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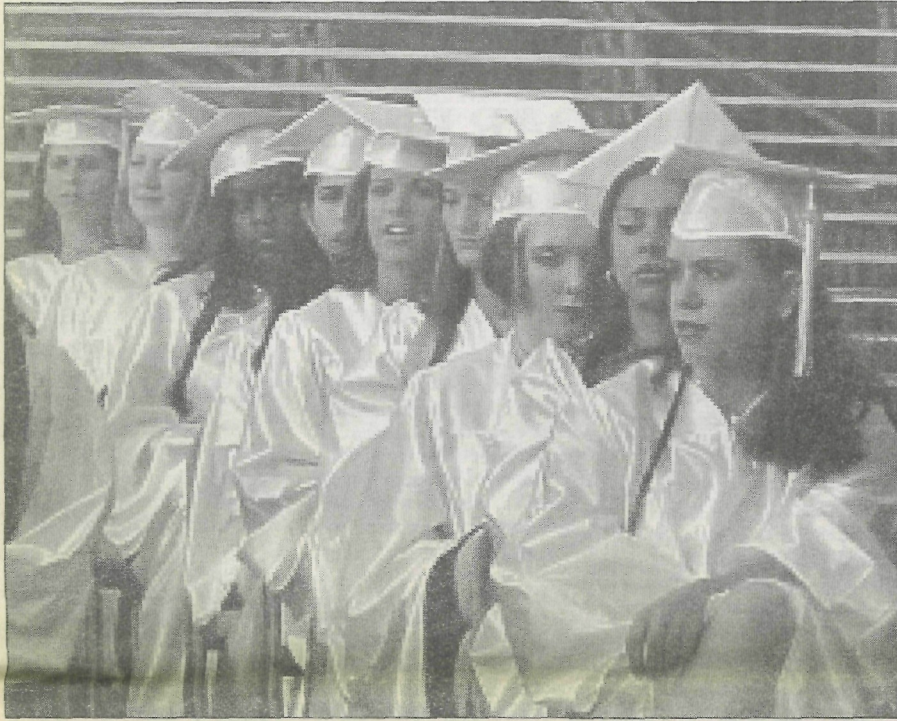
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Members of the SPHS 1999 graduating class during last Friday's ceremonies. For a complete listing of graduates and additional photos, see pages 8 and 9.

DARE Graduates Skip School To Party with Local Police

By Pattie Abbott

On Friday, June 18, more than 300 fifth grade students skipped classes to attend a party; but the police had no trouble locating them. In fact, they were found partying with the students. The South Plainfield Police Dare unit held its annual fifth grade pool party at the community pool. The 350 students who attended the party are graduates of the 17 week DARE program.

Despite a rainy morning and cool temperatures, the weather cooperated and the students enjoyed a fun-filled day. Food and smiles were plentiful. The South Plainfield Community Pool provided the perfect party atmosphere. The students

spent the hours swimming and diving. They enjoyed volleyball, basketball, shuffleboard and lounging in the sun.

The party's success was in part due to the generosity of the South Plainfield Alliance for Substance

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DARE Pool Party photos

Awareness. They paid for all awards and prizes. The Hägen Daz Ice Cream Co., located at Halls Warehouse, provided all the ice cream and a freezer cart. Freihofters Bakery supplied donuts and cakes and Pepsi Cola as-

sisted with all the drinks. Food for the party was prepared by Marriott Food Services and was paid for by the individual school associations. Officer Joe Papa said, "The program relies on the donations given to make the event bigger and better for the student. This is the first year we were able to have a raffle and give away some great prizes." The pool party is also combined with the police department's Traffic Safety Unit to reward the Safety Patrols in the schools. Officer Papa and Officer Alan LaMonda's job was made easier by teachers and chaperones. The officers commended all those who worked hard to see that the children had a safe and fun day.

DAR to Dedicate Grave Markers

July 4th Celebration Planned

The Jersey Blue Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will dedicate new stone markers placed at the graves of twenty Revolutionary War Veterans buried in the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown on New Market Road. The July 4 dedication will be attended by dignitaries, veterans and historical organizations from around Middlesex County and the State of New Jersey. The grave markers were placed by the DAR. Ruth Janowitz, South Plainfield resident and DAR member, has been actively working on this project for the past year.

The ceremony will take place at 1 p.m. at the Hillside Cemetery of Samptown, one of the oldest cemeteries in Central Jersey. Burials began on this site before 1700. In 1792, the congregation now known as the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield built its first church on this site.

Two of the twenty men to be honored served with the Continental Army. Pvt. David Martin served in Captain Shither's Troop, Sheldon's Regiment, Light Dragoons and Pvt. James Martin served in Captain Anderson's Company, 1st Battalion, N.J. Brigade. James Martin wore the blue and red uniform of the New Jersey Brigade. He served in such battles as Monmouth and Springfield and survived the winter at Valley Forge. After the war, he operated a tavern in Quibbletown (New Market).

New Jersey raised several battalions of troops for service in the Continental Army. In addition, New Jersey men served in several other units of the army. These men fought Indians in New York State, took part in the ill-fated

invasion of Canada and fought under the command of George Washington in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. These are the men most commonly thought of when we think of Revolutionary War soldiers.

New Jersey had long maintained a militia organization to provide for self defense. At the outbreak of the war it was poorly organized and almost totally lack-



ing in training and equipment. Called to service in the summer of 1776, the New Jersey Militia served throughout the war.

The militia was organized by counties. Our local men served in the 1st Regiment of the Middlesex County Militia. Others from the area were in the Somerset or Essex County Militias. (Union County was not formed until the nineteenth century.) While senior officers were appointed by the Governor, company grade officers were elected by the men that they commanded. For this reason, they were often men who took a leadership role in the local community.

The following militia men are
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SP Middle School 1999 graduates leave the field after the June 17 ceremonies.

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: 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:

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:

July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28

Planning Board 1999 Meeting Dates

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as follows:

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, July 12	Thursday, July 15
Monday, August 16	Thursday, August 19
Tuesday, September 7	Thursday, September 9

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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In My Opinion

Letters

Dear Ms. Abbott,

As a South Plainfield resident I wanted to write to you so that you can express our kudos to the New Jersey Renaissance Festival. My family and I attended the festival on Memorial Day (in the sweltering heat). We were thoroughly delighted with all the performances, especially King Lear. Arthur Hickey is an absolutely wonderful actor.

The battle scenes were well staged as well as the general performances. The actors love for the theatre truly shone. It was obvious they enjoyed their characters and had wonderful stage presence. We especially enjoyed the lay out and timely performances. We spent the day and were able to see just about everything.

I had attended the New York Renaissance Fair in Tuxedo, NY approximately five years ago. New Jersey Renaissance Festival is by far the better of the two. New Jersey lacks the commercialism so prevalent at New York. It is evident that New Jersey's performers are there to introduce the "crowds" to the medieval theatre. I look forward to the next performance in 2000. My best wishes for a successful season.

SINCERELY,
CHERYL NAGEL-SMILEY

P.S. We attend your summer productions at South Plainfield High School. We also look forward to that each year.



South Plainfield residents Dr. Scott Linick, along with his wife, Karen, and two children, Ashley and Erica, enjoy the recent Adult School-sponsored weekend bus trip to Baltimore see the Yankees face the Orioles.

DAR Plans July 4 Grave Marker Dedication

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to be honored:

Capt. Benjamin Laing, Commanding officer, Scotch Plains Company, 1st Regiment, Essex County Militia. Laing was one of the first trustees of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

Capt. Christianus Lupardus, 1st Regiment, Middlesex County Militia. Grandson of French Huguenots who fled France to avoid religious persecution, Lupardus was a founding member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

Capt. Joseph E. Randolph, 1st Regiment, Middlesex County Militia. He was a founding member and the first Elder of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield.

Capt. Nehemiah Randolph, Essex County Militia. Randolph owned considerable amounts of land on what is now the South Plainfield-Plainfield border.

Privates Obediah Ayres, David Blackford, Nathan Blackford, David Corriell, Joshua Davis, Ephraim Drake, Samuel Drake (founding member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield), **Simeon Drake, Clason Dunn, Morris Frazee** (founding member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield) **Andrew Manning, Benjamin Manning** (son-in-law of Nathaniel Drake, whose home is now a museum in Plainfield), **Ephraim F. Randolph** (founding member of the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield) and **Enoch Runyon**. These men all served in the 1st Regiment, Middlesex County Militia. Also **Pvt. Ebenezer Tingley** from the Somerset County Militia.

In addition to these men, the cemetery contains the graves of at least eighteen other veterans

who served in the Revolutionary War. These will be honored at a later date as their graves are identified and marked.

Hillside Cemetery

The Hillside Cemetery of Samptown, ca. 1690, is located in the western part of South Plainfield, down the street from Piscataway.

Laid to rest in the northwest corner of the cemetery are 21 Revolutionary War soldiers, who were as young as 12 and as old as 50. Our local unit was part of the First Regiment of the Middlesex County Militia.

Hillside Cemetery was initially used as a public burial ground. It was a last refuge for paupers and travelers passing through the area when they died. Many of the graves were set off by simple wooden markers that eventually disintegrated.

The oldest legible gravestone is that of Benjamin Hull, a judge who lived from 1693 to 1745. It is likely that burials began in the 1680's.

The Hillside Cemetery of Samptown also holds the graves of 51 Civil War soldiers, as well as Spanish-American soldiers, WWI, WW II, Korea and Vietnam soldiers.

Correction

Last week's issue showed the wrong photo of Jason Bataille. At this time, Jason's photo is unavailable and will be published at a later date. Jason's father, Gene, was incorrectly identified as a lieutenant with the South Plainfield Police Department. We apologize for the error.

Recycling Center Hours Yard Waste Site Closed July 6

The Independence Day weekend schedule at the South Plainfield Recycling Center and at the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. will be: open Saturday, July 3 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 4-6; open Wednesday, July 7 from 1 to 8 p.m.

Regular summer hours will resume Friday, July 9. They are: Recycling Center-Tuesdays and Fridays 1-8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Yard Waste Site-Tuesdays, Wednesday, Fridays 1-8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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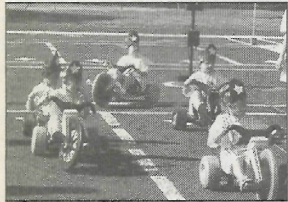
Remember: Curb Your Dog; Don't Feed the Geese in Spring Lake Park

During last week's council meeting the mayor said that he has received complaints from residents about people who fail to clean up after their dogs or let them run wild. A town ordinance requires dog owners to curb their pets.

He also wanted to remind ev-

eryone that it is against the law to feed the geese. Signs are placed around the Spring Lake Park advising people of this fact. Some people are either not reading the signs or ignoring them. The number of geese in the park is ever increasing and feeding them will encourage them to stay.

Safety Town Registration Underway



Safety Town, an educational program which captivates and teaches kids to think safety, is a fun and entertaining way for young children to learn how to cross the street, ride bikes safely, how to act on buses and how they should react to strangers. They also learn what to do in case of a fire along with many other important safety situations.

The program runs for two

weeks, July 19 through July 30, Monday-Friday. The first class begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 10 a.m. The second class begins at 10:30 a.m. and ends at 12 noon. The cost of entire program is \$35 per child. Parents are encouraged to attend as many classes as they like.

The children will visit the police department, the fire department and the rescue squad. Safety Town is held at the Administration Building on Cromwell Place. Spaces are limited. You may register for the classes at the PAL building on Maple Ave. between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, call us at (908) 226-7714.

Borough News

Council News

■ Liens have been placed on three properties for costs incurred by the Borough to bring the property in compliance with Health and Property Maintenance Code Standards. Property owners have been cited by the Health Department and failed to correct the violations in a timely fashion. The properties are 210 New Market Ave., 127 Kosciuszko Ave. and 2044 Greenwich St.

■ The Helen Street Project is progressing. The mayor and council had a recent meeting and they are almost ready to select one of the several proposed plans.

■ Oak Tree Shopping Center was one of the questions asked by a resident: When will something happen to improve its look? The mayor said the shopping center is planning renovations. Plans include tearing down the McDonald's section to provide additional parking and a face-lift to the shopping center.

Board of Adjustment

■ James Hartobey of Easton Blvd. was granted approval to erect a 30'x16' deck on his property.

■ Ronald Carter, Jr. of Lee Place was granted approval to erect a deck on his property. The previous deck was destroyed by the storm of Labor Day.

Planning Board

■ Northeastern Products was given approval to add a 1,260 sq. ft. addition at its site on South Clinton Ave.

Fire Department Members Receive Commendations; Building Gets New Pond

Commendations were recently presented to South Plainfield firefighters for their heroic efforts at the propane tanker accident in January of this year. A total of 40 members responded to the accident and a total of 378 man hours were spent at the scene. The propane truck was struck by a car and overturned, causing propane to leak out. The situation could have been a major tragedy, but through the hard work and professionalism of the fire department volunteers a disaster was averted.

Receiving awards were John Cotone, Mario Abbruzzese, John Celentano Sr., Gregory Kuhn, Paul Bosse, Kenneth Bulla, John Mocharski, Kevin Bulla, Thomas Scalera, Charles Siedenbueg, Joseph Sierzega, David Zushma, Andrew Juttner, Paul Melillo, Michael Power, Luke Melick, John Calvey, Michael Pellegrino, Mark Hall, James Bucklew, John Buttrick, Peter McGrath, Michael Gallagher, Shayne Lugo, Edward LaFerrera, John Ferguson, Joseph Lacasale, John Reed, Edward Silhanek, Adam Tannenbaum, Richard Thoma, Jon Dean, Phillip Esposito, Robert Harding, Jason Campbell, Wayne Wismann, Lawrence DeNegro, Thomas Sweeney, Joseph Palma and Joseph Altomare.



The newly constructed pond in front of the Volunteer Fire Department.

The fire department's annual fund drive is now underway throughout South Plainfield.

Next time you drive past the South Plainfield Fire Department on Maple Ave. look for the new pond and waterfall which has been constructed in front of the building.

Most of the material needed for the project was donated. The following members volunteered their time to help build the pond, Joe Altomare, Matt Anderson, Jason Campbell, Jon Dean, Mark

Hall, George Hogan, Andy Juttner, Greg Kuhn, Luke Melick, Paul Melillo, Eric Milstein, John Reed, Ed Silhanek, Adam Tannenbaum and Anthony Tomacheck.

Companies which donated materials and expertise have signs displayed around the pond.

The fire department is presently holding its annual fund drive. This is the perfect time to thank them for their dedication to the town by sending in a donation. If you would like more information on becoming a firefighter, call 756-4761.

Spring Cleanup Results Announced

The South Plainfield Clean Communities Advisory Board reports the following results from Volunteer Litter Cleanup Week. During the last week in April, 133 volunteers cleaned six tons of litter and trash and 1,500 pounds of recyclable litter from 22 parks, roadsides, streams and woods. The Public Works Department and the Recycling Program picked up the bagged litter and trash around town.

The big cleanup day was April

24. Scout groups, church groups, businesses and individuals gathered at Borough Hall to collect gloves, bags and rakes then dispersed to assigned spots to tackle the winter's accumulation of litter and grime.

The post-cleanup pickup picnic was a big success. About 60 volunteers, tired but triumphant, returned to Borough Hall to exchange war stories and enjoy pizza and cold soda (courtesy of Domino's, the A&P and Angelo's Ice Co.). A complimentary raffle of environmentally-friendly door prizes generated a lot of excitement among the younger crowd. Tree seedlings seemed as

popular as "I Cleaned Up in South Plainfield" tee shirts.

Other Clean Communities activities this spring include the wrap-up of the 1998-1999 Clean Campus Program. Schools organize litter crews to clean their campuses once or twice a semester. Some schools also have Clean Communities as assembly programs to teach their students about how and why to handle solid waste correctly. Schools that took part in the Clean Campus Program earned certificates of participation: Roosevelt and Kennedy Elementary Schools and the High School Environmental Science Club.

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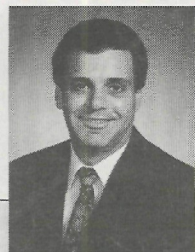
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Why this from the writer of this column? Besides my sincerest concern and wishes for your success, I do believe that your computer and the internet will very quickly become (if it hasn't already) your best and closest connection with the rest of the world and the knowledge you will seek to forge your way through it. I've seen the proof already. And that's what this column is about.

I've just returned from a visit to Indiana where I was evaluating the business environment in the mid-west. Lots of corn and soybeans to be sure, but right in the middle of it all, I found modern computer technology monitoring everything from fertilizer and irrigation costs to cash crop harvesting models enabling farmers to squeeze more profit from their labors. The Internet was there too, providing real time connections to weather information and market conditions. (Not to mention a very cool weather channel on the cable with a 24 hour, hundred mile doppler radar picture of threatening weather in real time). There just isn't much of anything anymore that isn't influenced and moved by the hand of advanced computer

By Briggs
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Let's hear your thoughts on advertiser supported services, and how much attention you would be willing to pay in exchange for a free ride somewhere else.

See ya next issue. Briggs Longbothum, ed. (Bruggo@home.com)

AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

Sacred Heart Still Taking Registration

Sacred Heart School registration for kindergarten through grade 7 is still going on. Only a few seats are available in grades, one through three and five through seven. Seats are available in grade four and kindergarten.

Requirements at registration are a health certificate, birth certificate, baptismal certificate, social security number, most recent report card and a recommendation from principal and homeroom teacher. Kindergarten students must be five years old on or before October 1, 1999. First graders must be six years old on or before October 1, 1999.

Sacred Heart School admits students of any creed, race, sex and nationality or ethnic origin. For more information, call 756-0632, 756-0631 or 756-0633.

SPHS Tigers to Host Fifth Annual Open

The South Plainfield Golf Association has announced plans to sponsor the South Plainfield Open on Wednesday, Aug. 11, at Bunker Hill Golf Course. This is the fifth annual golf outing held for the benefit of the South Plainfield High School Golf Team. The entry fee of \$75 and includes green fees, cart, prizes, food and beverages. There will

be prizes for both men and women. All proceeds go to support the activities of the High School Golf Team. Registration deadline is July 25. Tee times are assigned on a first come basis. For more information and tee times contact Coach Mike Kavka at 908-753-6578. To become a corporate sponsor or to donate prizes, call Dick DeAndrea 908-755-1700.

Rescue Squad Plans Crash Truck Wetdown

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.

Members 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 and prizes will be awarded, including cruises and trips to the Caribbean.

Send e-mail responses to: spvolrs@aol.com. Type "wetdown" in the subject field.

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. 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.

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

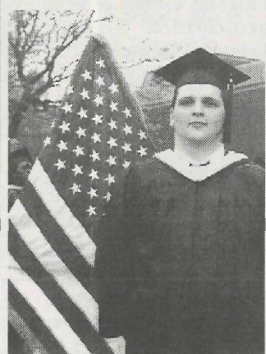
A newly formed Single Parents of Central New Jersey group will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 7:30-10:30 p.m. For information, call Sandra 732-283-1250 or e-mail snlprntnj@aol.com.

Polish National Home Flea Market

Polish National Home is seeking vendors for a June through November flea market to be held every Sunday at 312 New Market Ave. We are currently seeking vendors. Starting date to be announced. Call 908-668-9442.

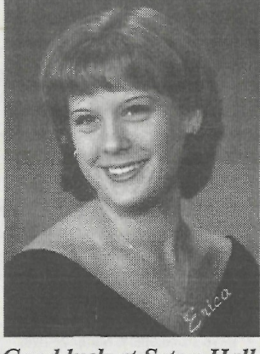
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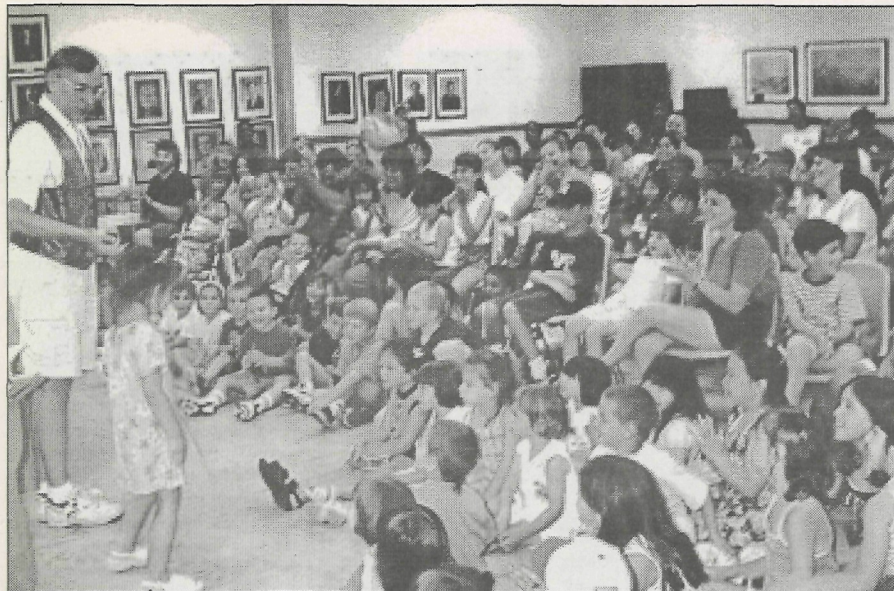


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Joseph Kepple performed his comedy magic show at Borough Hall last Saturday. The show was part of the Summer Reading Program kick-off. Over 200 children and parents attended.

With a new month just started, the summer in full swing and Independence Day just around the corner, we're sure you've got a lot to occupy your time.

Now, make room for news from the South Plainfield Library: Let's bring you up to date schedule-wise. We're now operating on summer hours during the weekend. That means we'll be open 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays and we are closed on Sundays. Regular hours will return in September. Meanwhile, the library will be closed on Monday, July 5.

We've got a lot of items from the children's department this week. First, because of our Monday closing, there will be no Summer Reading craft program this week. It'll be back the following week. Next, we'll follow our usual storytime schedule: Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 a.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. Each program is for children ages three and over. Also, our next children's program is coming up on Wednesday, July 14, at 6:30 p.m. Bill Boesenberg, an experienced natural

From the South Plainfield Library Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

history educator and animal expert, will present "The Strange World of Reptiles". No registration is needed for this program or the storytimes.

Getting back to Summer Reading, the kick off program on June 26 was a great success, with a large number of kids both attending and signing up for the Summer Reading Club. But just because you missed the program doesn't mean you're locked out of the club. You can sign up throughout the summer; just stop by the children's room or the main desk for details. As always, more information about children's programs is available from Linda Hansen, the children's librarian.

Oh, and Linda would like to repeat a request. We could use some more supplies for our children's craft programs, especially during Summer Reading. We need lace, buttons, fabric scraps, yarn, beads and the like. If you could spare us any of these items, we'd really appreciate it.

The Friends of the Library won't be holding a regular meeting in July. Turning to their book sale, also on the 26, they also had a big turnout. In fact, due to the large number of books recently donated or discarded, book Sale items will continue to be sold at \$1 per bag every Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. These super bargain prices will be in effect until further notice.

There have been some changes in our Circuit collections. New selections from the Video and Large Print circuits should be available by today. Meanwhile, the Books-on-Tape and Compact Disc circuits are still unavailable.

We've just added several new thrillers to our collection. Books in that genre include *The White House Connection* by Jack Higgins, *Serpent* by Clive Cussler, *Certain Prey* by John Sandford and *The Trench* by Steve Alten. Other new books include William Shatner's book on "Star Trek" fandom *Get a Life!*, *Every Man a Tiger*, a new book about the Gulf War co-written by Tom Clancy; *Mother of Pearl*, the latest selection from Oprah's Book Club, by Melinda Haynes; and Bob Woodward's new book on the Presidency, *Shadow*. While these books are in our collection, some may have reserves on them, so be prepared to wait.

Well, that'll about do it for this week, so we'll let you go enjoy the holiday weekend. Thanks for reading.

And, as we warned last year, please don't fool around with fireworks. Leave them to the professionals.



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Scholarships

Leann Gonzalez Receives Isidore Blank-Memorial Scholarship

Leann Gonzalez received the Isidore Blank Memorial Scholarship Award at South Plainfield High School which took place on June 1, at the awards assembly. The award was presented by Mrs. Myra Blank, in memory of Isidore Blank, a faculty staff member in the South Plainfield School District. He is remembered as a very special staff psychologist of the district.

Leann Gonzalez is a well-motivated achiever and a serious hard-working responsible student.

Her name is engraved on a mahogany school plaque in the high school.

Leann is a graduating senior at

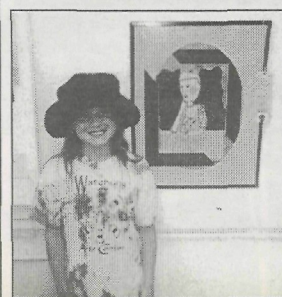


Myra Blank and Leann Gonzalez

South Plainfield High School and will attend Middlesex County College this fall.

Art Award

McDede Wins Second Place at Art Show



Holly McDede, a second grader at John F Kennedy School, won second place in her age category for "Girl Thinking", a

mixed media collage displayed at the Watchung Art Center's Annual Children's Juried Art Show. In all Holly submitted three art works for display. The other two were a painting entitled "Pauley and Tweety" and "Girl Skating", another mixed media collage. The two mixed media collages were created under the direction of Barbara Harris, Holly's art teacher at Kennedy School, who was present at the opening reception and awards presentation to support her talented young student. The exhibit ran from June 12 through June 25.

Who's Who

Stacey Ackerman Selected by Who's Who

Stacey Elizabeth Ackerman of South Plainfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ackerman, has been selected by College Misericordia as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

A campus nomination committee and editors of this publication have included the name of Stacey Elizabeth Ackerman in the 1999 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*, an annual directory of outstanding students first published in 1934.

This honor is awarded to stu-

dents who display outstanding achievements, not only in scholarly endeavors but also participate and exercise leadership in extra-curricular activities.

Over the past 65 years, the *Who's Who* program has honored and rewarded the individual scholastic excellence of outstanding campus leaders. This prestigious award is one of the greatest honors annually conferred by the American academic community.

Stacey Elizabeth Ackerman joins an elite group of students selected from institutions of higher learning throughout the United States.

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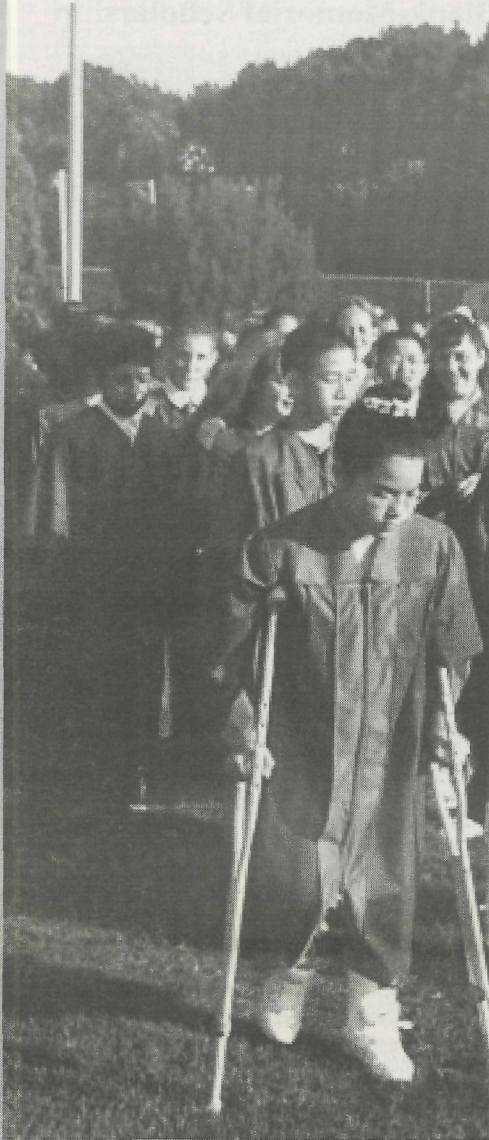
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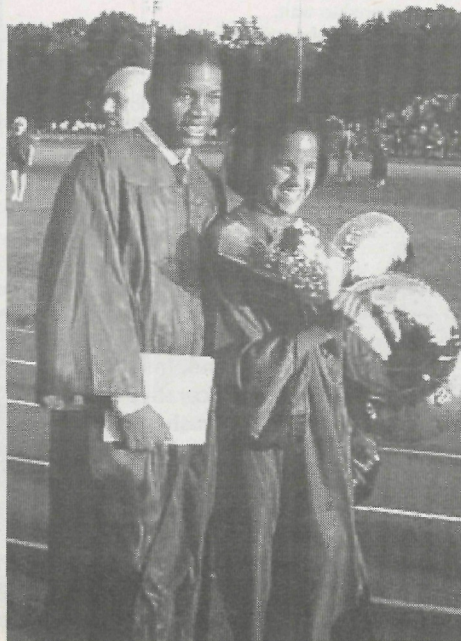


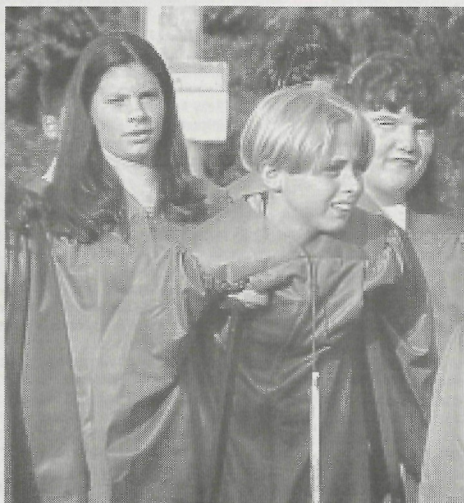
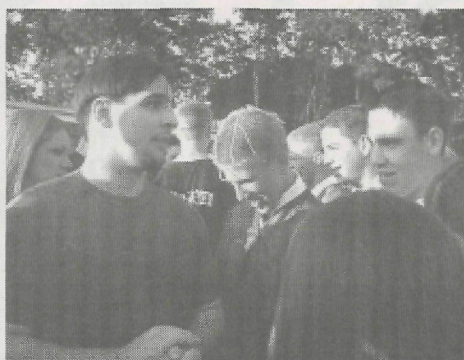
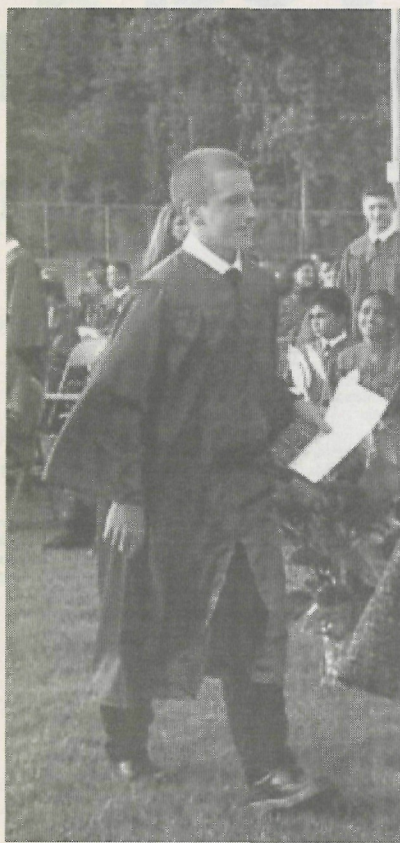
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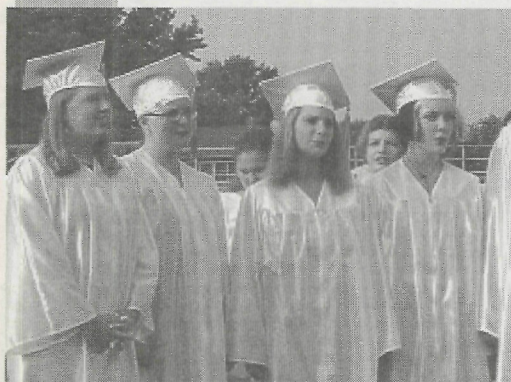
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Christopher John Atcachunas, Class President
Candice Krystal Austin

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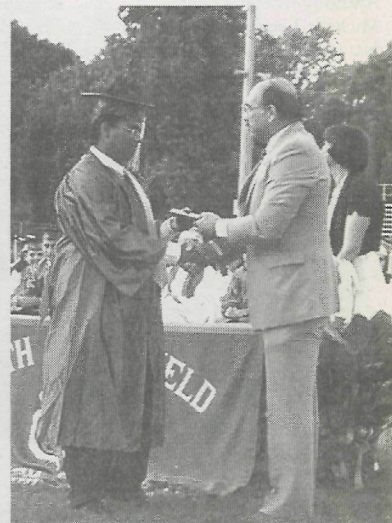
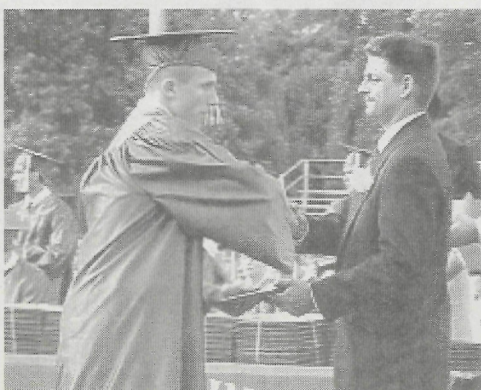
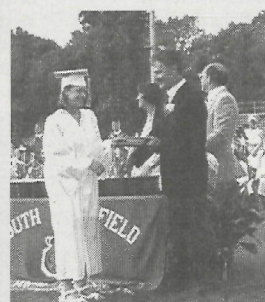
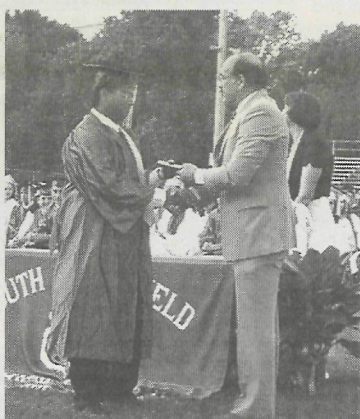
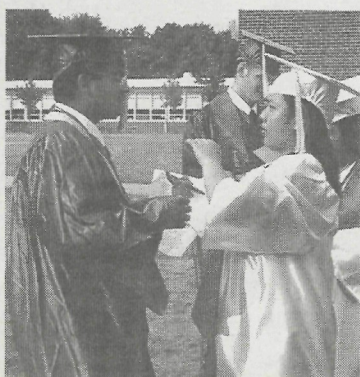
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Khanh Ngoc Le, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Seton Hall University Scholarship

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Elizabeth Ann Serago, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Kennedy School Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship, South Plainfield Senior Citizens Award, UNICO Award, Samuel Nelson Academic Scholarship

Kaminee Sewdat, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Peer Leadership Club, Vision 2001 Scholarship, Business Education Department Award

Sandra Samir Sharbash, Spanish National Honor Society, Peer Leadership Club

Gary Martin Shelhimer, South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Company Award, DeVry Presidential Scholarship

Mohamed Shiliwala, National Honor Society, French

National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program, NJSIAA Scholar Athlete, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Science Department Award for Physics, Tandy Technology Scholars Award, Mathematics Department Award, Central Jersey Mathematics League Award

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Jill Laurie Tener

Glenn Edward Thimons, Jr., Outstanding Achievement Award in Cooperative Education, South Plainfield Football Eagles Award, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Award

Charles W. Thompson, Jr.

Melissa Ann Tiflotson

Juan C. Toca

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Jennifer Lynn Vedutis

Vishalle Verasawmi

Danny Virasawmi, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

Gordon Virasawmi, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement

Michael Stephen Vito, Temple University Achievement Award

Carmela Volpe

Roger Alfred Vroom, III, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Performance and Fine Arts Wall of Fame for Instrumental Music, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Kennedy School Joyce Papp Memorial Scholarship, South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club Award, The College of NJ Merit Scholarship

W

Jason Ramone Walden, Mount Moniah Baptist Church Scholarship

Erin Marie Walter, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Dollars for Scholars Grant, Southeastern College Scholars Award

Patricia Ann Walter, Dollars for Scholars Grant, Robert Crespy Memorial Scholarship

Judy Hope Wang, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award

Jennifer Marie Ward, Presidential Award for Educational Improvement, National Merit Scholarship

Evan Michael Werlein

Wayne Robert Whitlitt

Trevor Willis

William Joseph Wilson, South Plainfield Wrestling Club Award, U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award

Matthew Michael Wojcik, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Edward Bloustein Distinguished Scholars Program, West Point Military Academy Appointment, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence, Tandy Technology Scholars Outstanding Student Award

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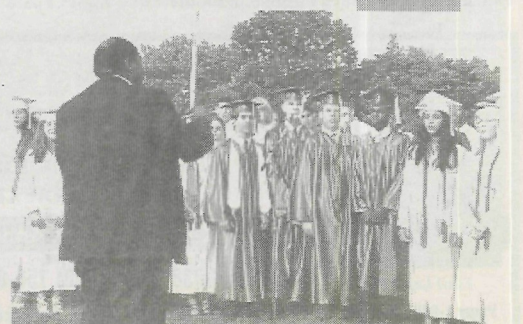
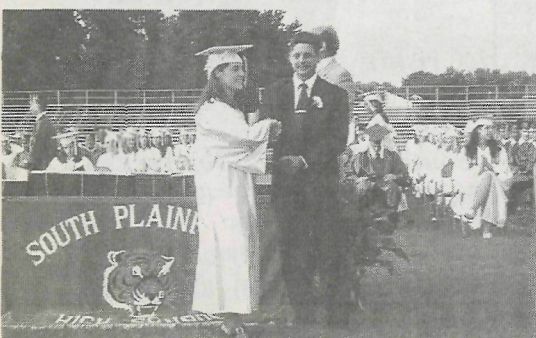
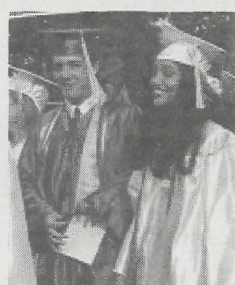
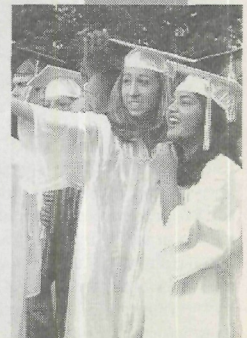
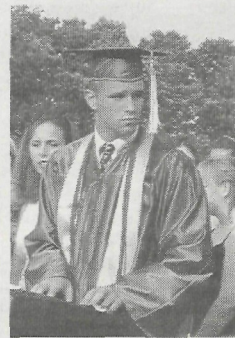
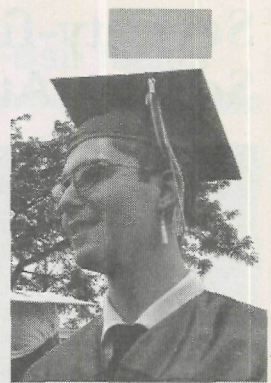
Jason R. Yniguez

Riza Carmel M. Ysla, National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Presidential Award for Educational Excellence

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Lenora Lynne Zerbian, Spanish National Honor Society, Peer Leadership Club

Sara Michelle Ziobro, National Honor Society, Scholastic Honor Society, Quinipiac College Grant



Seventy-five Percent of Graduating Seniors Attend Project Graduation



Story and Photos by Pattie Abbott

SPHS Assistant Principal Helen Gottlieb and Project Graduation President Angela Prybella both declared the 1999 Project Graduation Party a resounding success. The event, a substance-free party for the 1999 SPHS graduates, is in its tenth year. By midnight 3/4 of the class were in attendance.

The party ran from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. and was held at Ricochet Racquet Club. Once a graduate is inside they must stay for the entire program unless a parent provides a note. Filling the time was not hard to do. Music and a huge screen featuring videos play in the lobby continually. Other activities included swimming, racquetball,

basketball and volleyball. There were games and contests as well as a chance to make your own music video, have your photo taken and made into a button while you wait.

Simon Sez with Steve Max was a popular event that everyone enjoyed. He took the game beyond any Simon Sez ever played in school. The good natured teasing of those chosen to participate in a game had everyone in stitches. Many of the students busied themselves with signing yearbooks and just hanging out with old friends.

After a round at all the activities there was always the food. The food was available throughout the night—pizza, subs, snacks,

soda, and in the early hours, bagels, pastries, coffee, orange juice and more. Donations and discounts from businesses throughout town helped provide the wide variety of food for the graduates. The subs were from Imperial Deli, Corner Deli and Quick Chek. The pizza came from Dominos, Bagels from Bagel Pantry and Marriott helped with donations. The Athletic Boosters provided some of the soda and water. Many other businesses helped make the evening a success as well.

The Project Graduation committee works year round on this event. Often the plans for the following year's party are being made within a week of graduation.

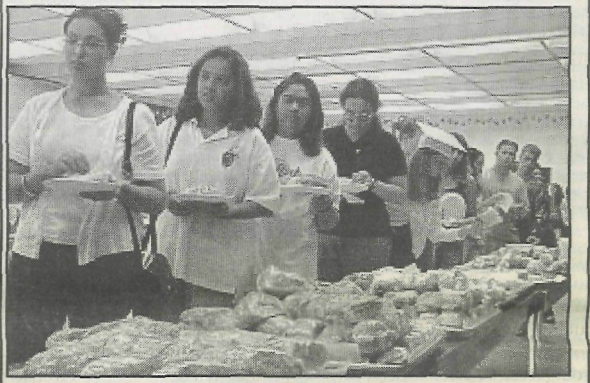
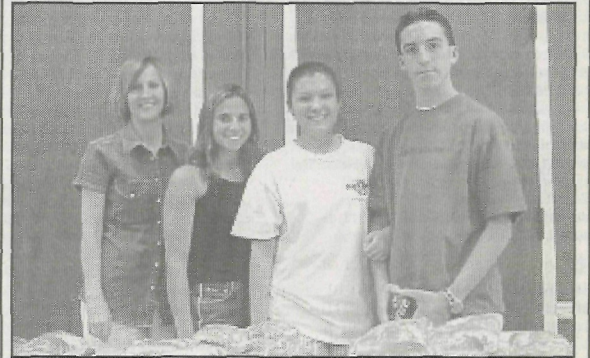
The committee consists of approximately 25 members who meet once a month. They hold three major fundraisers during the year: a scoop dinner, talent show and the huge auction/raffle. In addition to fundraising, the members spend the night chaperoning the party and attending to the clean up in the morning.

Project Graduation president for the upcoming year is Nancy Regan and vice president is Joan Reach. Assistant Principal Helen Gottlieb noted that the community and South Plainfield businesses have offered extensive support for the program. Since Project Graduation was established, there have been no major accidents on graduation night. Outgoing President Angela Prybella said, "It was a wonderful night. The kids had a great time! I hope people will continue to support Project Graduation."



One Last Meal...

The Senior Class Luncheon was organized and paid for by the student council. Pictured below is Mrs. Olvany and several council members.



Assistant Principal Helen Gottlieb accepts a check for \$1,000 towards Project Graduation from Mayor Dan Gallagher and Councilmen Vinnie Buttiglieri, Ray Petronko, Ed Kubala and James Vokral.



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Spotlight on....

M&V Tobacco Opens New Cigar Store



On June 19, M&V Tobacco officially opened its doors for business. The proprietors are Mario Villacis and Paul Mruczinski.

Mario is the former manager of a tobacco store and has been involved with cigars for over 10 years. He is an expert when it comes to the texture of wrapping, taste, binder and filler, giving his customers the option of dealing with a real tobaccoist.

Paul, a resident of South Plain-

field since 1973, has owned his own business in Central New Jersey for over 27 years. He is also a member of the Elks Club.

Mario and Paul met in 1998 and struck up a conversation about opening a cigar business. At first it was just a dream. Then one day they looked at each other and said, "Let's do it!" Since Mario previously worked in South Plainfield and Paul not only lived, but had his previous business based in South Plainfield;

there was no question as to the town where they would open their new store.

They found an ideal location on Park Avenue by Sal's Liquor Store. M&V Tobacco is a retail business but they also welcome retailer's for their wholesale business.

The store has a large selection of the finest cigar and pipe tobaccos. There are also many gift related accessories ideal for smokers, all major brands of cigarettes, with major discounts weekly from different cigarette manufacturers. Coupons are always welcome.

Their new store has a comfortable lounge area with satellite TV, featuring special programs, such as season football games, etc.

Eventually a cappuccino/espresso machine will be installed. Starting on Friday, July 2 and every Friday afterward refreshments will be served to patrons from 6-8 p.m. The store has been very busy since opening and Mario and Paul would like to thank everyone who has come in to wish them good luck. Check for coupon discounts in the *Observer* Ads for the current specials.

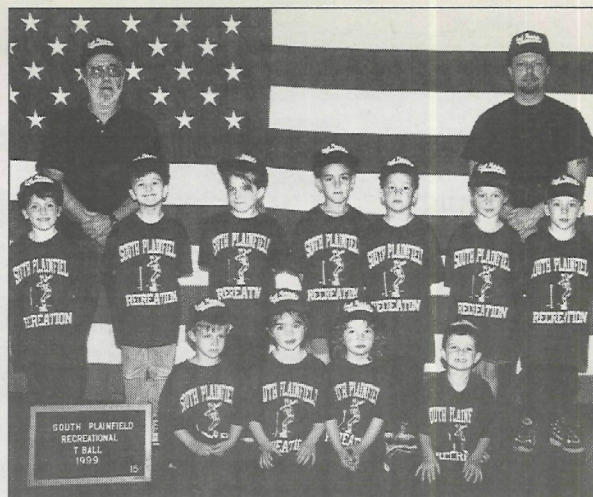
SP Recreation T-Ball Teams



RED SOX—Matthew Lipnick, Ryan Connolly, Kurt Maniaci, Nicholas Ross, Kyle Pompilio, Kaitlyn Graziano, Brandon Blackford, Randy Jakubik, Michael Bateman, Cory Limone and Jeffrey Gillen—Coach Richard Lipnick.



BRAVES—Jonathan Silvestri, Daniel Sims, Julian Krupit, Taylor Jarema, Billy Brown, Steven Paskowitz, Victoria Burke, Kaleigh Medici, Jaclyn DeCillis, Peter Hlavka and Joseph Ifrach—Coach John Silvestri.



MARLINS—Eric Lake, Louis Esposito, Jeffrey Praul, Ryan Billich, Brigitte Kelley, Joelle Butrico, Jamie Caruso, Jesse Coury, Zachary Mitchell, Katharine Wilchek and Samantha Pukash—Coach William Lake.



WHITE SOX—Taylor Bullard, Kenneth Calderoni, William Mott, Jonathan Baratta, Nicholas Tuyp, Jeffrey Conroy, Eric Niemeyer, Snehal Darji, Nicole Firmin, Quantera Lightner and Deanna Ranger—Coach Bradford Bullard.

NJCF Identifies 210 Bird Species, Highlights Need to Save Land

The New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF) team identified 210 species of birds during the grueling 24-hour competition known as the World Series of Birding recently. NJCF placed sixth out of 50 teams from around the world. But NJCF places first in protecting the birds' habitat.

"We saw a Bald Eagle flying overhead in Mannington Marsh in Burlington County, in the Delaware Bay Watershed," said team captain and NJCF Urban Parks Project Manager Dennis Miranda. "But if we don't protect the forest in the Delaware Bayshore, we'll lose so many of these species in the area, such as Summer Tanager, Blue Grosbeak and Prothonotary Warbler."

New Jersey Conservation Foundation, based in Far Hills, promotes conservation of land and natural resources throughout NJ. The non-profit group focuses on protecting quality of life for all New Jerseyans—from the Highlands in the north to the Delaware Bayshore

in the south. They've protected over 77,000 acres of the state's precious open space since 1960. That's nearly one-tenth of all the preserved land in NJ and more than the entire state parks system. NJCF has also protected nearly one-fifth of all NJ's preserved farmland—over 10,000 acres to date. That's more land than any private group in the state.

Each spring, teams of trained ornithologists and skilled naturalists from all over the world come to New Jersey. They test their talents in this grueling, 24-hour High-Point-to-Cape-May contest to see who can identify the greatest number of bird species. During this wondrous window on the migration process, more species of birds might be found in New Jersey than anywhere else in the world. May 15 marked the 16th annual World Series of Birding.

Miranda, a champion birder and expert in Highlands species, recounted NJCF's visit to the state's northern mountainous region, "In

the heart of the Wallkill River Wildlife Refuge in Sussex County, we saw grassland birds such as Dickcissel, Bobolink and Upland Sandpiper, birds you can see almost nowhere else in NJ because of all the farmland we've lost to development. It's a pleasure to see birds flourishing on lands that are preserved forever." NJCF was responsible for preserving the first property here, thus beginning the Wallkill Refuge.

The NJCF team logged over 500 miles this day, from the northern tip of the state to the south, in a four-wheel drive Blazer donated by Enterprise Rent-A-Car of Hamburg. In the Highlands, they spotted every type of Warbler that nests in the region—22 in all—including declining species such as Cerulean and Golden Wing Warblers, and other hard-to-find species such as Alder Fly Catcher, Northern Water Thrush and the Saw Whet Owl.

New Jersey is a migratory hub because of the surprising diversity of our coastal and woodland habitats. Tragically, some birds are finding shopping centers and housing developments where their homes used to be. Deprived of food and shelter, many will die. In fact, the total population of forest songbirds has been cut in half in just 40 years. That's why the World Series of Birding was started. It's "a competition with a cause."

The Delaware Valley Ornithological Club took first in the competition, identifying 223 species. But in the World Series of Birding, it's the birds who really win. This year, the contest raised nearly \$600,000 for environmental and conservation organizations. NJCF is still gathering contributions to protect the land that these birds need to survive. Everyone can win by supporting NJCF's land preservation work. To contribute, or for more information on other conservation efforts, contact David Yaskulka at NJCF, 1-888-LAND-SAVE.



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ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

Coach: Keith Heckel

Players: John Crisitello, James Delillo, Keith Heckel, Nick Jeglinski, Joseph Lacerda, Zachary Olim, Michael Ortiz, John Polizzano, Billy Rickert, Justin Smith, Christopher Uribe and Jalil Williams.



ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Coaches: Frank Hanley and Mark Wagner

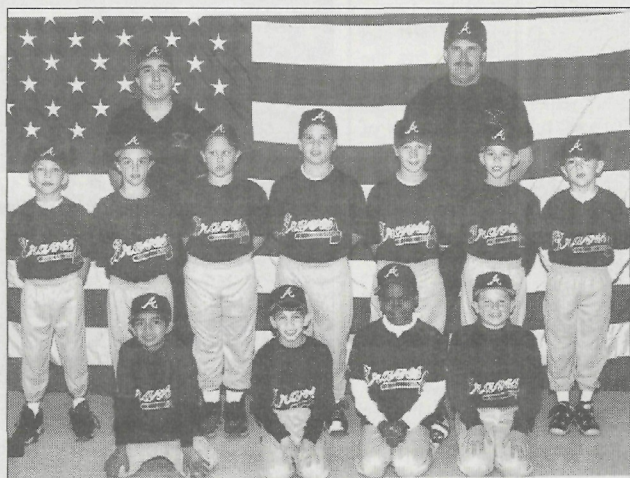
Players: Alex Cihanowyz, Sean Coffey, Gina Curcio, Kyle Darr, Chris Esposito, Brian Hanley, Jesse Hay, Patrick Hunter, Alexander Knight, Andrew Ohriska, Nathaneal Udel and Mark Wagner.



ATLANTA BRAVES

Coach: Joe Sierzega

Players: Frank Alfano, Brian Amigrone, Michael Boyle, Suneet Chandler, Grey Coppi, Christopher Hartje, Brenden O'Shea, Joe Ragno, Troy Russell, Richard Sierzega, Chris Steger and Kenneth Yefko.



More Pictures Next Week

Workup for Physical Examinations to be Held

Workups for the Fall Sports' physical examinations will be conducted on Tuesday, July 27 and Tuesday, August 3 in the Health Office at South Plainfield High School. Students must bring a completed Medical History Questionnaire with them. Times for each sport are as follows:

8:30 a.m.	Football (10-12)
9:30 a.m.	Football (9)
10:30 a.m.	Boys' Soccer
11:00 a.m.	Boys' Cross Country
1:00 p.m.	Field Hockey/Gymnastics
1:30 p.m.	Tennis/Girls' Cross Country
2:00 p.m.	Cheerleaders/Girls' Soccer

Athletes should attend on these dates at their designated time.

Appointments for your physical examination will be given at the workups. Physical exams will be given on the following dates: July 28, August 4, and August 11 and will be done by appointment only. The next school physical will be given on September 8 after school has started. Remember, no athlete may practice without a physical. It is your responsibility to attend the workup and the physical examination.

All necessary forms needed for the workup may be picked up in the athletic office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, during July. Please do this prior to July 27. If you choose to go to your own doctor, at your own expense, please pick up our physical forms to take with you and return them to the athletic office prior to the first day of practice.

SPHS to Host Softball Clinic

The South Plainfield High School Athletic Department will host the Championship Softball Clinic from August 2 to August 6 for ages 9-18. The clinic will be directed by Bound Brook Head Coach Steve Kania. Kania, a resident of South Plainfield, has led Bound Brook to numerous county and state titles during his tenure as coach.

South Plainfield Assistant Coach Laurie Matticola, a former high school pitching standout, will assist along with other outstanding high school coaches.

The program will run daily from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Slap hitting and pitching instruction will be featured. For details call 732-271-2851 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. After 3:30 p.m., call 908-755-0679.

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SPORTS

Minnesota Nationals Next Stop...

Predators Claim AAU State Championship Title

So. Plfld. 6-Emmerson 5

The weekend of June 19 found four remaining teams battling for the championship. The Predators started out facing Emmerson on Saturday afternoon, the excellent pitching of Colonia's Nick Smith kept the game close. South Plainfield Nick Cesare's bat sizzled once again going three for four and driving in Milltown's Brian Dzuro and North Edison's Chris Ciarediello as well as Andrew Rios of Perth Amboy. Chris Ciarediello and Jack Ford, also of North Edison each had two hits on the day. Perth Amboy's Danny Gonzalez was one for two and scored a run. Kevin Markussen of Edison had one hit in three attempts and scored one run. Chris Bakazan provided several outstanding plays at short stop.

So. Plfld. 8-Carteret Buzz 0

Vincent Velez of South Plainfield provided the pitching and Chris Bakazan of South Plainfield continued to play brilliantly at short stop as Velez recorded a shut out of the powerful Buzz hitting. Ryan Kenny of South Plainfield was two for three and scored once, while collecting two runs batted in. Kevin Markussen of North Edison was one for four with two runs batted in and scored twice. Chris Bakazan of South Plainfield was two for four, with one run batted in and scored once.

Nick Cesare of South Plainfield, who was three for four, knocked in one run and scored another. Cesare is still holding a near-800 batting average, even against the finest teams in the state! Vincent Velez also helped his own cause by walking and scouring a run. Nick Smith of Colonia had one hit in one at bat, scored a run and drove in another. Gemane Clark of Perth Amboy had one hit in two at bats. Andrew Rios of Perth Amboy also scored a run. Chris Ciarediello of North Edison also was one for three on the day.

Buzz 3- So. Plfld. 2

The Carteret Buzz held on to defeat the Predators by one run. Chris Bakazan allowed only three hits but the usually sound defense of the Predators allowed two unearned runs while the Buzz pitching silenced the mighty Predators bats to force a second and final game to determine the winner. Nick Cesare of South Plainfield and Nick Smith of Colonia scored the only runs for the Predators. Cesare had a double and Vincent Velez also of South Plainfield had a single to provide the only two hits of the game for the Predators.

So. Plfld. 10-Buzz 5

Like worn out boxers staggering around the ring in the last round, the two teams took the field one final time. The Buzz drew first blood by punching out four runs in the first inning. Veterans of a long AAU season the Predators were not shaken. They countered with uppercuts as the two big bats of Nick Cesare and Vincent Velez, both of South Plainfield begin to rumble with back to back hits. Then a walk to Ryan Kenny from South Plainfield loaded the bases.

Germane Clark of Perth Amboy sliced a tricky hopper to shortstop and before it was over three runs had scored, followed with brilliant base running by Ryan Kenny as he stole home to tie the game. Round three, the two teams sparred and remained scoreless almost in an unwritten agreement to allow one another to take one final moment of rest before the battle would continue. In round four, Vincent Velez struck with a jab to the gap for a double, the pitcher then balked sending Velez to third base. Ryan Kenny struck a blow with a long drive to center field to sacrifice in Velez from third with the go ahead run. Jack Ford of North Edison then landed a solid triple and Brian Dzuro of Milltown followed with a single to right field

to score Ford. The Buzz countered with one run in the fourth. In the fifth round Chris Ciardiello of North Edison started out with a single blow to center. Bakazan and Cesare failed to move the runners up and with two outs Vincent Velez sent the opponent to the mat with a knock out punch. Velez blasted a two-one pitch over 300 feet to left center field to push the Predators lead to five runs. The exhausted Buzz did not give up, they landed back to back singles, putting runners on first and second with no outs. The next batter hit a shot that had triple written all over it, but when the dust cleared the Predators first baseman Jack Ford came down with the ball, stepped on first and threw to Chris Bakazan at second base to complete a triple play! As the rain began to fall one could sense the pain of defeat was close at hand for last year's state champions. In the last and final round the mighty Carteret Buzz, battered and beaten, went quietly with three ground balls.

For the Predators, it started last April in North Carolina at the AAU East Coast Invitational. The team had just been formed and pieces to the puzzle lay piled in front of the coaching staff waiting for someone to put them in the correct place. One of those puzzle pieces was Chris Bakazan of South Plainfield. Previously playing for the South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club All Stars, Bakazan, a top hitter on the team, never seemed to quite fit the puzzle correctly as a defensive player, as it turned out it was the puzzle that was wrong, not the pieces. Bakazan had even the opposing team's fans on their feet in ovation as time and time again he turned what looked like sure run producing hits into inning ending outs. This team is made up of puzzle pieces just like Bakazan. Good players that left their respective clubs to avoid politics that would have them all believing they were the puzzle piece that did not fit. But in the end all questions were answered, all scores were settled and the puzzle pieces fit together. And the picture they formed was South Plainfield Predators, 1999 New Jersey AAU 12-Year-Old State Champions.

Submitted by Tony Bakazan, Manager

All-Division/All-Conference GMC Softball Teams are Named

The Greater Middlesex Conference's 1999 All-Division and All-Conference softball teams have been announced. The teams were chosen by a vote of the coaches at a meeting held at South Plainfield High School on June 19.

Greater Middlesex Conference All-Conference Softball

Pitcher	Alison Barrett, South Plainfield
Pitcher	Jill Kelman, Bishop Ahr
Pitcher	Krystle Petty, J. P. Stevens
Pitcher	Crystal Sweeney, Edison
Catcher	Stacia Mayer, Piscataway
Catcher	Marisa Rolfe, Bishop Ahr
1st Base	Jessica Guarneri, Piscataway
2nd Base	Melissa Geoghan, Edison
3rd Base	Stefanie Robinson, Bishop Ahr
Short Stop	Katie Wardlow, Old Bridge
Outfield	Daphne Bell, Carteret
Outfield	Lindsay Banos, Edison
Outfield	Sheryl Sarnicki, J. P. Stevens
At Large	Lauren Genovese, East Brunswick
At Large	Kelley Malyar, Woodbridge
At Large	Jaimie Wirkowski, J. P. Stevens
At Large	Vicki Blevins, Monroe Township

GMC "Coach of the Year" - Pete Catenacci, J. P. Stevens

Greater Middlesex Conference All-White Division Softball

Pitcher	Alison Barrett, South Plainfield
Pitcher	Jill Kelman, Bishop Ahr
Catcher	Jeannette Lopez, Colonia
2nd Base	Jessica Collins, Colonia
3rd Base	Stefanie Robinson, Bishop Ahr
Short Stop	Missy Magyar, Bishop Ahr
Outfield	Carolyn Schweers, South Plainfield
Outfield	Kim Cifello, Bishop Ahr
Outfield	Jennifer Marshall, Sayreville
At Large	Lauren Lopez, J. E. Kennedy
At Large	Caren Uchirin, Colonia
At Large	Kathy Hrycyna, North Brunswick
At Large	Tamara Velez, Perth Amboy
At Large	Missy Caruso, North Brunswick
At Large	Lauren Switzer, Sayreville
At Large	Jayana Verderosa, J. E. Kennedy
At Large	Marisa Rolfe, Bishop Ahr

White Division "Coach of the Year"

Don Panzarella, South Plainfield HS
Sportsmanship Award—Sayreville, War Memorial HS

Suburban Baseball League Start Off the Season

The South Plainfield 13-year-old Suburban Summer Baseball League team opened their season by mounting comebacks in both of their first two contests.

In the league opener, the Tigers fell behind early, 3-0, and saw their late inning rally fall short, losing to New Providence, 9-7. Chris Czaplinski provided the offensive start, going three for four with two runs scored. Mike Salerno contributed a key hit and RBI in the seventh.

The second game against Union saw the Tigers fall behind

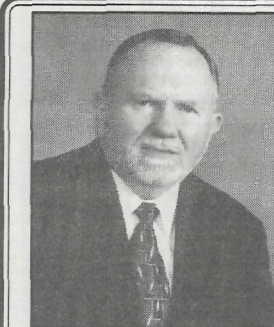
by a 3-0 score once again. This time the result was different as the rally produced an 8-4 victory. Pitcher Billy Weaver picked up the win in relief, holding Union to one run in three innings. David Gerena closed the game, pitching a scoreless seventh. At the plate, Jon Buggy put the game out of reach by driving in the final three runs with an RBI single in the fifth and a clutch two run triple in the sixth. Czaplinski continued his hot hitting going two for three and Mike Maher scored twice for the Tigers.

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Obituaries

Meta M. (Bjorklund) Conway, 88

Meta M. (Bjorklund) Conway died on Wednesday, June 23, at Birchwood Nursing Convalescent Center in Edison.

Born in Bremen, Germany, Mrs. Conway came to the United States in 1913 settling in Brooklyn, NY. She also resided in Livingston and Watchung living most of her life in the Plainfield area and South Plainfield since 1951.

She was employed as a dental assistant with the Late Dr. James Koorsguard, DDS of Middlesex for 10 years before her retirement in 1965. Prior to this she was employed by the G.O. Kelters Laundry of Plainfield for 10 years as a store manager.

Mrs. Conway was a communicant of St. Peter's Lutheran Church of North Plainfield where she was a member of the Church's Ladies Circle and the Altar Guild.

She was predeceased by her husband, Russell T. Conway, who died in 1946.

Surviving are a son, Bruce A. Conway of South Plainfield; two sisters, Dorothy B. Schroeder of Charlotte, North Carolina and Frances Huffsmith of South Plainfield and a brother, Rudolph Bjorklund of New Port Ritchie, Fla.

Funeral services were held at McCrisky Home For Funerals.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 9 Mercer Ave., No. Plainfield, NJ 07060.

ler at the Aquacade. She was a motorcycle daredevil riding professionally in the Cage at Coney Island. She was also a professional dancer in New York City.

Her husband, Murray Krupit, died in 1976.

She is survived by two sons, Jerry Krupit of New York City and Frank Krupit of South Plainfield and two grandsons.

Arrangements were by the James W. Conroy Funeral Home.

Anne P. (Yednak) Burachynski, 82

Anne P. (Yednak) Burachynski died on Saturday, June 26, at the Stone Arch Care Center in Pitts-town, where she has resided since January.

Mrs. Burachynski was born in Jersey City and had resided most of her life in South Plainfield. She had resided in Quakertown for 18 months before entering Stone Arch. She had worked as an assembler for the former Westinghouse Co. of Edison for over 20 years. After the company closed, she had worked for a few years as an assembler with the former Drantz Corp. of South Plainfield. She retired 20 years ago.

Mrs. Burachynski was a former communicant of Sacred Heart RC Church in South Plainfield and she was also a member of the Polish National Home and the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Andrew, died in 1985. She was also pre-deceased by her brother, John Yednak.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Jeff Bennett of Warren and by a son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Roxie Burachynski of Quakertown; a sister, Helen Petresky of Charleston, So. Carolina and by four brothers, Andrew Yednak of Kansas City, Missouri, Peter Yednak and Joseph Yednak, both of South Plainfield and Michael Yednak of Metuchen, and by seven grandchildren: Laila, Jody, Kim, Tracey, Robert, Tina and Andrew. She is also survived by four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held McCrisky Home For Funerals.

Jeanne Juanita Krupit, 79

Jeanne Juanita Krupit died on Monday June 21, at the St. Lukes Hospital in New York.

She was born in New City and had resided in Brooklyn all her life.

Mrs. Krupit was a jewelry designer for Madam Majeska Jewelers in New York City for many years before retiring.

Mrs. Krupit was a professional swimmer. In 1939 she swam in the World's Fair with Johnny Weismul-



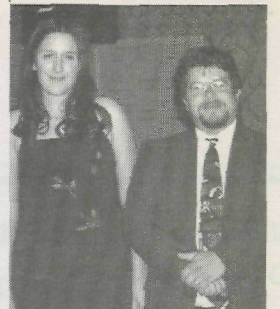
Color Guard captains and adult assistants: Erica McGrath, Angela Gallagher, Jennifer Ward, Kathy Petrocelli, Juliette Falocco, Mark Tweed, band director.



Chorus award winners Kristin Pfeifer, Sandy Reedy and Tracy Murray, chorus director.



Juliette Falocco received the Fulvio D'Alessio Color Guard Award.



Lisa Sepkowski and Band Director Mark Tweed. Lisa received the Semper Fidelis Leadership Award sponsored by the NJ Marine Corps.

High School Holds Music Boosters Banquet

The Booster of the Musical Arts held their annual Banquet Friday night, June 11, at McCreers Restaurant. Every student involved with color guard, band, jazz band and chorus received participation awards: letters for the first year students, pins for second and third, and plaques for seniors.

Special awards went to: Sandy Reedy in both chorus and band, Kristen Pfeifer in chorus, Lisa Sepkowski in band and Juliette Falocco in color guard, and Roger Vroom and Thais Petrocelli drum majors.

By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 7/02-7/8

CANCER 6/22-7/22 this is a good time to work as a leader with groups of people. You understand what is needed, and you can unify your objectives and theirs. You can do this by talking them around to your point of view. A **moon trine mars** also gives you the capacity to start new projects. Just see that you follow these through. Speak directly and forcefully, but without being offensive and people will respect you for that. **LEO 7/23-8/22** around Tuesday a **sun sextile saturn**. This is a good transit for getting things done at work. Anything done at work will be carefully done with no loose ends. And your employer and people in authority will notice this in all likelihood. This will also be a good time to seek advice of an older person or someone's opinion you respect.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 your financial management skills will be high around Tuesday thanks to a **mercury trine pluto**. You will enjoy the challenge of competition and can take on heavy burden or responsibility without tiring because you become absorbed by whatever interests you. Be careful, though, not to provoke any one by seeming to know all the answers.

LIBRA 9/23-10/23 **moon trine sun** on Saturday your energies will flow with less resistance and life will seem easier now. A marriage will be especially harmonious now, for this is a time of real understanding. Show your spouse why the two you had gotten together in the first place. For those of you that are single you will have an attraction to the person of the opposite sex.

SCORPIO 10/24-11/22 this week in your domestic life, **pluto squares the**

moon. You may find that considerable tension builds up between you and those closest to you, and there may be some very emotional confrontations. This can be very true for family members. Avoid games, because they can be especially destructive in the family. And parents can be on the forefront in these situations.

SAGITTARIUS 11/23-12/21 cultivate your friendships with a **jupiter-moon combination**. There is a good chance that a friend will be able to perform a valuable service for you at this time. And it is just as likely that you will do the same for a friend. In either case you will come out ahead. A woman will twofold this process.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 a **moon-saturn** combination is a good time to take care of any business matters concerning your home and personal life, such as buying real estate, making home repairs, reorganizing your finances and making provisions for the future. Also at this time older people, especially women can give you great insight and understanding.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 around Monday a **uranus in combination with the moon** you will be demanding more emotional satisfaction in your relationships. It will not be enough for a relationship simply to go on as it has. If your existing friendships and love relationships do not meet your needs you will find new ones that do.

PISCES 2/19-3/20 be careful this week. If you are around an angry person or someone who is under the influence of any other intense feeling, you will feel their energy strongly. These people may try to control your thinking through subtle suggestions and hints, which is likely. A **neptune-moon** combination causes these things to happen. **ARIES 3/21-4/19** **moon conjuncts mars** under this transit—you may feel briefly irritable. Therefore it is not a good time

to discuss any issues that are critical to you, because you will find it difficult to maintain your equilibrium and not fly off the handle. So be careful, another risk is that you can act hastily on matters impulsively and without foresight or planning. So take a hot comfortable bath.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 you have a transit where you can assert yourself in a positive manner and stand your ground if necessary. You will have courage and confidence more than usual and you speak very directly and forcefully, but without being offensive, others will respect you for that. A **moon trine mars** is the transit working here for Friday and Saturday.

GEMINI 5/21-6/21 starting Tuesday for two days a **mercury trine pluto** transit is working in your favor. You will have a fascination for the unknown, creativity, and depth of understanding. Technical papers can be written with greater care. You will speak with persuasion and authority. And most will be fascinated with the delivery. Also look for something you lost.

ASTRO TIDBITS: free will vs. fate. Is our destiny planned or do we have free will, or is the answer a mixture of both? This is a controversy nearly as old as the quest to foretell the future, and one I doubt will ever be resolved, at least by mortals on this planet. Perhaps we'll know the truth when we pass over into spirit, but I don't believe we can know it. All I know is that without info that can be passed on to you that is not used, life will happen. Info used for you to think a situation out, then you made a conscious decision on how you wanted it to work out. And even if that was fate you still put a thinking process behind it. **FREE WILL QUOTE:**

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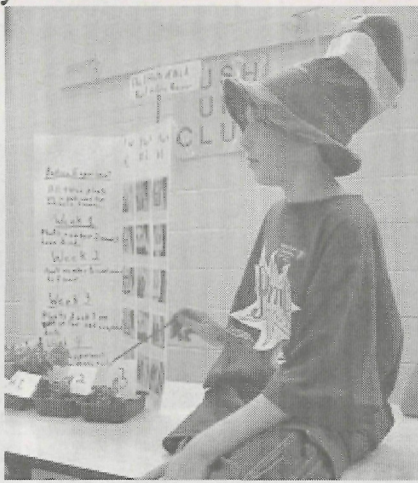
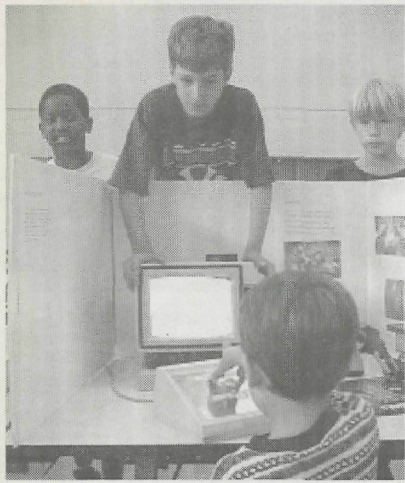


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POLICE REPORT

• A Woolworth Ave. resident returning from an overnight trip and discovered his mailbox empty and noticed mail lying in the catch basin near his home. Upon investigation he found not only his mail but mail belonging to a neighbor. The residents were advised to contact the local postmaster.

• Lube Express reported someone had placed a garden hose into the antifreeze holding tank and turned on the hose. Lube Express

manager suspects a former employee, who lives in Metuchen, is responsible for the vandalism. The employee had been transferred to another Lube Express due to problems and was fired from this location too. A surveillance tape of the area will be turned over to detectives.

• A manager at The Wall located on Stelton Rd. reported receiving terroristic threats from a former employee. The suspect entered the

store and became boisterous and threatened to kill the manager. An employee witnessed the exchange. The manager will sign a complaint against the suspect.

• A park Ave. resident reported his right side vent window smashed on his van while it was parked at his home. Loose change was removed from the vehicle but tools were left untouched. The resident noted that d chased two youths from his yard earlier in the week.

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