

### RECREATION COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Scotch Plains Recreation Commission has scheduled a November 5 public hearing to hear citizen opinion on two issues: the extension of Southside Field off Martine Avenue and on property improvements to Plainfield Avenue/Evergreen Avenue.

The hearings will take place following the adjournment of the regular meeting of the Commission at 8:00 P.M.

### CITRUS FRUIT BENEFITS BAND

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Booster Association is presently conducting a citrus fruit sale. You may place your order now for a 20 lb. bag of oranges and grapefruits. The fruit will be picked in Florida just a few days prior to the delivery date and delivered by truck so that the freshest fruit possible is assured. Delivery is planned for early December, in plenty of time for holiday giving.

Each 20 lb. bag of fruit costs \$8.00. To order, or for further information concerning the sale, call Mr. Brenner at 494-2700, or call 753-8633 after 5 P.M. or at weekends.

Pick-up of the bags of fruit will be at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

### PJH AIDS BURN FOUNDATION



Pictured above receiving a plaque of recognition from the National Burn Victim Foundation is Park Junior High School's Student Council Executive Board. Left to right: Chris Evans, Ms. Danya Padilla, presenter, Charles Bihler, Mr. Vic Morosco, advisor and Sue Holbach.

Last June Park Junior High School under the sponsorship of its Student Council held an assembly auction to raise money for the National Burn Victim Foundation. Both students and teachers enthusiastically participated, auctioning a day's services for a return of a donation to the Foundation; some were bidders, other contributors. The auction has been a traditional event to produce money for a worthy cause.

Earlier in the school year the NBVF presented a Burn Awareness program to the Park student body. It so impressed the students that a Student Council Meeting decided money should be raised to assist burn victims. The auction yielded \$400.00 which was sent to the Foundation.

### LEARN ABOUT "ANGEL DEATH"

"Angel Death," a hard-hitting documentary investigating the dangers and the growing use of "Angel Dust," will be aired over WNEW TV Channel 5 on Monday, October 29 at 8 P.M.

Terrill Junior High School Principal John Foulks has recommended the program as a valuable informational source for local students and parents. The program outlines the potential dangers to youth, posed by PCP (or "angel dust"). Paul Newman and JoAnn Woodward are narrators.

### RESOLVE DAY COMING UP

On November 3, 1979, RESOLVE, the youth and family counseling agency of Scotch Plains and Fanwood, will be conducting its first annual RESOLVE day. The purpose of this financial campaign is to enable clients who cannot pay a fee or can only pay a minimal amount to utilize the services of the agency.

Flyers pertaining to the agency will be displayed in all the local stores. One the weekend of November 3 cans will be placed at the local merchants in which contributions will be collected. We here at RESOLVE hope that this will be a successful campaign because in these days of both social and economic stress it is important that there be a local agency to whom people may come to discuss problems that are troubling them. We see much in our society that is troublesome. There is a higher incidence of teenage drinking and drug use. There is a great increase in marital problems with about one out of two marriages dissolving. These are all current problems with which this agency is both concerned and quite expert in handling.

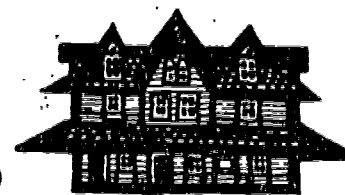
If there are any questions concerning the campaign or the agency, please direct your inquiries to the Director Marlene Karustis - 322-9180.

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## Fanwood residents to vote on leaf collection method

The first sprinkling of autumn leaves has barely begun to hit local lawns, and for most homeowners, the long, fall cleanup is still a couple of weeks away. However, those autumn leaves are already in the minds of Fanwood residents, and on November 6, they'll go to the polls to tell their governing body what they want to do about them - bag them or rake them into curbside rows.

Last year, the residents had no choice. They had to bag all raked leaves. While the majority of homeowners complied without complaints, others found the added step of piling leaves into bags for placement at curbside a burden. Those who complained were primarily the owners of larger lots with

many trees or the elderly. Following a petition from a group of residents, the Fanwood Borough Council decided to place the issue on this year's election ballot as a public question.

Enforced bagging of leaves had many pluses. Superintendent of Public Works Ray Manfra was highly enthusiastic about results, citing economy, healthier working conditions, cleaner streets, fewer flooding problems. He claims that as his men distributed plastic bags for homeowner use last year, he talked to 2,000 residents and found that approximately half favored bagging, 25 percent were opposed and the remaining 25 percent had no preference.

Why bag? Among the primary problems associated

with leaf vacuums is the unhealthy dust of crushed leaves - a health hazard for public employees. Manfra said absences were fewer when men drove along curbs picking up bags. It also takes longer to vacuum. In the days of only leaf vacs, men recorded 401 overtime hours, but, when collecting bagged leaves, logged only 28 overtime hours last year - an overtime period designed to remove all bags in advance of Mischief Night.

Leaf vacuums drank 1,029 more gallons of gas than bag-collection trucks. Repairs to trucks have always posed a problem, since chunks of concrete, large branches and debris lurk in leaf piles and damage machinery. Approximately \$3,500 was spent annually on leaf vacuums and time was lost during repair

periods - all factors which were removed when collectors picked up bags.

Bags cost the borough \$4,810 for 37,000 distributed free to the public last year. An additional 5,000 were donated by a local realtor.

Police and fire personnel joined the Public Works in expressing pleasure at the safer street conditions. There were no leaf piles to tempt vandals with a pack of matches. Cars didn't catch fire, which happened when internal combustion engines parked over piles, and rainstorms didn't carry piled leaves into catch basins to clog and create flooding problems.

The advantages were many. However, for quite a percentage of the borough, these pluses had to be weighed against the added burden of not only raking but also filling bags and carting them to curbside. Some property owners cited the ease of raking directly into windrows at the gutter.

In response to criticism and petitions from some segments of the public, the Council decided to offer options for 1979 and to let the voters decide on the future of Fanwood's leaves when they go to the polls. Next year, it'll be one or the other - rake or bag. The majority will rule.

## Towns plan for Halloween

Calling all Scotch Plains and Fanwood kids! The most important date of the year for kids is marked on the calendar for next Wednesday - the annual Halloween festivities in the two communities! Coordinate the costumes and sculpt the pumpkins in preparation for the big events!

Scotch Plains' annual Halloween Parade begins from the parking lot next to the Municipal Building at 6:15 P.M. Marchers, accompanied by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High Raider band, under Marvin Piland's able direction, will proceed to Park Junior High, where judging of costumes and awards will take place.

Scotch Plains has a new costume category this year, in honor of "The International Year of the Child." It's a category featuring best

representation of a costume native to a foreign soil. The four other traditional costume categories to be judged are prettiest, funniest, scariest and most original, with first and second prize winners in all five costume areas. Gail Bogan, chairman of the Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club activities, said that, with the various

cultural backgrounds represented in the community, there should be many outstanding ethnic costumes.

Scotch Plains Rescue Squad, Police and CD units will also be in the parade. During the judging, Sandrose the Magician, billed as "Mr. Magic," will present a treat of side-splitting fun and com-

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## "9722, where are you?" at N.Y. Marathon finish!

On Monday of this week, John Cirrito of 2053 Church Street, Scotch Plains was feeling just fine, thank you, up and off to work as usual. That wasn't what his wife, Peggy had predicted on Sunday night, after cheering John on in his efforts in the

26-mile New York Marathon. "He was in much better physical shape than I ever thought he'd be," said his No. 1 fan. "Now I'm a bit more confident about his entering regular marathons."

Peggy, her two sons Michael and Jason, and

John's brother Ray, his wife Valerie and their two children, Kristen and Lauren, provided Cirrito with a very ample cheering section. They planned well in advance they'd "connect" with him at six pre-arranged stops

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## Two arrested in TJH fire

Police Chief Michael Rossi announced today that his Department has completed the investigation of a suspicious fire that occurred at Terrill Jr. High School on September 29, 1979.

Two local sixteen year old juveniles are being charged in Union County Juvenile Court with the malicious damage that was caused to the school that evening as a result of the fire and explosion that followed.

The Chief stated that joint cooperation between staff members of the Junior High School and his Department resulted in the successful conclusion to the case. Also aiding in the investigation were members of the Union County Prosecutor's Arson Squad.



John Cirrito; center, greets his admirers upon completion of marathon.