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Hoffmans Get New Dog!



Birthday Party Announced
Curries Are Invited! Over 150 Water Balloons!

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Editor's Page

Information you should know

Hello, Curries in Curryland! This issue is special in two ways. First, it is our annual birthday party issue, giving you the info about Steve Sokolowski's birthday party in July. Second, this is our first issue in which we have a story from someone other than our editors. This story is *The Secret Of Fdol* by Michael Curry. The first two chapters are printed in this issue, and we hope that Michael will continue the tradition by sending in more chapters for this ongoing saga. Also in this issue, there are several outstanding stories by Christopher Sokolowski, which were later published in a book that all of Round Meadow Elementry School read. There is much news this month, and adding to that is the end of school, which is rapidly approaching. That's all for this month, so enjoy.

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Neighborhood News

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SOKOLOWSKIS' KITCHEN ADDITION FINALLY FINISHED

On April 12, 1997, after putting in the last drawer liner, it was announced that the Sokolowskis' kitchen addition was finally finished. "I would never want to go through that again!" says Henry Sokolowski, head of the project. He was referring to the problems with *Fellnor and Son*, the contractor that built the addition. Henry reports that they made several mistakes, which he will not disclose. He is still trying to get in touch with Ron Fellnor, the head contractor, to fix some of them. Christopher Sokolowski, who watched the addition being built from beginning to end, commented on how long it took, namely from September 30, 1996 (when the contractor started) to March 12, 1997 (when the contractor was finished.) Although the addition is finished, the Sokolowski family reports that they have outdoor maintenance to do, such as planting grass seed and cutting out the lansdcaping under the bay window. Henry expects that to be done within one or two weeks.

HOUSE ASSESSMENTS UNREALISTIC

In early March, the new house assessments for the neighborhood were out! As Henry Sokolowski and Ray Johnston looked at their assessments, they soon realized that they were over-assessed by almost $30,000! "All things considered, our neighborhood is over-assessed," said Henry Sokolowski at a recent interview. On April 25, Henry went to protest in Norristown. Unfortunately, Henry and Ray were not pleased with the conditions. "It was a very noisy room, not private at all," Henry commented. Ray Johnston had no greater success. Upon arriving home, they prepared a letter that they mailed on the following Sunday to the assessment corporation. They are awaiting the final word in June.

AGREEMENT FOR SALE REACHED ON SCHWARTZ HOUSE

The Schwartz house, which has been up for sale for over a year, has received a bid for $169,000. (Ironically, the Schwartzs' house assessment was $227,000.) There is no more information on this subject at this time.

BOWLING TEAM FINISHES IN FIRST PLACE FOR FIRST HALF, EXPECTED TO WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

The Sweet Things bowling league, in which Jean Sokolowski participates, is almost finished this year. Jean's team, the *Kisses*, took first place for the first half of the year and is in third place now. They aren't far behind; and if they keep up their winning streak, they may win first place for the year. Further information on this subject will be printed in the June/July edition of *The Curry Courier.*

PARTY ANNOUNCED FOR STEPHEN SOKOLOWSKI'S FOURTEENTH BIRTHDAY

Yes, it's that time of year again. Another birthday party has been announced. The details are not final yet, but Dave and

Mike Curry will be invited. The party will probably be on Sunday, July 6 and it will continue in the tradition of water parties. It has also been suggested that there may be over 150 water balloons at the party. More information and a formal invitation will follow in the June 20 edition of *The Curry Courier.*

SACRAMENTS ABOUND

The Sokolowski family has reported that they were invited to two family communion parties in a row. The neighborhood is also bustling with the news of our young generation receiving the sacraments of Communion and Confirmation. Candidates in our neighborhood include:

Tara Johnston - First Communion
Melissa Johnston - Confirmation

Congratulations to the above listed people!

PREP NEWS

After countless hours of deliberation, Jean Sokolowski finally "broke down" and decided to teach a PREP class next year. (She has been a teacher's aide for the past two years.) She has also recruited Steve Sokolowski to be her assistant.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Steve Sokolowski and his 8th grade PREP class - 17 in all, celebrated, along with their parents, the end of their formal religious education with a prayer service and subsequent refreshments. JoFran Garson asked the students not to be strangers and encouraged them to help out in PREP.

Jean Sokolowski

OTHER NEWS TIDBITS

- Monsignor Trinity has announced that First Holy Communion will be moved to third grade. The reason for his decision? The candidates will be more mature, and there won't be the busyness of Communion and Confession in the same year.

- **Father Gill** is leaving OLGC on June 16, 1997 to go to Rome to continue his studies for a few years. Various going away celebrations are being held by both PREP and the Parish Day School. Each of the 22 PREP classes created a square which was then made into a patchwork quilt for Fr. Gill to take with him as a remembrance of his many friends.

- **Maggie Haggerty** has "taken over the house" at the age of 7 months. Peggy Haggerty reports that everybody in her family has been a big help with the baby and that "She's our pride and joy."

- **The Rymars** have announced that their new house is nearing completion. As you may recall, they had said that they were going to move about a year ago.

- **The Upper Moreland School Board** has announced that school will conclude on June 13, 1997, the first time in history that it will end BEFORE the catholic schools. OLGC has announced that school will be let out on June 16, 1997, making their school year one day longer than Upper Moreland's.

Lost and Found

GET THAT OUTTA HERE!

The Spieckers, who moved into the Curries' old house, have suddenly taken down their basketball pole. We have not been informed of the reason for the decision, but we suspect that it was because Mr. Spiecker's truck kept hitting the pole when he pulled in the driveway.

BASKETBALLS SHOW UP

All of a sudden, over the last few weeks, the Sokolowski family found two extra basketballs in their storage bin. Nobody knows where they came from.

HOME RUN!

Christopher Sokolowski, who is an excellent hitter, has hit three home runs over the fence behind his family's property. Unfortunately, two of them disappeared without a trace. It is suspected that nuclear waste has vaporized the baseballs. If they are found, we will keep you informed; but for now, let the hazardous waste professional, Henry Sokolowski, handle it. Please stay away from the radiation hazard, he warns.

Going to the Dogz

HOFFMANS GET DOG

Young Tim Hoffman, at 2015 Butternut Drive, has received a Siberian Husky as a gift from his fiancee. Many people admire this dog, including Tony Hoffman and Jean Sokolowski, who calls it "My Dog." The dog is kept outside most of the time, and one time Jean Sokolowski had to get the dog uncaught from some bushes.

CASEY DIES

On a sad note, Pat and Bob Altimari had to put their golden retreiver, Casey to sleep on account of heart problems. They have no plans to get a new dog, as their hectic schedules would make it difficult to raise a puppy.

Letters Needed!

We people here at the *Curry Courier* would love to receive your letters, advertisements, news, etc.. So send them in before June 10, 1997 to the address on the Editor's page. We hope to be hearing from you soon!

The Biggest Adventure in History
Chapter 13

It seemed like only a minute ago that Mike had gone into hibernation. But here he was, everything blurry, Dave standing near him, trying to wake him up... In a few minutes, he did. After asking Dave if it were thousands of years in the future, Dave responded gruffly, "The main computer isn't on-line yet, so we don't know." The hibernation had affected everybody. Tony was pacing in circles around the hibernation room, while Dave cursed, kicked, and punched at the control panel, trying to repair the main computer.

Finally, the computer came on, and Dave asked for a time readout. The computer responded that the internal batteries had died and keeping the time was impossible. Dave began kicking the control panel again.

As Mike looked out the window, he saw a planet, which he assumed to be Earth. Presently Tony stopped walking around the hibernation room and proceeded to the bridge, where Dave had gone. Dave said, "If you're wondering, yes, that planet is *probably*e Earth. Unfortunately, the hibernation pods were only designed for a hibernation period of under 100,000 years, and we were in hibernation for over 2 million years. The computer lost power. It does not know where we are or when we are."

"So what do we do?" asked Tony.

Dave responded, "I don't know. The only way to find out where and when we are is to go down and explore that planet."

"And risk getting eaten by dinosaurs or some species in the future?" Mike yelled fearfully. "I have had enough. You may go down, but *I* will not join you. I will stay here and protect the ship."

"That seems alright. Is that OK with you, Tony?" Dave asked.

"OK. That's fine. I just hope that Mike's wrong."

"I will now go and ready the ship for landing," Dave said. "You guys get yourselves ready."

Three hours later, the ship was ready to land. Mike had made sure that Dave and Tony had enough supplies. Finally, the ship landed. Dave ordered the computer to open the door. He couldn't. Unfortunately, they had landed on the edge of a cliff that was almost 1000 feet high! Luckily, Mike stopped him before he took the plunge. Later, they landed safely at the bottom of the cliff and after bidding farewell, they separated.

After walking for about five minutes, Tony asked Dave, "What's that?"

Dave said, "Oh my....." They were looking at a medieval castle. The outside was bustling like a marketplace, and he could see knights on the far side doing training. It looked like a scene from a video game.

"This is weird!" whispered Tony. The boys moved to a few bushes near the outskirts of the castle and dropped low.

"Oh no! What's that?," Dave questioned, motioning toward a large round object. "Could that be... the broken engine?" He turned towards Tony. "The computer read that one of the engines was jettisoned. Those...PEOPLE must have come on board! But how?" They had no more time to talk, though. A knight on the far side of the castle had spotted them and began to run toward them.

"You imbeciles!" he yelled. "I should have killed you long ago!" Dave and Tony got up

and started to run; but by then, several other knights across the courtyard had spotted them and began to run towards them, too. The knight who had spotted them first lead the way, but it seemed as if he were always going in the wrong direction, so the knights behind him ignored him and continued ahead towards Dave and Tony.

"I don't know how much longer I can run...", panted Tony. The knights were just a few feet behind him now. It was almost as if he could feel them breathing down his back.

"YES!" Dave yelled exuberantly. He saw the spaceship up ahead. "Hurry!" Tony tried to run harder.

"AHHHHHHHH!" screamed Tony. He had tripped over a tree branch. "NOOOOO!" The knights swooped in on him like vultures. They grabbed his arms, and then he felt a sharp pain. All went black.

The Biggest Adventure In History
Chapter 14

Tony awoke in a dark room. His head ached. He went to reach to rub it, but he found his hands tied. As he came to his senses, he saw that he was tied to a chair in the middle of a small room in a dank basement. Tony rubbed his hands as hard as he could, but the rope wouldn't give. He kicked as hard as he could. The force of the impact sent the chair reeling backwards. Tony braced for the collision. There was a searing pain in his head, and then everything went black again.

Mike remembered nothing of why he was here. As he woke up, he found that he was in some kind of dungeon. His hands and feet were manacled to the wall. He tried to recall where he was... then he remembered. Dave had led the knights to the ship. There had been a struggle, Tony was knocked out...then he came to a blank. What had happened to Dave?

Dave awoke to find that he couldn't move. He found that he was in a torture chamber. He was strapped to a table. He noticed a knight standing above him. "He's awake. Bring the others," he said. The knight left the room and returned rather shortly, but to Dave it seemed like hours. Two other knights came in, one carrying a chair and the other carrying Mike! Mike was struggling to get away, but the knight had a hand over his mouth. Dave struggled to help him, but could not move even an inch of his body.

"What should I do with them?" one knight asked.

"Leave them here. Let them rot until the enlightened one comes," the other one responded. Then they promptly left the room.

On closer inspection, he found that the chair was carrying Tony. He was tied tightly. Mike was tied to the wall. Then he saw two other people in the room, on the opposite side. There was a boy that looked as if he were from a time in the future. He looked dead. On the opposite wall, he saw a girl. Then he realized - that girl was Katie Carter, someone in his history class! Unlike the boy, she looked very much alive. Because she had been absent from school, her teachers had assumed that she had a cold. Now he knew where she had gone! Then he had a startling realization...what if more people he knew were stuck in the past. Curiously, he felt himself getting sleepy, even though it was very uncomfortable lying in the position he was in. Tony and Mike had passed out, so he fell asleep.

Upon waking up, Dave heard a voice.

"This looks like the one. Kill him first. Then take care of the others." He was pointing at Dave.

Mike screamed. "Don't kill him! Why are you doing this! What do you want?"

The knight answered, "You must not be allowed to go to the future. It will mean imminent destruction." He pointed at the other knight. "Lower the axe!"

"AAAAAAAH" screamed Dave.

Tony yelled, "DO SOMETHING!"

The knights laughed. "Leave them alone to suffer a painful death." One opened the door. "Have fun." Then they slammed it, and everyone heard the dreadful sound of the bolt sliding in place. The axe slowly lowered as it swung back and forth.

"Dave!" Katie screamed. She tried desperately to get out. Tony and Mike squirmed.

Tony's chair fell over again. Mike strained to break his bonds. Relentlessly, the axe continued. It was only a foot away from Dave now.

Then it seemed like time stopped. Mike, Tony, and Katie were screaming "NOOOOOOOOOO!" As they watched in horror, the axe lowered into Dave, a sight they would never forget. Dave let out a final scream, and then turned motionless. The axe hit the table and ground to a stop. Dave was dead.

The Biggest Adventure In History
Chapter 15

"Grab a bat," Tony Hoffman said. "Okay, here goes!" Michael Curry responded. He was Tony's next door neighbor and a little league pitcher. Mike threw a fastball over the center of the plate. "I got it!" said Katie Carter, who was playing catcher. She was a friend who lived two blocks down the street. It was a wild pitch. Tony missed it, and Katie went running after the ball as it rolled down the street. When she returned, she said, "I feel dizzy. Must be the heat."

Mike said, "Okay. I'm getting tired anyway. Let's go inside and play Nintendo."

"Oh no!" Mike said. His car had just crashed through a guardrail and into a river. They were playing *Stunt Race FX,* the newest Super Nintendo game. Tony laughed. "Undefeated! Two in a row! Move in the next victim!" Mike handed his controller to Katie.

"Doesn't it feel as if we've done this before?" Tony asked.

"No. Not really," said Katie.

"Yes. I have that feeling, too. It will go away," Mike said. They said nothing more about it and continued to play for two hours, after which they decided to go outside.

"I feel dizzy again," Katie complained.

"Something's wrong here," Mike said. "This feeling of "deja vu" is only getting stronger. Katie and Tony, why don't you go home?"

"Okay," they responded in unity, and left.

Over the next few days, Mike, Katie, and Tony skipped school. They each stayed at their own home. Then, about a week after, something strange happened. They disappeared without a trace. Nobody found out where they went.