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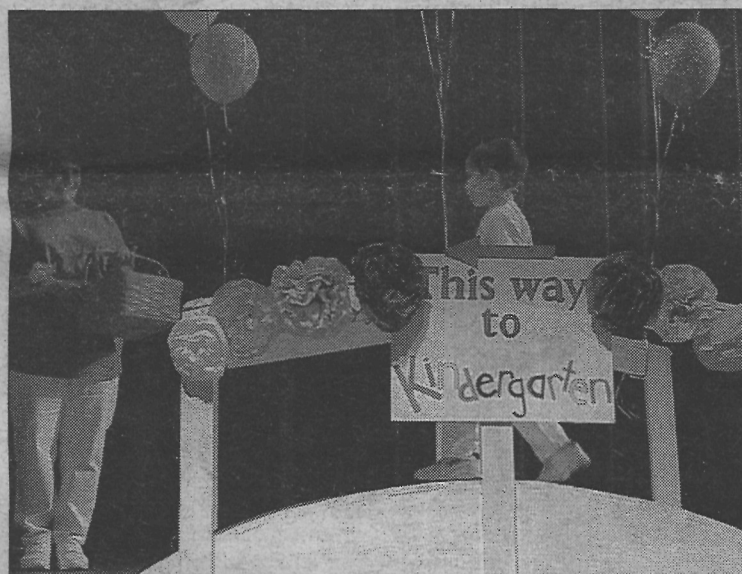
JUNE 18, 1999

Graduations and Awards Salute Students



Future Stars Presents the Class of 1999

On June 7 Future Stars Preschool held their 19th annual graduation ceremonies in the high school auditorium to the delight of their families and friends. The graduates sang songs and recited poems. Each students crossed a bridge to kindergarten and received a diploma. See page 7 for additional photos and a listing of Future Stars graduates.



Adult School Holds 22nd Commencement

The South Plainfield Adult School held commencement ceremonies on Wednesday, June 9. A total of 28 graduates received diplomas. The English as a Second Language (ESL) students were also awarded Effort Certificates during the same ceremony.

Each year this group of graduates exudes the most pride and excitement of all graduations we attend. These students graduate, not because their parents made them go to school or the state mandated it, but because they as individuals wanted to return to school and get their high school diploma.

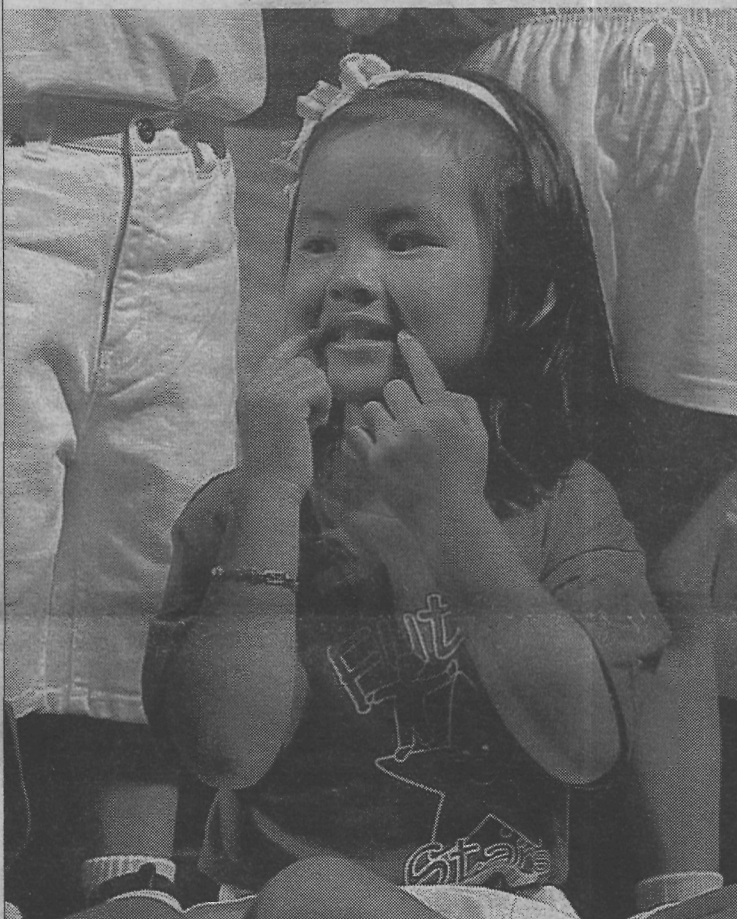
Pride and satisfaction were evident on their faces as they received their high school diplomas. For photos and graduates names see page 7.

BOE Presents Achievement Awards

Students and teachers were recognized last week by the Board of Education for their outstanding work in special achievements in academics, fine arts, athletics, school and community service and special programs. See page 6 for names and photos.



Look Mom, it's me!



A Future Stars Preschooler expresses her joy at the June 7 annual graduation ceremonies.

Borough News

Council

■ An ordinance to acquire property for the expansion of Putnam Park was introduced. This ordinance will appropriate \$660,000 to acquire the property around Putnam Park needed for the planned expansion of the park. Funds were provided through a grant from Middlesex County.

■ The Drug-Free Zone ordinance covering school property has been expanded to include public parks and public buildings. The penalties for distribution or usage of prohibited drugs in these areas will be the same as for violations in school areas.

■ Five new part-time employees have been hired as communications operators-trainees. They are Keely Heyman, Douglas Rousseau, Shannon McGrath, John Butrico and Aislyn Stern.

■ Bruce Conway has been hired as a docket clerk in the Municipal Court.

■ Luke Melick has been appointed to the Land Management Advisory Committee.

■ Personal computers for use by the Bureau of Fire Prevention will be purchased from CME, Kennedy Rd. The amount will not exceed \$3,178. Funding for this purchase is from the Bureau of Fire Prevention Trust Fund.

Board of Adjustment

■ Patrick Murray of South Clinton Ave. was granted preliminary site plan approval, with waivers, to erect a public garage to perform repairs and related services.

■ The PAL Building was granted a use variance for its planned expansion of their building.

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In My Opinion

Fifth Graders Recognize And Thank Bill Ball And Art Sabino

The following is a letter/petition which was initiated by Riley School fifth graders:

My fellow students and I think that Mr. Bill and Mr. Artie should be "janitors of the month." They are great janitors and we think that they really deserve it. They clean the school very well. They have a very good humor and are never mean. They stay after school just for us because if we forget one of our books, they will open the door and get it for us. So, if you can, make Mr. Bill and Mr. Artie "janitors of the month."

This letter was signed by numerous students at Riley school and the following letter was sent by Dr. Munger to Marriott:

During lunchtime our fifth grade students at Riley School initiated the signing of a petition by our intermediate students to recognize the fine work and accomplishments of Bill Ball and Art Sabino. Both men are instrumental in our children's daily lives and do much to promote our students' well-being and enjoyment of school activities.

Your recognizing their tremendous accomplishments will make our Riley School students and community very happy.

Letters

Thank you fifth graders, you speak for all of us in giving Mr. Artie and Mr. Bill the recognition they deserve and a great BIG THANK YOU!!

To Pattie Abbott,

Just a short note to compliment you on the fine article about Memorial Day in the *Observer*. I enjoyed it so much, a copy will be in my permanent file. I also sent a copy to my brother, an Iwo Jima Marine officer who lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. He showed it to the editor of *The St. Petersburg Times* and told him that's how the holiday should be expressed.

At any rate, please keep up the good work.

RESPECTFULLY,
GEORGE GOODRICH

To the Editor:

In response to the letter printed in the June 4 issue of the *Reporter*: It deeply saddens and angers the members of our Post that Mrs. Tomei and her family chose this vehicle to bring to light that there was no new flag on her husband's grave. We have been informed that Past Commander Tomei does not have a grave per se, but is entombed in a mausoleum, to which our post has no access. There are many markers outside of the mausoleum for the veterans. There is an honest attempt to place a flag on every veteran's grave and in each marker.

Chaumont Post 243 of the American Legion has placed approximately 1,600 flags up to and including Memorial Day at the South Plainfield cemeteries. A small group of dedicated veterans of our Post and the VFW Post (mostly World War II veterans), some civilians, and members of Cub Pack 324 accomplished this task. There was no reward. There are no articles praising the men who gave of their time to remember comrades who have passed on. This is an almost silent vigil that is carried on every year.

No one I've talked with has any knowledge of Mrs. Tomei asking for a flag at the post. Many flags have been given out. We gladly give flags to anyone who asks. If there is a veteran whose grave is not adorned with an American flag, please contact American Legion Chaumont Post 243.

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY
JOE PENYAK,
POST COMMANDER

Many Thanks:

On Friday, June 4, the Roosevelt School Drama Club presented *The Dragon Heart*. A shorter version was also presented at Franklin School. Many people were responsible for this successful production and should be recognized.

The castle and inn were created by Linda Berkowitz and used by both Franklin and Roosevelt schools. Linda also designed the T-shirts for *Dragon Heart*. Her work has been used in Franklin and Roosevelt School as well as for Summer Drama Workshop t-shirts. The apple tree, drawn by Linda, was completed by Councilman Ray Petronko and his wife Pat. Karen Kunch made the dragon costume used by both schools, as well as many of the other costumes. Rosemary Orlandini also helped provide many costumes and props.

Two days before the show the nearly empty stage was transformed into a magnificent castle backdrop by Margaret Stefanelli and other parents.

Throughout the many months of rehearsing, Principal Mario Barbieri and teacher Mrs. Anderson were always on hand to take attendance and offer encouragement.

I could not have run Drama Club without my student directors Pamela Cianfrocca, Chris Abbott, Chris Imbrosciano and Jamie Morris. These teenagers gave up their time to help teach theater arts skills to the younger students.

I would like to personally thank all of the people involved in the production. So many people pitched in to help out that I am sure I have left out some names. To all who helped, without you this play would not have the success it was.

Till next year...
PATTIE ABBOTT

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 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 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 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.

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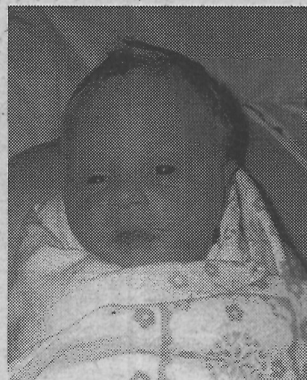
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Community BRIEFS

Post Office Crossing Still Dangerous

The pedestrian crossing at the post office was once more the topic of discussion at last week's council meeting. Most motorists are still not stopping when pedestrians cross the street from the Drug Fair parking lot to the post office. When they do stop, cars almost collide causing near misses every day.

Traffic Safety and the Borough Council have been discussing this problem at recent meetings, trying to find a solution to the problem. Plans include installation of rumble strips to slow down traffic and the relocating of pedestrian signs farther back so that traffic has more time to react.

Crossing Guards Future Uncertain

A dozen crossing guards turned out for last week's council meeting to inquire about the contract recently awarded to Labor Management Concepts Inc.

The council awarded a contract to Labor Management Concepts Inc. for the 1999/2000 school year and the guards were asking

why they had not yet been contacted by the new company.

Gary Munro, representative from Labor Management, said their plan is to keep all the crossing guards on board. He said they plan to meet with the all of the crossing guards during the next few weeks.

Safetytown Accepting Registrations

This year both the South Plainfield Recreation and the Junior Woman's Club will be sponsoring Safetytown.

Safetytown is an early childhood safety education program for children entering kindergarten and first grade.

Safetytown runs July 19-23 or July 26-30. The cost is \$35. per child. Sign ups are now being taken at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

For more information call 226-7713.

CVS Garbage Collection Disturbs Homeowners

After a year with little or no complaints, Wells Drive residents are again being subjected to the early morning garbage collection in back of the CVS on Plainfield Ave. Last year, residents went to the council complaining and after talking to the manager and the district office, an agreement was reached with CVS agreeing to stop middle of the night garbage collections.

The last two council meetings have been attended by resident J. Grobin who asked the council to intercede once again and asked that the company making these late night collections be summoned.

The mayor said he had talked to CVS and they promised they would stop the late hour collecting. He also said that he ordered a noise level test and it was within

the limits the law allows. Grobin said he called the Middlesex County Health Department and was told that no test had been ordered. The mayor promised to send him the results as soon as he received them. In the meantime, the police will be watching for the garbage collectors causing the noise problems.

Councilwoman Darlene Pinto told Grobin that she has been looking at our local ordinances to see if any of them have been violated. She also said that any South Plainfield ordinance is superceded by state ordinances. Pinto said she is still searching them to see if the town can issue a summons to the company. She assured Grobin that the council is doing what it can within the limits of the law to end these late night garbage collections.



South Plainfield Chapter of United Way officers and board members pictured are: Aida Santos, C. Clayton Echan, Barbara Ballard, James Lenox, Rick Stefany, David Slavin, Frank Mikorski, Joseph Chanley, and Nancy Grennier.

South Plainfield United Way Holds Meeting

The United Way of South Plainfield met last week to elect officers and hear from the groups they support financially.

Newly elected officers for 1999-2000 are President Rick Stefany, Vice President/Campaign James Lenox, Vice President/Planning and Allocations Frank Mikorski, Treasurer Joseph Chanley, Secretary is C. Clayton Echan. Members of the Board of Directors are Barbara Ballard, Joseph Chanley, C. Clayton Echan, Ray Fantuzzi, Nancy Grennier, James Lenox, Fran Licato, Frank Mikorski, Aida Santos, Martin Shupack, David Slavin Rick Stefany.

The breakfast meeting included a short presentation from the agencies the United Way supports throughout the year. The groups and agencies include The Red Cross, Raritan Valley ARC, Boy Scouts, Cerebral Palsy Group, Girls Scouts, JCC of Central Jersey,

King's Daughter Day School, United Family, Visiting Nurses Association, YMCA and the YWCA of the Plainfields.

After hearing about the activities of these groups and organizations does throughout the year, members of the United Way rededicated themselves to raise as much money

for future funding as possible. These agencies offer so many programs that help those in need, including blood programs, teaching babysitting services, taking in border babies, running shelters, day care and schooling for those in need and helping handicapped children and adults live a better live.

Register Now for Vision 2001 June 30 Golf Classic

South Plainfield Vision 2001 Education Foundation, Inc. is planning its annual Golf Classic on Wednesday, June 30, at Royce Brook Golf Club in Somerville.

Prizes include hole in one for a new car, hole in one for a vacation, hole in one for Antigua Golf clothes, hole in one for a radio and hole in one for Pot of Gold. Prizes are awarded for low gross, longest drive, closest to hole, closest to the line, corporate team net and corporate team gross. Scoring will be the Calloway Scoring System.

The day will begin at 8 a.m. with registration and coffee, followed at 9 with the golf range/putting challenge and at 10 the shotgun start. Lunch will be at 12:30 at the turn, beer and wine hour is at 3 p.m. and the dinner/awards will be held at 4 p.m.

Registration is \$160 per person. Entry fee includes 18 holes of golf, green fees and cart, coffee/golf range, on course beverage, lunch at the turn, beer/wine hour and a buffet dinner. All gratuities are included. Rubber spikes only.

To register, make your check payable to Vision 2001 and mail to P.O. Box 733, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 or call Robert Hunter at 756-2800 or Emil Leporino at 908-756-8038.

Vision 2001 objectives are financial support for incentive programs that encourage academic achievement and good citizenship for South Plainfield students. They award annual scholarships and assist internship and cooperative work opportunities. In the last four years they have been responsible for contributing \$32,000 (18) scholarships, \$22,250 in endowments, \$6,000 for curriculum programs, \$5,975 in academic incentive programs and \$9,575 for school equipment.

Check out our website at www.spvision2001.org.

Recycling Center & Yard Waste Site

Regular summer hours are: Recycling Center-Tuesdays and Fridays 1-8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Yard Waste Site - Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays 1-8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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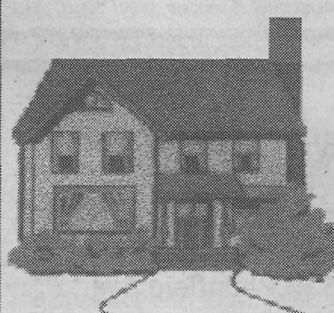
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EVENTS

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/double occupancy, \$80./single. We will visit Sands Casino, 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 information and reservations. Space is limited, so call ASAP.

"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.

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, 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.

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 18, 19 and 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 27 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 \$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.

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Haven't got space for an elaborate intro this week, so here's some big news from South Plainfield Library:

First of all, we're about to make a schedule change. Starting Sunday, the Library will be closed Sundays throughout the summer. Sunday hours will return in September. Also, we'll be starting summer hours on Saturdays in July.

We've got a pretty full schedule of children's programs coming up. First, this month's children's craft program is on for this afternoon at four. It's for children ages six and over; there's still space available, so call (908) 754-7885 to register. Next, we'll follow our usual schedule for children's storytimes. They're held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. All are for children ages three and over. Then, on Saturday, June 26, we're holding the kick-off program for this year's Summer Reading Program. It starts at 11 a.m. and will be held across the parking lot in Borough Hall. The program will feature "Keppel's Magical Reading Show," a magic show for all ages. Finally, there will be a special craft program for Summer Reading Club members on Monday, June 28. If you'd like more information about any of these events, call us and check with Linda Hansen, the Children's Librarian.

Considering the size of the previous paragraph, you might think all we have are children's programs. Not correct; we also have a couple of adult events coming up. On Tuesday, there's the Health & Fitness seminar at 7 p.m. Ev-

eryone is invited to attend this helpful program conducted by fitness trainer Ken Andes. Next, while the kids are at the Summer Reading kick-off, the Friends of the Library will be holding an overstock book sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The going rate for books at this sale will be \$1 per bag (yes, you read that right, \$1 per bag). Please stop by and check on what's for sale.

On a related note, while the Friends are trying to sell off some of their inventory, they do have a request. They're looking for donations of paperbacks for the ongoing sale; specifically, they're looking for recent or current best sellers, or generally popular titles. If you have what they're looking for, and the books are in decent condition, feel free to drop them off.

Another change is coming up on the A/V front. The current group of Circuit compact discs will be available to patrons until June 21. After that, the group will be collected and sent to the next library in sequence. A new group of CD's will be available in early-mid July.

Finally, here's an advisory. Some people have come in to search for something with the catalog terminals, only to find them not working. They figure this is the case because the screen is blank. Actually, the terminals are working fine. The monitors are just set up, in lieu of a screen saver display, to go black if they aren't used after several minutes. Just press a key and the screen will light up. But, if it doesn't, let us know at once.

That's just about all for now. We'll have more news from the library next time.

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1999 July-December

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8/12, 8/26	8/13, 8/27
9/9, 9/23	9/10, 9/24
10/7, 10/21	10/8, 10/22
11/4, 11/18	11/5, 11/19
12/2, 12/16, 12/30	12/3, 12/17, 12/31

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Summer (May 1 - Labor Day): Tues., Fri. 1-8 PM, Sat. 8 AM-3 PM
Winter (Labor Day - April 30): Tues. Noon-7 PM, Fri. & Sat. 8 AM-3 PM

Residents only may bring leaves & brush to the Yard Waste Site at the end of Kenneth Avenue. Leaves only are collected curbside by the Road Department in the fall. (Grass clippings are also accepted from residents at the drop-off; not a mandatory recyclable. We suggest Cut-It-And-Leave-It instead of bagging.) Yard Waste Site schedules are:

Summer (May 1 - Labor Day): Tues., Wed., Fri. 1-8 PM, Sat. 8 AM-3 PM

Winter (Dec. 16 - Mar. 15): Sat. 8 AM-3 PM; Fall and Spring Tues. Noon-7 PM, Fri. & Sat. 8 AM-3 PM

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By Briggs
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Well, haven't these last weeks seen some significant activity on the fronts of our lives. For those of us who are globally attuned, the "war" in Kosovo (note that war has been politically defined since Korea in the 50's) has been downgraded or upgraded to the result of "successful" (?) negotiations on both sides. That the cessation of the bombing has paved the way for shear and utter confusion amongst the victors (again on both sides, but don't read winners) is the best evidence yet that war is Hell! Korea is still a hotspot in the news, and so is the India-Pakistan relationship. For you more locally defined people, Hillary has come out of the closet as a Yankee fan (of course, her's too is just more political definition) and the NASDAQ is more of a roller coaster than ever with the Internet stock rides.

So, is this now an editorial column. No, not really. But my point is that if you need or want current information on what's happening now, you can usually get your news faster and purer via the internet than you can from the traditional media (meaning print, radio and TV). Fortunately, the "quality" is left for you to derive. That's because more often than not, the Internet news is live and unedited! For instance, the world first learned what was going on in Kosovo from live reporting via the Internet. And now it seems that net cameras are everywhere, and they're often beating paid reporters to the punch with live action. It gets better too, because with the off-the-shelf computer packages being sold today, you have all the ingredients to configure your own Internet radio sta-

tion. Just download the appropriate software, which is usually available for free, and you're "primetime live." Cool, huh?

I would expect that by now most web users have found and used the various tools and applications for receiving all this "news." Real Audio, Microsoft's media player, and the like, are all you need. Unfortunately, you do need more than one, because none handles all formats being sent out (the lack of standards is just some of the quirkiness that marks the Internet). Of all of them, I particularly like Earthtuner. It is my default player for most multi-media stuff on the net, and I really like it's active graphic.

TIP: Go to <http://www.earthtuner.com> and download the free trial program. It lasts long enough for you develop a real partiality for it too. The one time registration they ask for is well worth the price of admission. It includes all future updates, so you'll be set for life. Do yourself a favor and buy into this one! Earthtuner makes it easy and fun to tune through all the Internet radio and TV stations available from every country on the planet, even the Antarctic! Go for it.

Needless to say, there are other media tuners available, and I'm sure some of them are real good, too! Here's my open invitation: If you know of a particular application or program that you think is pretty cool, and has found a home in your workstation, drop me a note so I can take a looksee. I will review anything you suggest. You know how to reach me: Bruggo@home.com. See you next time—Briggs Longbothum.

Terra Nova Garden Club Receives Award

The Terra Nova Garden Club was awarded a Silver Trophy at the Annual Meeting of the Garden Club of New Jersey for their continuity of service in Garden Therapy. The club conducts monthly workshops for the clients at the Muhlenberg Medical Center Adult Day Care and makes bedside arrangements three or four times a year for veterans at Lyons VA Hospital. They also decorate wreaths for the Home for Disabled Soldiers

in Menlo Park for the Christmas holiday season.

The lovely bowl will hold the centerpiece at the annual dinner meeting, so all members can enjoy it. The dinner will be held at the Spain Inn in Piscataway on June 23.

Virginia Nuzzo of Edison is Garden therapy chairman for Terra Nova, dedicating many hours in preparation and organization of projects, in addition to personal service at each occasion.

A Chance for Working Moms To Connect With Others

Central Jersey Women's Network, a NAFE (National Association for Female Executives) member network, wants to make it very easy for all women to connect with other women who share similar professional, personal and life challenges. You can join with other working moms to learn and support each other in their critical dual roles. All working moms are welcome!

Led by Natalie Gahrman, personal and professional success coach and owner of Personal Best Coaching & Development, a dynamic workshop/seminar leader, trainer and mother of two. This group will be a place to share experiences, resources and practical tips for balancing it all.

The group meets monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 9 p.m. using a teleconference bridge line. (The group is free, but you will incur your normal long-distance phone charges.) We'll discuss topics such as: integrating all aspects of your life; finding time for you; letting go of perfection; negotiating new roles; building support networks; decreasing stress; dealing with guilt over-load; redefining priorities; transitioning from work to home and back.

Since this is by phone, come as you are, from the comfort of your home (no babysitters or commute necessary!!) You can join for one session or be a monthly regular, whatever works for you. Advance registration is necessary to insure your connection.

For more information or to reserve your space, contact Natalie Gahrman by phone/fax: (732-424-8413) or email nataliegahrman@hotmail.com. You will receive confirmation of your registration and calling instructions by return fax/email.

MILESTONES

Birth

Gattermeirs Announce Daughter's Birth

Dave and Mary Gattermeir announce the birth of a daughter, Gwendolyn Faith Gattermeir on June 1. Born at 7:20 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. Gwendolyn weighed in at 8 pounds and measured 20 inches. Gwendolyn was welcomed home by her brother Zachary.



DeMeglios Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary



Susie and Bill DeMeglio celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 12. Their children, Carol Mazzcack of South Plainfield, Carmine DiMeglio of Pennsylvania and Joseph DiMeglio of Metuchen wish their parents a very happy anniversary.

The DeMeglios have nine grandchildren.

Three Perform at Piano Recital

Three South Plainfield students performed at the Rifino and De Sorbo Music Studios Piano Recital Program in Dunellen on Friday, June 4.

Matthew Zebrowski, fifth grade student at Riley School, performed *Saturday Night Boogie* by Bastien and a duet with his brother David Zebrowski, entitled *Air op. 149* by Anton Diabelli. David, a sophomore at South Plainfield High School,

also performed *Contrast* by Sargent and a duet, *Valse Nobles* by Schubert, with his piano teacher, Anita De Sorbo. Laura Panton, an eighth grader from the Middle School, played *Gentle Breeze* by Miller and *Country Frolic* by Bober, as well as a duet, *Two in a Stew*, with another student, Leigh Ann Baglin. All three students plan to continue their music education with Anita De Sorbo.

Rescue Squad Plans Wetdown For New Crash Truck

The South Plainfield Rescue Squad will christen its new crash truck during a wetdown from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, July 10 at the Squad building on Plainfield Ave., behind the library.

The 14-foot-1999 Smeal Heavy Rescue Freightliner FL 60 is equipped with heavy rescue tools and floodlights, which are used for automobile accidents with entrapment, tractor-trailer accidents, train derailments and other major emergencies.

Member of area rescue and first-aid squads, and fire departments are invited for the party, which will include food and beverages, beer, souvenir mugs and T-Shirts, door prizes and volleyball competition.

Music, entertainment and giveaways will be provided by Michelle Visage of WKTU radio 103.5 FM.

Trophies will be given to participating emergency services groups for farthest distance traveled, newest and oldest vehicles, best appearing department, rescue truck and



ambulance.

Prizes for the volleyball tournament and shoot-out will include cruises and trips to the Caribbean. Participants must register with Sgt. Peter Magnani by calling (908) 754-2258 on June 21 beginning at 7 p.m. Volleyball team reservations made after June 21 should be directed to Sgt. Magnani at (908) 754-2343, with information left on the machine. Registration fee is \$40 per team in advance and \$50 the day of the event. Reservations will be taken until 16 teams are entered in the competition.

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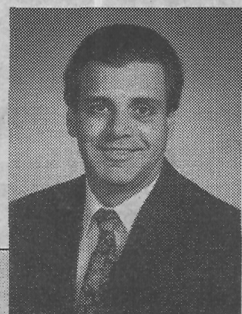
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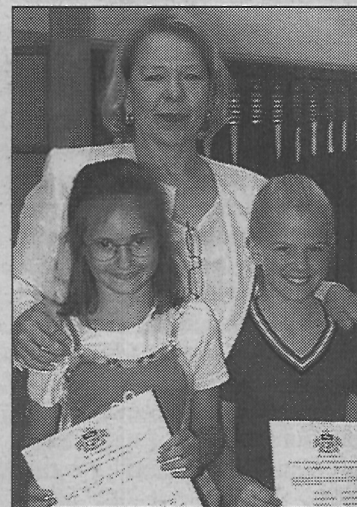
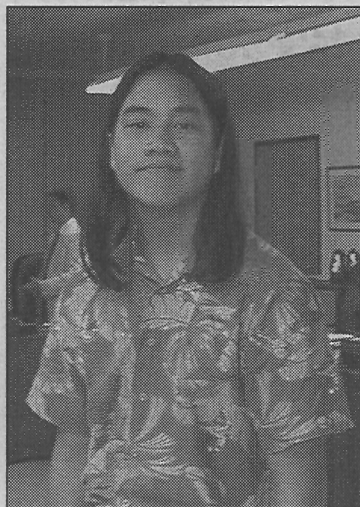
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Board of Education Recognizes Students and Teachers



Last week, the South Plainfield Board of Education recognized numerous students and teachers with certificates of commendation.

Academic and Special Achievements Awards –

Elementary School

- Comcast, The Learning Channel and The National Association of Elementary School Principals Everyday Heroes contest winners were Donna Garcia and Kimberly Russell from Kennedy School, Gina Butrico from Franklin School.
- Rain Forest National Award to Holly McDede from Kennedy School.
- YWCA International Women's Day Student Writing Contest award to Taryn Billich from Franklin School.
- Elks Poster Contest winners were Andrew Ohriska from Kennedy School and Gilbert McKimm from Franklin School.
- "Jump Rope for the Heart" award to Andrew Smith, Physical Ed Teacher at Franklin School.

Middle School

- Middlesex County Middle School of the Arts winners were: seventh graders Kristina Lopez, Michelle Puskas, Joseph Rodriguez, Shari Sangster; sixth graders Abbie Falato, Chris Imbrosciano, Jamie Morris, Kristen Nietzer and

Katie Lawrence.

- New Jersey State Teen Arts—Outstanding Achievement Awards: Flute Ensemble Jamie Morris, Denise DiMeglio, Tiffany Boyle and Kristen Fredericks; Saxophone Ensemble Michael Kasmer, Heather Loenser, Alain Amazan, Chris Nguyen, John Rayho, David Jacobs and Michael Jankoski and Visual Art to Abbie Falato.

- Elks Poster Contest winners were Carlton Lovett, Chris Baillergeau, Ray Truitt, Christian Camacho and Jason Setlow.

- Central Jersey Region II Intermediate Chorus awards to Daniel Agostino, Jesse Brown, Thomas Holowka, Kristina Lopez, Dominick Mascolo, Chaira Tomei, Courtney Turner and Jessaka Whitsitt.

- Central Jersey Region II Intermediate Orchestra winners were Heather Barret for viola and Katherine Lawrence for string bass.

- John Hopkins University Talent Search winners were Christopher Addvensky, Denise DeMeglio, Courtney Krajcik and Lauren Smithline.

High School

- New Jersey Career Institute

Award to Jane Nguyen.

- The Governor's School of the Environment Award to Cindy Carlson.

- The Governor's School on Public Issues and the Future of NJ Award to Michael DeMatos.

- Middlesex County High School of the Arts Awards went to Pamela Cianfrocca for theatre, Sara Denno for vocal music, Matt LaSpata for theatre, Allison Provaire for vocal music and Justin Woo for poetry.

- MCSBA/MCASA Caring Award went to Marco Migliaro and Linda Nguyen.

- Middlesex County Principal's and Supervisor's Association Outstanding Student Award to Chiemeka Ejiochi.

- University of Minnesota Research Projects Award went to Rosemarie Brizak, Tiesha Cooper, Rachel Feller and Wanda Raynes.

- Elks Poster Contest winners were Jose Javier Amaya, Jason Seav, Dave Micabalo, Samuel Envarro and Rami Ibranim.

- New Jersey State Teen Arts—Outstanding Achievement Awards to Rosemarie Brizak in creative writing, Jason Kollarick for vocal music, Chiemeka Ejiochi and Jarel Foster for visual arts.

- Courier News Journalism Contest winners were Chris Francis first place in features and Kyan Bowman second place in sports.

- Middlesex County Writing Conference Award winners are: Chris Francis and Michael DeMatos, honorable mention in journalism; Justin Woo, third place in journalism and first place in essay; Rosemary Brizak, third place in short story and Erin Mackey first place in journalism.

- A Celebration of New Jersey's Young Poets/Creative Communication Award to Nicole Adorna for her poem "True Love."

- The New Jersey Scholars Program award to Bradford James Tierney.

- Special Olympics Area 14 Track and Field Commendations

to staff members Janet Pine, Addison Williams, Janice Petercsak, Lisa Morris, Tara Olvany and Dee Falato; participating students Candice Austin, Crissy Brooks, Heather DeBiase, Jason DeSantis, Joshua English, Sam Etwarroo, Adam Gerb, Steve Gopal, Margaret Hankiewicz, Rami Ibrahim, Paul Israel, Kelly Kinney-Perrine, Richard Leonardis, Kristen Linczyk, Carlton Lovett, Samantha McCullen, Dave Micabalo, Judesca Pronker, Jen Rhodes, Jason Seay, Michael Tabachnick, Melissa Tillotson and student volunteers David Aquino, Jessica Arndt, Kimberly Benson, Ian Berberabe, Kyan Bowman, Rochelle Dimacje, Angelique Ganians, Jennifer Infante, Nicole Luthman, Erin Mackey, Joanne Michalski, Marilyn Milliard, Adrienne Nagy, Sarah Oppel, Millie Patel, Wanda Rynes and Eman Younes.

- John W. Alexander Outstanding Project Award to Mrs. Dawn Wallis.

ATHLETIC AWARDS

Wrestling Awards

- Middlesex County Wrestling Man of the Year Award to Michael Buggy.

The wrestling team was recognized as the NJSIAA District 12 Champions, the GMC Champions, the GMC Red Division Champions.

They were also ranked this year as the number one team in Middlesex County and as the number eight team in state of New Jersey. Commendations went to Head Coach Bill Pavlak and assistant coaches Gene Clapsis and Kevin McCann.

- Coach of the Year Award to Bill Pavlak from the Greater Middlesex Conference, the District 12 Conference and the Red Division.

- Middlesex County Freshman Wrestler of the Year Award to Matt Anderson.

- Region 3 Champion State Tournament Placemitter to Dan Kunst.

- Greater Middlesex Conference Individual Champions to Matt Anderson (103), David Stoeckel (125) and Colin Hunter (HWT).

- All-Greater Middlesex Conference Awards to Matt Anderson (103), David Stoeckel (125) and Colin Hunter (HWT).

- District 12 Champions Awards to Matt Anderson (103), Roberto Ramos (112), Frank Crincoli (152), Chris Francis (171), Dan Kunst (189) and Chris Cioffi (215).

Golf Awards

- NJSIAA Award of Honor Sports Award in Golf to Michael Kavka.

- All-Greater Middlesex Conference Award to Jason Bataille.

Softball Awards

- All-Greater Middlesex Conference Award to Alyson Barrett.

Baseball Awards

- All-Greater Middlesex Conference Awards to Steven Bucchignano and Michael Kapsch.

- New Jersey Coaches Association Hall of Fame Award to Steve Novak for men's baseball and soccer.

- Volunteer Coaches Award to Mike Allocco for boys basketball and Charlie Friday for wrestling.

- SPHS-New School Records Commendations to Michael Kapsch for most hits (42), most RBIs (38), homeruns (7), most doubles (16) and most extra base hits (27) this season. He was also recognized for most career home runs (10) and most career RBIs (63). Steven Bucchignano had most career pitching victories (23).

- Michael Kapsch was selected as GMC "White Division Player of Year." Both Mike Kapsch and Steven Bucchignano were also selected to play in the NJ State All-Star Game held on June 12 at Princeton University.

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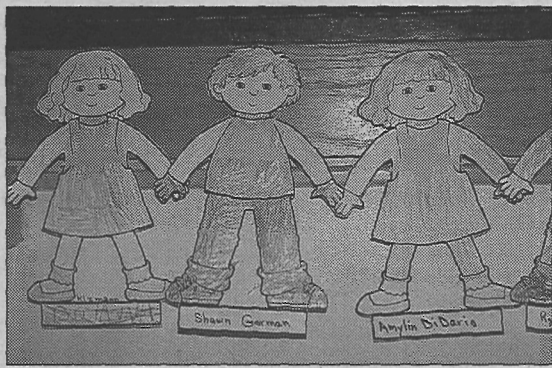
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A Tribute to a Wonderful Father



Sometimes the things that count the most we overlook instead. Sometimes the people that mean the most, their deeds are left unsaid. Many times we look around and find that our words have come too late. There were many things we could have said but waited just too long. My father was a man who always came through when there was anything that he could possibly do. He knew how to share, to give and to care. His kindness and his love came right from the heart. A noble deed he never failed to impart. A father like him was one of a kind—the unusually generous, the hard to find. We love you Dad, and always will. We miss you Dad, but it was God's will.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY IN HEAVEN.
Love, David, Cindy & family



Future Stars Preschool Presents Class of 1999

YELLOW ROOM - Tues./Thurs. Class

Kevin Patrick Belanger, Zachary Donnellan, Randy James Eible, Jack Green, Shawn Patrick Gorman, Tyler Paul Herriot, Daniel Joseph Kelly, Brianna Kizmann, Ryan James Marcoux, Matthew McCoy, Zachary Noll, Katherine Michelle O'Brien, Lauren Ashley Parelo, Aishani Akshay Patel, Jessica Ann Rapatski, Jack Richard Stedlecki, Daniel Snogans, Rachel Sutherland, Kimberly Doan Tran, Brielle Valle.

GREEN ROOM - Tues./Thurs. Class

Amanda R. Auletto, Jessica Ashley Bohn, Michael Angelo Capizola, Juliette Kelliher, Rachel Jeane Krause, Aimee Le, Justin Wolodymyr Maniscalki, Shane Ryan McCoid, Lauren Megan O'Neil, Mikayla Nichole Ostrander, Joseph Palazzo, Kimberly Rose Petronko, Nicole Leah Phillips, Joey Swait, Kristi Rose Stebila, Jennifer Leigh Tercek, Albert Vill, Nicole (Kiki) Vill, Lisa Zuckerwise.

YELLOW ROOM - Mon./Wed./Fri. Class

Stephen Christopher Ballschmieder, Bryan Calixto, Amylin DiDario, Chris Duffy, Ryan Christopher Hughes, Kenny Kaczka, Victor Viet Le, Frank Malecki III, Elise Mee-Ra Miner, Michelle J. O'Sullivan, Nick Pleeter, Ryan Riccardi, Christopher Siedenburg, Luke A. Springer, Keri Jo Steele, Mark Anthony Tomei, Jr., Lisa Marie Vallone, Jonathon Michael Viola, Kelly Walsh.

BLUE ROOM - Mon./Wed./Fri. Class

Lanna Arki, Tiana L. Baker, Ashanti Cherice Bishop, Tracey Marie Cihanowyz, Erica Lynn Fisher, Monika Jastrzebski, Ashley Linick, Jenny Pham, Alyssa Marie Ragno, Erick O. Rodriguez, Jasmine Sanchez, Breahna Danielle Saunders, Olga Tamawska, Erika Suzanne Ritchie, Robert Christopher Suriano, Jr.

BLUE ROOM - Mon./Wed./Fri. Class

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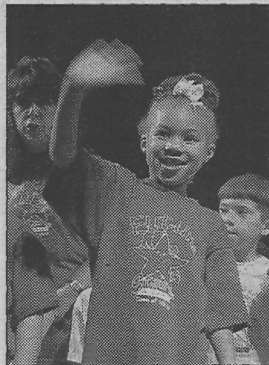
GREEN ROOM - Mon./Wed./Fri. Class

Miranda Nicole Black, Stuart Buckelew, Alexis Dara Cargill, Hailey Jean Carone, Nicole Claire Daubert, Dylan Michael Dorey, Antoni M. Franczak, Angelica Grasso, Tyler Robert Hunt, Megan Rose Kress, Christopher Anthony Kukuch, Nicholas John Kukuch, Troy Walter Kurilew, Nicholas R. Paprcka, Brandon Jeffery Pauls, Anthony Quadrel, Jamie Victoria Quail, Margaret Anne Valentino, Allison Marie White.

BLUE ROOM - Mon./Wed./Fri.

Tommy Bowden, Billy Hafner, Rut Junco, Andrew Rand Manzo.

Future Stars classes are taught by staff teachers including: Mrs. Janet Errico, Mrs. Dorothy Ewing, Mrs. Loretta Hall (Aide), Mrs. Sue Butrico, Mrs. Elyne Foscolo, Mrs. Gail Klamm, Mrs. Pat Robustelli (Aide), Mrs. Patricia Waters, Mrs. June Ward (Aide) and Mrs. Patricia Petronko (Aide).



Adult School Holds 22nd Commencement Exercises

The 1999 Adult High School graduates were Lori Addeo, Allen Chow, Tanya Davis, Julie DeRose, Jamie DiDonato, Kayani Donadlson, Gerald Fabien, David Fetz, Isam Ghanim, Jessica Guzenski, Sumaya Habib-Ali, Johanna Hanrahan, Twanda Howard, Matthew Huffman, Thomas Komjati, Jorge Manay, Scott Mayti, Kimberly Melendez, Nehemiah Murcelo, Thanh Nguyen, Marlana Penna, Karian Pohorence, Nicole Russo, Rebecca Schadt, Amy Sommerer, Jason Thomas, Angela Twist and Gema Urbina.

The graduates attended school evenings and Saturdays to earn their high school diplomas. Some of the students needed only one year to earn the required number of credits, while others attended for years. Most of these students held jobs, raised children and had many other commitments, but still succeeded in earning their high school diploma. Some even intend to pursue a college education in the fall.



Students of Language Inducted Into National Honor Society

On June 2 foreign language high school students were inducted into the French, German, Spanish National Honor Societies.

The 1999 French Honor Society inductees were Scott Doerr, James Foster, Emma Fulton and Katherine Skoba. The South Plainfield chapter was founded by Mrs. Lillian Friedlander in 1980.

The 1999 Spanish Honor Society inductees were Melinda Agostino, Jessica Arndt, Alison Barrett, David Cupo, Maria Hudak, Melissa Jamieson, Michelle King, Margaret Morales, Adrienne Nagy, Tejal Patel, Robin Stayvas, Jullian Stokes, Nicole Wrublewski and Rania Yones. The original chapter in South Plainfield was founded by Miss Doris Cerwin in 1960 and was reactivated by Miss Joycemarie Fittipaldi in 1980.

Department of Foreign Languages faculty members are Jacquelyn Barton, Barbara Boyer, Susan Golday, (Team Leader) Carolyn Lineback, Pilar Perez and Perry Sicola.

ROAD ALERT:

Milling & Resurfacing of Borough Roads

Residents should be advised that the Middlesex County Road Department will be milling and resurfacing the following borough roads. This project will begin and end, subject to availability of equipment and weather permitting, on or about the dates (tentative) listed below.

Project	Project Limits	Activity	Start Date	Finish Date
Kennedy Road	St. Nicholas Avenue to Montrose Avenue	Milling Paving	6-16 6-17	6-16 6-17
St. Nicholas Avenue	Hamilton Boulevard to So. Clinton Avenue	Milling Paving	6-16 6-18	6-16 6-21
Herbert Place	Muglia Place to End	Milling Paving	6-17 6-22	6-17 6-22
Hillside Avenue	Hamilton Boulevard to Beatrice Place	Milling Paving	6-17 6-22	6-17 6-22
Muglia Place	Hamilton Boulevard to Herbert Place	Milling Paving	6-18 6-23	6-18 6-23
So. Tenth Street	Clinton Avenue to New Brunswick Ave.	Milling Paving	6-18 6-23	6-18 6-23
Frase Street	Ledden Terrace to Worth Drive	Milling Paving	6-21 6-24	6-21 6-24
Wickford Avenue	Rahway Avenue to Cromwell Place	Milling Paving	6-21 6-24	6-21 6-24
Merchants Avenue	Entire Length	Milling Paving	6-22 6-25	6-22 6-25
Pine Street	Maple Avenue to St. James Place	Milling Paving	6-22 6-28	6-22 6-28
Ada Place	Entire Length	Milling Paving	6-22 6-28	6-22 6-28
May Avenue	Park Avenue to Joan Street	Nailing Paving	6-23 6-28	6-23 6-29
Gubernat Drive	Park Avenue to So. Plainfield Ave.	Milling Paving	6-23 6-29	6-23 6-29
West Crescent Pwy.	So. Plainfield Ave. to End	Milling Paving	6-23 6-30	6-23 6-30
Jerome Avenue	Park Avenue to Norwood Avenue	Milling Paving	6-23 6-30	6-23 6-30
East Crescent Pwy.	Woodland Avenue to Park Avenue	Milling Paving	6-24 6-30	6-24 6-30
Wexler Place	Woodland Avenue to Selene Avenue	Milling Paving	6-24 6-30	6-24 6-30

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Junior Baseball Club Notes

By Frank Hanley

SPJBC Invitational Tournament

The 26th Annual SPJBC Invitational Tournament is scheduled to start on Thursday, July 1. The SPJBC has invited over 60 area clubs to participate in the tournament. There will be up to 16 teams playing in each age group. The tournament games will be played throughout the month of July.

The club is seeking individuals to help out with the operation of the Snack Stand during the tournament.

Anyone willing to help should contact Kathy Downes at 908-756-7233.

Annual Dance

Over 80 people attended the annual SPJBC dance held last Saturday night at the Polish National Home.

There was plenty of food, music, dancing and great door prizes. The club thanks the Woman's Auxiliary for all of their efforts in organizing and hosting this event. A great time was had by all.

League Tournaments

Tournaments will be held for all leagues beginning this weekend. The tournaments will be a double elimination format. This year, all teams in all leagues will participate in the tournament. Good luck to everyone.

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

Events at a glance

League Tournaments begin Sunday, June 13

SPJBC Invitational Tournament begins Thursday, July 1

Small Fry C League Highlights

Yankees-Dodgers—Dan Nastarowicz had two hits and pitched a scoreless inning with Jeff Pryor hitting a double and a triple for the Dodgers. Ken Breslau had an outstanding game and Nick Levendusky hit a HOME RUN for the Yankees.

Devil Rays-Cardinals—Brian Wieckowski pitched two scoreless innings and turned a double play with Curtis Wilchek hitting a double for the Rays. Alex Chianowyz and Andrew Oriska both had hits for the Cards.

Giants-Diamond Backs—Justin Smith and Joey Lacerda played a great game for the Backs.

Diamond Backs-Mets—Bobby Harrington had three hits for the Mets. Keith Heckel pitched well and John Pollizanno had two doubles for the Backs.

Tigers-Cardinals—Brian Hanley struck out three batters for the Cards. Matt Seider was four-for-four with a home run. Mike Brainard had two hits and RBIs for the Tigers.

Cardinals-Mets—Alex Chianowyz had a triple and made a great play at third base for the Cardinals. Frank Stefanelli hit a home run and Vinnie Padula had 4 RBIs for the Mets.

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

Junior Baseball 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

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

Ponytail Softball Picnic

Ponytail players were treated to an end-of-the-season picnic at the community pool last Friday night. They enjoyed swimming, games and pizza. Each player also received a trophy for their participation.



Recreation Offers Youth Soccer Program

A youth soccer program open to all South Plainfield residents ages 6-13 as of October 1, 1999 is forming. The fee is \$25 per participant. The program will run evenings and Saturdays, September through November.

Register at the Recreation office, located in the PAL Recreation Center on Maple Ave. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registrations will be taken from June 19 to August 13.

The Recreation office will also be open from 6-8 p.m. on the first and third Monday of every month. To register you will need a copy of the participant's birth certificate (if required) and proof of residency. Birth certificates are required for registrants who have not previously participated in a recreation-sponsored Youth League.

For more information, call 226-7713.

South Plainfield Golf League

Week 7

Highlight of the Week was a hole in one recorded on the 189-yard par-3, seventh hole by Tom Cassio, Jr. of Twin City Pharmacy. Tom's five iron shot was witnessed by Dean Benak, Jim and Paul Gover.

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 So. Plfd. Police 16 - VFW 4
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 HCMA 12 - Arena Sports 8
 Sport & Social 11 - Borman Communications 9
 Twin City Pharmacy 10 - Masters 10

Standings

American League
 HCMA 7-0-0
 Arena Sports 5-2-0
 Borman Communications 3-4-0
 Witty's Liquors 3-4-0
 Dilex 3-4-0
 Sport & Social 2-4-1

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 So. Plfd Police 3-4-0
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Ponytail Softball Highlights

Polish Home Wins World Series Title

Ponytail Softball closed the regular season with a big win by Polish Home over Flanagans, 10-3.

The win was secured by key hits from Christine Volpe, Tara Israel, Michelle DeSantis and Jackie Kaufman, along with two runs scored by Brittany DeNitizio.

The team was supported by the outstanding pitching of Lindsay Diller and Denise DeMeglio as Polish Home captured the Ponytail A World Series title.



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Jo-Ann's and Feigley's Offer a Different Kind of Summer Camp

By Patricia Abbott

Summer is nearly here. School will be forgotten and children will be immersed in all that goes with the season, ...for about a week. After the novelty of 'no school' wears off, parents will be listening to the ageless complaint, "There's nothing to do!" The standard suggestions—the park, ride your bike, go swimming—fall on deaf ears. They want something different. Jo-Ann's Dance Studio/The Performing Arts Center and Feigley School of Gymnastics have come up with a program that most certainly fits the requirement of "different" not to mention exciting and fun. This far exceeds most summer programs. It makes hours spent in front of a video game or TV look boring.

Variety du Soleil is a gymnastics, musical theater, and dance camp created by the staffs of the two schools. In 1998 the dance studio and gymnastics school brainstormed to find something new and exciting for children and *Variety du Soleil* was born. The three week program is a unique experience that combines gymnastics with musical theater and dance and culminates in an original performance put on by the students. From 9 a.m.-12 p.m. five days a week students attend the camp. The students rotate between the classes. In the gym they work with experienced coaches on modern up-to-date apparatus learning all elements of gymnastics. In the studio the students learn character and theater dance. The musical theater portion of the studio class teaches them acting and singing. In addition they create their own costumes and learn to do their own makeup. Last year the session concluded with a performance based on *Cats*. This year's circus theme has endless possibilities.

Many of last years students have returned. Dance studio director Jo-Ann Faulkner explained, "Parents

raved about the experience!" The camp is filling up fast. Jo-Ann Faulkner explained, "There is not another program like this because it is an original creation. The two staffs are used to working together because the competitive gymnasts take dance classes at the studio. We've been working together harmoniously and with excellent results." While the gym and dance studio are separate businesses under separate management, Jo-Ann noted that it was easy to combine the programs because they are "connected."

Working with Jo-Ann is Dr. David Feigley the director of Feigley School of Gymnastics. The staff for *Variety du Soleil* is a winning combination of talented and experienced instructors and coaches from both schools. Jill Cookingham is the dance choreographer, Michelle Olekna will teach musical theater, Trish Sutphen is the gymnastics director and Valerie Bratus is the gymnastics coach.

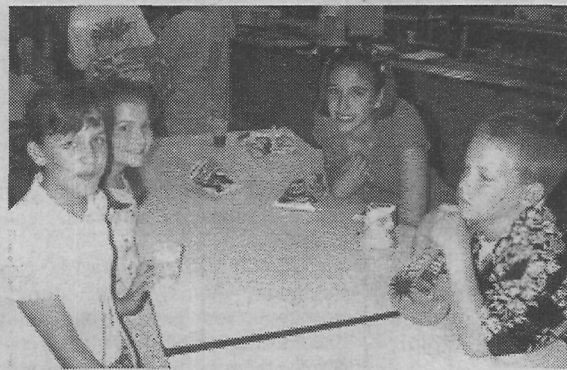
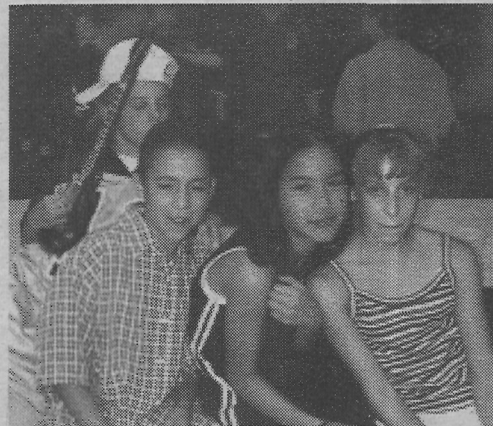
The gym is newly renovated, with new equipment and air conditioning. The dance studio is also expanded and air conditioned. There are two sessions for *Variety du Soleil*, the first is July 5-23, the second runs July 26-Aug. 13. Age groups are ages 6-8 years old and 10-14 years old. The program offers an early drop off at 8 a.m. Two three-week sessions are also available. Additional summer programs are also offered, the gym has cheerleading workshops and gymnastics classes and the dance studio offers classes in preschool, combination classes, ballet, tap, jazz and moderne. The studio and gym are located at 4475 So. Clinton Ave.

For the parents who want to avoid the "I'm bored!" wail, for the child who has done everything under the sun, *Variety du Soleil* is the fun-filled answer. For more information call 561-5094.

Fifth Graders Have a Great Time at Dance



Riley School fifth graders enjoyed themselves at a dance sponsored by the PTSO. As part of their graduation celebrations, students spent the evening dancing to a DJ and playing games. Plenty of refreshments were also on hand.



Franklin School Parades Through the Decade

By Patricia Abbott

Franklin School recently took a step back in time... many steps, in fact, as they presented a 'Parade Through the Decades.' The students did extensive research on their assigned decade. The outcome was a full day of travel from the 1900's right on up to the present time.

The trip began with the kindergarten classes who represented 1900 through 1919. The fifth grade took over with vivid examples of the 20s from the blues and jazz to the Charleston. Mrs. Stemmler's class reported on the 30s, the third grade covered the 40s complete with Howdy Doody and a salute to our soldiers.

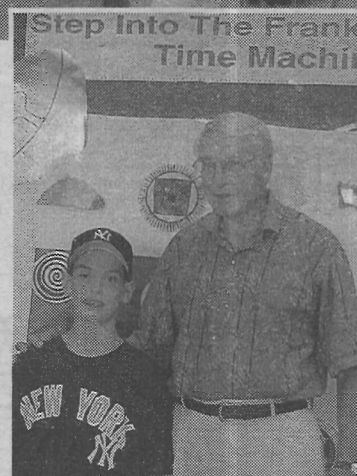
Second grade students had a blast with the 50s. The girls wore pink poodle skirts and the boys sported tee shirts with rolled sleeves and blue jeans. Their special guest was baseball's Bobby Thompson of "the shot heard round the world" fame. As a New York Giant his home run in the final moments against the Yankees gained national fame. He is slated to be honored with a U.S. postage stamp bearing his image.

The second graders gave a wonderful performance with songs from the era such as Beep Beep and classic commercials for Alka Seltzer and Nestle Quick. Another surprise 'guest' was Elvis, a tad shorter than most remember him but Elvis none the less! Students in the learning center pre-



sented the 60s. The fourth grade returned to the days of bell bottoms and strobe lights. The 70s came to life with pet rocks and smiley faces. The 80s were depicted by Mrs. Fredrick's class and the 90s got a spot in the blast to the past from Mrs. Peterson and Mrs. Stasio.

The children learned much while having fun, parents and guests were able to reminisce and the celebration of the centuries was a success.



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Goldilocks and the Four Bears was presented by students in grades 1-3 at Franklin School last week were. Pictured are: Jessica Gregorio, Ashley Sacks, Brandon Downes, Jonathan Sukenik and Alyssa Cirloi.

Obituaries

FRANK P. AYERS, 82

Frank P. Ayers of South Plainfield died on Monday, June 7, at the Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

He was born in Plainfield and had resided in South Plainfield for the last 48 years.

Mr. Ayers was a letter carrier for the South Plainfield Post Office for 25 years before retiring in 1982. He was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 365 in South Plainfield and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Mr. Ayers served in the US Navy during WWII and was a member of VFW Memorial Post 6763 in South Plainfield.

He was a member of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Bilecki Ayers; a daughter, Karen Birkhead of Warren and 3 grandsons.

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

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By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 6/18-6/24

GEMINI 5/21-6/21 *Mercury square's Mars* this transit can be quite difficult and will happen around Thursday. You are inclined to feel touchy and irritable on that day and feel almost any communication from another person as a challenge. So be a little easy with your attitude. But if you have to defend your ideas or beliefs from someone else, which can surely happen, you will be prepared.

CANCER 6/22-7/22 *Moon trine's Jupiter* this is a short-lived transit for Friday. You should experience a pleasant sense of well being. With you feeling very warm and friendly, people will want to be in your circle for the evening. People may even seek out your advice. So be ready to give any emotional or physical support you can. They need you.

LEO 7/23-8/22 *Sun sextile's Jupiter* on Sunday a transit regarded as lucky. What it really does, is give you a positive frame of mind. Just about anything you do today should work out well. So put your plans on the table for a general review that will work in your future. Also going into Monday your boss may supply you with valuable information.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 *Moon trine's Mercury* on Sunday you may receive information about your past or your family under this transit, or other matters concerning them will be important to you. Let your loved one's now how you feel about them, they will know the sincerity you convey from how you speak with feeling. Also write a letter to a friend.

LIBRA 9/23-10/23 *Moon square's Venus* on Thursday take your loved one out for a romantic dinner or surprise them at home with flowers and low lights. Memories also will be remembered of what your relationship was built on. If you are on a diet this is a dangerous transit; you can easily over-indulge in food or drink. "Moderation" is the key word here.

SCORPIO 10/24-11/22 *Moon square's Pluto* power struggles are sure to en-

sue. You may play the role of either perpetrator or victim. What happens is that you or another person uses or manipulates feelings and emotions in order to force the other to do something they did not want to do. Guilt, jealousy and subversive techniques are characteristic of this transit. Either way be careful of a nasty response if this happens.

SAGITTARIUS 11/23-12/21 *Moon square's Jupiter* on Tuesday be careful of spending, you are generous to excess, and you may just find that you are short of funds just when you will need them later in the week. Check out any contracts or legal documents and reread them, you can jump to incorrect conclusions. So hold off until you are in a better frame of mind.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 *Venus Square's Saturn* if you have the feeling of wanting to be alone this is OK as long as you use the time to realize that what has gone wrong in a relationship was not all your fault. And perhaps things are not as bad as you think they are. But in any case this is a good time to self-reflect and introspection. And you just might improve your relationship for self-reflection.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 *Moon trine's Uranus* at this time you are likely to crave emotional excitement, something that departs from the routine of your daily life. You may feel impulsive; these impulses make you feel more alive rather than inclined to act rashly or stupidly. You may also have an unexpected surprise that will force you to change your plans.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 Sun and Mars harmonize in your solid 4th and resourceful 8th house. You might want to take a small risk or gamble, but never bet what you can't afford to lose. Around the 21st the summer solstice means romance for those who seek it, a pregnancy for some who want it. Ask a friend for a favor and don't forget dad.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 are your financial resources at a stage for the fulfillment of your desires? Your goals are pretty

close to becoming reality. This is a favorable time for any acquisitions that are being made for the future. Just be sure that you do your homework. And spend wisely and cautiously for that large investment down the road.

TARIUS 4/20-5/20 *Moon sextile's Sun* on Sunday as with other easy Sun-Moon contacts, your relations with the opposite sex are good. You are able to make friends and establish a real emotional communication with others. Opportunities may arise from unexpected corners that will improve your life in little ways and will be through a friend.

ASTRO TIDBITS: well did everyone who wanted to get an entry in for the contest get them in? The winner will be in next week's **South Plainfield Observer**. Thank you for your continued support of the paper and for the reading my column. Any questions that you may have please send them to the **Observer** and I will try to answer them. Some definitions in astrology: **CUSP**, a dividing line between signs or houses in a chart. **TRINE**; an aspect where two points in a chart are 120 degrees, **SQUARE**, 90 degrees apart, **SEXTILE**, 60 degrees apart.

QUOTE: If you travel over life's highway to experience, Then do not forget to take the roads of existence

HOROSCOPE CONTEST

ASTRO TIDBITS Well did you get your contest line in? Finish the following quote and submit it to the **Observer**. **QUOTE:** The sun lights our path through this life from above...

Your line here
The winner will be announced in the June 25 issue. Lots of luck to all who enter. 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. 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 sign. Once the responses are received no later than June 18 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.

Police Department Conducting 'Community Survey'

The South Plainfield Police Department, with the support of Mayor Daniel Gallagher and the Borough Council, strives to provide our community with the highest quality law enforcement services possible. In order to meet this goal, it is important for us to know the opinions of those we serve. Please help us by taking the time to complete the "Community Survey" and returning it to us. If questions require a written response, please reply in the space provided. If more space is needed, please record your response on a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this survey.

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We would like to thank you for your input.

If you are going to utilize the US Postal Service to mail in your response, please send it to: Chief Steven A. Merkler, South Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, NJ 07080..

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6. How would you rate the competence of the communications operator (dispatcher)? _____
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9. How would you rate the officer's attitude and behavior toward you? _____
10. How would you rate the level of safety and security within the Borough of South Plainfield? _____
11. How would you rate the level of safety and security within your neighborhood? _____
12. How would you rate the overall performance of the Police Department? _____
13. What do you feel is the most significant problem in our community that can further be addressed by the South Plainfield Police Department? _____
14. What do you feel is the most significant problem in your neighborhood that can further be addressed by the South Plainfield Police Department? _____
15. What is your suggestion to solve the problem? _____
16. Please share any recommendations and suggestions for improvements you may have that would help us serve you better. _____

POLICE REPORT

• Floyd Bosse, owner of the Exxon Station on Clinton, reported a window smashed on a vehicle parked in his lot. The ignition was removed. The car belongs to a Merchants Ave. resident.

• Summit Bank at Pathmark in the Middlesex Mall reported the theft of a box of completed sweepstakes entry forms. The forms contained names, addresses, phone number and other information. The empty box was found in an adjacent aisle.

• A man claiming to be Jay J. Rice was arrested at Home Depot after giving false information on a credit card application for instant credit. Police were contacted. The suspect, Cleavland D. Drakeford of Somerset, returned a short time later to get his line of credit. He attempted to leave when he saw the officer. He was charged with resisting arrest.

• A Maple Ave. resident was arrested for terroristic threats against his neighbor. The incidents occurred over a two day time period. The victim's wife was able to capture several of the incidents on video tape.

• A Geary Drive resident reported the theft of cash from an

unlocked vehicle parked at his home. The suspect went through the glove box and a brief case but nothing else was removed.

• Luis F. Pardes of North Plainfield was arrested for shoplifting a shirt worth \$24 from Sterns. Sterns security witnessed him rip off the tags, put on the shirt and attempt to leave the store.

• A Lane Ave. resident reported his car vandalized while parked in front of his home. "BC4L" was sprayed on the driver's side passenger door with black paint.

• A Geary Drive resident reported the theft of cash from two vehicles parked in the driveway. The money was left on the center console in both of the cars. The cars were unlocked at the time of the theft.

• A Maple Ave. resident has signed a harassment complaint against a neighbor. The victim states that the neighbor stares at her and videotapes her daily activities. The neighbors have been to court before and the suspect was told to refrain from taping the victim.

• Durham Deli reported an attempted burglary. An employee discovered a bathroom window

shattered. The plywood that had been covering the window had been removed. Entry was not made into the building. A ski mask was found on the ground below the window and a green duffel bag was on the roof above the window. The bag contained three pry bars and a scanner.

• A Garden drive resident reported the theft of a cell phone and change from her vehicle. The unlocked car was parked in the victims driveway.

• Bobby Hunter, of Conroy's Funeral Home, reported damage to the lamp posts in front of the building. Six covers were knocked off the posts and destroyed. There are no suspects.

• A Garden drive resident reported the theft of a bike from her backyard.

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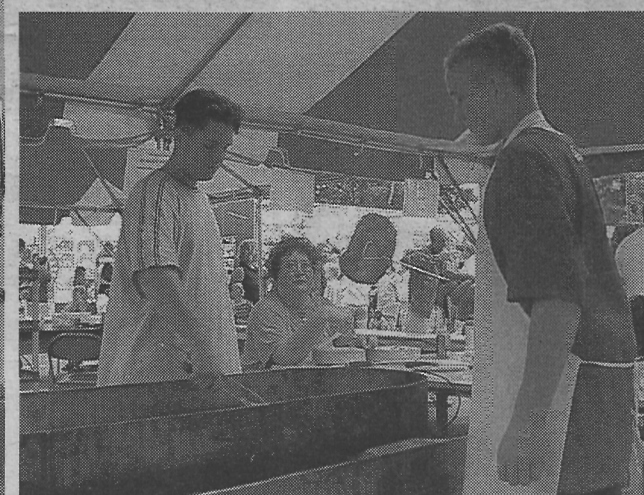
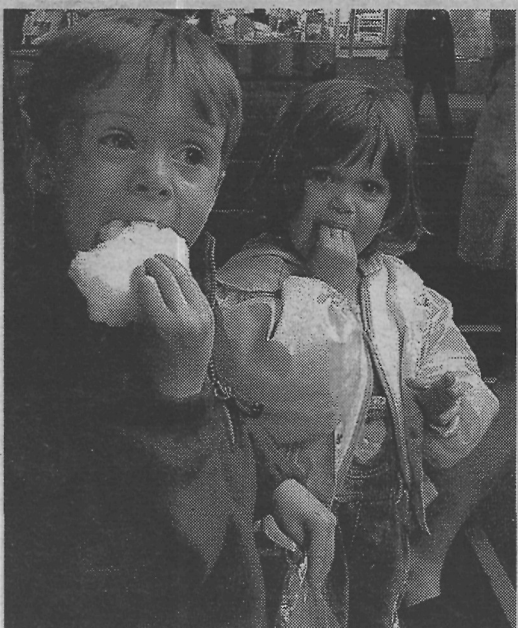
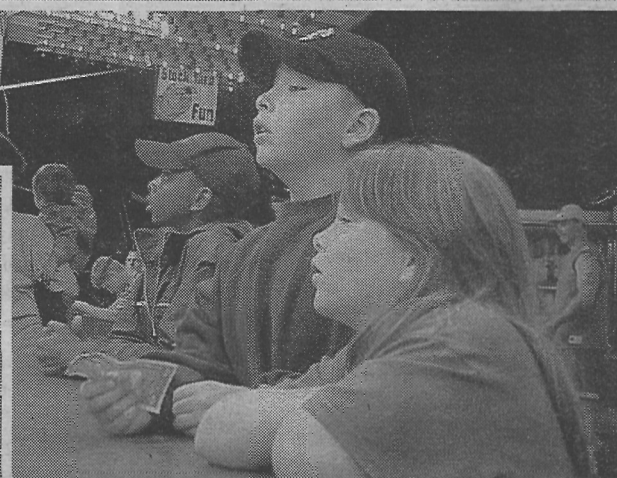
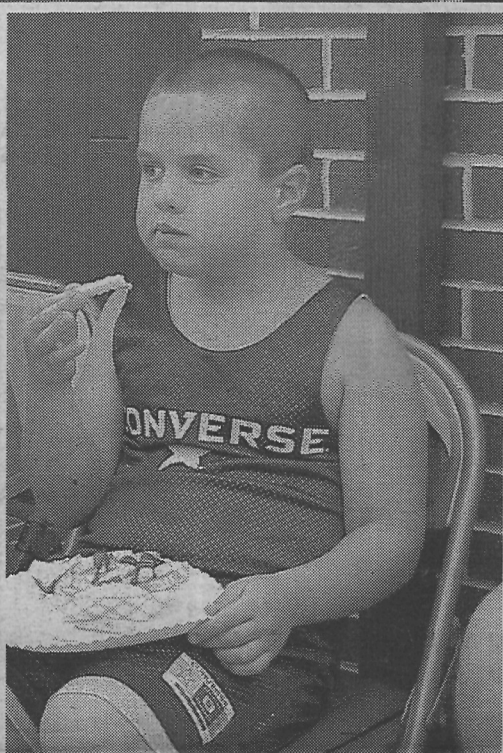
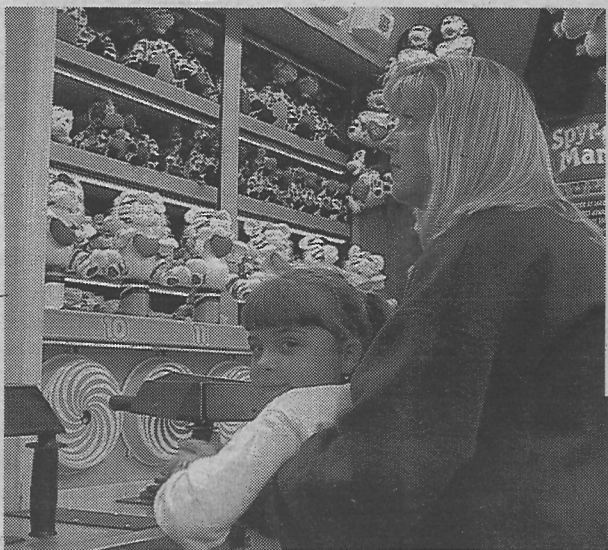
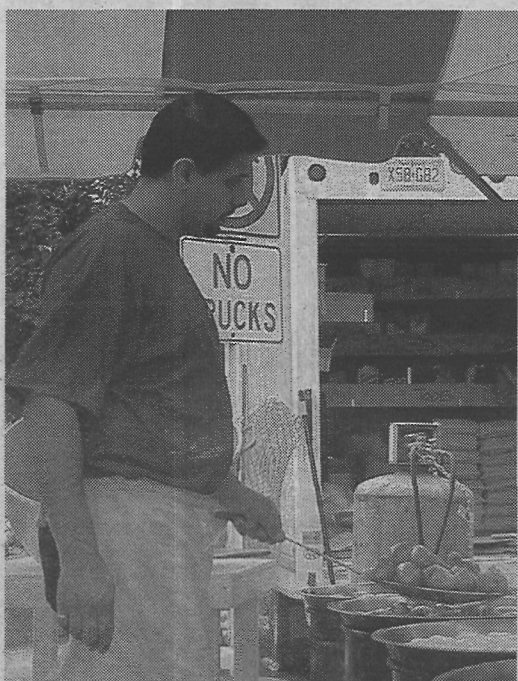
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Copy Deadline: Friday, 5 pm Advertising Deadline: Monday, 5 pm	 14 FLAG DAY	15 Board of Adjustment 8 pm Board of Education 8 pm	16 Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	17 Senior Picnic at the PAL 10 am All seniors are Invited	18 Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	19
20	21 Land Management 7:30 pm Council Agenda Meeting 8 pm	22 Health & Fitness Seminar-Library 7 pm Planning Board Meeting 8 pm	23 Traffic Safety Advisory Comm. 7 pm Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	24 Middle School Graduation Borough Council Meeting 8 pm Recycling Comm. 8 pm	25 High School Graduation Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	26 Kick-off of Summer Reading Program 11 am Overstocked Book Sale 10 am Both at Library
27	28	29	30 Court 9:30 am & 7 pm	1 Taxpayers Advisory Group 7 pm	2 Publication of <i>So. Plfd. Observer</i>	3

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