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## "Mom's" Day

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In honor of Mother's Day this Sunday, we present some thoughts on the much-lauded, sometimes criticized, endlessly time consuming, often rewarding task of Mothering. What is it?

We think Mothering is:

Smiling - when an offspring pulls a special school surprise from behind his back and, in so doing, dumps it - moist earth, two stalks of corn, and pansy seedlings - all over the new stair carpeting...

Convincing yourself, on the way to the hospital, that stitches across the nose won't show in a few years, and even if they do, they'll add to a "manly" appearance...

Worrying - over your one child who seems friendless, searching for playmates for six weeks or so, finally finding a solution, only to find him firmly entrenched in the neighborhood "pack"...

Holding firm - really, really firm when the neighborhood cat has kittens. You refuse the cat, buy some gerbils, and promise a dog in six weeks...

Declining an invitation for "cocktails at 5:30 please" because you won't be back from the Bronx Zoo...

Knowing that probably too much is expected from your first, perhaps not enough from your second, and absolutely nothing of your last born and trying to juggle that one to rights...

Leaving the two scrawny lilacs in the green kitchen glass on your living room mantle even though they really don't "go"...

Buying dancing class "tutus", YMCA polo shirts, pretty hair-ribbons, and the latest in basketball sneakers while you drag your old Bermudas down for another go-round this summer...

Wondering where you've failed when a teacher says "Your child doesn't seem motivated to do his best". Do you 1) stand firm, 2) punish, 3) have a nice talk, or 4) try all three...

Staring at yourself in the mirror, wondering how that cool, calm, pleasant person who used to be you could possibly be reduced to such an out-of-control, yelling, screaming wretch?...

Spending two hours on a model when you're dying to try a new and exciting paint color on the porch furniture.

Settling for a vacation in a rented cottage, or maybe a tent, with cooking, washing, and shopping coming right along with you, instead of a plush long weekend for two at a hotel...

Watching "Animal Kingdom" when there's a great panel discussion on Channel 13, and seeing "Planet of the Apes" when you'd prefer to spend the money on a foreign film...

Tolerating what no human being should have to put up with - the noise level of a small group of children being chauffeured almost anywhere...

Remembering - to feed the fish, wash the Little League uniform, return the library book, sell tickets for the Senior Play, and shop for the matching socks...

Mothering is lots of other things too... but perhaps most of all it's waiting: waiting for the children to return from school, waiting in front of the "Y", for a call from the doctor, for a baseball game to end before serving dinner, for college acceptances and grammar school report cards, for birthday parties to end and adult "Evenings" to begin... waiting, for an apparently endless 20 years or so, to find out whether you've given enough, played it right, made the good decisions, and completed the job successfully.

## GOP Clubs Battle Continues

The battle of the two Republican clubs continued as Republican Municipal Chairman Richard Hatfield charged that a meeting of one of the clubs was "an attempt to confuse the party and the public".

In a statement to "set the record straight" on why there are two clubs, Hatfield said that club members had been "dissatisfied with the past performances of the club." This, he said, stemmed from the fact that only 12 meetings were held in the last 27 months and that elections

were not held in accordance with the club's constitution.

The failure to hold elections or meetings, especially in a presidential year, "did not serve the best interest of the Republican party," Hatfield said.

He referred to a meeting of a club headed by George Venezia in the Firehouse last Tuesday night. On the same night a club supported by Hatfield and Mayor Thomas Santo Salvo met at the Stage House Inn.

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## Board of Ed Meeting Set

The regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held next, Thursday May 16, at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building on East Second Street.

The public is invited to attend. Included on the agenda will be a report by two members of the faculty on the topic, "Health Education In Our Schools". Miss Lynette Birkins and Mrs. Florence Smarski, of the High School staff, will make the presentation. They will outline what is now included in the curriculum and what is proposed for the future.



Mayor Roland M. Beetham Jr., left, Mayor of Fanwood and Mayor Thomas J. Santo Salvo, right, of Scotch Plains endorse proclamation.

## A Joint Resolution

WHEREAS, it is a worthy exercise to seek out and hire youth of our community and to engage them in gainful employment rather than letting them gravitate to their own devices, and

WHEREAS, responsible people within our community have the opportunity of starting some young people on their way to useful, productive, and competitive futures, and

WHEREAS, we are all proud of the endeavors and accomplishments of The Youth Employment Service of Scotch Plains-Fanwood,

NOW THEREFORE, WE, Thomas J. Santo Salvo, Mayor of the Township of Scotch Plains, and Roland M. Beetham, Jr., Mayor of the Borough of Fanwood, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 13, 1968 as Youth Employment Service Week, and urge all citizens, civic and fraternal groups, all educational associations, news media and other community organizations to join in this salute by encouraging and promoting the useful employment of our local young people through this fine organization.

## Fanwood Favors Nixon

Results of a recent GOP preferential primary poll conducted by the Fanwood Republican Club have indicated Richard Nixon as a strong favorite in the borough. Nixon received 113 of 198 votes for 57 percent of the total. The returns were announced at last Thursday night's candidates night sponsored by the Club at Borough Hall.

## Committee Sets Clean-up Day

### Defines Action on Unsafe Buildings

Plans for a general community clean-up in Scotch Plains were outlined at a Township Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 5. A low bid of \$18,400 for the operation was approved, with low bidder Scientific Chemical Treatment Company to receive the contract. To facilitate the cleanup, the township has been divided with the north side from the township boundaries to the Central railroad tracks to have cleanup on May 13, 14, and 15. The south side, from township boundaries to the Central railroad tracks will have refuse collection on May 20, 21, and 22.

All material for pickup must be at the curb before 7:00 a.m. on the first scheduled cleanup day for the district. Each street will be covered once.

Only normal household materials such as furniture, rugs, screens, storm windows, appliances, toys, painting materials, garden tools, etc. are included. Ashes, garbage, trees, logs, stumps, automotive parts other than tires, stones, concrete, and materials from demolitions, alterations, additions or repairs to buildings will not be collected.

Further instructions concerning specific packaging will be included in a release to be mailed to every household.

Committeeman William Kitsz pointed out that materials such as brush, leaves, grass clippings, etc. are never to be left loose at curbside, and are in opposition to an ordinance, but may be placed in a garbage can at curbside regularly on the second collection day of each week for pickup with regular garbage collection.

An ordinance was introduced which specifies that removal of brush, weeds, dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, obnoxious growths, filth, garbage, trash and debris must take place within ten days of notification of property owners, in the interest of public health and safety.

The Committee introduced another ordinance which would approve, adopt, and enact an ordinance codification and repeal ordinances inconsistent therewith. The laws have been recently reorganized, and codified, with the new measure providing for the acceptance of the entire body of ordinances as a whole.

A third new ordinance, introduced and passed on first reading, spells out the definition and action to be taken on unsafe buildings. All three new ordinances will be subject to public hearing and final vote on May 21.

The Committee approved the acquisition of a 10-foot parcel of land fronting on Westfield Avenue for \$24,000. Committeewoman Powers pointed out that the purchase was necessary to facilitate the widening of Westfield Avenue, and that a building on the 10 foot parcel of land would have to be demolished. Mayor Santo Salvo abstained on voting.

Final approval was given to a report of assessments for pavement on Evelyn Street, Jefferson Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue and curbs on Evelyn Street with a change from the original report.

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Nelson Rockefeller followed Nixon, with 51 votes (26 percent); Ronald Reagan received 14 votes (7 percent); Romney and George Wallace tallied one percent, and Barry Goldwater and Mark Hatfield netted one-half of one percent. Seven percent of the voters polled indicated no preference.

Speakers at the program included candidates for the New Jersey delegation to the national Republican convention: Mauro Checchio, at-large alternate delegate candidate; Gilbert Rosner, delegate candidate; and Miss Constance Heatley, alternate delegate candidate.