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Council to Propose Billboard Ordinance

The Borough Council is planning to introduce a billboard ordinance at next Thursday's council meeting to regulate the placement of any proposed future billboards.

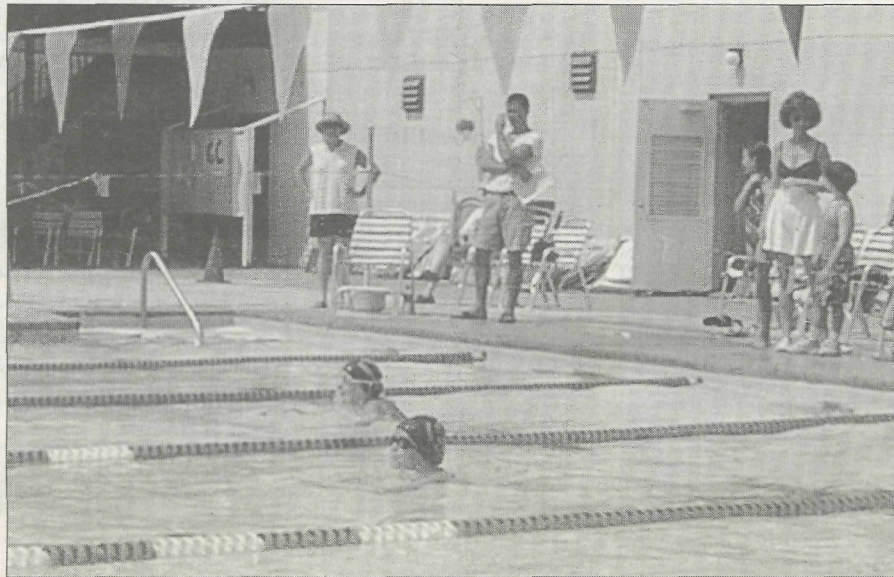
The billboard ordinance has already been reviewed by the Planning Board, the Board of Adjustment, the Borough Attorney and by several department heads.

Numerous court decisions have said that billboard messages are constitutional and protected by free speech. Right now billboards are prohibited in South Plainfield. Presently I-287 has no billboards along its entire length.

The proposed ordinance would cover the section of I-287 which passes through South Plainfield. The council feels this is the only logical area where billboards could be placed.

The billboards would be allowed in only certain zoned areas. They would be restricted to a height of 40 feet and placed no closer than 500 feet from each other as well as prohibited in a residential zone. Also no more than four billboards would be allowed within one mile.

By passing this ordinance, the council feels it will have some control over the placement and number of any future billboards.



Julia Dougherty, age 10, of the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks, takes sixth place in the 50 Breaststroke at the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference Championships. Julia also took a third place medal in the 50 Backstroke at the event.

Tiger Sharks Eat Up Opponents at NJSDC Conference Meet

Six Tiger Shark Swimmers attended the end of season New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference Meet on Wednesday, August 4.

Natalie Jones was the Tiger Sharks big winner, taking home a first place medal in the girls 11-12-year-old 50 Butterfly. Natalie also captured a second place in the girls 11-12-year-old 100 Individual Medley and third place in the girls 11-12-year-old 50 Freestyle.

Calvin John Smiley also had a good night at the conference meet taking home three individual medals: second in the boys 11-12-year-old 50 Freestyle, second in the boys 11-12-year-old 50 Backstroke and fifth in the boys 11-12-year-old 100 Freestyle.

Other Tiger Sharks who placed in their events (finishes first through sixth):

Jen Banas placed fourth in the girls 15-18-year-old 100 Free-

style; fourth in the girls 15-18-year-old 200 Freestyle and fifth in the girls 15-18-year-old 100 Backstroke.

Shannon Dabrio placed third in the girls 15-18-year-old 100 Breaststroke.

Talya Gunasekara placed fifth in the girls 8-and-under 25 Breaststroke.

Devin Gunasekara placed sixth in the boys 11-12-year-old 50 Butterfly. See results, page five.

Eleanor Haines Named Labor Day Parade Grand Marshal

Eleanor Haines of Oak Manor Parkway has been nominated as Grand Marshal of this year's Labor Day Parade.

Mrs. Haines has been active in the South Plainfield community for over 20 years. She has been a member of the "Cooties" of the American Legion and has worked on behalf of veterans for most of her adult life. Her husband was a combat veteran of World War II and it was largely through Eleanor's efforts that Borough Park was renamed Veterans Park.

Eleanor has also worked for the youth of our borough. One of the nicest things about going to the South Plainfield Library is being greeted and helped by Mrs. Haines. She truly represents the spirit of our community.

BELMONT ROAD CLOSURE ALERT

Belmont Ave. between Spicer Ave. and Hamilton Blvd. will be closed all day next Wednesday, August 18. All traffic will be detoured away from the construction site. Trucks will be taken Hamilton Blvd. to Spicer and cars will turn left off Belmont onto Harvard to Spicer.

Motorists are advised to expect delays and it is suggested that they find alternate routes.

The "Original" Harold Hill Attends *The Music Man*

By John Abbott

When the opening night curtain rose on *"The Music Man"* for this year's production of the Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) last week, the good citizens of River City were, in a sense, in double jeopardy from "Professor" Harold Hill. While Hill (Jose Pineda) wooed his way into the wallets of the citizens and eventually into the heart of librarian Marian Paroo, SDW's first Professor Hill, played by John

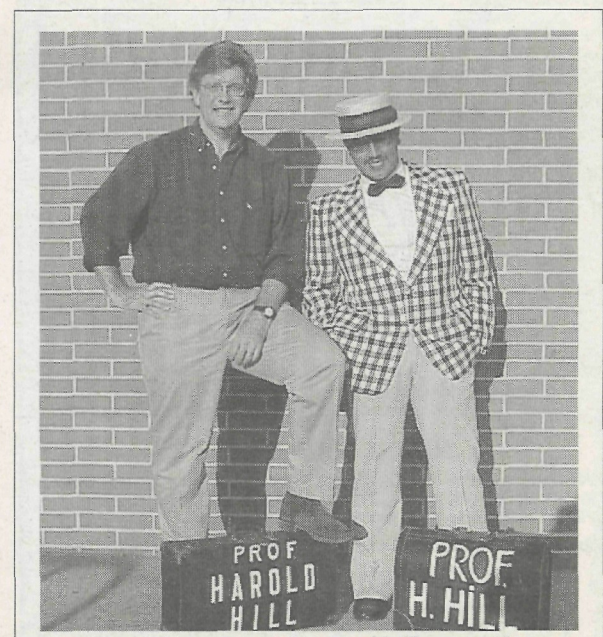
Abbott, was lucky enough to be in the audience. However, Abbott was there to enjoy this lavish new production and not to ensure young Mr. Pineda satisfactorily hoodwinked the straight-laced Iowan Hawkeyes.

Abbott was cast as Hill in the SDW's third season in 1974. The then-fledgling theater group for teens then, as now, drew on local talent for cast and crew. Watching the show in the comparatively high-tech facilities of the "new" SPHS, a few comparisons in the productions arose—among the largest differences was the locations where the shows were staged. What the earlier cast and crew wouldn't have given to run the show from the current high school stage! It's air conditioned, unlike the gym at the John Riley School, where the original performance took place, because the certificate of occupancy for the then-new SPHS hadn't been yet granted. And the old location included acoustical nightmares.

Despite instruction in proper voice projection, in "Trouble" where Hill turns Mayor Shinn's billiard parlor into a foil for his scheme, Abbott just couldn't hit that final high note. The singing went flat as a pool table surface and not nearly as smooth. I think it's fair to say the *"The Music Man"* alumni in the audience last week would have appreciated the help in overcoming the environmental and acoustical horrors. The original orchestra was six young musicians. The full orchestra, which performed this year, would have really helped the cast get through the troublesome numbers.

But, despite everything from production problems to internal politics, the original SDW production of *"The Music Man"* was the benchmark of a struggling teen theater group enduring growing pains in the mid 70's, to the very gifted cast, orchestra and stage crew that performed this year. Yet,

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John Abbott (left), SDW's "original" Harold Hill, poses with current *"Music Man"* cast member Jose Pineda.

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In My Opinion

Letters

Dear Editor,

RE: Article "Attempted Abduction of 12-Year Old Girl Reported."

Thank God the 12-year old girl escaped her abductor. Although the article printed was with all good intentions, I found it quite disturbing.

The most disturbing point in the article for me was that things like this "DO happen, even right here in South Plainfield." I am not trying to put down South Plainfield, but I cannot believe that people think this could never happen here. The fact is that we live in the most

densely populated part of New Jersey, with New Jersey being the most densely populated state in the U.S. In addition, we live right next to a high crime city and have close access to several major highways. We are not on some island safe from harms way.

For all those people who think things could never happen in South Plainfield, please educate yourself and wake up to reality. On my block alone there have been multiple crimes since I moved here eleven years ago. Smashed car windows, robberies, stolen mail from mail-

boxes and well as numerous counts of vandalism. There were three incidences where cars stopped to try and lure children in. I myself was walking with my children one day and a car suddenly stopped short and four people jumped out and proceeded to follow me. Luckily I managed to escape.

Please do your children, and yourself, a favor—think that "these things" COULD happen in South Plainfield.

A CONCERNED RESIDENT

To Mrs. Vogel,

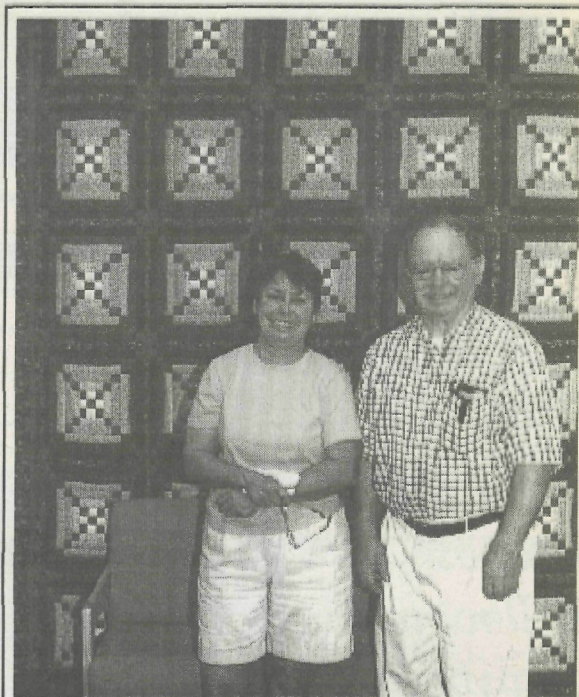
My family wishes to thank you and your late husband for your lovely contribution to Spring Lake Park.

My young children and I love to stop and rest on the benches and enjoy the gentle morning breezes. My daughter loves the "pretty flowers" surrounding the sites.

We, too, love Spring Lake Park and your rest spot has brightened our days. We think of Mr. Vogel each time we rest. It has become "our spot" as well. What a nice way to celebrate your husband's memory.

Thank you once again.

MR. VOGEL'S PARK COMPANIONS



Quilt Raffle Tickets Available Now

Bill Tuthill of the SP Historical Society and South Plainfield Public Library Director Sundra Fenn stand in front of the quilt to be raffled off on Labor Day by the South Plainfield Historical Society. The quilt is on display in the library until the Labor Day. Tickets may be purchased from any Historical Society member beginning this weekend. For information, call Mary Mazepa at 754-3503 or Bill Tuthill at 756-9654.

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:

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:

August 26, September 23, October 28

Planning Board
1999 Meeting Dates

Second and fourth Tuesday of the month as follows:

August 24, September 14,

September 28, October 26

November 9, November 23

December 14, December 28

Council Meetings

AGENDA MEETINGS PUBLIC MEETINGS

Monday, Aug. 16 Thursday, Aug. 19

Tuesday, Sept. 7 Thursday, Sept. 9

Monday, Sept. 20 Thursday, Sept. 23

Tuesday, Oct. 12 Thursday, Oct. 14

Monday, Oct. 25 Thursday, Oct. 28

Monday, Nov. 8 *Monday, Nov. 22

Monday, Dec. 6 Thursday, Dec. 9

* Date has been changed from Monday, Nov 15

All meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act (NJSA 10:4-6 et seq) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave., South Plainfield, New Jersey.

Logon to southplainfieldnj.com for the latest meeting agenda.



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Pampered Chef Helping the Hungry

By Marie Markey
Independent Kitchen Consultant
For The Pampered Chef

In this holiday season, 30 million Americans will worry each day about where they will get their next meal. Eight million of them are children. But once again, The Pampered Chef is doing something about it.

The Pampered Chef, a multi-million-dollar direct selling company that markets kitchen products through in-home cooking demonstrations, will launch its annual Round-Up from the Heart corporate-giving program on Sept. 1.

This unique program is a team effort among The Pampered Chef's customers, independent contractors, corporate employees

and the Second Harvest, the largest domestic hunger-relief charity in the United States. Last year's \$650,000 donation brought the Round-Up program's eight-year total to just over \$3 million, which is more than any other corporate cash sponsor in Second Harvest History.

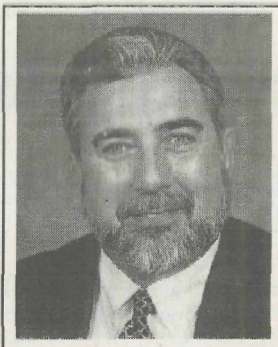
The Pampered Chef's 50,000 independent contractors across the country promote the Round-Up from the Heart program during the Kitchen shows they conduct between Sept. 1 and Feb. 28. Customers contribute to the program by rounding up their purchase totals to the nearest dollar or more. An estimated 425,000 have participated since the program was initiated in 1991. These funds are then sent to Sec-

ond Harvest food banks in the region where the donation originates, making this a national program with a local impact.

Customers can also purchase a special collectors' stoneware cookie mold, and The Pampered Chef will donate \$1. for each mold purchased. In addition, the administrative costs of the program, which include salaries and supplies, are contributed by the company.

"We are enthusiastic that, as a company, we can help make a difference in people's lives," says Pampered Chef Founder and President Doris Christopher. "Our Partnership with Second Harvest has allowed us to identify the proper channels for helping to solve the growing hunger crisis in America."

For more information, contact Marie Markey at 908-755-3213.



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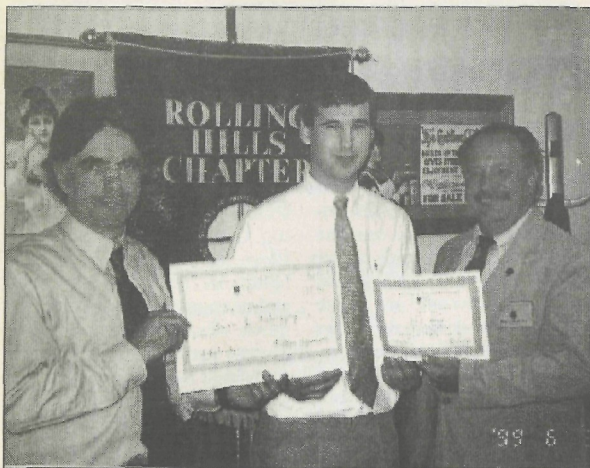
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PROUD MOMENT — Brian J. Naberezny of South Plainfield (center) accepts a \$1,000 scholarship to study land surveying from the Rolling Hills Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors. Presenting the award are (left) Chapter President H. George Pierson, PLS, and State President Steven H. Mazurek, PLS.

Brian Naberezny Receives \$1,000 Scholarship

The Rolling Hills Chapter of the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors has awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to students studying to become land surveyors.

The scholarships went to Brian J. Naberezny of South Plainfield, Geoffrey M. Thorp of Phillipsburg and Derek J. Demas of Roselle Park. Chapter President H. George Pierson of Milford and state NJSPLS President Steven H. Mazurek of Long Valley made the presentation of the scholarship certificates at a ceremony held recently in Pittstown. The scholarship money was raised from continuing education seminars run by chapter member William Fritzing, PLS of Bound Brook.

Brian Naberezny holds a bachelor's degree in surveying from Pennsylvania State University and attends the University of Maine, in Orono, Maine, where he is studying for a master's degree in spatial information science and engineering. Geoffrey Thorp is a graduate of Phillipsburg High School and is studying for a

bachelor's degree in survey engineering at Pennsylvania State University in Lehman, Pa.

Derek Demas holds an associate's degree in forestry from Paul Smith College in Paul Smith, N.Y., and is studying for a bachelor's degree in surveying at Michigan Technical University, in Houghton, Michigan.

NJSPLS is a statewide professional group representing 1,200 professional land surveyors. The Rolling Hills Chapters has 120 members based mainly in Hunterdon and Somerset counties. The chapter meets monthly and offers continuing education programs to help members fulfill licensing requirements and keep abreast of advancements in the science and technology of professional land surveying.

The chapter offers its scholarship program to young people studying land surveying. The next round of scholarships will be made in the spring of 2000. For an application, call Scholarship Committee Chairman Stephen D. Ombalski at (908) 534-9000.

The Multitech Group Receives Blue Chip Enterprise Award

MassMutual—The Blue Chip Company and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce have honored The Multitech Group of South Plainfield with a State Blue Chip Enterprise Award.

"The desire of this company to persevere and succeed in the face of great challenges is a small business success story that deserves recognition," said MassMutual General Agent Michael Vesuvio.

"The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and MassMutual are pleased to present The Multitech Group with its Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative Award."

"The Multitech Group (TMG) was formed in 1997 when John and Cecelia Kennedy created an alliance between MultiTech Associates, an engineering company, and TMS Inc., a training, documentation and marketing firm. Their company was off to a successful start when disaster struck in February, 1998 and a huge fire ravaged the company's offices. The modern engineering facility completely lost its electricity, rendering all telephones, computers, printers and plotters useless. Their extensive databases and drawing files, accessible only on the company's equipment, were beyond their reach until the power was restored. Therefore, relocating and starting over was simply not an option.

TMG immediately put its disaster plan to the test. All phones were rerouted to the bookkeeper's house who created a "command post" with the help of a co-worker. Other staff members worked at home and salespeople informed customers of TMG's predicament. Some engineers and designers worked in a borrowed construction trailer and removed their computers each night due to the lack of security. Even after the offices were reopened, there were constant disruptions by inspec-

tors, workers and cleaning crews. It took six months before operations returned to normal, but TMG never missed a delivery date or a payroll through the entire ordeal.

According to owner John Kennedy, it was the commitment of TMG's people that made the real difference. None of the workers ever complained or even missed a day of work. As Kennedy puts it, "all the planning and technology in the world cannot replace good people."

Founded in 1990, The Blue Chip Enterprise Initiative is co-sponsored by MassMutual, one of the nation's premier financial service companies and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federa-

tion. Through a national application process, the program seeks to identify and learn from small businesses that have successfully managed resources, committed to excellence and emerged stronger.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is the world's largest business federation, representing over three million organizations of every size, sector and region.

MassMutual—The Blue Chip Company, is one of the nation's premier financial service companies. MassMutual offers life and disability income protection, asset accumulation products and retirement and investment management services to individuals, businesses and their employees. MassMutual has over 1,200 sales offices nationwide.

P.B.A. Eighth Annual Golf Tournament Set

The South Plainfield Police P.B.A. Local #100 will be holding the Eighth Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, September 20. A shotgun start is planned for 11 a.m. at the Mattawang Golf Course on Township Road in Belle Mead, NJ. An awards banquet will follow at the clubhouse located at the course. A large turnout is expected this year as usual, so sign up as soon as possible.

There are still several sponsorships available:

- A playing sponsor at \$210—your company will receive a commemorative pennant that is displayed on a green and a company

representative may play for free!

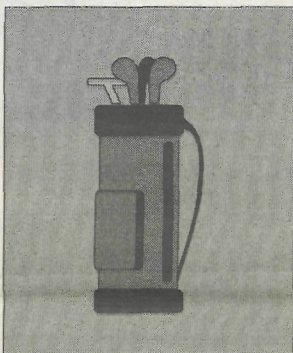
- A donation of \$150, sponsors a beverage cart in which you will receive a great deal of advertising from the display of your commemorative pennant on the cart.

- A non-playing sponsor at \$110—Your company name will be printed on a sign located on a tee.

- A donation of \$85 sponsors a golf cart with your company name printed on a sign fastened to a player's golf cart.

- An entry fee of \$85 for individual golfers includes green fees, cart, prizes, food and beverages.

Questions? Call Detective Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7661.



A Kid's Place Accepting Enrollments

The YMCA Kid's Place is currently accepting enrollment for the 1999-2000 school year. Classes begin on September 8.

Quality child care is available for infants ages three months to five years. Their purpose is to enrich and supplement the experi-

ences of children by providing them with concrete hands on experience.

Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. YMCA Kid's Place is located at 3145 Park Avenue. For more information call (908) 822-9076.

Recycling Center & Yard Waste Site

The regular summer hours for the South Plainfield Recycling Center and the Yard Waste Site on Kenneth Ave. are: Recycling Center—Tuesdays and Fridays 1-8 p.m., Saturdays 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

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AROUND TOWN

EVENTS

Seniors Plan Trip to "Mame" at Paper Mill Playhouse

The South Plainfield Recreation Department would like all seniors to join them in a trip to see "Mame" on Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the Paper Mill Playhouse.

Jerry Herman's legendary hit musical will feature state and screen star Christine Ebersole as the larger-than-life Auntie Mame, who will "coax the blues right out of the horn" in this dazzling musical.

The cost for seniors is \$20 per person and transportation is included. Tickets can be purchased at the PAL Building on Maple Ave. For more information call 226-7713.

Columbiettes Fall Events Announced

The South Plainfield Columbiettes are sponsoring several events this fall, including an auction, shopping trip, Country Western dinner-dance and a Christmas show. All events are open to the public.

The Chinese style auction will be held on Friday, Oct. 1, in the cafeteria of Sacred Heart School. Doors will open at 6 p.m. and the drawings start at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 and includes a sheet of auction tickets and a door prize for all who attend.

Food will be available for purchase in the kitchen and complimentary coffee, tea and dessert will be served. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased by calling Mary Ann at (908) 226-1222.

If anyone has new items they wish to donate, bring them to the Parish Center weekdays or call Mary Ann to arrange a pick-up.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, the Columbiettes will sponsor a shopping trip to Reading, Pa. The cost is \$18. Bus leaves from the Knights of Columbus Hall on 334 Hamilton Blvd. at 8 a.m. for five hours of shopping before stopping at the Cracker Barrel for an early dinner on your own. The return to South Plainfield is expected at 6:30 p.m. Last year's trip sold out

early so reserve as soon as possible by calling Mary Ann at the above number.

A Country Western dinner dance will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20, at Bobby & Mary's on William Street in Piscataway. Tickets will cost approximately \$20 and include a buffet dinner and soft drinks. Dance lessons will be by Boot Scootin Slim and Pam. For information and reservations, call Helen at (908) 757-8332.

The Columbiettes will also have a bus trip to "The Miracle of Christmas" at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pa., on Saturday, Dec. 11. The cost is \$85 and includes the show, transportation and dinner. The bus will leave from the Knights of Columbus Hall at 9 a.m. and return at approximately 9 p.m.

Reservation deadline is Oct. 15. Call Mary Ann for information.

Trip to Radio City Christmas Show

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

Connected Hearts Meeting

Connected Hearts Adoption Triad Support (CHATS) will meet 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 23, at Watchung Ave. Presbyterian Church, 170 Watchung Ave., North Plainfield. Viewing and discussion of a video in which a well-known "birthmother made an adoption plan for her daughter 30+ years ago. The adoptive parents share their experiences and feelings. The participants make clear the ongoing "work" involved in dealing with adoption issues. Open sharing of adoption-related stories and light refreshments. Call Alyce at (732) 227-0607 for information.

Sacred Heart Still Accepting Registrations

Sacred Heart School registration for kindergarten through grade 7 is still going on.

Requirements at registration are a health certificate, birth certificate, baptismal certificate, social security number, most recent report card and a recommendation from principal and home-room 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.

Business Association Cancels Meetings

The South Plainfield Business Association will not be meeting during July and August.

The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Sept. 16. A meeting notice, including the meeting topic of discussion and a guest speaker, will be sent to members.

Polish National Home Flea Market

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

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.

Single Parents Group to Meet

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

Tourette Syndrome Meeting

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

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

From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

By Kenneth Morgan

Look at the calendar! It's Friday the 13th! Break out the rabbit's feet! Don't walk under ladders! Harvest those four leaf clovers! Or, you could just ignore the date and settle back with news from South Plainfield Library:

First, we'll look at our children's programs. We're featuring our regular storytime programs next week. 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 up. Also, be advised that these are the last storytime programs for this month. They'll be back in September once Miss Linda catches her breath. And, don't forget about the two special children's programs next week. On Monday at 6:30 p.m. we'll have the final program for the Summer Reading Craft project. Unlike previous sessions, the kids won't be making parts of a medieval costume. Instead, they'll get a chance to bring in and wear what they've made. (Parents, bring your cameras.) Then on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. we'll have the closing program for the Summer Reading Club. It will feature Mr. Kurt's Super Silly Songs, as well as recognition of the readers. We ask that kids pre-register for these programs. For more information, ask Linda Hansen, the children's librarian.

At present, we've got three handouts for you at the main desk. First, you can still fill out our new patron survey form and let us know your opinions about the library and our resources. Next, we've added a new child-

ren's program survey. What are your views on our Summer Reading Club and the storytimes? Please take a moment and enlighten us. Finally, we've put together an updated edition of our movie review resource list. You can use it to get more information about movies and videos before you spend your hard-earned dollars on them.

Here's something to mark on your calendars. The library will present local resident Dave Street performing his acclaimed environmental theater show, on Saturday, September 11, at 11 a.m. His show incorporates skits, songs, stories and a rainforest slide show. The performance will be held across the parking lot in Borough Hall. It's for all ages, admission is free and pre-registration is requested.

This month's displays are now in place. In our display cabinets we have local artifacts and memorabilia provided by the South Plainfield Historical Society. And, on our display wall, we have this year's first prize for the raffle benefiting the Society's Museum Fund: a Pennsylvania Dutch hand-made queen-size quilt. Please be advised that the library is not selling raffle tickets. For more information on that, ask staff member Millie Condon. The displays will be up until August 30.

Okay, we think that's about all we'll be lucky enough to fit in this week. Thanks for your attention and thanks for all the good comments about our column. We'll be back with more next time. We hope. Cross your fingers.

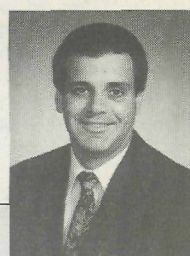
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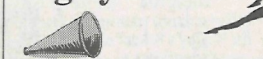
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SPORTS

Tigers Threepeat as Summer Duals Champions...

Tigers Pull Out Championship With A 30-29 Victory Over Wrestling Plus

By Bob Hunter

The South Plainfield High School wrestling team won its third consecutive Old Bridge Summer Wrestling Festival Summer Duals. The Tigers went 8-0 in this 16 team field. In this four day tournament, the Tigers first faced Old Bridge, thought to be the team to beat. The Tigers responded with a 42-27 win. In the second match of the night the Tigers then faced Elizabeth and had little trouble posting a 31-0 victory.

Day two the Tigers faced a New Jersey club team called Team Predator (Wall Twp. area). The Tigers won 48-19. In the second match of day two the Tigers faced a tough Perth Amboy team and posted a 45-27 victory.

Day three The Tigers faced old time rivals, the North Plainfield Canuck's, with former South Plainfield Assistant Coach Jim Miller at the Canuck's helm. It was a tough night for coach Miller as the Tigers handed his team a 48-12 defeat. Next up was Monroe and the Tigers went on to win by the score of 45-9.

On the last day of competition the Tigers needed a win over JF Kennedy (Iselin) to make to the finals. The match was settled with the Tigers taking the early lead and never looking back and winning 42-12.

In the championship final the Tigers faced another club team in Wrestling Plus from Pompton Lakes. This team consisted of wrestlers from 10 different high schools in that area.

The Tigers forfeited the first two weight classes, lost the 119 pound match and were trailing 15-0. That's when the Tigers started to roll, taking the next three matches to make the score 15-9, still a long way to go.

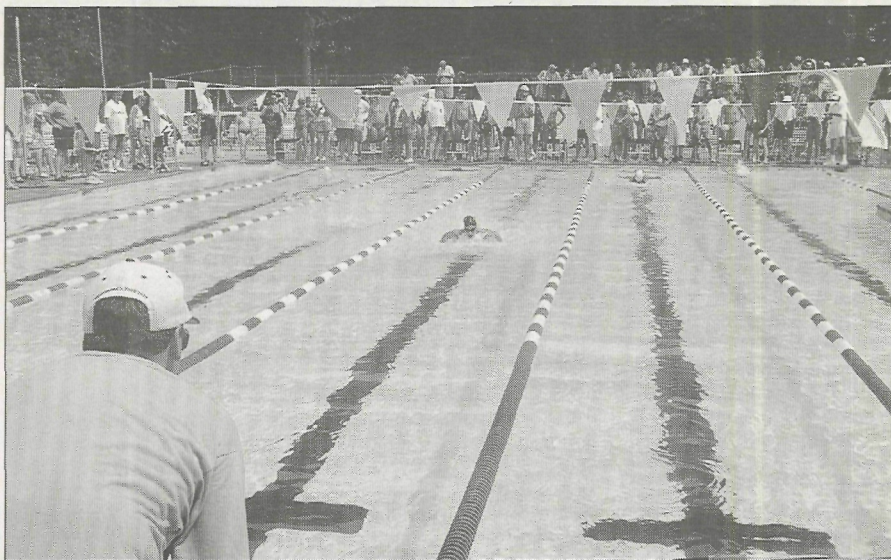
The match remained close with the Tigers down 29-21 when Dan Kunst, wrestling at 215 pounds, pinned his man to put the Tigers down by only three and set the stage for heavyweight Colin Hunter, who went on to secure the victory with a 6-2 decision.

Wrestlers going undefeated for the tournament included Dave Butrico at 125 pounds 7-0, David Stoessel at 130 pounds 7-0, Scott Doerr at 140 pounds 5-0, Tim Marcantonio at 160 pounds 6-0, John Foscolo at 189-215 pounds 5-0, Chris Francis 5-0 and Dan Kunst 4-0. At heavyweight Colin Hunter went 7-0.

Wrestlers with one loss were Glenn Gross at 135 pounds 6-1, Jason Stokes at 140 pounds 3-1 and David Fiore at 152 pounds 3-1. Also winning matches for the Tigers were Kyle Stoessel, Evie Demarest, Mike Buetus, Matt Gatti and Steven Johnston.

Recreation Wrestlers Win Medals

Jimmy Conroy won the 65 pound Junior Title at the Old Bridge Tournament winning four matches on the day, while Patrick Hunter, 55 pounds, finished second in the Midget Division. Hunter posted three wins before losing 9-5 in the finals. Mark and Mike Wagner each finished in Fourth Place.



Lauren Reed, age 14, from the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks, on her way to winning the 100 Butterfly at the New Jersey Swimming and Diving Conference "B" League Championships held on July 31 at the Gran Centurions Swim Club in Clark. Lauren won three individual gold medals at the championships, the 100 Freestyle and the 100 Breaststroke, as well as the Butterfly.

Tiger Sharks End Season xxx xxxxxx!

By Lynn Reed

The South Plainfield Tiger Sharks completed their ninth summer season with a dual meet record of nine wins and one loss. The Tiger Sharks were awarded the first place trophy for dual meet standings in New Jersey Swimming and Diving's "B" League. Head coach Laurie Post finished her eighth consecutive season with the Tiger Sharks and this was her team's best season finish thus far.

The Tiger Sharks concluded their season with the annual picnic and awards ceremony at the South Plainfield Recreation Community Pool. Calvin John Smiley was named the Tiger Sharks most valuable male swimmer scoring 93 (out of possible 100) total individual points for the season. Lauren Reed was named the Tiger Sharks most valuable female swimmer scoring 98 (out of possible 100) total individual points for the season.

The Tiger Sharks finished second at the New Jersey Swimming and Diving's B League Championships held on Saturday, July 31, at the Gran Centurions Swim Club in Clark. The event included swimmers from eight clubs from Central N.J. Swimmers placed with finishes first through sixth, scoring points for the team. The following are highlights from the championships (times are in meters):

EVENT	NAME	PLACE	TIME
Girls 11-12 100 IM	Natalie Jones	2nd	1:18.35
Boys 11-12 100 IM	Calvin John Smiley	2nd	1:20.57
Girls 13-18 200 IM	Shannon Dabrio	3rd	2:50.33
Boys aged 13-18 200 IM	Charlie Rowe	3rd	2:31.89
Boy 9-10 50 Freestyle	Philip Luzny	2nd	39.68
Girls 11-12 50 Freestyle	Katie Kaczka	1st	30.69
	Nina Byard	2nd	33.89
Boys 11-12 50 Freestyle	Chris Egan	1st	33.17
Girls 13-14 100 Freestyle	Lauren Reed	1st	1:03.38
Girls 15-18 100 Freestyle	Jen Banas	2nd	1:05.89
Girls 8 and under 25 Breast	Talya Gunasekara	4th	25.97
Boys 8 and under 25 Breast	Drew LeDet	6th	28.38
Girls 9-10 50 Breast	Julia Dougherty	6th	53.42
Boys 9-10 50 Breast	Philip Luzny	4th	50.87
Girls 11-12 50 Breast	Natalie Jones	3rd	41.84
Boys 11-12 50 Breast	Chris Egan	5th	46.98
Girls 13-14 100 Breast	Lauren Reed	1st	1:24.66
	Natalie Londono	6th	38.46
Boys 10 and under 100 Free	Shannon Dabrio	2nd	1:24.78
Girls 11-12 100 Free	Matt LeDet	2nd	1:28.25
	Katie Kaczka	1st	1:07.47
	Nina Byard	5th	1:16.16
Boys 11-12 100 Free	Calvin John Smiley	5th	1:12.45
	Billy Moates	6th	1:19.25
Girls 13-18 200 Free	Jen Banas	3rd	2:24.42
Boys 13-18 200 Free	Charlie Rowe	2nd	2:11.09
Girls 9-10 50 Back	Julia Dougherty	3rd	49.07
Girls 11-12 50 Back	Katie Kaczka	2nd	37.66
	Jessica Manning	6th	43.82
Boys 11-12 50 Back	Calvin John Smiley	1st	39.34
Girls 13-14 100 Back	Lauren Kaczka	4th	1:25.08
Girls 15-18 100 Back	Jen Banas	1st	1:18.46
	Mary Orlowski	4th	1:21.57
Boys 15-18 100 Back	Jon Bostick	3rd	1:19.09
Girls 8 and under 25 Fly	Danielle Arcachunas	6th	23.25
Boys 8 and under 25 Fly	Michael Boyle	3rd	23.00
Girls 11-12 50 Fly	Natalie Jones	1st	34.26
Boys 11-12 50 Fly	Devin Gunasekara	3rd	38.71
	Billy Moates	6th	41.29
Girls 13-14 100 Fly	Lauren Reed	1st	1:09.72
	Lauren Kaczka	6th	1:30.95
Girls 15-18 100 Fly	Sarah Blessing	6th	1:24.35

Girls 13-18 200 Freestyle Medley	1st
Boys 9-12 200 Freestyle Medley	2nd
Girls 8 and under 100 Medley Relay	3rd
Boys 8 and under 100 Medley Relay	5th
Girls 9-12 200 Medley Relay	4th
Boys 9-12 200 Medley Relay	4th
Girls aged 13-18 200 Medley Relay	2nd



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Obituaries

William B. Fry, 79

William B. Fry died on Monday, August 9, at Roosevelt Health and Extended Care Center in Menlo Park.

Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. Fry had resided in Ocean City, NJ for 25 years and Blackwood, NJ for 10 years before moving to South Plainfield in 1955.

Mr. Fry was a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Bible, where he received his Bachelor's Degree in 1949. At that time, he also received his certificate of proficiency in the Evangelical Teachers Training Association.

He was employed by the United States Postal Service as a letter carrier in South Plainfield for 27 years before retiring in 1982. He was a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers and had served as secretary of the South Plainfield Branch for 20 years. He had served as the association's president for six months.

Mr. Fry served in the United States Army during WW II and was a charter member of the Ferguson-Foglio VFW Post #6650 in Ocean City, NJ.

He was an active member of the North Plainfield Baptist Church in North Plainfield where he served as an usher for over 25 years. He was also a member of the church's Oakley Kimble Gospel Tape Ministry.

Mr. Fry was a Life Member of the South Plainfield Jr. Baseball Club where he held the positions of league director, manager, coach and membership chairman. He was also a member of the Watchung Area Council Boy Scouts of America where he served in the District and Council committees and was active with most of the packs and troops in South Plainfield. In addition, he had been active in the South Plainfield School District PTA, having served as secretary of the Franklin School PTA in 1979 and he acted as the scouting coordinator.

He was predeceased by his great-grandson, John Fry; a son-in-law, Richard Marsh; a daughter-in-law,

Marie Fry; his sister, Marian Fry-Price and a brother, Robert Fry.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Catharine "Ruth" (Nertleton) Fry; three daughters, Betty L. Marsh of Piscataway, Marilyn J. Fry of North Plainfield and Janice R. Krug of Westfield; four sons, David W. Fry of Bloomingdale, NJ, Kenneth R. Fry of South Plainfield, Donald R. Fry of North Plainfield and Steve B. Fry of South Bound Brook; four sisters, Jessie E. Smith of Brigantia, NJ, Lillian I. Fry of Egg Harbor, Twp., Lois M. Darr of Mt. Laurel, Carole Ann Cancelmo of Williamstown, NJ; a brother, Walter G. Fry of Mays Landing. Also surviving are 13 grandchildren, Jeffrey Fry, Christen Jensen, Jennifer Fry, Cathy Fry, Kirk Marsh, Michael Fry, Lauren Fry, Meghan Fry, Joshua Fry, Amanda Fry, Kaylee Fry, Sharleen Fry and Raymond Fry, and one great granddaughter, Amber Fry.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, August 13, at McCriskin Home For Funerals on Plainfield Ave., with the Rev. Allan Vance officiating.

Interment will follow in Hillside Cemetery in Plainfield. Relatives and friends may call the funeral home on Thursday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Handicapped Fund of the North Plainfield Baptist Church, would be appreciated.

George P. Sperry, 78

George P. Sperry, "Avid Rutgers Fan", died on Wednesday, August 4, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield.

Mr. Sperry was born in Brooklyn, New York, and was raised there before residing in Sachems Head section of Guilford, Conn., where his family operated a summer hotel. He was involved in the hotel business in both New York City and in Connecticut.

Mr. Sperry had also worked for Con Edison in New York.

He served in the United States Army during WWII, serving in the Aleutian Islands in the Asia-Pacific Theater of Operations.

Mr. Sperry was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial Post #6763 of South

Plainfield. He was also an avid Rutgers sports fan, including both men's and women's sports.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Virginia M. (Mercurio) Sperry; two sisters, Dorothy Sperry and Jeanette Konez, both of Connecticut. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and great nephews, of whom he was extremely proud.

Funeral services were held privately under the direction of McCriskin Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the George Sperry Memorial Fund, c/o "Scarlett R Club", 7 College Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

Anna M. (Mangan) Brannagan, 91

Anna M. (Mangan) Brannagan, died on Sunday, August 8, in The Cornell Hall Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Union.

Born in Minooka, Pa., she had resided in East Orange for many years and in Newark before moving to Union in 1961.

She and her husband, Edward R. Brannagan, Jr., were the co-

owners of Brannagan's Bar & Grill in the Weequahic Section of Newark from 1954 to 1961. Mrs. Brannagan was also a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband of 64 years, Edward E. Jr.; a daughter, Maureen McMahon of New Hope, Pa.; two sons, Edward "BUD" Brannagan of Toms River and Joseph P. Brannagan of Clark. Also surviving are seven grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held at McCriskin Home For Funerals.

Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Center, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, Tenn. 38105.

By Cyrus n Moon

Weekly Horoscope 8/12-8/19

LEO 7/23-8/22 A moon/sun square usually represents some sort of challenge. This can be to your daily life, that is, at your home, intimate relations, or daily contacts. This transit brings tensions to the surface. Be careful not to take things for granted. Correct small problems as they happen.

VIRGO 8/23-9/22 A Mercury/Pluto trine transit can last a while. This is a great time as you can gain greater intellectual insights and learn a great deal in any subject's study. This is a good time to sign up for a new subject. Be ready for a new meeting, this person can have a profound way, on, your way of thinking.

LIBRA 9/23-10/23 This weekend a moon/Neptune trine has you thinking you can read people's minds. The "feelings" you get about a certain situation will be remarkably accurate. This transit can also bring about a relationship that is so spiritualized it can remain platonic. This can only lead to your development later in life.

SCORPIO 10/24-11/22 A moon/Pluto sextile for the next couple of days gives you the opportunity to make creative changes in your relationships with others, such as your family, relatives and parents. If you have the need to fall back on something, your family is there. And whatever you have to do will work out favorably.

SAGITTARIUS 11/23-12/21 With a mercury/Jupiter square now is the time to make big plans and set your long-range goals. This is also the time to plan carefully and to not overlook details. Commercial transactions and business deals can work out well. But be careful not to take on an arrogant attitude.

CAPRICORN 12/22-1/19 A moon/Saturn trine this week will give you the ability to take care of any business matters concerning your home and personal life, such as buying or selling real estate, making home repairs, reorganizing your finances and making provisions for the future.

AQUARIUS 1/20-2/18 A moon/Uranus

trine in all likelihood will have you craving to do something different in your life. This may lead you to dealing with the general public. In which case you may have to assume a leadership role if changes are to be made. Be prepared for an unexpected surprise!

PISCES 2/19-3/20 A Mercury/Neptune conjunction will require you to be careful in what you say, because others may misunderstand you even though you think you were completely clear. Also, be honest with people at this time, something said can haunt you later. Be careful with contracts or sales agreements.

ARIES 3/21-4/19 A moon/Mars sextile will put you in a position at work to take on a leadership role. In working with others you will be able to give them the feeling that your aims are theirs, so that they will work with you more willingly. If a challenge faces you, you will handle yourself well and will even gain respect.

TAURUS 4/20-5/20 A Mars/moon combination around Wednesday will put you into a more irritable mood than usual. And you are likely to be angrier with close friends or members of your family. If it was something in the past that has happened, and the last straw, be stern, but not overbearing and oppressive.

GEMINI 5/21-6/21 A Jupiter/Mercury combination, you have ideas you want to communicate to others. But it is "vital" you listen to what others have to say! And take heed to what you are told, this can be an excellent time for making decisions, planning, negotiating and concluding deals or agreements.

CANCER 6/22-7/22 Mercury enters Cancer this week. Don't be too cautious about sharing your feelings with your partner, they should know what's going on inside of you. So in this way you can reach a satisfactory level of love and communication.

QUOTE: TO DREAM OF BEING A MYSTIC, YOU MUST FIRST SHOW YOUR COMPASSION.

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Well wouldn't you guess that my last column's opening commentary generated more reader response than the column content did? Are you suggesting that I write editorial and bag the geek stuff, or were my remarks just timely and accurate? How bout this: who wants to hear about the guy who built and filled a new pool right over the weekend of the water emergency with no apparent violation (so says our PD)? If you tell me, then I'll tell you.

Now back to the good stuff. I'm sure that some readers have noted the escalating "wars" over Internet instant messaging between Microsoft and AOL. If you're not aware of the real stakes in this game, you need your technology vision checked. I'll get into some of that in a later column, but for now, get this: Microsoft, who has very jealously guarded its source codes from all but the very high paying few, is now the one clamoring for "open source" messaging applications. That's a real twist, so you have to know that there is something coming down the pike that will make it all worth while. AOL, the leading ISP and messaging leader (with AIM and Mirabilis' ICQ behind them), very much doesn't want to share connectivity. The novice, that means that only

INTERACTIVE COMPUTER CORNER

By Briggs Longbothum

AOL's AIM subscribers can talk to one another, where Microsoft would like to be able to have all messaging programs (i.e., AIM, ICQ, and their MSM) talk back and forth. Without open source code sharing, it's like telephones sold by radio shack wouldn't let you talk with phones of any other brand name! Silly huh? Maybe not really, so start thinking about what this could be about in the longer run. Again, more about this stuff another time.

Speaking of AOL (remember www.aolsucks.com?), how would you like to get out from under their thumb and join the rest of the free world on the net? You can even get your Internet connection for free (yes, as in NO MONEY!) these days! We've already mentioned the free software and free browsers available because it is advertiser supported. Same logic applies to free Internet access. You must tolerate a small ad window on your screen, but in trade for free access (up to 56K at that!) you win!

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signups, would take the next step and give free web access too, then you'd have real market penetration. -ed.)

I've been using a terrific fax program from eFAX (www.efax.com) that gives me a free fax number (for receive only), that converts my incoming faxes into email attachments. I can receive them anywhere anytime I can connect to the net. Of course, a small premium buys me the "plus" version so I can send faxes too, but since I can do that through other means, I win there too, as you should also. By the way, extremely low cost Internet telephony is available too from several sources. Check into www.net2phone.com for details. We're talking real low rates here, even under five cents a minute 24/7! Nowadays, I'm cringing at 10 cents a minute for using my calling card from a pay phone.

Besides comments on my commentary, I would like to hear from readers who have found outstanding deals and value from the Internet. Drop me a note and share with me some of the real benefits you've enjoyed from the Internet. You know how to reach me (I'm still Bruggo@home.com). And you secret identity is safe with me. See you next time. Briggs Longbothum, ed.

POLICE REPORT

- Days Inn reported an attempted armed robber pointed a silver handgun and the clerk demanded all his money. The robbery was interrupted when the manager walked in and fled the scene without getting any money. Police searched the area but no one was found.
- Burger King reported an attempted armed robbery. An employee was threatened with a handgun and when the employee screamed, the robber punched him in the face and fled. No money was taken and the robber escaped.
- Ferraro Foods complained that a sales rep withheld over \$5,000 in collected receipts made from various companies.

The sales rep has since been fired.

• Several apartments under construction on Pomponia were vandalized last weekend.

• A resident of Mahad Ave. reported a ladder in the backyard was stolen. The ladder was valued at \$250.

• A car parked at Cedar Oaks Manor on Durham was vandalized. The window was broken and an AM/FM stereo was stolen. An employee reported seeing a man in a yellow baseball cap next to the vehicle and then driving away in a blue car.

• Eckard Drugs reported \$573 worth of merchandise was taken by a shoplifter. They gave police a description of the suspect.

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The "Original" Harold Hill Attends *The Music Man*

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The one word that best describes what the original cast was in the show then, and to an extent now, is "family." Anyone who has enjoyed the synergy and camaraderie that arises over countless hours of rehearsal can understand what this means. It was the case with the first "*The Music Man*."

It began friendships that are nearly 30 years strong. It wasn't an SDW show without a Seesselberg in the rafters and in production, an Abbott (shared surname with Pattie Abbott, but no relation) in the chorus or behind a camera, the Strasse family everywhere, or Dottie Stebbins and Norman and Naomi Krisburg keeping the cast and crew in line.

Of course, there were many other families and friends who participated and supported the show.

It was a thrill to see the same shaping for this year's crew—not only have old and dear friends returned to the SDW, but also to see that their daughters and sons have carved their own places in the tradition. That's family!

I understand there's a 30th anniversary SDW revue being proposed. If and when the original cast members populate River City once more, please be alert for the husky fellow with the graying hair, wearing a straw floater and carrying a "Prof. Harold Hill" suitcase—he'll be looking to sell you on a children's band. And, trust me, you'll buy!



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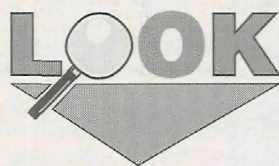
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