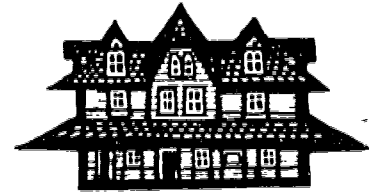


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FLEA MARKET SEASON BEGINS

The Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycee-ettes invites the public to sample a mixture of fine spring weather and great shopping at a flea market at the Fanwood Train Station parking lot on Saturday, April 5 between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. A wide variety of useful and decorative items will be sold. Refreshments can be purchased. Interested vendors should contact Janet Mikionis at 889-0955.

Proceeds of Jaycee-ette fundraisers support many community services including a college scholarship, senior citizen and hospital parties and a year-end gifts program.

SPF-ETV SCHEDULE

The following shows will be aired at 11:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

- April 3 - Art Portfolio Review '86.
- April 4 - Model UN Trip to Hershey.
- April 7 - Channel 34 News.
- April 8 - SPF Middle Schools: A Child Centered Approach.
- April 9 - Battle of the Minds #15.
- April 10 - School Board Candidates.
- April 11 - SPF Middle Schools: A Child Centered Approach.

A REMINDER

All copy for publication in a Thursday issue of **THE TIMES** should be submitted by mail or in person by 12 Noon on Monday of the same week. All copy must be typed and double-spaced.

Forms are available at **THE TIMES** offices for engagement and bridal information. All engagement and bridal pictures must be accompanied by \$8 in check or cash to cover costs of processing pictures. Bridal announcements without accompanying pictures are printed free of charge.

All photographs submitted for publication will be used at the discretion of **THE TIMES**. All photographs will be held for a period of one month. They may be reclaimed at any time during regular business hours, at **THE TIMES** offices, 1600 East 2nd Street, Scotch Plains. After the one-month holding period photos will be scrapped.

MONTHLY BP CLINIC

The Township of Scotch Plains will hold the monthly Hypertension (High Blood Pressure) Screening Clinic on Wednesday, April 9, 1986.

The Clinic will be held in the Scotch Plains Public Library Community Room from 4:00-7:00 p.m. and is free. The intent of the clinic is to identify new cases of High Blood Pressure. Those persons who are over the age of thirty and smoke or are overweight or have a family history of heart disease or diabetes and have not had their blood pressure checked recently are urged to attend.

SPRING CARD PARTY

With a great big Salute To Lady Liberty, the Rosary Altar Society of St. Bartholomew Church will hold its Annual Spring Card Party in the parish hall on Friday evening, April 11th. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available by calling 322-5192, 322-6761. They are also available from any member of the Rosary Society.

WALKAMERICA VOLUNTEERS

It's April 27th, a quiet Sunday morning in northern New Jersey. Over 13,000 people are waking up and getting ready to walk in the March of Dimes WalkAmerica. They are not alone though. More than 1,000 volunteers are preparing themselves for a fun-filled day, their way of joining in to help prevent birth defects.

Volunteers are presently needed for the Union County Walk. No experience is necessary, just a desire to support the people who are walking 30 km! Responsibilities can include registering walkers, stamping walkers' cards, serving refreshments, or assisting at the finish.

Individuals, families, friends, and clubs can all join in to help the day of WalkAmerica Sunday, April 27th. For information, call Carol Levine at 882-0700.

Scotch Plains' budget brings one point tax increase for '86

by Sharon Pachler

Faced with predictable cost escalations and unsettled conditions in Union County, Scotch Plains Council voted 4-1 March 20 to introduce a one point tax increase in 1986. Council's jurisdiction of the tax dollar has not exceeded 13% in over 10 years. This is the third lowest percentage for local government purposes among Union County towns (average being 24.5%) despite the fact that there is only a 15% commercial/industrial tax base to fall back on. Of the remaining portions of the tax pie, approximately 21% depicts County taxes and close to 66% accounts for school taxes—one of the three highest in Union County.

Added budget expenditures were effected largely (30%) by the sudden swell in municipal insurance rates; contrasting dramatically with a cut in provisions (\$2 million down from \$5 million). Another contributing factor is the possibility of an E.P.A. mandate to barge sludge 106 miles out to sea instead of the present 12 miles. Should that occur, the township's contribution to the Rahway Valley and Middlesex County Sewerage Authorities will increase substantially.

Costs for management of solid waste will continue to spiral well past 1986. By removing usable materials from the solid waste stream through its Recycling Center, Scotch Plains will add its name to the growing list of municipalities attempting to relieve the waste disposal problem in New Jersey; a positive step with no attached financial burden. However, until a Resource Recovery plant becomes operational, Union County residents will pay more for garbage disposal than most of the counties in the state.

Although heavy increases may be levied on the township for leaf collection and disposal, there will be no change in Environmental Center user fees. The Public Works Department will also add the convenience of bagged-leaf pick-up for 2 weeks prior to the start of

the regular Fall loose leaf pick up.

With an uncertain housing obligation in the balance, Council members

have made appropriate land use a priority when considering costs. Completion of the Master Plan, support for the

newly-formed Environmental Commission, and the hiring of consultants to research senior Please turn to page 9

Dedication + devotion = Kris' formula for success

by Guy Kipp

The first day of April was sunny, warm, cloudless and summerlike. The scholastic basketball season had ended just two weeks ago, and for anybody who had just endured a rigorous 28-game schedule, one might expect this time to serve as a welcome respite from the hardwood and the sultry confines of an indoor gym.

But for Kris Durham, there is no off-season. The 5'8 Junior, who led Union Catholic's girls basketball team to a 27-1 record this season, has a workout schedule which lasts 365 days each year.

"I practice four hours a day," says Kris, who adds that this does not include the regular weightlifting or running which she puts in. "I run two-and-a-half miles every other day and lift weights every other day. I haven't been to a beach in a long time, and even when I do go to the beach I just end up playing basketball down there."

Such an agenda becomes a necessity for a girl who is regarded as probably the finest basketball player in New Jersey, and a member of Parade's All-American team (a distinction she considers her most prestigious honor to date).

"I can't afford to take days off because there's always someone out there who has been practicing who wants to be better than I am," she continues.

Kris Durham averaged 28 points per game, to go along with nine assists, ten rebounds and eight steals each time she took the floor. Little wonder the Lady Vikings won their first 27 decisions before finally falling to Paramus Catholic in the Parochial A state semi-finals on a night when Kris played despite illness. She holds



KRIS DURHAM

the school's career scoring mark and still has another year left to put that record out of reasonable reach. Another Kris--Kris Kirschner--held the old record, which stood for six years.

Durham first picked up a basketball when she was nine years-old, and in the seven years that she has had to hone her remarkable all-around skills, she has benefitted

from having an older sister, Karen, around to practice with, as well as a father who shares Kris's persistent drive to succeed at her game.

"I give all the credit to my father. He works me hard, but he'll stay out there with me and rebound for me. I consider him my best friend."

She has plenty of praise, Please turn to page 6

Retirement Dinner for Arthur Meyer

The Township of Scotch Plains has announced that Arthur A. Meyer recently retired from the Department of Public Works after 38 years of service. In honor of his years of service a testimonial dinner will be held on April 11, 1986 at Snuffy's. The dinner will begin at 7 P.M. and include Prime Rib, Hors D'oeuvres, open bar and dancing. Music will be performed by The Ver-

satiles. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and are available at the Northside Firehouse or by calling 322-6866.

Art was born and raised in Scotch Plains and attended Scotch Plains schools. He also served 4½ years in the 112th Field Artillery during World War II, including time overseas.

Art is married to the former Dorothy Stewart Please turn to page 3