

Hey, Ma - the basket's small



The Easter Bunny hopped around on an early trip last week - and left eight chocolate brown Labrador Retriever pups in "Flicka" Ostberg's Easter Basket. The six "Boys" and two "girls" are AKC registered, and were born April 5. They're palm-sized now -- but check back in a year!

Easter Events:



...SUNRISE SERVICE, PANCAKES

The First Annual Sunrise Service sponsored by the Scotch Plains Baptist Church will be held in the church parking lot (Grand Street at Park Avenue), Scotch Plains, New Jersey at 6:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

The Rev. Robert P. Shoesmith, pastor, will be the speaker. Special music will be provided by Ted Elias of Plainfield, New Jersey.

In case of rain, the service will be held in the church sanctuary.

Following the service, Pancake Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall by members of the Men's Bowling Team. Advance reservations are necessary and may be made by calling the church office, 322-5487. The cost is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children under 12.

It is hoped that this Service of Celebration will become a community tradition, and everyone is invited to be there.

...THE BIG BUNNY RIDES AGAIN

Fanwood's Gigantic Easter Bunny is scheduled for a personal tour through town on Friday night, April 13 between 6 and 9 p.m. Mr. Bunny will tour atop a fire engine. Because it may not be possible to reach every street, neighborhoods with a lot of children who are longing to see the Big Bunny may "reserve" an appearance by telephoning 889-6532.

...EGGS HUNTS AND CONTESTS

Fanwood sponsors its Recreation Commission Egg Hunt on Saturday at the railroad station. Other events include an Easter Bonnet Contest, an egg decorating contest, and an Easter Bunny picture drawing contest. Entries must be in between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. All events are judged in four age brackets: preschool; kindergarten; 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade; 4th and 5th grade.

Scotch Plains has an egg hunt on Saturday, too. It's jointly sponsored by Recreation Commission and Junior Women's Club. The Place? Brookside Park. The time? 10:00 a.m. sharp. Bring along a lunch bag for collecting the valuables. To enter an Easter Bunny Drawing Contest, draw the bunny on 8-1/2 by 11 paper, include name and age in lower right hand corner. Place entries in boxes at the park before 10:00 a.m. and winners will be announced at the event. Mr. and Mrs. Bunny are scheduled for personal appearances.

...DYE EGGS, THE RIGHT WAY!

The custom of giving eggs, dyeing them, and playing games with eggs are a part of the Easter tradition dating back thousands of years, to the ancient Egyptians, Persians and Chinese.

There are commercial dyes on sale to use with hard cooked or blown eggs or you can make your own dyes by using spinach leaves, anemone petals, gorse blossoms and logwood chips.

To hard-cook an egg, place eggs in saucepan and cover with cold water at least 1-inch above eggs; rapidly bring to boiling. When water boils reduce heat at once to keep water just below simmering. Cover and cook eggs for 15 to 20 minutes.

To help prevent the greenish ring that after forms around the yolk, watch the cooking time carefully and cool the eggs immediately under cold running water.

To shell hard-cooked eggs, crack shell all over, then roll gently between palms of hands to loosen - start to peel egg from large end. Never hard "boil" an egg because boiling makes the white tough and rubbery and the yolk crumbles more easily.

Eggs taste better and stay fresher when they're refrigerated. Keep those hard cooked eggs in the refrigerator until you're ready to decorate them. Once they're decorated, put the eggs back into the refrigerator until you are ready to celebrate. And, refrigerate them again when the festivities are over.

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Mayor plans committee to promote cultural arts here

A greater focus on culture in the community will be the goal of Mayor Alan Augustine of Scotch Plains, when he moves to name a citizens' ad hoc committee within the next few weeks. Augustine outlined such goals in his January inaugural address, and will implement them soon.

"I just feel the community could benefit from a little more focus on cultural advantages - and a committee of citizens would provide the focal point," Augustine said. Such a group would be charged with the responsibility to develop and encourage cultural offerings and presentations here in any way they saw fit, the Mayor indicated.

Augustine cited the recent community turnout for a per-

formance by the New Jersey Lyric Opera Company. The early April operatic performance played to a standing room only crowd at Terrill Junior High School, and 250 prospective attendees were turned away at the door. Augustine proclaimed "Opera Week in Scotch Plains" just before the company performance, and said

that his discussions with Walter Schonwald of the company yielded indications of a strong and definite interest on the part of citizens of Scotch Plains for such advantages. "The performance was meaningful and excellently done," Augustine stated. The Garden State Ballet also came to Scotch Plains last fall, for a performance spon-

sored by the local YMCA.

Although the Mayor would like to see an increase in similar professional troupe performances within the community, he does not expect the citizens' committee to address its efforts only to large-scale professional offerings. The committee would hopefully encourage

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Community talents listed in "bank" of volunteers

A new and very valuable enrichment source for the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community has recently been completed by the PTA Cultural Arts Committee and the College Club of Fan-

wood-Scotch Plains. It's entitled the Volunteer Resource Directory. While "beggarman and thief" may not be included in the roster; doctor, lawyer, rich man and poor man join artists, sculp-

tor, writer and homemaker in the 65-name data bank of local people. They have volunteered to provide schools and organizations with speakers to enrich and/or reinforce programs.

Formulation of the Volunteer Resource Directory has been a long-standing dream of the two sponsoring organizations, and compilation of the volunteer talents represents expenditure of many long hours of work. In addition to approaching individuals to become a part of the directory, present-

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Police investigate murder-suicide in Scotch Plains home

Scotch Plains Police and the Union County Prosecutor's Office are investigating an apparent murder-suicide which occurred here on Monday, April 9. Captain Robert Luce of the local Detective Bureau reported that police received a telephone call from eight-year old Shawn Jackson of 450 Flanders Avenue at 7:41 p.m., asking for police help because "his father was hurt." An officer who reported to the scene found both Mr. and Mrs. Harry Jackson dead of gunshot wounds.

Harry Jackson, 33, apparently shot his wife, Grindel, also 33, as she was preparing dinner in the kitchen of their split-level home. He then apparently turned the 38-caliber gun on himself. Jackson apparently shot himself twice. One of his shots traveled through a wall and into son Shawn's bedroom, where the youth was watching television. The bullet narrowly missed the youngster.

At present, police have no suicide note nor a motive for the dual deaths. They are attempting to talk with neighbors and friends in an effort to determine what triggered the event. The couple have lived in Scotch Plains for a few years, Captain Luce said. The home is in a moderate-income area, on a quiet street, and was described as "meticulously kept." As far as police can determine, Jackson was originally from Georgia. His parents now live there. Mrs. Jackson had an old driver's license from Jer-

sey City, and a brother who now lives there has taken the youngster to stay with him in Jersey City.

Mrs. Jackson was found at the foot of a landing, leading from the living room-dining room-kitchen level to the foyer of the home. Her husband was found at the top of a stairway to the same landing. He was an employee of PATH commuter lines in Jersey City. Mrs. Jackson was employed by Public Service Electric and Gas Company.

The deaths represent the second murder and the second suicide in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood community this year. Earlier this year, a

young girl killed her aunt in Fanwood, and Scotch Plains police found a young high school student, an apparent suicide, in the reservoir area adjacent to Jerusalem Road.

Calendar is changed: schools close 6/14

To the glee of students (and probably to the relief of tired teachers), schools here will close four days earlier than had been anticipated when the school calendar for the year was formulated last spring.

After two winters of

unusually heavy snow accumulations, the Board of Education provided four snow days for the current school year. This represented an increase in snow days over previous school calendars, and necessitated the

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Tennis players are out on local courts



The weather's still blustery and chilly...but that doesn't deter local tennis players chomping at the bit to start a new outdoor season. Above, Marty Stern and Ted Whitcomb "shake" after a match on local courts.