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PA Woman Critically Injured After Collision With Truck

A serious accident between an automobile and a tractor trailer last Friday closed South Clinton Avenue for four hours and critically injured a young woman from Pennsylvania. The accident happened at approximately 9:56 a.m. on South Clinton Avenue near New Era Drive.

Jenna Smalley, 20, of Newton, Pa., was critically injured when the 1988 Chevy Camaro she was operating collided with a tractor trailer operated by Luis Duran, 31 of Stratford, Conn. Duran was driving a 2003 Mack truck owned by Marval Industries of Mamaroneck, N.Y. and

was pulling a trailer containing a small load of plastic material.

A police investigation revealed that Smalley was traveling north on South Clinton Avenue and Duran was traveling immediately behind her. Smalley first pulled to the right and then suddenly attempted to make a left turn into a business. She was reportedly working in South Plainfield as a temporary employee.

Duran collided with Smalley's vehicle and pushed the vehicle up the curb in front of 2279 South Clinton Ave., where it struck a lawn sign, a tree and

came to a stop by another tree near the building. The tractor came to rest on top of the driver's side of the Camaro.

Smalley was trapped inside the vehicle and was extricated by the South Plainfield Volunteer Fire Department. During the extrication, the EMS crew asked for a medical helicopter to transport the patient.

North Stelton and New Market fire companies arrived to assist in securing a landing zone for the medivac helicopter. The Metuchen Fire Department assisted with the extrication operation.

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A tractor trailer crushed a 1988 Chevy Camaro on South Clinton Avenue.

FYI

SDW Takes the Stage in 35th Production



By Patricia Abbott

South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop (SDW) opened the world of theater arts to youths with their first production, "Bye, Bye Birdie," in 1972. Three decades later, the group is still going strong.

The 2007 SDW production of "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" marks the theater group's 35th anniversary. The

Broadway hit musical takes song and dance into the office workplace for a look at a young man trying to reach the top without trying. The production takes office romance to a new level of hilarity.

Through the years, a few thousand teenagers have passed through the drama program. Each year the program grows. Casts, as well as pit bands and crew, grow as well. Sets and costumes have become more elaborate. Cast members form bonds of friendship that carry on long after their summer drama days end.

Bill Seesselberg was a recent college graduate when he began working with the newly formed SDW. "I was there 35 years ago on the stage crew of the first SDW, became the producer in 1973, and saw just some of the

potential of this program. Over the years many producers, parents, staff members and students have built an annual tradition upon those early years and experiences. When I returned in the late 1990's, I wanted to keep the SDW program strong for my own sons who were just getting to the age when they could participate. While I served on the producing board as president and in other capacities, I saw the gathering strength of the program through the increased support of parents, students and returning students as interns and staff. Now, as a parent watching my two sons perform together for the last time, and seeing the work of my wife and others to get this show to opening night, I realize how great and rewarding an activity the SDW experience is to all involved, now and for the future."

Producer and Board President Bill Mott has been with the program for a number of years now. He has two children in this show, Susan and William. His oldest daughter Katie is an intern. He is proud of the show that opened yesterday and said, "This year's pro-

duction has brought many new faces that show great promise. The students have worked hard learning lines, songs and dances over the past five weeks in preparation for the show. The development of characters in the ensemble is amazing. Each student has given themselves a name and developed that character to be part of the SDW company. It is truly impressive what they are accomplishing."

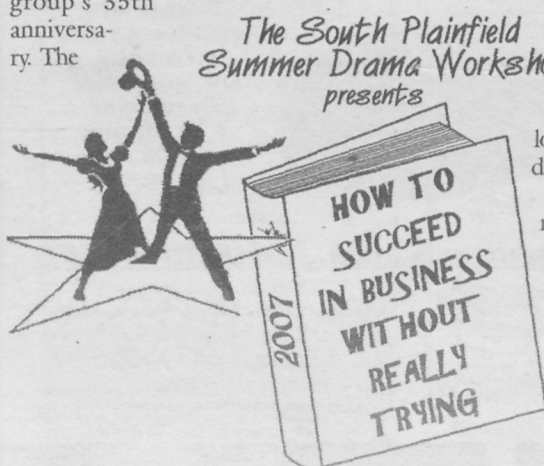
"The staff of SDW are excellent at teaching the students methods of developing their characters. Any idea by any cast member is entertained and then nurtured, making their part its own 'star part.' This development of character brings activity and excitement to the production."

Performing alongside SDW regulars is Cory Singer, of the new faces that Mott mentioned. Cory's mother, Jill Pavel-Singer, said, "This is the first year my son Cory was a participant in the South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop. What an experience for Cory and myself! It was so amazing to be a part of such a wonderful community. South Plainfield has outstanding

sports programs for our kids... but what an amazing arts program the Summer Drama Workshop offers to our kids, parents and community. I am proud to participate, help and have the honor of watching so many people come together to help our kids channel their talents into a first class show. On a personal note, it was beautiful to watch my child grow into a young man this summer as he formed friendships, earned respect and most importantly, had fun doing what he loves to do best... make others smile. Thank you to all of the board members, parents, cast and crew members for what I hope is the first of many wonderful summers to come!"

Join in the fun and help SDW celebrate 35 years. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 5 at 2 p.m. The show takes place in the air conditioned SPHS auditorium.

For tickets & info,
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Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday
Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Date	Agenda Meeting	Public Meeting
August 7	7 p.m.	Immediately following
September 4	7 p.m.	Immediately following

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 Avenue.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Aug. 14 and 28, Sept. 11 and 25, Oct. 9 and 23, Nov. 27 and Dec. 11.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7641
Aug. 9 and 23, Sept. 13 and 27, Oct. 11 and 25
Nov. 1 and 29 and Dec. 13.

board of education meetings

Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave. unless otherwise noted
Committee of the Whole, Wednesdays 7 p.m.—Aug. 8, Sept. 11, Oct. 10,
Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 12 and April 2.
Regular Meeting Wednesdays 8 p.m.—July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 28, Dec.
19, Jan. 16, Feb. 20, March 19 and April 19.

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 8 p.m.
Aug. 21, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 20 and Dec. 18.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August
PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7716
Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11
July and August: No scheduled meeting

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday)
Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m. • Questions? 908-226-7621

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday)
Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m. • Questions? 908-757-8100

traffic safety advisory commission

Meets once a month (fourth Wednesday) at 7 p.m.
in the Conference Room, Borough Hall (No Meeting in August)

board of education curriculum/technology meetings

Meets once a month on Mondays at 8 p.m. in the 2nd floor conference room at Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

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IN MY OPINION

The opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher.

To the Editor,

On Saturday, June 9 we held the fourth annual Coaches Care Golf Classic at Heron Glen Golf Course. We were blessed for the first time to have a beautiful day, which surely helped us raise a record amount to be donated to The Pediatric Neurological Center at JFK Medical Center and the Open Your Heart to Children Battling Cancer Foundation.

While there are many people and companies to be thanked, the golf committee really makes this event the success that it is. Thom Lanza, Kurt Ullom, Bill DeNitzio, Tony Cassano, Guy Moretti and Ted Tucker sacrifice much of their personal time to ensure that all participants are treated to a first class tournament. Special thanks to Kevin Lykes who, for the fourth year, designed our program and handled all of our literature requests and to Keith Heckel for his early morning help and tent catching ability. To the people who volunteered their time to be witnesses and salespeople on the par three's, Carol Ullom, Colleen Hubner, Nancy O'Shea, Marianne Decker, Laura McCreesh, Elise Dennison, Mike Pfeifer, Mickey Wrubelevski, Ginny Butrico and Patty Martin. I can't thank you enough, and glad you finally got to enjoy a day in the sun.

A special thank you to the following businesses and people who sponsored holes: Arch Chemical, Santoro and Santoro, Nischwitz Ashbrook Energies, Inc., Frank P. Licato, DMD, Lynn Reed Associates, Hughes and Stricker, Andy Singer, McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals, Acme Manufacturing Company, Binder Machinery, Goodwin Associates, HBC Electric, South Plainfield PBA 100, Delores Rose, Clarkin And Vignuolo, Lanza and Lanza, Johnstone, Skok, Loughlin and Lane, Harbour Sales Company, Harris Steel Company, Thermal Service, Sales Team Solutions, Frank P. Licato Agency, Meyer and Depew, R.T Tech Electric Company, American Solenoid Company, Shotman Basketball, Haisch's Bakery, PM Parts and Equipment and the South Plainfield Golf Association.

The putting contest sponsors were Duro Dyne, Cleworth Conditioning and MAP Sales Company. The breakfast sponsors were Principal Title Agency and Bagel Pantry, which donated all of the morning's bagels.

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The following businesses donated door prizes for the golfers: Rudolfos, Buy-Rite Liquors, The Weis Family, Hometown Heros, Carmen's, Flanagan's, Sherban's Diner, Paulos Barbeque, Giakas Cleaners, Ciccio's, Applebees, Vincenzo's, Al Dente, Gabriele's, Rosina's, Sal's Spirit Shoppe, South Plainfield Recreation Dept., Johnny Carino's, Mike Alvarez, Tie Tac, Rich and Maureen Washington, Mrs. DeNitzio, Ski Setting, Ellery's, Cindy Michaels Jewelers, Café Everest, Girasole, Carpaccio's, Bagel Pantry and Pizza Stop.

Year after year these businesses selflessly donate money and prizes, and I can't thank you enough. All of you contribute to what I proudly say is one of the best tournaments for one of the best causes in our area. Although I am given credit for organizing the Coaches Care outings, nothing happens without all of the people and businesses mentioned here, and I thank you all. This year we raised over \$35,000 with the knowledge that sick children all over will benefit from all of your donations. I was privileged enough to meet an 18 year old cancer survivor who told me the benefits the neurological center will have on his family, although he knew nothing of our charity. That's when I realized the impact we have on the community and the power that you all possess.

To RH, my inspiration for the charity, it is a pleasure to again partner up and know that prayers are answered. To the Big Man, while you're not here in a physical presence, your life serves as my inspiration and hope we make you proud.

TOM MCCREESH

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To the Editor:

For the sixth year in a row my team had the privilege of participating in the annual South Plainfield PAL charity softball tournament. Once again, Gary Cassio, Chris Colucci, Kevin Hughes and countless volunteers did an outstanding job in organizing and raising money for a great cause. My hats off to everyone involved and we look forward to playing again next year.

RAY RUSNAK, SPGOG

To the Editor:

I don't make it to many council meetings, but when I do, they never fail to disappoint me. It's like watching that woman in the movie "Psycho" step into the shower. You know what's fixing to happen, but you just can't look away. During the last election, a whole pack of borough councilmen were bragging that they didn't raise taxes, and that they had designated a bunch of land as permanent open space. They were so proud of this that they put up a sign. They proudly said it was good for South Plainfield, and they were right. But that was then. This is now.

After the election, in December, they raised taxes. Now, they want to sell off the open land at over \$200,000 per lot. That sounds like a lot of money, but what is open space worth? Open space is sort of like virtue. Once

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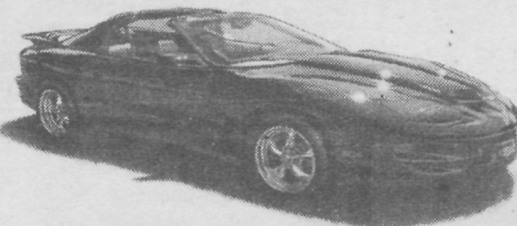
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From the South Plainfield Library

Bookmarks

Good news! Miss Linda has scheduled three more Monday night crafts. On Monday, Aug. 6 the program is "Design Your Own Puzzle," on Aug. 13 is "Decorate a Wooden Birdhouse" and Aug. 20 is "Design a Notebook." Space is limited for all these programs, so registration is required. There is also a \$1 fee per child payable at registration, so you must register in person.

Also Miss Linda will continue the Chess Club on Tuesday afternoons through the month of August. The Club meets on Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-4:30 p.m. And of course Miss Linda, Miss Mija and Miss Lauren will continue their regular storytimes/craft programs on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 1:15 p.m. for three year olds and up, Times for 2s are Wednesday and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. and on Friday at 10:30 a.m. there is Books 'n Babies program, where Miss Linda and Miss Mija read to children under the age of 18 months, followed by a playtime for the children. All of these regularly scheduled programs are drop-in so no registration is required and they are free.

Summer is also a time when many of us spend time outside and in our cars and don't want to sit down and read a book. But that doesn't mean we can't listen to a book. The South Plainfield Public Library has a large selection of books-on-tape and books-on-CD. Among those on CD are "A Thousand Splendid Suns" by Khaled Hosseini (the author of the acclaimed "Kite Runner.") Again set in the author's birth country of Afghanistan, this follows the story of two women through war and the dangerous streets of Kabul. We also have "Quickie" by James Patterson on CD. You may have seen the ads on television for this, Patterson's latest book. Lauren catches her husband cheating and decides to

settle the score. But the best laid plans of mice and women go astray when she witnesses a deadly crime and then must decide how to deal with this situation which could cost her dearly. Also, we own "The Yiddish Policeman's Union" by Michael Chabon. Based on the idea that FDR set up a refuge for Jews in Alaska, now after 60 years, they are going to be sent home. But after 60 years many consider Alaska to be their home and adding confusion to the situation for Detective Meyer Landsman discovers a dead man who his superiors want to ignore. But Landsman does not back down and pursues the investigation no matter what the cost. These are just three of our many audio books, which include non-fiction as well as fiction. So, when you feel in the mood for a book, but you can't put aside the time to sit and read think audio book.

The library has also received a shipment of the latest music CDs. Artists include Brad Paisley, Amy Winehouse, Tim McGraw, Gwen Stefani, Avril Lavigne, White Stripes and The Fray. This is just a small selection so drop in and check out our selection.

Have a great summer!



Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and the South Plainfield High School Wrestling team at the NJ State Assembly.

High School Wrestlers Honored By State Assembly

The South Plainfield Wrestling Team was honored by the New Jersey State Assembly at its session on June 11. A resolution sponsored by South Plainfield resident Assemblyman Patrick Diegnan and co-sponsored by Assemblyman Peter Barnes, both of the 18th legislative district, was presented on the floor of the General Assembly in the State House in Trenton.

Coach Kevin McCann and Athletic Director Michael Buggy accepted the

resolution surrounded by members of the wrestling team.

Commenting on the resolution, Assemblyman Diegnan said "South Plainfield's wrestling program represents what makes our borough such a special place to live and raise a family. Since I was in high school back in the 1960's, our wrestlers have been recognized as the gold standard throughout the state of New Jersey. I am really pleased that Speaker Roberts al-

lowed us to make this presentation. It's well deserved. We should support positive achievement by young people whenever we can."

Correction

In the July 27 issue of the *Observer* under "Senior Center Events" the price per person for the Senior Picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 8 should have read \$10. We regret the error.

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Around Town

St. Stephen Church Benefit Piano Recital August 3

A Lutheran World Hunger benefit piano recital featuring Rev. Richard A. Mathisen will be hosted by St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. on Friday, Aug. 3. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$7. Refreshments. For information, call (908) 757-4474. All proceeds to benefit Lutheran World Hunger campaign of the ELCA Lutheran Church.

First Baptist Vacation Bible School August 6-10

Come and join us at "Children are Important in God's World" Vacation Bible School. It's all happening at the First Baptist Church of South Plainfield Aug. 6-10, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Children ages five through entering the fifth grade are invited for a week of games, crafts, songs and Bible stories. Registration is \$5 a child or no more than \$10 a family. For information or to register, call the church office at (908) 753-2382.

High School Music Boosters Meeting August 8

The SPHS Music Boosters will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. in the high school teachers cafeteria. All band, chorus, color guard, and orchestra parents are welcome to attend. We will be discussing Band Camp, the Labor Day Parade, volunteer opportunities and upcoming fundraisers. Plans for the 2007 Marching Band Festival at Jost Field on Saturday, Oct. 20 are beginning.

— SPHS Reunions —

SPHS Class of 1977 30-Year Reunion October 27

Save the date! Our 30-year reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 27 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Piscataway from 7 p.m. to midnight. Overnight rooms will be available at a discount rate. Register/update your contact information with Maureen Readie at (908) 754-3455 or email gveinott@comcast.net, or contact Francine Martin-kovic at (818) 990-6843 or email kit961@earthlink.net. Hope to see you there!

1987 Class Reunion November 23

A 20-year reunion for SPHS Class of 1987 has been planned for Friday, November 23. The reunion committee is still in need of addresses for members of the graduating class. The invitations with all details will be sent in early July. Send your contact information (name, address, phone and e-mail address) to michele.raber@ey.com or call (908) 226-0909 for information.

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Knitting/Crochetting 9:30am-11:30am Yoga 10:30-11:30am Art Class 11:30am 6	Bingo 10am-2pm Ladies Social Group 10am 7	Aerobics 8:45 am Computer Classes 10am, 11:20am, 1pm PICNIC 12pm Tai Chi 2pm 8	Shopping 9am Practical Crafts 10am Program on Property Tax Relief 10am Computer Class 10am 11am, 1pm Exercise Class 1:15pm 9	Bingo 10am-2pm 10
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Sacred Heart Vacation Bible School August 13-16

Children ages 4-10 (completed pre-k to fourth grade) are invited to register for this program sponsored by the Office of Religious Education. "Water Works Park," where kids ride the wave of God's love, will meet Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Activities will take place at Sacred Heart Church in the church or outdoors (weather permitting). Dress is casual and comfortable. Children will be welcomed/dismissed each day in the church sanctuary. Fee is \$10 per child. Questions? Call (908) 756-0633. Non-parishioners welcome! Deadline to register is July 27. Late registration is \$5 more per child.

E-mail Your Events to:
 spobserver@comcast.net
 Fax: 908-668-8819

American Legion Annual Picnic Saturday, August 18

American Legion Chaumont Post 243, located on Oak Tree Avenue will be holding their annual picnic on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 2 to 7 p.m. There will be plenty of hot dogs, burgers, sausage and peppers, corn on cob, salad platters, melon, desserts and more to feast on. Entertainment includes a live DJ, dunk tank and horse shoes. Adults is \$15 and children \$7. Come on down and enjoy yourself, bring your family and friends. Advance tickets available in the post lounge. Tickets available at the door! For information, call (908) 668-9414.

— Out of Town —

Sarcoidosis Benefit Gospel Concert August 4-6

The National Sarcoidosis Resource Center is hosting a weekend celebration with a Sarcoidosis Benefit Gospel Concert beginning Saturday, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Piscataway. Also, on Monday, Aug. 6, a Sarcoidosis Medical Conference will be held at Embassy Suites Hotel, 121 Centennial Ave. in Piscataway. For further information call (732) 463-1381 or www.nsnc-global.net.

Summer Convocation August 7-10

Rose of Sharon Community Church in Plainfield is hosting Summer Holy Convocation 2007 beginning Tuesday,

Aug. 7 through Friday, Aug. 10. Convocation includes 9:30 a.m. morning glory prayer, 10 a.m. service, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. workshops and 7 p.m. evening worship. For information, call (908) 561-9070 or visit www.roscommchurch.org.

Poetry Reading August 8

Poetswednesday will feature poets Bob Rosenbloom and Linda Radice on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 8 p.m. at Barron Arts Center, 582 Rahway Ave. in Woodbridge. An open reading will follow and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Edie at (732) 381-7691.

Woodbridge WOWs August 8

Woodbridge Widows Or Widowers will hold a business meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 7 p.m. in the Children's Room of the Main Library in Woodbridge. Light refreshments to follow. All widows and widowers are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Phyllis at (732) 381-3255 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

Middlesex East WOWs August 8

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers hold a business meeting on Monday, Aug. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Carteret Community Center located at Pershing and Cooke avenues. Light refreshments to follow. All widows and widowers invited to attend. For more information, contact Dorothy at (732) 541-2174 or Lois at (908) 757-0515.

"Thoroughly Modern Millie" at Bucks Through August 12

The Bucks County Playhouse, 70 So. Main St. in historic New Hope, Pa. presents "Thoroughly Modern Millie" through Sunday, Aug. 12. Ticket prices are \$23-\$25; day of show discounts for students. For information and reservations, call (215) 862-2041 or visit our Web site at www.buckscountypayhouse.com.

MCRCC Networking Triple Play August 15

The Middlesex County Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Hunterdon County Chamber of Commerce and the Somerset County Business Partnership will hold a multi-chamber networking event on Wednesday, Aug. 15 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$15/ members; \$25/non-members. The event will be held at the Commerce Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. For information, contact Debbie Miller, (732) 821-1700 x 202.

Substance Abuse Awareness Meeting August 15

National Medicine Abuse Awareness Month will host a town hall meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 15 at Middlesex County College in Edison at the NJ Performing Arts Center from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join us for an engaging evening of answers, information and solutions! Join Senator Barbara Buono and a panel of experts to learn about over-the-counter and prescription drug abuse. Let's work together to create solutions. This is a free event. To register or for more information, e-mail us at townhall@ncaddmiddlesex.org or call (732) 254-3344 or visit www.ncadd-middlesex.org/whats-new/town-hall.

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Past President Bill Hannah administers the oath of office to new AARP officers. (L-R): Natalie Bergen, Walter Kalman, Melisande Brewer, Diane Plasse, Bill Hannah, Jerome Mendel, Mary Stevens.

AARP Installs New Officers

AARP Chapter 4144 of South Plainfield has installed a new slate of officers for the 2007-2008 season.

Past President Bill Hannah administered the oath of office to President Mary Stevens, Vice President Diane Plasse, Treasurer Jerome Mendel, Sec-

retary Melisande Brewer and Board Members Natalie Bergen, Joe Formica, Walter Kalman and Janet Kolvites.

The next general meeting of AARP Chapter #4144 is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 17 at the South Plainfield Senior Center.

SCHOOL BOARD Notes

- The New Teacher Orientation In-Service Program will take place on August 20 through 24 at the Roosevelt Administration Building.

- Policy 6142:10.1 Internet Acceptable Use Policy and Implementation Regulations 6142:10.1 R.1 will be brought forth for a second reading at the August public meeting.

- Policy 5132 Dress and Grooming and Regulation 5132R-1 Student Dress and Grooming Practices will be on the August agenda. The committee has requested this information be communicated to parents and students via information packets sent home over the summer, in handbooks and

at back to school nights.

- Policy 3220/3230 State Funds; Federal Funds will be brought forth for a first reading at the August public meeting.

- Policy 6142 Basic Skills will be brought forth for a first reading at the August public meeting.

- Policy 6145 Extra Curricular Activities will be reviewed by the Board for suggestions and revisions.

- The Board is considering installing a security camera system in the high school to protect students against outside intrusion of unknown persons/person that would create a disturbance within the school confines.

PA Woman Injured

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ations at the scene. The helicopter landed at Binder Machine on Hamilton Boulevard.

To gain access to the victim the fire department removed tree limbs and provided a heavy duty stabilizer for the tractor which was resting on top of the car. The victim was extricated within 30 minutes of their arrival to the scene, was treated by paramedics from Mercy 6, Muhlenberg Hospital and then airlifted by a New Jersey

State Police North-star helicopter to Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. Smalley was admitted with numerous serious injuries and was listed in critical condition. As of presstime she is reportedly in stable, but serious condition.

The roadway was closed for four hours. There were no indications of impaired driving by either parties and no charges have been filed. Anyone with information should call Lt. Kevin Murtagh at (908) 226-7679.

Going "Green" Pays Off for Homeowner

By Jean Fultz

Retired Research Chemist Nick Conzo has been a self-proclaimed conservationist for the past 40 years. "I've been using solar power to dry my clothes for at least 40 years," said Conzo, laughing. "I hang them outside on the clothes line! But seriously, as a concerned citizen and scientist, I've always been interested in conservation and environmental issues."

Conzo, a 35-year resident of South Plainfield, has lived in his Cherry Street home with son, Michael, for the past five years. About a year ago, after watching his utility bills escalate and researching solar power on the Internet, he called the Home Depot to inquire about installing a solar energy system at his home. That phone call led him to NJ Solar Solutions, Inc. (NJSS), based in Metuchen. The company is co-owned by former South Plainfield resident John Drexinger; Paul D. Zensky, South Plainfield resident and owner of an electrical contracting business based in town and Peter J. Osowski, vice president of NJSS and owner of Coating Systems Co., Inc., that specializes in the application of liquid applied waterproofing and protective coatings in addition to spraying interior and exterior polyurethane foam insulation.

"New Jersey has the best renewable energy program in the U.S.," said Drexinger, president of NJSS and a 1984 graduate of South Plainfield High School. "Between the rebates, energy certificates, and the lack of an electrical bill, property owners can install systems that will pay for themselves in a few years."

In 2006, NJSS installed 42 residential solar panel systems in New Jersey. In 2007, the company was hired to install the solar panel system atop Hall's Warehouse on Oak Tree Avenue. NJSS is currently planning to expand into Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, as those states will be implementing a solar rebate program next year.

"We are also currently working with Ferreira Construction in Readington installing a solar hot water system on their building along with Geoenix. Geoenix installed a solar electric system for Ferreira, making the building a 42,000 sq. ft. zero electric commercial building. Once the solar hot water system is installed, it will be the first zero energy building in the United States."

NJSS began the application process for Conzo in May of 2006. Approval from the State came in June of this



Nick Conzo with newly installed solar panels on the roof of his home.

year, and the solar panel system was installed on the rooftop of 1442 Cherry Street last Thursday.

"We had to remove one tree on the front lawn so as not to block any sunlight," Conzo said. "While I hated to cut down that tree, as an environmentalist, the benefits [of solar energy] outweighed the loss of one tree."

The cost to install a typical residential 6.0 kilowatt system is \$49,500. Currently, the New Jersey Clean Energy Program (NJCEP) rebate amounts to approximately 46% of the cost of installation, or in this case, \$22,800, which is paid directly to the contractor, leaving the net investment by the homeowner at \$26,700. After a one-time Federal tax credit of a maximum of \$2,000, the total cost of the system to the homeowner is \$24,700.

NJSS currently partners with BP Solar and the Home Depot. If you purchase the system through the Home Depot, your purchase may be financed, interest-free, for the first 12 months. After the 12-month period, the tax-deductible interest on a home equity loan will in many cases be less than the savings your system will generate, as well as the income you will produce.

Your solar energy system will begin generating income for you from the first month it is operational. Not only will you drastically reduce, or completely eliminate your electric bill, the utility company will purchase the excess energy you produce. For every 1,000kWh of electricity your system produces, you receive a Solar Renewable Energy Certificate (or S-REC), tradable for cash. New Jersey's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requires

that the State's electricity suppliers use the S-REC program to meet the requirement of providing a certain proportion of their electricity from solar power. This creates an open market for the certificates, which are sometimes referred to as "Green Tags."

Conzo's solar energy system will generate 4.2kw of electricity for each hour of sunlight, much more energy than he needs to power his home on a typical day. The excess energy will send the electrical meter on the outside of his house "spinning backwards," in effect, sending the excess energy back through the electrical grid. Eventually, he will have a digital meter installed with an LCD display to show exactly how much energy he produces, and how much energy he uses.

One other significant benefit of installing a residential solar energy system is that it raises the value of your home without adding to the assessed value for tax purposes.

And, it will reduce your "Carbon Footprint" on the Earth. "Everyone should be thinking about how they can reduce their footprint on the earth. This is just one way that I am going to reduce mine," Conzo said.

NJ Solar Solutions, Inc. is located at 212 Durham Ave. in Metuchen. For more information, visit their Web site at www.njsolarsolutions.com or call (732) 548-0426.

For more information on New Jersey's clean energy program, visit www.njcleanenergy.com.

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The South Plainfield Summer Drama Workshop has become a tradition in South Plainfield and is celebrating its 35th production in its 36th season in 2007. This non-profit, educational theater program continues to carry out its goals of introducing students to the excitement and discipline of live performance, while teaching teamwork and responsibility and building confidence. A student's participation often unfolds many hidden talents that can be nurtured for the future either in theater or everyday life. The students are given the opportunity to participate in workshops in every aspect of the production including dance, song, acting, set and costume design, makeup, stage crew, lighting, and fundraising to name a few.

The production is achieved through the volunteer efforts of dedicated individuals. This organization is an independent 501(c)3 tax-exempt non-profit corporation which as such is eligible for tax deductible donations as allowed by law. If you wish to contribute personally or through a matching program at work or elsewhere please contact anyone on the SPSDW board.

We gratefully acknowledge the sponsorship and support of the South Plainfield Adult School. Since the founding in 1972 by the Grant School PTA, SPSDW has produced the following Shows

1972 Bye Bye Birdie	1990 Pippin
1973 Oliver!	1991 Anything Goes
1974 The Music Man	1992 School closed for repairs, students went to see Les Miz
1975 Finian's Rainbow	1993 Grease
1976 Annie Get Your Gun	1994 Bye Bye Birdie
1977 Plain & Fancy	1995 Oliver!
1978 Oklahoma!	1996 Oklahoma!
1979 Anything Goes	1997 The Wizard of Oz
1980 Damn Yankees	1998 Guys and Dolls
1981 Bye Bye Birdie	1999 The Music Man
1982 On the Town	2000 42nd Street
1983 The Sound of Music	2001 Bye Bye Birdie
1984 Mame	2002 Footloose
1985 Annie	2003 Crazy for You
1986 Li'l Abner	2004 The Pirates of Penzance
1987 Grease	2005 The Pajama Game
1988 Guys & Dolls	2006 Carousel
1989 Little Shop of Horrors	

On behalf of the 2007 SPSDW Producing Board we extend our heartfelt gratitude to those who continue to support this worthwhile project, while also extending our hands in welcome to those who are just discovering it. Enjoy this year's musical, "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying!"

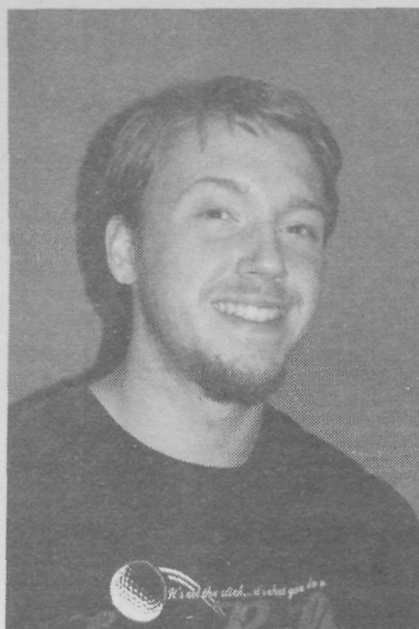
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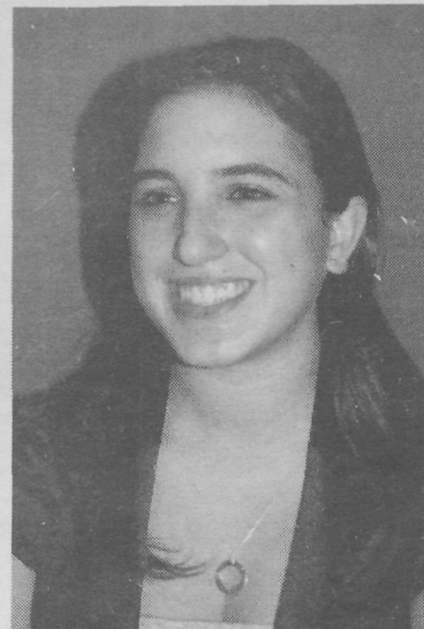
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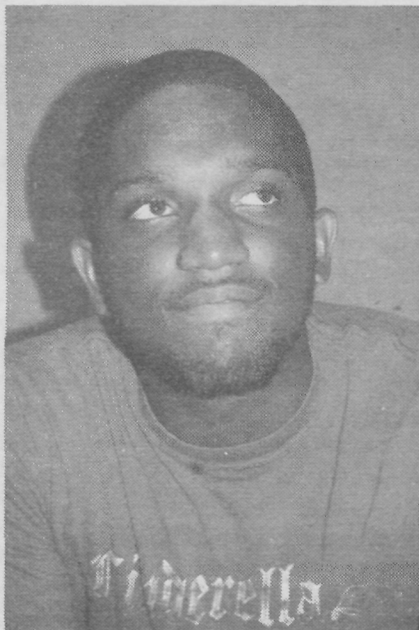
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WHO'S WHO

Darren Kaczowski plays J. Pierpont Finchan, ambitious window washer. This is Darren's fourth appearance on the Summer Drama stage. He has appeared in "Pirates of Penzance" (pirate), "The Pajama Game" (Vernon Heinz) and "Carousel" (Enoch Snow). Performances with SPSHS Players include "South Pacific" (sailor), "13 Past Midnight" (Pete Griffin), "My Fair Lady" (Freddie Eynsford Hill), "Cinderella" (Prince Charming) and "Jekyll and Hyde" (Jekyll/Hyde). He has also appeared with Almost Famous Players for their annual Haunted Woods tours and St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Survivors Day Picnic performances. Darren is a 2007 graduate of South Plainfield High School.

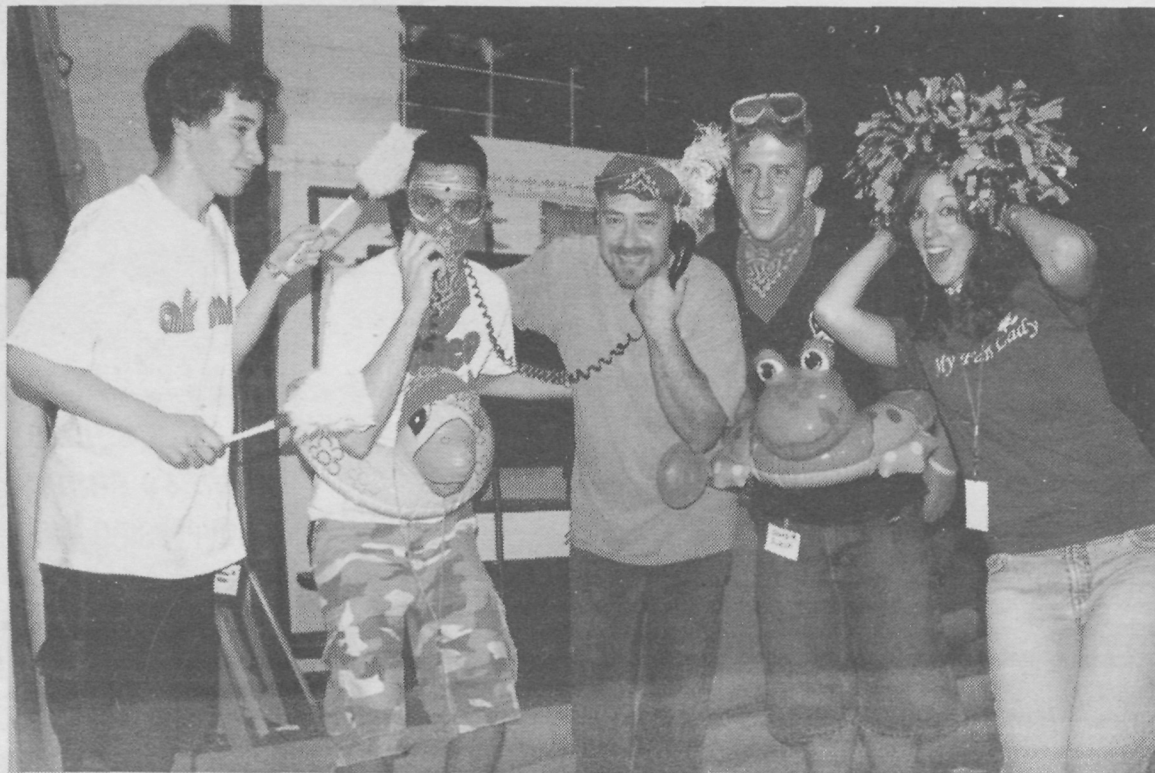
Katie Noonan portrays Rosemary Pilkington, a receptionist who dreams of marrying the right guy and keeping the right house. This is Katie's fifth SPSDW production and she is proud to take on the role of Rosemary. Katie has been acting for eight years and has been in

over 20 productions. Some of her most memorable roles were Edith in "Pirates of Penzance," Cinderella in "Cinderella," Carrie in "Carousel" and most recently, Lucy in "Jekyll and Hyde." Katie will be attending Richard Stockton College in the fall and will continue her theater studies there.

Erica Linick plays Smitty, a jaded executive secretary who has been there and done it all. Erica will be a senior at SPSHS this fall. This is her sixth year performing with SDW. She has appeared in "Footloose," "Crazy For You," "Pirates of Penzance," "The Pajama Game" and "Carousel." She is a member of SPSHS Drama Club and has appeared in "My Fair Lady," "Cinderella," and "Jekyll and Hyde." She also sings with SPSHS Chorus, the selected ensemble, the Emeralds and the Traveling Choir. She has taken dance lessons at Spotlight On Dance for 14 years. She enjoys ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and pointe. She is also a member of Spotlight On Dance Competition Company.

Taylor Kurilew plays Miss Krumholtz, a straight laced executive secretary who dreams of snagging the right executive. Taylor is entering her senior year. "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" will mark Taylor's second year with SPSDW. Last year she played Julie Jordan in SPSDW production of "Carousel." Past SPSHS Players shows include "My Fair Lady," "Cinderella," and "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." Outside of drama, Taylor has been Irish Dancing for 12 years at Marie Moore School of Irish Dance. She is a four year member of the Central Jersey Regional Choir. She is in the SPSHS Chorus, Emeralds, Orchestra, Jersey Club and National Honor Society.

Jeff Seesselberg portrays JB Biggley, president of World Wide Wickets who runs the company with what little brain he has. Jeff is an 2006 SPSHS grad. "How to Succeed..." marks his seventh and final appearance in a SDW production. Jeff, a film major, is a sophomore at





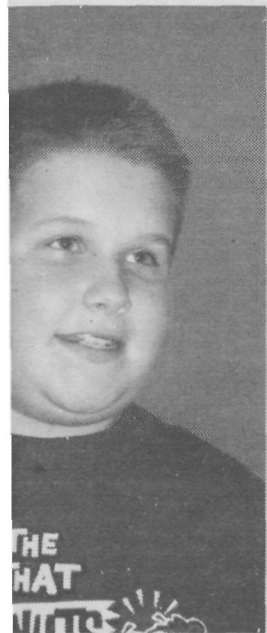
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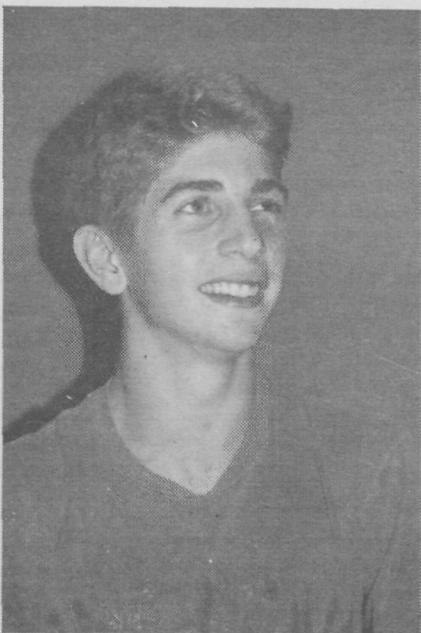
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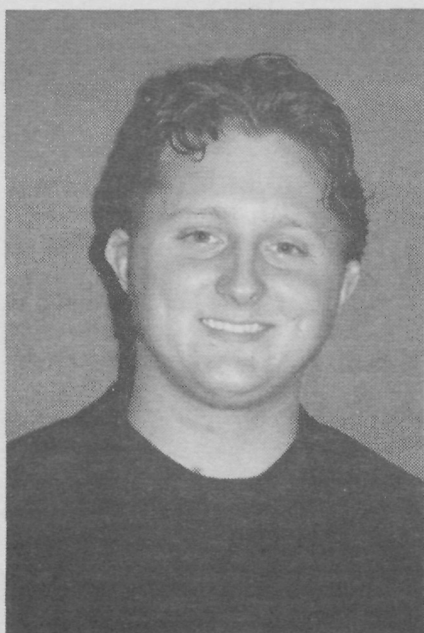
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Joshua Rochotte



Christopher Fulton



Darren Kaczowski

THE CAST

Hofstra University. He has performed in numerous SDW productions, including "The Pirates of Penzance," "Crazy for You," "Footloose," "Bye, Bye Birdie" and "Carousel." He has appeared with SPHS Players drama club in productions of "Anything Goes," "My Fair Lady," "13 Past Midnight" and "Cinderella." Jeff gleefully terrorized the audience with his portrayal of a mad scientist, as well as with his rubber duckie in the 2005 Almost Famous Haunted Woods tour.

Susan Mott plays Hedy LaRue, an ex-cigarette girl who wants to become the next Hellena Rubenstein or Betty Crocker. Susan is a 2007 SPHS grad. "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" marks her seventh production with SDW. Previous performances on the SDW stage include "Bye, Bye Birdie," "Footloose," "Crazy for You," "Pirates of Penzance," "Pajama Game" and "Carousel." Susan was a member of the SPHS Players for four years and appeared in "South Pacific,"

Christopher Duquette (Stage Crew) is no stranger to stage productions in the South Plainfield area, having lent his talents to over 10 shows. His fondness for acting began with lots of straw (and brains) as the scarecrow in Franklin Elementary School's production of "Wizard of Oz" in 2001. The next year he joined SPSPDW, acting in "Footloose," "Crazy for You," "The Pirates of Penzance" and "The Pajama Game." With "Carousel," Chris moved behind the curtain with a duty he has carried out during "My Fair Lady," "13 Past Midnight," "Cinderella" in 2006 and "Jekyll and Hyde" in 2007. He worked on the Edison Valley Playhouse production of "Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge" in 2006. When not around the stage, he prepares for his senior year at SPHS or spends time with his loving parents and fantastic brother.

Austin Jenkin (Stage Crew) Austin is returning for his second season on the stage crew of SPSPDW. He will be entering eighth grade in September and has recently been named to "Who's Who of Middle School

"My Fair Lady," "Cinderella" and "Jekyll and Hyde." She will be attending William Paterson University in the fall where she will continue her passion of playing field hockey, as well as pursuing a career in law.

Chris Fulton plays Bud Frump, the boss's nephew who will do and say anything to advance in the company. Chris is entering his junior year at SPHS. He danced and sang in "Carousel" last summer and sings with the SPHS Chorus and Jades. Chris is very active in the arts, sports and activities.

Ike Ejiochi plays Mr. Twimble, a true 25-year company man who heads up the mailroom. This marks Ike's second show with SDW. He appeared in "Carousel" last year. He has also appeared with SPHS Players in "13 Past Midnight" and their musical production of "Cinderella." In his spare time he pours his soul out through his saxophone. Ike attends college studying multimedia and sound.

Students." He is active in soccer, basketball, baseball and track. He's a member of Peer to Peer and the Ski Club. Previous stage crew experience includes Grant School productions of "The Music Man" and "The Princess and the Pea" and SPSPDW's production of "Carousel." He hopes everyone has as much fun working on this production as he has.

Joseph Mennuti (Crew) Joe is going into eleventh grade at SPHS and is involved with the school's academic and math teams. He really likes working on the stage crew.

Nii Mills (Crew) The average seventh grader decides to participate in the summer program that his friends practically force him into, expecting nothing but the worst summer imaginable. What does he find? Nothing but the best drama experience in his life.

Andrew Muhlgeier (Crew) This is Andrew's first year participating in summer drama.

Joshua Rochotte plays Womper, the chairman of the board. He will enter SPMS in September and has been acting since third grade at Riley School. This is his fifth performance. Most recently he played the wizard in "Once Upon a Mattress" and Winthrop in "The Music Man" with Grant School Drama Club under the direction of Joan Stasio. Josh has participated in chorus, battle of the books and academic bowl at Grant. He is also lecturer at Sacred Heart Church.

Marissa Kline plays Miss Jones Biggley's tried and true secretary. This is Marissa's fourth year with SDW. She has appeared in "Carousel" (Starkeeper/Dr. Seldon), "The Pajama Game" and "Pirates of Penzance." In 2005 she appeared as Maureen O'Malley in SPHS players production of "13 Past Midnight." She is a veteran member with Almost Famous Players and has participated in all four of their Haunted Woods Tours as well as their shows at St. Peter's Hospital Cancer Survivors Picnic.

Natalie Rittinger (Stage Crew) This is Natalie's first year with SPSPDW.

Carla Scala (Stage Crew) This is Carla's first year of stage crew. "Break a leg everyone!"

Elan Sims (Crew) This is Elan's fourth year in SPSPDW. She will be a SPHS senior and is proud to graduate with the Class of '08.

Colin Michael Slattery (Crew) Colin Michael Slattery has been on stage crew for SPSPDW since the 2001 show, "Bye Bye Birdie." He has done everything from move sets backstage to his favorite thing, running the lighting board. He graduated from Bishop George Ahr High School in June and will attend Rowan University in the fall as a chemical engineering major.

Scott Suleski (Crew) this is Scott's third year with SPSPDW. Scott learned stage crew was his place in theater after an attempt in the cast at St. Joseph's High School's fall play production. Scott would like to congratulate and thank the cast, crew, orchestra and SPSPDW staff for another fantastic year.

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J. Pierrepont Finch	Darren Kaczowski
Gatch	Scott Rann
Jenkins	Rocco Severini
Tackaberry	Eric Nuber
Peterson	Timothy Ratti
J.B. Biggley	Jeffrey Seesselberg
Rosemary	Katie Noonan
Bratt	Paul Assad
Smitty	Erica Linick
Bud Frump	Christopher Fulton
Miss Jones	Marissa Kline
Mr. Twimble	Ike Ejiochi
Hedy LaRue	Susan Mott
Scrubwomen	Brittany Penevolpe,
	Ashley Linick
Miss Krumholtz	Taylor Kurilew
Toynbee	Joey Palazzo
Ovington	Chris Seesselberg
Policeman	William Mott
Womper	Joshua Rochotte

World Wide Wicket Employees: Noelle Aguilar, Alyssa Aiello, Cheyenne Bloodgood, Sarah Brooks, Angela Brown, Courtney Calvey, Marissa Colon, Sarah DeLair, Amylin DiDario, Faryn Evans, Sarah Hageman, Sheena Higgins, Desiree Jackson, Christina Kasmer, Jordan Katowich, Kelly Kline, Natalie Madurski, Victoria Maino, Jade McDonnough, Christine Nau, Katie Nuber, Erin O'Connor, Lauren O'Day, Kelly Outerial, Kristina Palazzo, Justin Pauls, Nicole Rann, Danny Sims, Corey Singer, Nora Stasio, Jessica Vasquez, Kathleen Vincent, Allison Wagner, Stephen Wagner, Samantha Zelasko.

Duane Crosby

Orchestra

Joan Stasio, Conductor

Violin-Drew Catalina, Katie Eder, Trevor Rastelli, Alexa Sambat, Daniel Sambat, Sarah Munch
Flute/Piccolo-Sandy Pleeter, Amy Zinsky
Reeds-Estela Sharp-Balon, Erik Donough, Emily Roseo,
Duane Crosby, Sean Coffey, Kirsten Nuber, Nathaniel Hoshal
Viola-Spencer Stubbs
Cello-Marc Stasio
Guitar-Joe Stasio
Trumpet-Glenn Parisi, Gabrielle Nilla, Matthew Emery, Loan Tran
Bass-Jimmy Bijlani, Richard Rotella
Percussion-Paul Canterella, Allison Clawans
Trombone-Brian Peterson, Tobie Baldwin, Danny Becker
Keyboard-Liz Harrington, Paul DiDario

Summer Drama Workshop Pit Orchestra, conducted by Joan Stasio, is an eclectic mix of musicians who range from experienced adult professionals to SDW alumni and students of all ages and abilities. Some are SP residents while others have traveled from other towns to play in the SDW pit. Joan Stasio, an SDW alumni, got her start with the program with their 1979 production of "Oklahoma!"

MEET OUR CREW

Sports

Tiger Sharks Win The Metuchen Meet

On July 14, the South Plainfield Tiger Sharks Swim Team won their meet at the Metuchen Municipal Pool by a score of 166 to 144.

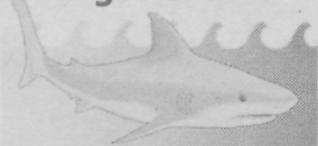
Kelly O'Brien started the meet taking first place in the 10-and-under Individual Medley. Third place wins went to Madison Faustini (10-and-under), Gracie Piekarski (11/12) and Emily Piekarski (13-18).

The boys placing first in the longer freestyle events were Aidan McDermott (10-and-under) and Anthony Gurrieri (11/12). Marcel Green placed second for the younger group, while Liam McDermott placed third for the older group. In the 13-18 group, Matt Moates and Alan Kasmer took second and third respectively in the same event.

Swimming butterfly and receiving first place ribbons for their age groups were: Megan McDermott, Kelly O'Brien, and Jillian Murphy. Taylor Aljian and Amy Zinsky placed second and third in the 11/12 age group, while Chelsea Cullen and Ellen Zinsky also placed second and third in the 13/14 age group.

The boys who took first place for

South Plainfield Tiger Sharks



breaststroke were: Nicolas Gurrieri, Aidan McDermott and Philip Luzny. Cristian Butrico placed third in the 8-and-under swimmers. Enzo Butrico, Liam McDermott, Brian Babinetz and Alan Kasmer placed second in their age groups. Ryan Lind placed third for the 13/14 year old swimmers.

The girls took three out of five first place ribbons. Megan McDermott took a first, while Danielle Bythell placed second for the 8-and-under group. Chelsea Cullen placed first for the 13/14 age group. Jillian Murphy placed first and Emily Piekarski placed third for the oldest girls. Madison Faustini took second and Emma Piediletto placed third in the 9/10-year-old swimmers. Gracie Piekarski prevented Metuchen from making a sweep when she placed third in the 11/12 age cat-

egory. The younger boys placed first in the backstroke. The brother team of Nicolas and Anthony Gurrieri, and Enzo Butrico were the winners. First year swimmers for the team were Nicholas Pezzolla and Marcel Green, who placed second. Veteran swimmers Brian Babinetz and Philip Luzny also placed second. Ryan Lind and Matt Moates placed third in their age groups. These wins assured that the meet victory belonged to South Plainfield and the relays still had to be held.

The boys placed first and third in all the freestyle relays. Eight-and-under winners were: Nicholas Pezzolla, Cristian Butrico, Donovan Carter and Nicholas Gurrieri in first place; taking third were Luke Niemeyer, Louis Quintanilla, Drew McKenzie and Joey Makoski.

In the 9-12 age group, first place went to Liam McDermott, Marcel Green, Anthony Gurrieri and Enzo Butrico and coming in third place were Charlie Butrico, Michael Petrich, Matt Lind and Anindya Mehta. Taking first place in the 13-18 age group were Brian Babinetz, Ryan Lind, Philip Luzny and Matt Moates.

Swimming medley relay and placing second in the 8-and-under were: Olivia George, Justice Lipuma, Morgan Merkle and Megan McDermott. Placing second in the 9-12 age group were Madison Faustini, Taylor Aljian, Gracie Piekarski and Kelly O'Brien.

The oldest girls (13-18), placed first and third. First place winners were Jillian Murphy, Chelsea Cullen, Emily Piekarski and Sarah Konops. Third place went to Ellen Zinsky, Teresa Gustafson, Maggie Valentino and Abby Petrich. This victory brought smiles to the coaches' faces this week.

Many thanks to head coach Laurie Post, assistant coaches Sarah Blessing and Shannon Dabrio and substitute coach Calvin John Smiley.

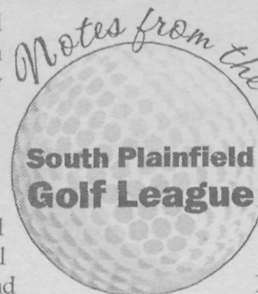
Submitted by Cheryl-Nagel Smiley

Submitted By Bob Nilan

Pornovets maintained its slim first-place lead in the National Division by downing the Hackers, 16½-3½. Super-sub Mike Kavaka led the way for Pornovets with a 36 and Jim Pornovets, Jr. had his game under control and turned in a nice round of 37. The Hackers were again victimized by the handicap system: all four golfers played well, but they just had a few too many strokes to give. John Cacciatore and Bill Mann both had 36's and Todd Sherman pitched in with a 39.

Plainfield Animal Hospital kept its title hopes alive by whipping KC's Korner, 14-6. Mark "Mr. Steady" Chichvar and Steve Schock came through again for PAH with Schock posting a 37 and Chichvar shooting a 38. KC's Korner struggled, as they have all season with no one turning in a score below 40.

Kevin "Boom Boom" Bickunas had a 36 and Howard Adler a 37, as Witty's narrowly got by Eddie's Grinders, 11-9 and still have an outside chance at division title honors with two weeks left to go in the regular season schedule. The Grinders, just like the Hackers, got fine performances from the entire team, but just had to give away a few too many strokes. Eddie Banach had another really good



round, a two-over 35. Jay "The Ace" Bertleson had a 37 and Christ Dillon and Fred "Catfish" Kirchofer shot 38's.

Oak Tree Buy-Rite clinched at least a tie for first in the American Division as Mike King played beautifully and fired an even-par 33 to earn the medal for the night. Teammate John Gavin had a solid round of 36 as Buy-Rite triumphed over the Roughriders, 16-4. Frank "The Bomber" Weingart had a 37 and partner Andy "The Florida Feather" Hayward shot a 38 in a losing effort for the Roughriders.

Miker Beher's 39 was good enough to spark Pattie's Construction to a 14-6 win over 2 Buds, 2 Dubs. Chris Nuzzo is hitting them long and straight and putting very well for 2 Buds, 2 Dubs and had another nice round, a three-over 36.

Twin City had lost five matches in a row and finally broke out of its slump by beating Sport & Social, 13-7. Guy Severini left a few strokes out there in posting a 38 and so did Jay Coppola, who registered a 39 for Twin City.

Low scores for the night: Mike King, 33; Ed Banach, 35; Bill Mann, 36; John Cacciatore, 36; Mike Kavka, 36; John Gavin, 36; Kevin Bickunas, 36 and Chris Nuzzo, 36.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division				National Division			
	W	L	T		W	L	T
Oak Tree Buy-Rite	8	4	0	Pornovets	8	3	1
2 Buds, 2 Dubs	6	6	0	PAH	8	4	0
Hackers	6	6	0	Witty's	7	5	0
Eddie's Grinders	5	6	1	Roughriders	6	6	0
Twin City	5	6	0	Patti's Const.	5	6	1
KC's Korner	3	9	1	Sport & Social	2	10	0

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NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

At a meeting of the Mayor and Common Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, held on July 17, 2007, I was directed to advertise the fact that the Mayor and Council will meet in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 7:15PM to expose and sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, according to terms of sale on file with the Borough Clerk, the property described below.

Take further notice that the Mayor and Council have, by resolution and pursuant to law, fixed the minimum price at which set property will be sold together with all other details pertinent, said minimum price being as shown below, plus \$1,000.00 for costs of preparing deeds, all necessary appraisals, advertising this sale and title search costs.

Take further notice that at set sale or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right in its discretion to reject any or all bids and to sell said property to such bidder as it may select, due regard being given to terms and manner of payment in case one or more minimum bids shall be received.

Take further notice that in each instance where necessary, I have been authorized to notify all contiguous property owners as required by NJSA 40A:12-13.2.

Upon acceptance of the minimum bid or bid above minimum, by the Council and the payment thereof by the purchaser according to the manner of purchase in accordance with terms of sale on file, the Borough

will deliver a Bargain and Sale Deed for said premises.

/s/ Vincent Buttiglieri, Municipal Clerk

Details of proposed land sale to be advertised in The Observer on Friday, July 27, 2007 and Friday, August 3, 2007 the sale of property known as:

Sale # 1 - Minimum Bid \$220,000
Block 404.03, Lot 1.03

Sale # 2 - Minimum Bid \$235,000
Block 404.03, Lot 1.04

Sale # 3 - Minimum Bid \$235,000
Block 404.04, Lot 1.03

Sale # 4 - Minimum Bid \$235,000
Block 404.04, Lot 1.04

Any other information pertaining to this parcel can be obtained by reviewing the tax maps located in the Assessing Department of the Borough of South Plainfield, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

The said property being owned by the Borough of South Plainfield and not needed for public purposes or use, sale to be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 7:15PM in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey and will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1) That conveyance by the Borough of South Plainfield shall be by Bargain and Sale Deed, without conveyance and without representations as to the marketability of title. In the event that the purchaser shall determine that title of the property in question shall not be good and marketable, any questions as to the marketability of title shall be submitted to the Borough Clerk's office within forty-five (45) days of the date of sale. In the event said questions have not been raised within said forty-five (45) day period, then and in the event all questions relating to the marketability of title shall be deemed waived and this matter shall proceed to closing of title within ninety (90) days of the date of sale.
- 2) Easements, both of record and not of record.
- 3) Restrictions of record.
- 4) Zoning Ordinance of the Borough of South Plainfield as presently constituted without representations as to the use to which said property can be put.
- 5) In the event that the purchaser is unable to close title within ninety (90) days of the date of the sale, they shall forward to the Borough of South Plainfield a check representing the balance of the purchase price to be placed in the general fund of the Borough.
- 6) In the event that the purchaser fails or refuses to close title and/or pay the consideration therefore within the ninety (90) day period, then in that event, the Borough of South Plainfield, may, by resolution of the Mayor and Council, declare the transaction null and void and the purchasers' deposit shall be retained

by the Borough of South Plainfield as liquidated damages.

7) At the time of acceptance of the successful bid, ten percent (10%) of the purchase price plus \$1,000.00 shall be paid by the purchaser representing the cost of appraisal, legal fees, advertising and associated costs incurred by the Borough.

8) The purchaser shall make prompt application for any required approvals, including but not limited to subdivision approval, on-site and off-site improvements as required by appropriate Borough Boards, Agencies and Officers, and all costs shall be paid by the purchaser. In the event said approvals are not received within ninety (90) days of the date of sale, the purchaser shall forward the balance of the purchase price in conformance with paragraph five (5) above.

9) It is expressly agreed by the purchaser that if the subject parcel does not require Planning Board or Board of Adjustment review, then in that event, the purchaser will make all required improvements as determined by the Borough Engineer. The necessary performance guarantees shall be posted for same prior to the issuance of any building permits.

10) Purchaser recognizes that the sale is subject to development standards to be set by the Planning Board, Board of Adjustment and/or the Borough Engineer in addition to the Middlesex County Planning Board, if applicable. This sale is made without representation as to same and is subject to same.

11) Purchaser will take any action required by the Borough Engineer and/or the Borough Environmental Officer to protect any designated wetlands or flood plane existing on the subject parcel.

12) At set sale, or any date or place to which it may be adjourned, the Mayor and Council reserve the right, in its discretion to reject any or all bids.

13) Certain properties within the Borough of South Plainfield may be designated as contaminated sites by the Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Department of Environmental Protection. One such property is the "Cornell Dubilier" facility now known as the "Hamilton Boulevard Industrial Complex" located at the intersection of Hamilton Boulevard and New Market Avenue which has been designated as a Super Fund site. The purchaser acknowledges knowledge of such locations and the existence of same will not be a basis for avoidance of buyer's obligations.

14) Within sixty (60) days of the date of sale, Purchaser shall do what is necessary to determine if the subject property is affected by wetlands. In the event that no such determination is made within said sixty (60) day period, the Purchaser shall proceed to closing as set forth herein.

\$357.20

July 27 and August 3, 2007

Hunter Earns All-American Honors

South Plainfield resident Patrick Hunter has earned All American honors at the 2007 USA Cadet & Junior Freestyle National Championships, held in the Fargo, North Dakota.



Patrick Hunter

California, the number two ranked wrestler in the country, and lost 1-0 4-2 for eighth place. The top eight in each weight class earn All American Honors.

Nick Heilmann and Ryan Sacco also represented South Plainfield in the Cadet division 112 pound weight class. Nick Heilmann had a good tournament going 4-2. Ryan Sacco had a good Greco Roman tournament going 3-2. This was the first time competing in Fargo for both Heilmann and Sacco.

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Sports

U12 All Stars Take Second in Ponytail Summer Sluggers Tournament



South Plainfield U12 Ponytail Summer Sluggers Tournament Champions.

By Nancy McMahon

The Parents Ponytail Association hosted their Sixth Annual U12 Summer Sluggers Tournament the weekend of July 13, 14 and 15 and what a perfect weekend it was for softball. The weather was great, the fields immaculate and the snack stand was flowing with pork roll/cheese sandwiches, hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, ice-cream and candy.

Twelve teams participated in the U12 tournament. The South Plainfield girls played Chatham on Friday night. Throughout the game, both teams were neck and neck, however, South Plainfield continued to fight and won 10-7. That started a positive momentum for the rest of the games ahead. Returning on Saturday, and ready to play, the girls had to face the Monroe Thunder. Playing awesome ball, they won 18-0, with Jamie Quail

pitching a two-hitter. The last game of the day, South Plainfield faced the NJ Nightmares. Playing awesome defense, as well as excellent offense, the girls shut out the Nightmare 12-0, with Andrea Muglia pitching her second no-hitter of the season.

On Sunday afternoon, South Plainfield, who was seeded number one, started the day off playing the North Edison Blue Devils and won 14-3. With that win, the girls made it to the semi-finals facing the Hillsborough Hustle. The game was close, with no one scoring until the third inning and South Plainfield taking a 3-0 lead. At the top of the seventh, the Hustle were leading 7-3, but South Plainfield was not ready to give up. The girls responded with their bats and smart base running and tied the game at seven all and finding themselves in an International Tie-Breaker. The Hustle scored one more run in the top of the eighth inning making the score 8-7. Once again, South Plainfield knew they had to fight back if they wanted to make it to the finals. With their aggressive base running they came back, stealing home twice and winning the game by a score

of 9-8. What a fantastic game it was! Both teams should be commended for their terrific efforts.

With hopes of clinching first place, the girls were ready to step out onto the playing field one last time for their final game against the Central Jersey Tornados (also undefeated). The game began with cheering and chanting from the dugouts and from both sets of fans. It was a tough game and the girls fought hard, but the ball did not drop in their favor. The CJ Tornados played an awesome game and won by a score of 18-5. It was a tough lose to handle, but everyone walked away with their heads held high. They were very proud of their accomplishments and never gave up. Manager Rick McMahon, along with coaches, Dave Ratti, Bill McLaughlin and Carmine Louise couldn't have been any prouder of the girls for the way they played the entire tournament. Each girl contributed and played to their fullest potential. It was a tournament they'll never forget.

Many thanks to the people who have made this tournament another
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All-Stars Place First in Parkway Softball League

The Parkway Invitational Softball League is a competitive fastpitch league for girls ages nine to 18, with close to 80 teams spanning four counties in Central New Jersey. There are four age group sub divisions and within each group there are two divisions based on skill level and playing experience. The mission of the league is to provide young women with an opportunity to learn softball skills, compete, work with others and prepare for high school softball. The South Plainfield girls participated in the U12 American Division.

Their U12 division consists of seven teams who participated in the regular season. They are: South Plainfield, Cranford, Hillsborough, Berkley Heights, Colonia, Clark and Westfield. South Plainfield ended up with a record of nine wins and one lose. They made the playoffs seeded number one and were scheduled to play Cranford, who was in second place, on July 2 at home at the Ponytail Softball Field. This would also be their last game of the season.

The girls came ready to play. Throughout the entire game, their bats were flowing and the pitching and fielding was unstoppable. South Plainfield took the lead first and maintained the lead the entire game, beating the Cranford Team 7-2. What a way to end the season for the U12 Girls All-Star Team.

Afterwards a small ceremony took place on the field. The coaches from Cranford thanked the Parkway League Organization and presented each player a with a second place trophy. South Plainfield Manager Rick McMahon, along with Coaches Dave Ratti, Bill McLaughlin and Carmine Louise proudly presented each of their players with the first place trophy. All their hard work, dedication and commitment had paid off.

The U12 South Plainfield All-Stars ended their overall season with a suc-

cessful record of 27 wins, four losses and one tie. They participated in four tournaments; taking first place at White House Station/Readington, quarter-finalists at North Edison, and Colonia, took second place in the South Plainfield Tournament and fi-

nally first place in the Parkway League. Thank you to all the girls for giving 110% all the time. Thank you to all the parents for your support and commitment throughout the entire season. This season was a memorable one and you all contributed to the fullest.

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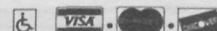
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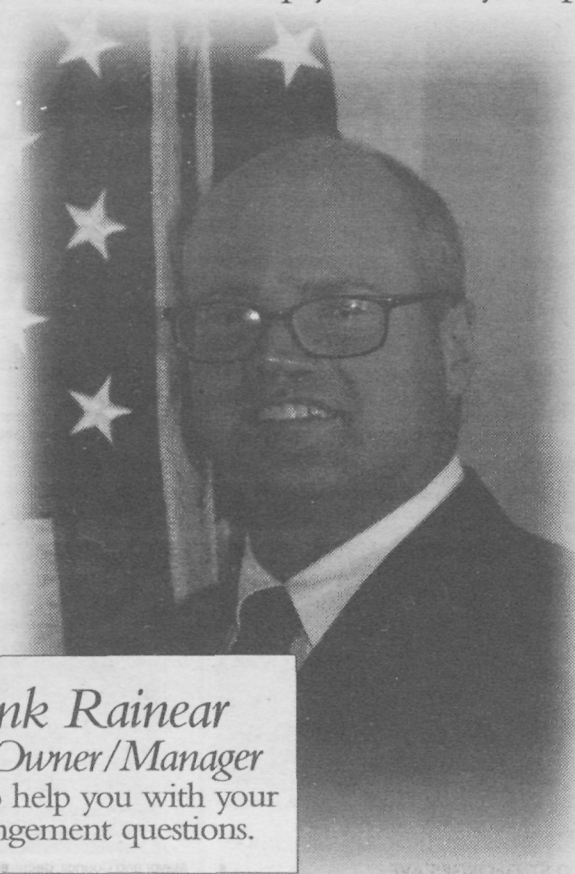
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Obituaries

Chandrakant C. Patel, 76

Chandrakant C. Patel died on Monday, July 2 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Edison.

Born in India, he has been a resident of South Plainfield since 1991.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, a son and eight grandchildren.

Funeral services were under the direction of the McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

IN YOUR OPINION

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you've lost it, it's gone. Thirteen years ago, it took me fifteen minutes to drop my kids off at school or camp, and get to 287 to go to work. Today, I'm lucky if I can do it in thirty. Congestion is a major part of the problem, as well as the recent "improvements" made to the traffic flow on Hamilton. We don't need to sacrifice open space for high density apartments or houses. I can not fathom how anyone on the council could think that going back on their promise and selling the open space is a good idea. In view of the record of the council to this point on promises, I have a question. Are there any other campaign promises they intend to break? Are there any that they intend to keep? In addition to selling our open space, they voted against allowing a local business to improve his offerings. The man sells barbecue, and wants to be able to offer you a beer while you eat. That's a good thing. But, rather than voting to improve the ability of a local business to serve you, they voted against him because he might at some point in the future decide to go out of the barbecue business and open a liquor store. The man

sells barbecue. He doesn't want a liquor store. Get a clue guys. Local government should protect and improve the quality of life for the residents of the borough. Keep the open space, and let the man serve beer. Open space is good, and barbecue deserves beer.

**BEST REGARDS,
BILL GARNER**

Dear Editor:

It amazes me how the mayor could say in last week's paper that land the town is planning to sell along Harvard Avenue is not open space. I know first-hand this is dead wrong, and here's why.

Back in April 2006 the town approached me about buying a piece of property I own along Jackson Avenue. In response, I asked the chairman of the Borough's Economic Development Committee at the time, Charlie Butrico, about swapping some of my property for some land along Harvard Avenue. The property I inquired about on Harvard Avenue just happens to be one of the four pieces up for sale next week.

Butrico responded as follows to my inquiry: "The property on Block

404.03 Lot 1 has been designated as open space, and because of that, the borough is not interested in selling or swapping any of the land in this block." As this statement makes clear, not only is the entire lot owned by the town open space, the borough-owned land on that entire block is open space.

I also want to correct something from last week's paper. The *Observer* claimed that the property in question was subdivided. It has not been subdivided. In fact, the legal notice advertising the sale states that it will be the builder's responsibility to subdivide the property after the purchase. Lot 1 is a single parcel and is all open space. Only after the town slices off lots from this open-space property will it be separate parcels.

Luckily, I saved a copy of the mayor's letter, and anyone who would like to see it is more than welcome to. This should dispel the notion that the mayor and council are not selling our open space. I have a signed letter from Charlie Butrico saying that the property is indeed designated as open space.

Is any of our open space safe?
BOB BENVENGA, SR.



The South Plainfield Lions Club held its installation dinner in June. Michael Zushma was installed as the new president by Immediate Past President Ron DeSclafani.

policereport

- On July 24, Peter Paul Solano, 24, of North Plainfield was arrested for driving on a suspended license, no insurance and an outstanding warrant.
- The BOE reported that a classroom window had been broken at the Roosevelt Administration building.
- On July 27, Nadine Cianfrocca, 47, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated and reck-

less driving.

- On July 29, Freddy J. Hill, 25, of South Plainfield was arrested for driving while intoxicated, refusal to submit to breath testing, speeding and careless driving.
- Traditions reported the theft of two padlocks from the entrance gates to the pond.

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July 27, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on July 26, 2007.

A. Case #28-04/Amended. 4315 New Brunswick Avenue; Block 472; Lot 3. The applicant's request for amended site plan approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case #27-07—Ken Cavanagh. Block 161; Lot 14; 130 Ledden Terrace. The applicant's request for a front yard setback variance from Tooz Place in order to erect an above ground pool was hereby GRANTED.

C. Case #29-07—Ray Jazikoff. Block 266; Lot 12.02; 9 Ward Place. The applicant's request for a variance in relation to the maximum square footage of an accessory structure was hereby GRANTED subject to (1) additional voluntary condition.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary, Board of Adjustment

\$32.00 August 3, 2007

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

June 25, 2007—Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Planning Board at its meeting held on July 24, 2007.

A. Case #06-03—154 Martin Associates, LLC. Block 282; Lot 14; 154 Martin Drive. The applicant's request for preliminary major sub division approval was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

B. Case # 708/Site/V—Demetris Koniaris & Stellos Koniaris. d.b.a. Café Everest. Block 101; Lot 1.01; 2002 Park Avenue. The applicant's request for preliminary and final site plan approval and bulk variances was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

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(L-R) Instructor Kevin Sadler works with a student as students Lindsay Harmon of Edison, Elizabeth Carney of South Plainfield and Alex D'Addio of Piscataway work in the school's computer lab.

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Among the nationally and internationally recognized artists who are faculty are famed illustrator Peter Caras of Leonardo. Caras will be the featured artist this fall in an exhibition called "Caras & Colleagues," which will open

the newly built Middletown Cultural Arts Center in Middletown. Other distinguished faculty include noted pastel artist Rhoda Yanow, PSA, of West Orange, who had a show this spring at The Butler Institute of American Art in Youngstown and artist/author Joan Arbeiter of Metuchen, co-author of the book "Lives and Work, Talk with Women Artists."

Located in a 1896 Georgian revival mansion complex adjacent to the picturesque Van Wyck-Brooks Historic District of Plainfield, the school is nationally accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCCT); approved by the State of New Jersey Department of Education/ Labor and Workforce Development.

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Sports

SPJBC Eight Year-Olds Win Championship

The South Plainfield Junior Baseball Club eight-year-old traveling all-star team capped off a very successful 2007 season by winning the championship in the Edison Boys Baseball Summer Fun Tournament.

The tournament got off to a slow start for South Plainfield with a tough 7-6 loss to Matawan. This put them in a position that they would have to win their remaining four games to qualify for the championship game.

The boys responded with a vengeance! They came back in their next game, beating Metuchen 15-3, then squeaked by Edison 12-10 in their third game. In the fourth game, South Plainfield rolled over Holmdel by a score of 15-8. They completely dominated Sayreville in their last game, winning by a score of 17-0, which saw three pitchers throw a combined no-hitter.

The stage was set for the title game against undefeated Bayonne. South Plainfield jumped out to an early 2-0 lead against Bayonne, before sloppy fielding put them behind 8-2. But the team would not give up, and closed the deficit to 8-6 heading into the top of the sixth and final inning. The boys erupted with eight runs to jump out to a 14-8 lead. But the game was far from over. Bayonne put the "Cardiac Kids" to the test in the bottom of the sixth, scoring three runs and loading the bases before South Plainfield finally sealed the deal with a 14-11 triumph.

The South Plainfield squad participated in three separate tournaments, taking second in the South Plainfield Father's Day Classic and third in the districts held in Monroe, before taking home the big hardware in Edison. The team played a total of 16 games and won 11 of them. Three of their losses were by only one run. Throughout the season, every player contrib-



2007 Eight Year-Old Traveling All-Star Summer Fun Tournament champions.

uted to the success of the team.

The athletes on this year's squad were Kyle "The Byth" Bythell, Jason Cieszkiewicz, Brian "Goggles" Cullen, Dillon "D.H." Harris, Mike "Stinger" Lampasona, Jared Marks, Dylan "Crazy Legs" O'Connor, Ricky "Ricky Bobby" Pellegrino, George "Geo" Pittinger, Nick Plate, Mason Resende and Nick "Oobie" Scalera. The coaching staff consisted of manager Gary Lampasona, scorekeeper Mark Resende, third base coach Andy Bythell

and first base coach George Pittenger.

Congratulations to all of the kids on their success. Their hard work and determination paid off with victory on the baseball field, but more importantly, they were each rewarded with positive experiences, memories and friendships that will last a lifetime.

On behalf of the SPJBC, the coaching staff would like to thank all of the athletes and their families for their participation and support, and wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

U12 All Stars Take Second

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success story. First of all, to all the teams that participated—we hope to see you all next year; the umpires who worked hard and called fair plays; and most of all, the parents who volunteered their time and energy to wherever they were needed (ie, scheduling the tournament, snack stand duty, field duty, cleanup, etc). Without you, this tournament wouldn't have been possible. Thanks again from the bottom of our hearts.

In closing, the Parents Ponytail Association would like to thank all the

teams (U14s, U12s, and U10s) and their families for a job well done. Your devotion and support throughout the entire season is so much appreciated and will not be forgotten. Have a happy and safe summer.

We hope to continue to see more and more new faces at our monthly meetings. The next meeting is Tuesday, Aug. 28 starting at 7:30 p.m. at the PAL building. Come and make a difference.

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