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HOP ON DOWN TO EASTER EGG PARTY

The Fanwood Recreation Commission announces that their annual Easter Egg Party will be held on Saturday, March 25 at the Fanwood Fire House (behind the Municipal Building). The event will begin at 10 a.m. The program is for the following age groups: four and five year-olds, six and seven year-olds, eight and nine year-olds, and ten and eleven year-olds.

In addition to the prizes given at the Easter Egg Party, there will be prizes given in the egg decorating and bunny drawing contests for the same age groups. Prize categories in the egg decorating contest are the most original, most decorative and the prettiest. Prize categories in the bunny drawing contest are the most original, the prettiest and the cutest. All entries for the egg decorating and bunny drawing contests must be made between nine and ten a.m. on Saturday, March 25.

YOUNGSTERS INVITED TO ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Youngsters up to age 8 are invited to attend an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 A.M. The annual event, sponsored by the Scotch Plains Recreation Commission and conducted by the Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club, will be held at Brookside Park, off Hetfield Avenue, in Scotch Plains.

Participants are requested to bring a paper bag to hold eggs found. Face painting will also be available at 25¢ per character.

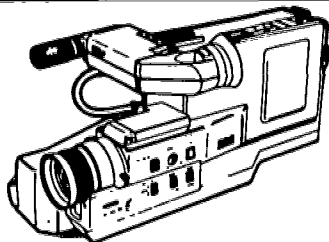
For further information, contact the Recreation Office at 322-6700, Ext. 222-223.

FAN. FIRE CO. SEEKS PHOTOS & MEMORABILIA

The Fanwood Fire Company hopes to complete a history of the Fire Company and the Borough of Fanwood for its Centennial Anniversary.

Fanwood Police Detective Howard Drewes has been borrowing old photographs for this purpose. Anyone having old photographs or memorabilia of Fanwood is urged to contact Detective Howard Drewes at police headquarters if they are willing to lend them to the Fire Company for duplication and use.

SPF-ETV SCHEDULE CHANNEL 34



The programs listed below may be viewed at the following times:

A - 10:00 A.M., 3:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.
B - 1:00 P.M., 6:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

A - Writing Process
B - Battle of the Minds #2 - Centripetlet Force vs. Epicranial Aoneuros.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

A - Pops Concert
B - 34 News

MONDAY, MARCH 20

A - 34 News
B - Vox Pops 13

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

A - T.I.B. Elementary Convention
B - Senior Network (Senior Citizens)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

A - Spring Recreation
B - Vox Pop 13

THURSDAY, MARCH 23

A - Battle of the Minds #3 - Dan Quaales in the Bush vs. Wammin Jammin Salmon.
B - 34 News

Please note that any show on Friday may also be seen on Saturday and Sunday at the designated times.

Thinking is Basic team scores 1st in state, 4th in nation

Fifth graders in the Thinking Is Basic program in Scotch Plains-Fanwood's five elementary schools have placed first in New Jersey and fourth in the United States in the Fifth Grade Knowledge Master Open Quiz Bowl.

Developed by Academic Hallmarks, this 1989 competition was the first of its kind at the fifth grade level and involved thousands of students across the country who participated in the one and one-half hour computerized contest last month. The Knowledge Master Open at this level included knowledge, comprehension, application, and analysis questions relevant to the fifth and sixth grade curriculum. Areas covered encompassed literature; biological, earth, and physical sciences; Please turn to page 21



Elementary Knowledge Master Open winners—1st in the state and 4th in the nation! From left to right they are: bottom row - Peter Daniledes and David Hogan; middle row - Laura Sturm, Dorrit Blakeslee, Michelle Ferrara, Sarah Pachler, Jane Yagi, and Benjamin Cohn; top row - Laura Cosmas, George L'Heureux, Joseph Han, Carolyn Phillips, Doug Hahner, Laura Heaven, Mark Mitchell, Jon Finkel, Ami Fisher, Natasha Kroon, Elizabeth Mattfield, and Elizabeth Naldi. Not pictured but among the champions too are Megan Ford and Charles Kiley.

Board members vocal in support of budget

by Tom Plante

After ten months of hearings and discussions, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education has completed its proposed budget for the 1989-1990 school year.

The full board voted unanimously on March 9 to place the budget on the April 4 ballot along with the candidates for three Board of Education seats.

Voters will be asked to approve nearly \$25,245,000 in local taxes for current expenses and capital outlay.

Called "the tightest budget ever proposed to these communities," the measure represents a 7.9 percent increase in the budget over 1988-1989, even after nearly \$1.5 million was trimmed from the early draft of the proposal.

While many areas of the budget show a range of increase averaging between 3.6 - 8.3 percent, the big difference in this budget is the rising cost of insurance and health benefits, which has jumped over 21 percent since last year. The largest portion of the budget, earmarked for instruction, shows a 7.4 per-

cent increase, while "fixed charges" (including insurance and state-mandated special services) increase by 21.5 percent.

Operation and maintenance of the school facilities is scheduled to cost 3.6 percent more,

while the budget category of "special projects" experiences a 9.3 percent decrease in spending.

The Board of Education members were vocal in their support of the proposed budget, even as they stressed its austere nature.

Board member August Ruggiero, seconding Mr. Jung's motion to approve the budget, urged passage of the budget "to maintain the programs we have now."

"These are services that Please turn to page 21

M E R C H A N T

highlight

G.T. Ferruggia's



Jack Heller, General Mgr.

Gary Ferruggia, the owner of the Goal Post in Fanwood has brought a touch of Manhattan to the Watchung Mountains. His new steak house, G.T. Ferruggia's, located on Mountain Boulevard in Warren is a winner. The restaurant is warm and cozy and is filled in the evening with the sounds of Ray LaRovere at the piano.

The menu at G.T.'s is limited in choice but has no short coming in quality. Please turn to page 17