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### KEVIN FORD SCORES 1,000 PTS.

On January 30 at 4:00 p.m. the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School basketball team made a victorious effort to qualify to play in the N.J.S.I.A.A. State Tournament by beating Johnson Regional High School, 83 to 63. But of far greater significance, perhaps unnoticed by some, was the basket scored by premier guard, Kevin Ford, making him the second player in S.P.F.H.S. history to score 1,000 points.

Kevin's achievement represents a milestone in light of the extremely difficult defense-oriented Watchung Conference. Kevin's outstanding effort and record resulted from his scoring 300 points in his sophomore year, 462 points in his junior year, and 352 in his senior year, totalling 1,114 points. Had it not been for illness that prevented his playing the three games, he would undoubtedly challenge the highest score earned in school history.

Kevin's prowess has not gone unnoticed. He will likely figure prominently in the All-County, Sectional All-State, and possibly All-Metro selections.

In addition, many colleges and universities have expressed interest in his talent, notably University of Dayton, University of Cincinnati, University of Richmond, Iona University and St. Peter's College.

### ORDER DAFFODILS FROM ACS

The first robin and crocus are sure signs that spring and its warmer weather will soon be with us. This year, in our community, there will be one more sign. On March 22, 23 and 24 local merchants will be displaying DAFFODILS.

The American Cancer Society is sponsoring a National Daffodil Day. In our local area the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jayceettes are assisting the organization by accepting orders and delivering the flowers. Both groups are anxious to see hundreds of yellow bouquets all over town.

They are priced at 35¢ each and \$3.00 for a dozen. Anyone interested in placing an order may call Kathy Nickel (889-4173), or Clare Charzewski (889-4918).

### NEW SPORT-POWER VOLLEYBALL



Pictured at a recent volleyball clinic held for all the Physical Education classes at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School are: Mario Caruso, Junior Olympic Volleyball Coach; Ms. Trudy Kesting, newly appointed girls "Varsity Volleyball Coach at Scotch Plains-Fanwood H.S.; and Joe Coleman, Department Chairman of Physical Education at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (See story on page 5.)

### MEET LOCAL BOARD CANDIDATES

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood PTA Council has scheduled a Board of Education Candidates Night for Thursday evening, March 22nd, 8:00 p.m. at Terrill Junior High School.

In Scotch Plains, two three-year seats are available for election to the Board of Education. Mrs. Dorothy D. Ericsson and Mr. Paul H. Smith have registered to run for these seats. Also in Scotch Plains, Mr. Edward G. Spack has registered to run for one unexpired two-year seat. In Fanwood, Mr. Peter M. Rogalin has registered to run for the one three-year seat on the Board.

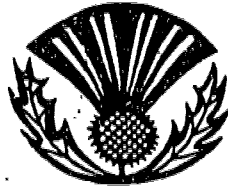
The PTA Council Candidates Night Committee has submitted the following two questions for the candidates to answer that evening: (1) In view of our budgetary deficits and state mandated programs, how would you build our budget and what areas would you expand or delete; (2) Would you concede any more classroom teaching time for (a) in-service single session days, (b) teacher preparation time, (c) single session days before holidays, (d) holidays, (3) district committee meetings, (f) or anything else.

The audience will also be able to ask questions of any of the candidates. Mrs. Jody Melloan of the Westfield Area of the League of Women Voters will act as moderator for the evening.



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## Burke rules \$366,000 to be restored to SP-F schools

State Education Commissioner Fred Burke has upheld his hearing officer's recommendation on restorations to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school budget. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Howlett was notified verbally on Friday that Burke recommends restoration of \$366,493 of the \$572,000 cut from the budget by the combined Councils of Scotch Plains and Fanwood.

Upon hearing of the position taken by the state hearing officer some weeks back, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education and administration had prepared extensive documentation seeking restoration of additional funds. Burke chose to go along with the recommendations of his departmental representative. Howlett had not yet received any written rationale explaining Burke's decision, but hoped to have a written clarification in the mails on Monday.

"To say that I am disappointed is putting it much too mildly," he said. "I am really upset at the apparent lack of awareness and concern for the problems of the district." Howlett expected that the Board of Education would take up the question of further appeal early this week. The next avenue open to the Board is to appeal Burke's decision on the restoration to the state Board of Education.

The Board has already approached the state Board of Education seeking reversal of another recent decision by Burke - his denial of a cap

waiver for the 1979-80 school budget. The district sought to exceed mandated state limitations on the amount to be raised by taxation, by a figure of \$933,000. Burke denied the cap waiver request in full, citing per-student expenditures here, above the state 65th percentile, as reason for his position.

With \$366,000 restored from last year's cut, the need

for a cap waiver would now be reduced to \$567,000. If a cap waiver is not approved, the district would have to live without this amount of funding for 1979-80.

Dr. Howlett said the recommended restoration of \$366,000 would enable the district to rescind most of the job dismissal notices given to 114 employees last month. He said he would be ex-

remely frustrated if he were to have to distinguish between professionals and non-professionals in determining the layoff situation for the remainder of the current school year. Some decisions on where cuts would be made to live within the framework of a \$205,507 cut would be made by the Board of Education if an appeal for

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## Gas station owners post "Closed Sun." signs here

By Joan T. Monahan

Some rather ominous portents of things to come were seen in Scotch Plains-Fanwood this week... "Closed Sunday" signs on several local service stations. Are we on the verge of circling around, seeking a tankful, or is there a fairly substantial supply of gasoline to keep us all on the roads in the immediate future? It all depends upon your information source. An investigation of local service stations early this week yielded a multitude of answers.

Garry's Getty on South Avenue in Fanwood, Rickwood's Chevron on North Avenue in Scotch Plains, and Roelon Auto Service on North Avenue in Scotch Plains are among the stations with fresh, new "Closed Sunday" signs. Fanwood Exxon on South Avenue has always been closed on Sundays, but now the station has early closing on weekday evenings -

7 p.m. instead of the traditional 9 p.m.

Why? Some station operators look upon Sunday closings as a form of "insurance." They're cautious about the future, and they want to make sure they won't run out by month's end. The Sunday closing permits them to husband the supplies they're getting. Other owners have already identified definite signs of shortage.

"Allocation" is the key to understanding the varying positions taken by station owners. Most major oil companies have announced allocations, guaranteeing a station operator the same amount of gasoline that he received for the same period in 1978. The 1978 allocation doesn't affect some of them to any great degree. For others, it hurts. Consider the situation faced by Garry's Getty. Garry Hayward's business had picked up considerably this year, over last. Therefore, when Getty Oil

notified him he'd be on allocation, receiving what he got in 1978, it represented a 20 percent cutback. Business had been up 20 percent over last year.

Garry's is closing Sundays to conserve the supply. He's been pumping 1,500 gallons a day this month. Even by closing Sundays, he'd have to pump only 1,210 gallons a day in order not to run out between now and April 1.

Mr. Hayward is a cynic when it comes to the giant oil companies. "The big companies are hurting all the way to the bank," he says. "Their profit margins have been going substantially uphill between 1973 and 1978. I wish I had a part of it." Instead, he's had a rent increase of \$150 a month. To meet the increase, he'd have to sell five additional loads of gasoline a month, but Getty's cut him back to four. The gasoline he pumps is supposed to pay the station rent...but instead, the

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## New guys in town: money finder, wandering trio, phony inspector



Most of us think we'd be the last person in the world to fall for a con artist's scheme. Only fools would let themselves be swindled and tricked into handing out their hard-earned money for obviously phony deals. Right? Wrong, says Scotch Plains Police Chief Michael Rossi because successful con-merchants are experts in human psychology and behavior. Intelligent, well educated and otherwise aware people are as vulnerable to a swindle as well as anyone else, if they're hit with the right scheme, at the right time, by the right "operator."

The con man looks for the man who looks for the "edge" in most fraud type schemes,

involving quick turnover of cash! "Cash"...Why cash? Why not a check? Whenever you are asked to transfer sizeable amounts of cash, be extremely cautious. Be suspicious. Advise your attorney, Don't get burned.

Why the sudden concern? Has Scotch Plains been hit by frauds recently? "The answer is no," says Chief Rossi. "We haven't and the purpose of this article is to advise the citizenry of the potential for fraud so that you may not become a statistic on the swindled side of the ledger."

Now that the good weather is threatening to descend upon us, so will the "Flim Flam" artists and the list of possible frauds to be aware of

are as follows:

1. The Itinerant Roofer, who after fixing a few shingles, offers you a special deal to do the whole roof as it is in danger of collapse. He will most likely ask for cash to consummate a special deal. Do not pay anyone in cash for such work and, above all, call the police if there are any doubts in your mind about his honesty. A reliable contractor will have a standard contract which will provide for payments at certain periods as work is completed.
2. The Driveway Refinisher - A non-reliable driveway refinisher will usually clean out a whole neighborhood and the end result is you will

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