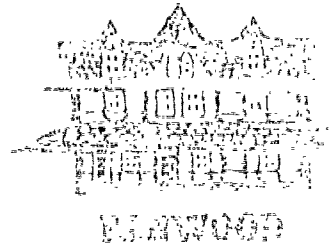


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### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED IN SCOTCH PLAINS/FANWOOD

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Chapter of AFS (American Field Service) is looking for families to host a foreign exchange student for the 1987-88 school year. Families may opt to host for a full year or for 6 months. The exchange student will attend Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School as a senior and is sponsored and supported by our local chapter.

This year's student, Yuki Nakamura, is being hosted by the Sidhu family, and the family and Yuki are having a most wonderful experience.

Host families have the option of selecting a boy or a girl and AFS International does everything it can to insure a good fit for the visiting student and the host family.

Those interested should call "Skip" Ungar at 889-6326 or Gert Goldfinger at 889-8481 for further information.

### SPF-ETV SCHEDULE, CHANNEL 34

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

Thursday, December 4 - '86 McGinn School Variety Show.

Friday, December 5 - Bandtasia '86.

Monday, December 8 - 34 News - 2nd Edition.

Tuesday, December 9 - Boys Basketball vs. Bloomfield.

Wednesday, December 10 - Village Green Series.

PLEASE NOTE: Any program broadcast on Friday can also be viewed on Saturday and Sunday at the same times.

### SUGAR & SPICE

#### MAKE HOLIDAYS NICE!

Your best batch of holiday cookies could win you a valuable gift certificate. See page 8 for further details.

### CREATE-A-SANTA CONTEST

It's time for all good boys and girls to enter the Create-A-Santa Contest. See page 2 for more information.

### NEWCOMER'S CLUB TO HOST "DONUTS WITH SANTA"



SP-F Newcomer's Club members creating holiday ornaments for their annual "Donuts with Santa".

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Newcomer's Club will host its ninth annual "Donuts With Santa" on Saturday, December 13th at the All Saints Episcopal Church, 559 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

Santa will attend from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon to talk to the children. Pictures with Santa will be available. Tickets are \$1.00 per person and will be for sale at the door. Each ticket entitles the holder to a donut and a choice of coffee, tea, juice or milk. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be handmade ornaments and baked goods for sale. A raffle for a Gingerbread House will also be held.

## Mother/daughter viciously assaulted in robbery attempt

Early Thanksgiving woman back into her morning, Ray Schnitzer, home, while he twisted her athletic director at Scotch arm behind her back and Plains-Fanwood High held his hand over her School, left his home for mouth. Once the attacker pushed Mrs. Schnitzer in- ball game against the kitchen, he demand- Elizabeth. A short time ed money, according to later, his wife, Betty police. When she told the Schnitzer, 55, a Union man she had no money, he Catholic High School began to beat her about teacher and their 20-year- old daughter, Jamie, were Detective Sergeant Ron viciously assaulted in a Donnelly said the robbery attempt at their daughter Jamie, wakened Scotch Plains home dur- ing the commotion, came down a fierce struggle lasting nearly 20 minutes.

Mrs. Schnitzer, who mother screaming and saw coaches gymnastics, track the man holding her arm and cheerleading, first behind her back, the noticed the assailant near adrenaline just started the garage of her Raritan flowing and I jumped on Road home, police said. him and belted him in the When she asked what the face," said Jamie, a he could rake her leaves. State University. "He The woman replied she kept asking us for money, did not need the leaves but he was holding us raked and re-entered her down and wouldn't let us residence. A short time go." later Mrs. Schnitzer heard Jamie Schnitzer, a gym- her garage door open and nast at the university, said went to investigate. The she was knocked down same man forced the several times by the man,



Have you seen this man?

but she kept getting back Road, who attempted to up and fighting back. follow the attacker, but

Donnelly said the in- truder finally stopped the assailant fled into a wood- beating the women after ed area, north of Raritan Mrs. Schnitzer bit her Road.

assailant on the hands. Using dogs from the Her daughter, who then Union County Sheriff's broke free, ran next door Dept., a search of the to have neighbors call wooded area failed to turn police. Mrs. Schnitzer ran up a trace of the suspect, out of her home and hail- Donnelly said. ed a motorist on Raritan Please turn to page 14

## Kiwanians kick-off annual luminary sale

The Luminary Tradition an unknown innovator continues for local (possibly someone weary of splitting pine pitch logs) Kiwanians who have traced the use of luminaries devised the paper bag luminary as we know it today.

Brought to this country by Spanish colonists in 1598 The luminary tradition moved to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area some 15 - 20 years ago. Friends, relatives and persons from neighboring towns can be seen driving through our area on Christmas eve, admiring our luminary display.

The first luminaria was created from pitch pine (wood with gummy sap) Local towns such as which was in great abundance to early settlers. Westfield, Cranford, Union, Linden, Rahway, Plainfield, Greenbrook and Bridgewater have added their displays over the years.

Local Kiwanians will be distributing luminaries from the Fanwood Municipal Garage, again, this year during the dates of December 6, 13, 20 and offered long burning 21 from 9 - 3 p.m. The candles which took the cost for each luminary, place of expensive which is usually placed beeswax candles. At the each 3 - 4 feet along the turn of the 20th century, homeowners frontal pro-

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## Jaycee-ettes rally carolers for Dec. 11

For the fifth year, the prescription drugs, have Fanwood-Scotch Plains emergency dental care, Jaycee-ettes are rallying and to provide nursing carolers for their annual care for a child in need.

Carol Night. Carol groups The evening of caroling provides an excellent opportunity for individuals, small neighborhood groups, or local civic and community organizations to get into the holiday spirit of giving and to lend a hand to someone. People or groups wishing to join this year's carolers should contact Lynne Miller at 233-1788, Kathie Pudlak at 654-8066, or Chickie Giraud at 654-6247.

To make a tax deductible contribution, make check out to The Tiny Tim Fund, Inc. and mail it to P.O. Box 181 in Fanwood.

The Tiny Tim Fund has been able to provide the funds necessary for families to purchase wood.