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"RAPUNZEL" TO BE PRESENTED AT SPF HIGH SCHOOL



Yount People's Theatre's last production of the season will be presented this Saturday, March 23, 2:30 p.m., at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

Theatreworks will present "Rapunzel", an enchanting and funny musical based on the beloved fairy tale about Wicked Witches, Heroic Princes, Kings and of course the Longest Hair in the World. The musical remains true to the Grimm original while blending in some sparkling insights into human relationships. It is a delight to children of all ages.

Tickets, sold at the door, will be \$2 per child or adult. For more information call Carol Venturella at 889-6614.

SCOTCH PLAINS TO BEGIN SPRING PICK UP

Scotch Plains will begin the Spring Leaf and Gum Ball Pick Up on March 25. Crews will begin on each side of town at 7:30 a.m.

Northside will begin on Glenside, Canterbury, Terrill and Second and Southside at Hetfield and Shady Lane. Residents are asked to have everything curbside on this date. Leaves and gum balls only.

One complete sweep will be made taking 5 to 7 days, followed by a sweeper cleaning of streets.

Do not put out branches and stones as vacuum equipment will be used to pick up leaves and gumballs.

DOWNTOWN PLAINS TALK AIRED ON TV-3

Downtown Plains Talk will feature Mayor Gabriel Spera, Chief Robert Luce and Patrolman Carleton Crawley on March 24.

The program will appear on TV-3 at 5:30 p.m.

"PARENTS PEERS & PARAPHERNALIA" ON SPF-ETV, CHANNEL 34

The presentation "Parents, Peers & Paraphernalia" given by Mrs. Gerri Silverman to the community at large during drug & alcohol awareness week can be viewed on SPF-ETV channel 34 on Friday March 22 & Monday March 25, at 5 P.M.

Threat of injunction to halt Fan. parking lot improvements

Wednesday Fanwood's Mayor Patricia M. Kuran held a press conference concerning the threat of injunction placed upon a part of the boroughs downtown reutilization project. The injunction would halt improvements the public works forces have been making on the expansion of the municipal parking lot behind the stores on Martine Avenue.

Fanwood Republican Chairman, Mr. Gray Lanzarra, one of those responsible for issuing the injunction, has complained that public works should not be used in the parking lot expansion because the public works forces represent taxpayers' salaries are paid from local taxes.

As the Mayor confirmed there were only two available alternatives in getting this project underway.

Either community development funds and public works would be used or someone outside would be contracted. If the later had been the case, then taxpayers' dollars would have to be used.

Mayor Kuran had expressed concern over the safety of the lot. She feels that the lot renovation is very important to the welfare of the borough. It was considered a safety/health hazard. If improvements on the lot are continued, the community will be able to reap many benefits. With the help of public work forces and the boroughs equipment the lot is expected to have the capacity of 103 spaces and will accommodate the merchants & their employees with permit parking in the graveled lot and would remove their vehicles from La Grande Ave. and surrounding

neighborhoods. The burden of taxes to local homeowners. Unless ample parking is made available, this will not be possible. The mayor Continued on page 12

Elizabeth Gautier 1922 - 1985



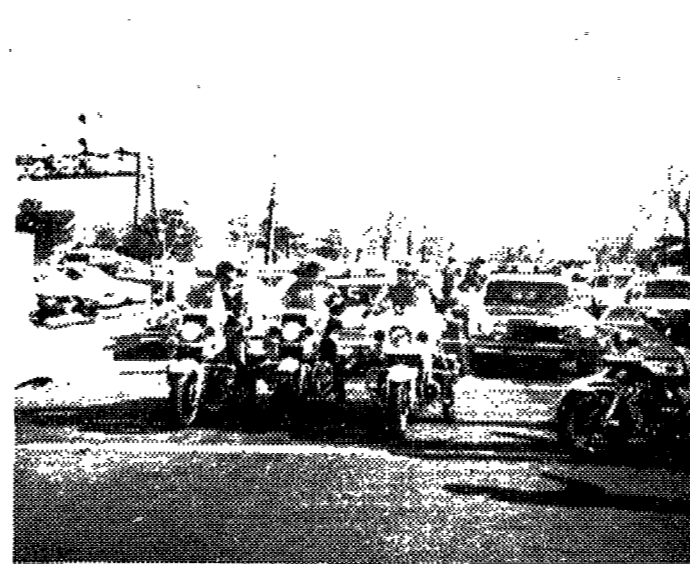
The effectiveness of a person's life can be measured by the depth of the wounds their death leaves on others. Liz Gautier, editor of The Times from 1981 until 1984 has left her family, friends and business associates with the startling awareness that a unique & gifted lady passed briefly through.

In her weekly column "From the Molehill", she explored the frailty of the human condition. Liz wrote it with humour, understanding and style. Her style was noted by readers and professionals alike - in 1983 she received the North Jersey press award for her piece on the Miss America contest.

Liz Gautier cared. She cared about her family - her husband, daughters, granddaughters - friendships, the communities of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. She was an artist; an artist in her writing, an artist in her relationships who never stopped finding the beauty in all things and dispensed her belief that all was well in the world.

Liz has left us all saddened by her leaving, but so very rich by her time spent here. She mattered.

Fan. resident killed in the line of duty



Tuesday morning hundreds of patrol cars gathered from all over the state to pay tribute to Officer Abigail Powlett of Fanwood, at the Plainfield Police Department where she was a three year veteran of the force. The patrol cars were en route to Boonton where the funeral of 33 year old Abigail Powlett was held.

Powlett, the first woman police officer in N.J. to be killed in the line of duty was slain

last Thursday night on the grounds of the Meadowbrook Village Apartments in front of about 20 law enforcement officers who were conducting negotiations in an attempt to prevent the tragedy. Her assailant, Kim Hailey 26 of Plainfield was gunned down by the officers.

Powlett received many commendations for her undercover work with the Union County Narcotics Strike Force.

Music Booster Luxury Raffle to benefit Canada trip

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Music Booster Association is currently conducting a raffle to raise funds to meet their \$76,000 budget for the 1984-1985 school year. Of the total budget, \$61,300 is needed to take students of the Music Department to Toronto, Canada for a musical evaluation May 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th. The Music Boosters sponsor the trip as an educational experience for those participating, and it is not subsidized in any way by the Board of Education through the school budget. Please turn to page 2