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## PANCAKE BREAKFAST HEADS FANWOOD LIONS FLEA MARKET

The Fanwood Lions Club will sponsor its fifth annual flea market on Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Fanwood Railroad Station, North and Martine Avenues.

A pancake breakfast will be hosted indoors again this year between 7 and 11 a.m. as a result of its growing popularity as part of the annual flea market.

Assorted handcrafts and merchandise will be displayed by the more than 75 vendors who customarily participate in this Lions fundraising event.

A menu of hot dogs and "the works" will follow the pancake breakfast to keep daylong shoppers and visitors content. Coffee, tea and soda will be available throughout the day.

Proceeds from this flea market benefit local charities, community projects and sight and scholarship funding. Vendors seeking space reservations can call 322-4184 or 232-4700.

## MOUNT LAUREL II DISCUSSED ON PLAINSTALK 4/20 & 27

Scotch Plains Mayor Gabriel Spera will appear on TV-3 "Plainstalk" Sundays April 20th and 27th at 5:30 P.M.

The subject of the talk will be Mount Laurel II. His guests will include State Senators Tom Gagliano and Don DiFrancesco.

## SOCCER ASSOC. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH REGISTRATION

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Soccer Association is making registration plans for next year's soccer seasons: fall 1985 and spring 1986. Volunteers are needed to help with registration for all age groups. Registrations are scheduled for evenings in mid-May. Volunteers are asked to call Diane Calamaras at 232-7350.

## S.P. JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB TO CONDUCT ANNUAL BOOK SALE

The Scotch Plains Junior Woman's Club will conduct its annual Book Sale at the Scotch Plains Library from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 20th. This sale is the highlight of National Library Week. Also, on sale will be the Junior cookbook, "Country Sampler" for \$6.

Book donations will be accepted at the circulation desk of the library through April 19th. All proceeds from the sale will be given to the library.

## SPF-ETV SCHEDULE, CHANNEL 34

Thursday, April 18 - 8:00 P.M. Battle of the Minds #16 - Excelsiors vs. Indecision.

Friday, April 19 - 7:30 P.M. Pre-Kindergarten Handicapped Classes at Brunner, Communication Handicapped Class at School One and Brunner First Graders performing Little Red Riding Hood.

Thursday, April 25 - 8:00 P.M. Battle of the Minds #12 - Senioritis vs. The Animals.

Friday, April 26 - 8:00 P.M. Battle of the Minds #14 - Underdogs vs. Crash Crew.

## LIZ GAUTIER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Liz Gautier, a member of the Philathalian family, the Board of Directors of the Philathalians have decided to set up the 'Liz Gautier Memorial Fund'.

Please send your contributions via a check made out to the Philathalians. Make sure to write 'Liz Gautier Memorial Fund' in the memo line on the bottom of your check and mail to: Mr. Robert Bengivenga, President -Philathalians, 3112 Woodland Avenue, South Plainfield, New Jersey 07080.

# Resolution to seek bids for lot construction approved 3-2

by Sharon Pachler Linda Stender, chairman of the Downtown Redevelopment Committee, offered a show of community support for parking lot construction at last Wednesday's Fanwood Council meeting. In presenting council members with a petition containing approximately 500 signatures, she hoped to "expedite construction" of the lot off of LaGrande Avenue.

The resolution to seek bids for construction was approved 3-2.

One of the opposing votes came from Councilman Alfred Lindgren, who requested additional information and felt he had not been included in discussions on this issue. He stated, "I would like to know how much money I'm saying yes to." Lindgren is in favor of

Public Works doing the job, but does not agree with the arrangement of the lot and the lighting. He also questioned the \$1,595 in legal (search) fees which were not included in the projected costs. "How many more instances are there of tax dollars being used that we don't know about?" The other dissenting vote was that of Councilman Thomas Gallo, who was concerned with the breakdown of costs.

On this issue, Stender requested that Gallo list the municipal codes he felt her Downtown Committee had violated on the redevelopment project. Mayor Kuran stated that Gallo had no adequate answers to provide and noted that Stender's "committee has not in any way over-

extended their lot will depend on site plan approval by the Planning Board.

Although it was not read, Gallo had in hand a memorandum from Borough Attorney Frank Blatz, Jr. which cited that there was nothing illegal about using in-kind services, i.e. Public Works employees to clear this parking lot. Blatz's opinion in the memo was that "too much procedural latitude was given to the citizen representatives who were making the application for funds on behalf of the Borough...The initial application to the County did not call for any matching funds or services from the Borough. Apparently, during negotiations, it became clear that the Borough was not going to receive any funds unless some form of matching contributions to the project be made." Gallo's objections stem from the fact that Stender's committee would have been better served by obtaining preliminary approval from Council. Construction of the parking

lot will depend on site plan approval by the Planning Board.

Robert Rau, Jr. responded to a resolution on municipal complex lighting stating that the lighting scheme is inadequate to illuminate the parking lot. Mayor Kuran stated that Council had "settled for lights we felt would give sufficient lighting - if not, more would be added in the future." Douglas Clausen felt they had vacillated long enough on this matter and said, "This (plan) has got to be somewhat better as we have nothing there now." Council carried this resolution unanimously.

Discussion on the 1985 budget explained that a tax increase was due to such things as an increase in debt services and municipal employee wages, a master plan update, leaf disposal and two clean-ups, which will be done by an outside source. A vote on the budget will take place April 24.

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## All systems "go" at Environmental Center

by Sharon Pachler After much controversy concerning a change in Environmental Center policies, the Scotch Plains facility had a smooth opening at the gate, stated that this past Saturday. "only a couple of people Users of this transfer had complaints, but site had voiced many objections to the increased fees, the one trip limitation, the restrictions on acceptable material and the center's closing after 10 dumpsters had been filled regardless of cars waiting.

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However, by mid-morning Saturday, only 4 dumpsters were full and Public Works employees at the scene reported no problems. The fact sheet distributed with each sticker purchase clearly explains use of the Environmental Center and residents arriving at the facility have been complying with user requirements.

Public Works employee Carmen Grausso found that "The biggest thing that (residents) don't like is making only one trip" and Frank Lestarchick remarked that on volume."

everything was "going beautifully. People are abiding by the rules."

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## Fan. condominium testimonies continue

by Sharon Pachler Fanwood's Board of Adjustment heard testimony last Thursday night from realtor/appraiser Henry Schwiering concerning an application to build 24 condominium units at LaGrande and Third Street. Schwiering, a Fanwood resident living approximately two blocks from the subject property, stated that condominium development in surrounding areas "have been well accepted and have appreciated in value since their construction."

When the topic of affordability was brought up, a factor mentioned in the application, Schwiering felt that the board shouldn't concern itself with this, but rather with the need aspect. These units "are affordable" for

both young and old buyers, he said. "Few homes in Fanwood would sell today for less than \$100,000." The proposed condominiums would be priced at \$85,000 to \$90,000. In addition, Schwiering remarked that the site in question is "not an attractive piece of property" and that building condos on it would have "no negative impact on area property values."

Board member L. Monson asked whether a town as small as Fanwood should be addressing the need for increasing housing: a growing need, according to Schwiering who felt that there is an increasing number of residents moving out of single homes yet wanting to remain in Fanwood. Please turn to page 4