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## Moonglowers Band take 1st place at Jazz Festival



SPFHS Seniors Keith Hafer, Ron Kramps, John Ritter and Don Francis display the 1st place trophy won by the Moonglowers I Jazz Band at the Carteret Jazz Festival April 17th. The jazz band has been selected to perform at a N.J. State Competition April 26th at Pine Hill, N.J.

### FELLOWS OF FIRE DEPT. TO SPONSOR FISH DINNER

On April 25, the Fellows of the Scotch Plains Fire Department will sponsor a Fish Dinner at the Company #1 Firehouse (to the rear of Town Hall). The dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. and will include fish and chips, coffee tea or milk, and cake. The cost is \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and senior citizens. Tickets are available from any Company #1 firefighter or at the door.

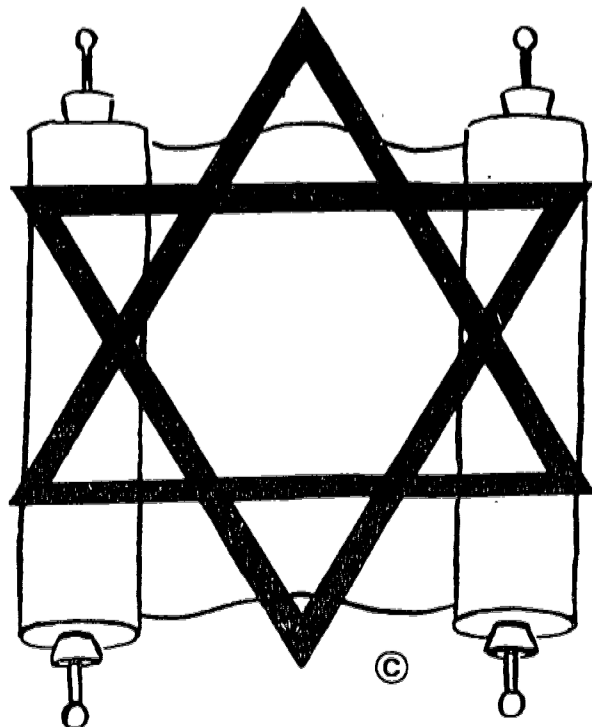
### SPF-ETV (34) SCHEDULE

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

Thursday, April 24 - School One Variety Show.  
Friday, April 25 - Toronto Bound: 1985 Raider Band Trip.

Monday, April 28 - 34 News.  
Tuesday, April 29 - Escapade Concert (1985).  
Wednesday, April 30 - Battle of The Minds #1: Brand X vs. Tijuana Brass.  
Thursday, May 1 - Evergreen Variety Show.  
Friday, May 2 - 1986 Spring Dance Concert.

## PASSOVER



## S.P. & Fan. officials break ground at new recycling center

For the past 13 years, residents have seen the familiar faces of the Fanwood-Scotch Plains Jaycees at the Fanwood Train Station recycling paper and glass. As of June 21, the Jaycees and other service organizations will have a new home at the permanent recycling center on North Avenue in Fanwood.

Dave Pickering, councilman from Fanwood and Irene Schmidt, deputy Mayor of Scotch Plains have been instrumental in establishing this joint site. In 1984, Mr. Pickering submitted site plans on behalf of the Jaycees to the Fanwood Planning Board and Carmen De Vito, Borough Engineer for their approval. After public hearings and some site plan changes, the Planning Board granted their approval. Upon being elected to the Scotch Plains Council in the same year, Mrs. Schmidt indicated that one of her major priorities would be to establish a permanent Recycling Center in



Pictured left to right: David Flathmann, Jaycees president; Joan Papen, Mayor of Scotch Plains; Pat Kuran, Mayor of Fanwood; David Pickering, member of Jaycees and Councilman from Fanwood; Len Brzozowski, member of the Jaycees and the recycling committee. Photo by Bob La Costa.

Scotch Plains. It became evident that efforts should not be duplicated and a decision was made to submit an application from Fanwood-Scotch Plains to the New Jersey Department of Energy for Please turn to page 17

## Scotch Plains budget remains on hold

by Sharon Pachler  
Scotch Plains Council's determination to approve the 1986 municipal budget was thwarted Tuesday by the state's failure to complete review of the proposed document. Although Council members were prepared to vote on the budget at the April 22 public meeting, the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton had not yet sent in its' final suggestions for amendments. Municipal Manager Tom Atkins stated that the changes "are extremely minor and have no impact on the tax rate or spending." These changes, which include anticipated revenues and anticipated municipal purposes tax assistance, are expected to be relayed to township officials by the end of the week.

An average of \$11.00 was recommended for local property taxes for the average home assessed at \$112,000 (representing

a one point increase). Mayor Papen pointed out that this was the lowest municipal increase in the county yet would result in no loss in services and no raise in user fees.

Councilwoman Pamela Boright remained in favor of no tax increase despite the fact that Councilman Gabriel Spera had said that "to pare (the budget) anymore, we would have to cut services." He added "it would be the popular thing to do this year to propose no tax increase...(however) I do not approve of a fly now pay later approach to the budget."

Councilwoman JoAnne Spatola stated Council had downwardly adjusted a recommended two point local property tax increase in response to heavy increases in Board of Education and County taxes. The provisions suggested will still allow for effective managing of af-

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## Avoid the con game It's not always the other guy who gets taken!

Police Chief Robert A. Luce would like to warn residents on how to avoid the con game. This time of the year in Scotch Plains, residents sometimes fall prey to the con man and or women. Most of the time, they are gypsies who gain entrance to your house and engage you in idle conversation. They work in pairs and while one keeps you busy, the second will go through your house looking for valuables.

We also have the driveway repairmen who use very inferior materials which most times are nothing more than kerosene with a tar base that not only gets tracked into your house but also washes away from your driveway at the first rainfall.

In the movies on TV, the con game and other forms of fraud are sometimes made to look like harmless fun. The con man is lovable and the scheme is just a clever way to get money from persons who really deserve to lose it. These images of the criminal and his craft are, at the very best, overly s. The con

artist is responsible for considerable suffering and hardship. The young family trying to make ends meet, the small investor working hard to build financial security, and the elderly living on fixed incomes are more often the victims than any "fat cats". But people of any age, race, level of education or social standing can be the victims!

Con artists are almost impossible to spot and many times their plans sound quite plausible. Still, there are ways you can protect yourself. Some of these other con games are:

Avoid being drawn into secret deals. It does not matter if you are told that: "If word gets out, everyone will want in on it", or that the matter is secret to catch a dishonest partner or employee. Anytime secrecy is involved ask hard questions, and make sure you get straight, honest answers.

Be wary of deals which require an immediate response. The old "act now or lose out" line can be a sure sign of trouble.

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