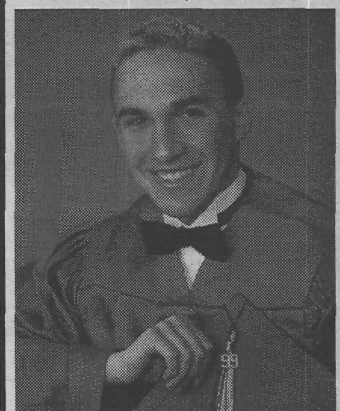
Congratulations Graduates!

Ashley Linick
Future Stars Graduation
June 7, 1999

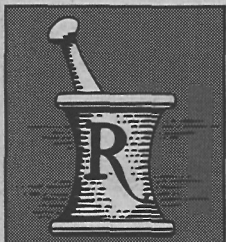


Congratulations Ashley!!
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Christopher Atcachunas
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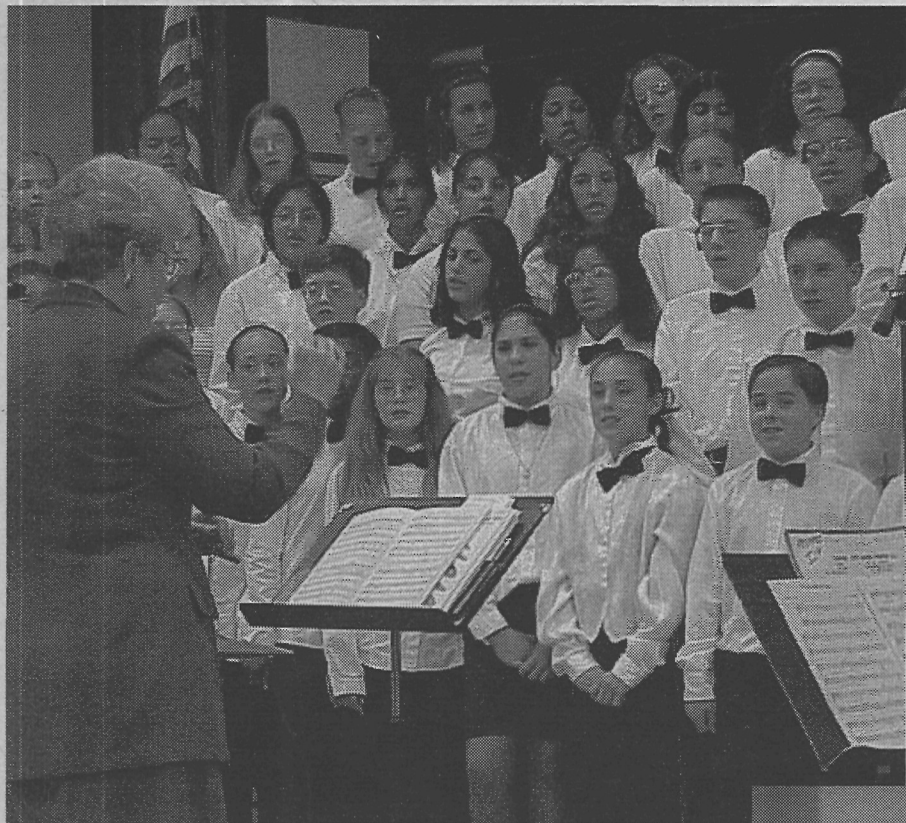
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Middle School Concert

The Middle School's annual Spring Concert was held on Wednesday, May 26. The concert featured the orchestra and choruses. The orchestra, under the direction of Carleen Tedeschi, performed six numbers including one that featured Katie Lawrence, Abbie Falato and Jim Ales on string bass. The choruses are under the direction of Doris Younken. Jennifer Bao was the accompanist for the evening. The four groups performing were the Sixth Grade Singers, the Boy's Ensemble, the Gems and the Concert Choir. The vocalists performed a wide variety of songs and featured a number of soloists. The program closed with the combined choirs singing "This Land of Ours."



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Junior Baseball
Small Fry C Mets
Don Phillips had 3 hits
for 2 RBIs.

SPORTS

AAU 12 year old:
Nick Cesare batted
nearly 800 in the
month of May

Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

Executive Board and Trustees

The club held its annual election this past Monday night. Congratulations to the new members of the Executive Board and Trustees. Elected to the Executive Board for two year terms are Tony Cassano-Commissioner, Tom McCreesh-Assistant Commissioner for Administration, Dan Wasnick-Assistant Commissioner for Finance, Kevin Lykes-Assistant Commissioner for Communications. Elected as Trustees for one year terms are Bill Ashnault, Dave Spayder, Chris Hubner and Kurt Ullom.

All-Star Day

The annual All-Star Day was held at the complex last Sunday. A game in each age group was played with the American League against the National League. Announcers were on hand at each field to give the play by play. Following the games, a Home Run Derby and Radar Pitching contest were held for players in each age group.

A big THANK YOU to Tom Kiczula for all his work to organize this special day.

Home Run Derby Winners

8 Year Old Brian Hanley
 9 Year Old Vinnie Padula
 10 Year Old Bill Ashnault
 11 Year Old Ryan Driscoll
 12 Year Old Michael Downes

Radar Pitching Winners

8 Year Old Michael Niemczyk
 9 Year Old Nick Giannakas
 10 Year Old Kevin Crilley
 12 Year Old Keith Dezmin

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

Events at a glance—SPJBC Dance - Saturday June 12 - no late games; League Tournaments begin Sunday June 13; SPJBC Invitational Tournament begins Thursday July 1.

Small Fry C League Highlights

Giants vs. Yankees—Nick Jankowski had a great game in the field and Michael Maiorino pitched well for the Giants. Greg Watts was 2-for-2 with two doubles for the Yankees.

Dodgers vs. Mariners—Dan Pompilio hit a HOME RUN and Tim Lester had four hits for the Dodgers.

Giants vs. Devil Rays—Steven Wiczorek pitched a scoreless inning and helped his cause with an RBI single.

David Alston contributed to the effort with two singles for the Giants.

White Sox vs. Tigers—Daniel Flynn had a single and a double for the White Sox.

Cardinals vs. Dodgers—Thomas Aimone had his first hit and Chris Pennisi pitched well for the Dodgers. Mark Wagner had a HOME RUN and Kyle Darr pitched well for the Cards.

Mariners vs. White Sox—Quintin Lightner hit a triple and pitcher Aaron Wright allowed only one run to score.

Mets vs. Tigers—Dan Phillips had three hits for two RBIs and James Howard scored twice for the Mets. Brandon Ullom had a HOME RUN and two RBIs with Matt Seider adding two singles and a double.

Cardinals vs. White Sox—Sean Coffey and Alex Cihanowyz were quick on the bases for the Cardinals, stealing a base each and scoring.

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	6	2
Devil Rays	4	4
Tigers	4	4
White Sox	4	4
Yankees	4	5
Mariners	4	5

National League

Team	Win	Loss
Braves	6	1
Cardinals	6	3
Diamond Backs	4	4
Giants	2	5
Mets	0	7

Small Fry A Standings

Team	Win	Loss
Yankees	10	1
Devil Rays	7	5
Diamond Backs	7	5
Cardinals	4	8
Braves	3	7
Mariners	3	8

Home Runs — Chris Bakazan (Mariners), Rob Hoffman (Cardinals), Billy Merkler (Yankees), Robbie Maistickle (Yankees), AJ Mazurak (Devil Rays)

Pony B Standings

Team	Win	Loss
Devil Rays	8	2
Diamond Backs	6	3
Cardinals	4	5
Mets	4	7
Yankees	2	7

Pony A Standings

Team	Win	Loss
White Sox	9	2
Mets	8	3
Yankees	6	3
Devil Rays	5	4
Mariners	2	6
Diamond Backs	3	8
Cardinals	1	8

AAU 12 year-old

South Plainfield Predators Undefeated in May

By Tony Bakazan

The Predators won their sixth and seventh consecutive games in the Garden State Baseball Conference this past Sunday. The first game had excellent pitching from Nick Smith of Colonia who had four shut-out innings. Chris Bakazan from South Plainfield followed in relief, allowing one run in the final two innings. Germane Clark of Perth Amboy, Jack Ford of Edison and Vincent Velez from South Plainfield each had home runs to lead the way to an 8 to 1 win in the first game.

In the second game Nick Cesare and Vincent Velez, both of South Plainfield, combined to shut out Middlesex for the first five innings. Brian Dzuro of Milltown pitched the last inning allowing only one run. Chris Bakazan had back to back home runs in the second game to help the Predators to a 3 to 1 victory.

The Predators were undefeated during the month of May, riding on the red hot back of Nick

Cesare who was batting a shade under 800 when the month came to a close. Other players such as Ryan Kenny of South Plainfield, Andrew Rios of Perth Amboy, Kevin Markussen of Edison have contributed with home runs during May also. Chris Ciarediello of Edison also helped by getting on base frequently. Jack Ford of Edison led the team with six home runs including three home runs in one game at the close of April. Excellent pitching from Vincent Velez. Chris Bakazan, Ryan Kenny, Nick Cesare and Nick Smith have been key factors during the past month.

The Predators have earned an invitation to the AAU state finals that will begin competing this upcoming weekend. They are currently in a three way scramble for a playoff spot in the Garden State Baseball Conference. The winner of the State finals will be invited to play in the U.S. Championship series in Minnesota during August.

'Shotman' Basketball Camp Registration Scheduled

The Shotman Basketball Camp, open to players ages 11 to 18, will be held August 2-6 at South Plainfield High School. The hours are 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The staff includes Mike "Shotman" Lanza, founder of the "Shotman" Shooting Clinics, a three time international shootout champion and the basketball instructor at South Plainfield High School; Jeff Lubreski, head coach of the South Plainfield Tigers and Gene Mosley, the boys varsity coach at Princeton High School.

Players will learn foul shooting, stationary shooting, off the dribble shooting, ball handling and team defense.

Contest drills will also be held along with two games per day of 5-on-5 full court basketball. Each camper will have a ball in their hands 75% of the time.

Enrollment is limited to the 70 campers so register early.

For registration and information call (908) 754-2692.

South Plainfield Golf League

Week 6

Arena Sports 20-Witty's
 Masters 16-South Plainfield Police 4
 VFW 14-Pornovets 6
 HCMA 14-Sport & Social 6
 Twin City Pharmacy 12-Hummel 8
 Dilex 11½-Borman Communications 8½

Standings

American League	National League
HCMA 6-0-0	VFW 3-2-1
Arena Sports 5-1-0	Hummel Chem 3-3-0
Borman Comm 3-3-0	Masters 2-3-1
Dilex 3-3-0	Twin City Pharmacy 2-3-1
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Jessa Jones had three key hits and seven RBIs

SPORTS

"A" League World Series:
Polish Home over Flanagans 13-11

PONYTAIL 'A' LEAGUE HALLS

Coach Kevin Scheers
Players: Meaghan Schweers, Tarryn Carlton, Meg Mercurio, Christina Bojarski, Andrea Doell, Charlyn Magat, Alicia Lehman, Nicole Carlson, Nicole Esposito, Jaclene Prongay, Amanda George, Jessica Liberty Elaine Russell, Amirah Chandler, Amanda Fugate.



PONYTAIL 'B' LEAGUE CENTRAL JERSEY TRUCKING

Coach Fran DeStefano
Players: Tina DeStefano, Stefanie Wieckowski, Nicki Carney, Nicole Krumpfer, Kelly Whitney, Melanie Foscolo, Lauren Santillo, Amanda Vienott, Jennifer Vasquez, Stephanie Falarano, Nicole Cursi, Jamie Jakubik, Samantha Mitchell.



PONYTAIL 'C' LEAGUE PIZZA STOP

Coach Michael Pisack
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PONYTAIL 'B' League DEGUSSA-HULS

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Ponytail Softball Highlight

"C" LEAGUE— June 5

Spotlight 14-Quick Chek 13—Spotlight's Allison Huff-smith, hit a three run triple in bottom of sixth to win the game. Also Victora Plasse had four hits and Samantha Gaughan has three hits. Quick Chek's Stephanie Mazurak hit a grand slam home run.

A League

Quality Glass 16-Halls 3—Quality Glass was led by Jaime Gaughan with five RBIs and scored three runs, Carly Stoeckel also scored three runs, Amanda Rastelli had four RBIs and Chiara Tomei had three RBIs. Meghan Schweers had three hits and scored three runs for Halls.

Polish Home 13-Flanagans 8—Johanna Hedler, Kelly Eustice, Heather Kaufman, Brittany DeNizio, Denise DiMeglio and Tara Israel scored two runs a piece to back the fine pitching of Lindsay Diller and Denise DiMeglio. Christine Strani pitched four shut-out innings for Flanagans.

Polish Home 19-Halls 3—Jody Chepulis four hits, and scored three runs, Jackie Kaufman had three hits and Kelly Eustice scored three runs and led the Polish Na-

tional Home past Halls Trucking.

Polish Home 11-Transways 7—Lindsay Diller's fine pitching was backed by Johanna Hedler and Kelly Eustice who scored two runs a piece.

Playoffs-June 3

Flanagans 14-Transway 9—Behind the pitching of Robin Zushma, Lisa Sniscak and Christine Strani and the timely hitting by Valerie Mackintosh Flanagans defeated Transway. Judy Ringle and Christina Loraney were the hitting stars for Transway.

Semi-Finals-June 5

Flanagans 21-Quality Glass 12—Jessa Jones had three key hits and seven RBIs and Eileen Milcarek's defensive plays led Flanagans to victory over Quality Glass in the playoff semi-finals. Christine Strani chipped in with four hits. For Quality Glass, Sade Coleman, Liz Sabosik, Amanda Rostelli and Chiara Tomei combined for nine RBIs.

"A" League World Series

Polish Home 13-Flanagans 11 to win the "A" League World Series.



PONYTAIL 'C' SPOTLIGHT ON DANCE—Coach John Carrasca
Players: Stacie Carrasca, Breanna Miyasato, Kate Reichert, Alison Smith, Kelly Remsing, Kimberly Arki, Victoria Plasse, Samantha Gaughan, Blaire Houston, Allison Nuffsmith, Samantha Smith, Katie Zacek, Ashley Prete.

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By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 6/11-17

GEMINI 5/21-6/21 this is a good time to take a look around with a critical eye and see what needs to be changed in your environment. It would benefit you well to be in contact with an older person shared experience will help you make that change in that environment. *Mercury sextile Saturn* reminds me of a quote: you may not be able to see the forest for the trees. Which means for you start small as you bring projects into the fold.

CANCER 6/22-7/22 around Wednesday a friend may want to speak to you about a problem. Be ready to be the "sponge", as you will listen. But if you can, avoid being with really negative people, they can pull you down with irrational behavior. With a *Moon conjunct Neptune* you also need to be careful of being misinterpreted. Write some poetry.

LEO 7/23-8/22 your *Moon in Leo* has you putting emphasis on entertainment and romantic pursuits. This would be a good time also to be dealing with people in positions of power. Later in the week you may say why didn't I do this sooner, so any ideas that pop into your head don't dismiss them so fast. Being outdoors is where you may meet your new love.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 *Moon conjunct Mercury* for this reason around Monday it is not the best time to make a decision. But it is a good time to gather information that you can later base a decision on, especially information on how you really feel on a matter. Communication with women is very good now. So talk to mom, wife, sister, daughter, or friend.

LIBRA 9/23-10/23 around Monday any new endeavors you have starting in your life will lead to all the rewards you will have worked hard for. With a *Venus trine Pluto* transit working on your side, a love interest can have a peripheral effect of bringing abundance into your life. And this transit also can mean an inheritance. It's your future! Master it!

SCORPIO 10/24-11/22 you have a transit on Wednesday, *Moon trine Pluto* that will have your feelings and emotions much more intense, but at the same time it stimulates your sensitivity. Do not let

any one mood, objective or idea dominate your mind. And if you allow this to happen this transit can turn out to be one rewarding experience emotionally.

SAGITTARIUS 11/23-12/21 on Sunday go out with your friends, you're on an upside of a *Moon sextile Jupiter* transit. If you find yourself in a position where you need to persuade others, as in sales or public relations, this transit can work for you this way. Getting together with your friends will show support each has for each other!

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 here is a fun transit for you *Moon square Jupiter* you will be feeling very benevolent and generous toward those around you. Don't pay any attention to nasty little details that make your life less than it should be. And if your attention roams in the area of religion or philosophy give them both a chance, it's a soul cleanser.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 creative pursuits continue to inspire you, and your ideas and effects advance your reputation and career. Investments of all types—time, money and effort—bring handsome rewards, personally and professionally. Contracts and legal agreements need careful consideration, although they do look in your favor.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 dream away, there won't be much else you will want to do under a *Moon trine Neptune* transit. Go to the park or a museum—you need to refresh the spirit inside of you and let go of the tension that has been building up. Just be careful of people you are around as you can be sensitive to their moods in a positive or negative way.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 at this time a *Moon trine Mars* transit has you not afraid to express your feelings toward those you care for because you don't have any hang-ups about your affections not being returned. You have the ability to make people feel at ease and welcome in your company. Use this to make relationships stronger and it will stand the test of time.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 good time to get in touch with children, as you will have lots to offer them. They are interested in you because of a *Moon trine Venus*. They want to learn from you, teach them the respect that will be returned to them. Any relationship that is started under this transit will be an open one with sincerity. Public relations will shine for you also.

HOROSCOPE CONTEST

ASTRO TIDBITS Well did you get your contest line in? (See June 4, pg. 10 for contest rules.) The winner will be announced in the June 25 issue. Lots of luck to all who enter. I just like to say thank you for your patronage and reading my horoscope column. It is your continued support that makes this fun to do. And if I can help with a little knowledge of events that may take place, it can help take some of the surprises out of our lives and make it work for us. For God knows we are dealt our share. So again, thank you for your support. Cyrus N Moon.

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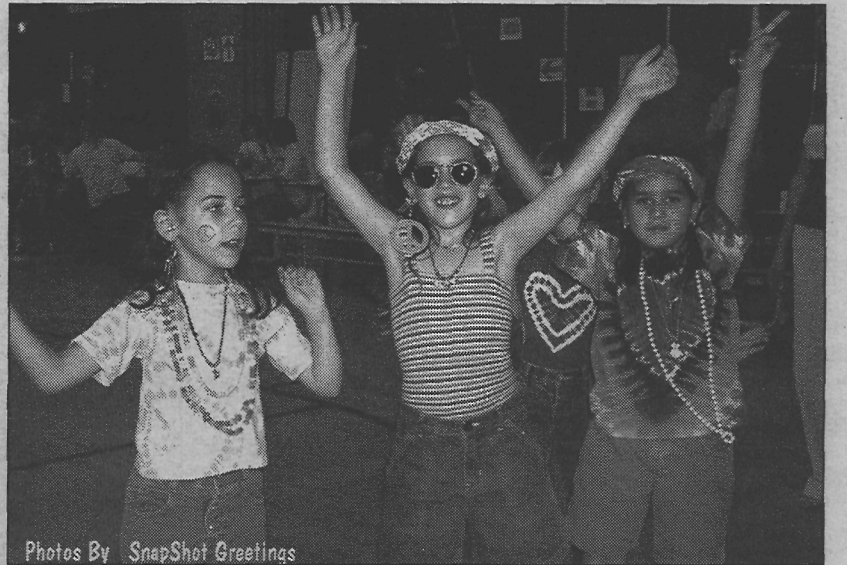
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JFK Girl Scouts Hold Mother/Daughter Dance

On Friday, May 28 Girl Scout Troops from the JFK Elementary School held their Annual Mother/Daughter Dinner Dance. This year's theme was the 60s. The girls were attired in tie-dyed shirts, bell bottoms, dangling earrings and bandana's. Even some of the moms got their hippie clothes out of the attic. The evening was filled with all the pizza and chicken fingers they could eat. Music was provided by a disc jockey and moms and daughters enjoyed an evening of dancing and laughs while dancing the Hokey Pokey, Chicken, Maccarena and much more. It was a wonderful evening for both the mothers and daughters.



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U.S. Destroyer Hayter Crew Reunion Held

By William Tuthill

Thirty eight crew members of the U.S. Destroyer Hayter DE 212 WW II and their wives gathered at the Holiday Inn in South Plainfield May 20 through 23 for the crew's sixteenth annual reunion.

Piscataway resident Joe Bergen has organized of these gatherings and did another great job this year. The group visited Atlantic

City on a chartered bus Saturday and enjoyed a brunch on Sunday. An evening cocktail hour was attended by Mayor Dan Gallagher, who read a proclamation welcoming the crew. He explained that his family has great respect for the Navy as his brothers and cousin had served in the Navy.

Guest speaker Bill Tuthill, president of the South Plainfield Historical Society, spoke about the history of Hadley Airport. In a videotaped interview which was

filmed a few years ago by Channel 20, Henry Apgar spoke about the air shows which were a big attraction on Sunday afternoons at Hadley Airport. Apgar, who was known as "The Voice of Hadley Airport," provided commentaries on the activities taking place there. He also talked about the creation of night airmail service and the three airlines which began here, American, Eastern and Pitcarian, which later became United Air Lines.

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by Robert Hunter

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POLICE REPORT

• Police responded to a report of a naked male in the hallway of the high school. A Marriot custodial employee reported the suspect was a white male about 25 years old, with light hair wearing a yellow tee shirt. The suspect entered the school and called out "Hey look!" to the employee, lifted his tee shirt and exposed himself and then ran out of the building. A search of the area had negative results.

• A Park Ave. resident reported his home was burglarized. Entry was gained by way of the kitchen window. A laptop computer, rolled coins, a coin machine and foreign currency were taken from the household.

• A resident of Cedar Oaks Nursing Home reported the theft of a ring from his room. A nurse's aid was with him at the time of the loss. The aide was also employed by a Park Ave. resident who reported jewelry missing from his home just two weeks ago.

• Police responded to a report of a man unconscious on a lawn on Cherry Street. The man was thought to be intoxicated and the rescue squad was called. After regaining consciousness the man became abusive and violent. He advanced toward an officer and was sprayed when he refused to comply with an order to stop. Several officers forced him to the ground, he was transported to HQ and charged with disorderly conduct.

• Agnes Lee of Warren reported her car damaged while parked at Middlesex Mall. The rear vent windows were forced shut and the handles were broken.

• A Walnut St. resident was arrested when a resident of O'Keefe Ave. reported a man sleeping in a car in front of their home. Police found the suspect had a warrant from

Bridgewater Township.

• A resident of Salt Lake City, Utah reported the theft of a CD player and am/fm cassette radio from his vehicle while it was parked at Regal Cinema.

• Flanagan's reported an attempted burglary. The side door was damaged by someone trying to pry the lock. No entry was gained.

• A Metuchen resident reported his vehicle had been damaged by something thrown at the car while it was parked at Haisch's bakery where he is employed.

• A New Market Ave. resident reported the theft of services from a carpet installer employed by Loews. The victim had paid for services by check but the employee never arrived. Loews stated that they had similar problems with the employee previously.

• An Edison resident reported the theft of his car. A friend of the victim told him that the car had been seen parked on Clinton Ave. An ex-boyfriend had allegedly taken the car.

• A Staten Island resident reported the theft of her wallet while she was in Red Lobster. She left the restaurant briefly and discovered her wallet missing. The wallet was turned in to a waitress but was empty.

• A Red Lobster manager reported \$807.26 missing from the cash drawer. The drawer is supposed to be locked at all times and only managers have access to the drawer. A check of the drop safe for the money was negative.

• Bennigan's reported the theft of two empty beer kegs from a fenced in area behind the restaurant. The chain and lock had been removed from the area.

Classic Film Stars to be Honored at the Kingdom!

The New Jersey Renaissance Kingdom is honoring two special guests over the course of its '99 Season. On June 12 and 13 the Kingdom will roll out the red carpet for Ron Palillo, who was well known in the seventies for his memorable characterization of class yo-yo Arnold Horshack on the sit-com "Welcome Back Kotter." On June 19 and 20 the Kingdom of Somerset will be knighting veteran film star Meinhardt Raabe, who portrayed the Munchkin Coroner in "The Wizard of Oz."

Palillo, who has continued to appear in television and film since the hit "Kotter," has also launched a successful career as a book illustrator. He will be celebrating the publication of his new children's book set in the Italian Renaissance, "A Gift for Contessa," by signing books at the Kingdom, as well as reading the book to children and acting out all the roles.

Raabe is helping to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the classic MGM film, "The Wizard of Oz." Raabe has been in theater since vaudeville and at 83 years old is still out promoting the picture. King Roland of Somerset (played by actor Arthur Hickey) will personally knight Raabe during a major performance at the Kingdom.

The Kingdom continues to run every Saturday and Sunday through June 27 from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. each day. It is located on Davidson Ave. in Somerset, off Exit 10 on I-287. Other new attractions this year include the opening of Fairy Tale Land, a new section of the Kingdom that caters to the realm's youngest visitors. Fairy Tale Land features a full petting zoo, pony rides, puppet shows, mime shows,

storytime in Gulliver's Lilliputian Village and the classic story of Cinderella.

Over 22 shows are featured on the kingdom's beautiful, 30-acre property each day, including an original storyline that culminates in a final war featuring over 60 armored knights. Other attractions include merchants selling period crafts and wares, medieval food and drink, as well as such performances as the Living Chess Tournament, Shakespeare's King Lear, and a 30-minute tour through the Enchanted Forest.

The full experience features more entertainment than can be experienced in a single day. Therefore, 2-day and season passes are also available. Almost all the Kingdom's entertainment is available for one price (\$11 adults, \$8 senior citizens, and \$6 children under 12). Toddlers under three are free. The Enchanted Forest tour is an additional \$2 per person. For further information, group discounts, pre-sales, and directions to the Kingdom, call (732) 271-1119 or visit our fully interactive web site at www.NJKingdom.com.

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Roosevelt/Franklin Plays

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Imbrosciano and Jamie Morris, both in eighth grade students.

The students rehearsed weekly, learning basic theater arts skills while perfecting their show. The audience was entranced with the story of a king and queen with five lovely daughters who cannot marry until their prince has proven himself with one act of courage and bravery.

The problem is immediately apparent when Princess Golda, played by Gina Severini, waiting to marry Prince Beau, played by Frank Stefanelli, learns the sweet-talking prince appears to be scared of everything, including butterflies.

Students portrayed a wide variety of roles from washer peasants to a street sweeper and even birds. Marissa Kline was convincing as an eccentric old woman with a carpetbag full of tricks and charms.

The head guard, played by Chris Bizup, has a habit of stopping before he gives the order to "HALT!!" causing the line of guards to collide each time. Clara Eskander gave a heartbreaking performance as a poor woman being thrown into the street by the uncaring rich man played by Joey Turris. Crowd pleaser Joey brought gales of laughter from the audience as the guards dragged him off to the dungeon.

Anxious-to-marry Princess Golda is surrounded by her equally anxious four sisters played by Jessica Schwartz, Michelle Butrico, Pauline Eskander and Jessica Rosocha. The queen, Shaunique Cisson, spends much of her time trying to convince the king, played by Kelston Sabroache, that the silly rule about an act of bravery is outdated. Kelston seemed to be everywhere as he also took on the role of the Innkeeper and the voice of the dragon. The dragon, played by Alexa Kunch, was an impressive surprise to everyone. When the petite dragon menaces Princess Golda, Prince Beau suddenly forgets his fears and pelts the dragon with apples, saving his beloved princess and finally performing the long awaited act of courage.

The show closes with next-in-line Princess Bella awaiting her true love, Prince Eldon, the equally cowardly brother of Prince Beau.

The success of these plays in part also goes to Patricia Abbott. She has volunteered her time with the children from both schools, writing extra parts so each child can be in the play, spending time with the children rehearsing and teaching them drama. She certainly deserves a big thank you along with all the others who worked on these productions.



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