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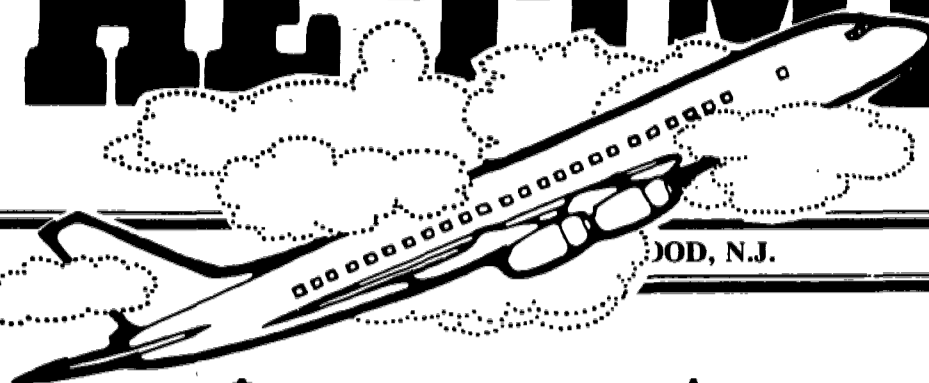
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## Increased air traffic is result of new departure procedure

### S.P. man wins \$20,000 in drawing



David Denitzio of Scotch Plains was the lucky winner of \$20,000 when the New Jersey Lottery held a "Pick-6 Lotto" Bonus Million Grand Prize Drawing at Caesar's Hotel and Casino in Atlantic City on June 14th. Denitzio is pictured above with the Lottery Executive Director, Barbara Marrow-Mooring.

by Karen F. Howell  
Increased air traffic and resultant noise pollution over Scotch Plains and Fanwood has been the

result of a new departure procedure at Newark Airport which was implemented on June 1 to ease the problem in Cranford.

Residents of Cranford and neighboring areas had objected to air traffic noise caused by a previous change in the airport traffic patterns. According to the Federal Aviation Administration, the Hush One Departure Procedure, the plan which went into effect on June 1, came after a series of meetings between Cranford area community groups with the FAA, the Aviation Development Council, and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Scotch Plains Mayor Joan Papen said the Township of Scotch Plains was not notified of Hush One prior to its implementation.

Peter Nelson of the FAA said, "In March of 1988, a new plan called the Expanded East Coast Plan went into effect which realigned a single inter-

city route to create four parallel 'expressway' routes. The plan reduced delays in Newark and New York airports by 34 percent and increased capacity by 41 percent. However, the plan routed aircraft over communities they hadn't gone over before and citizens' complaints of noise was an unexpected environmental effect of the plan."

"Now, in response to community comments, we're trying to revise the procedures for aircraft to reach the expressways." The FAA has named a new Airspace Review Team to study the situation. Hush One and other changes which began this month are just interim measures until the Review Team makes its recommendations," said Mr. Nelson.

Since June 1 when Hush One went into effect, several residents of Scotch Plains and Fanwood have registered complaints with the FAA. Mr. Nelson said complaints also still are coming in from Cranford as well as from residents

of Roselle Park and other towns to the west.

Most Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents questioned in an informal poll said they had noticed increased air traffic in the area over the past weeks but many said they were not unduly disturbed by the level of noise. Others, however, found the noise extremely annoying.

According to a resident of Colonial Drive in Scotch Plains, "I am particularly bothered by the airplane noise at nighttime when I'm in bed. The planes seem to be flying much lower than usual and the noise is much greater."

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Baker on Dogwood Drive in Scotch Plains had noticed increased air traffic and had commented to each other that there must be a new flight path. However, they are split on the effect of the change. Mrs. Baker, who said she is usually very sensitive to noise, has not been bothered by the airplane

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## "Fanwood Bill" passes Assembly

N.J. Assembly Bill A-3822 won approval on June 15th by a vote of 57 to 14. The bill, popularly known as the "Fanwood Bill", would protect municipalities from being forced to accept affordable housing programs that create vacant land through the demolition of sound housing stock in single family housing zones.

Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden introduced the bill, noting the builders were not undertaking their actions for altruistic reasons. "They are building them strictly to make more money from the high density units," Ogden said. The Assemblywoman charged that the short-term profits realized by the developers would result in a long-

term loss for the community. "Property owners lose because they can no longer rely on the current zoning (of their neighborhood)," Ogden said. She pointed out that the bill will benefit a number of municipalities throughout New Jersey who are faced with the same immediate threat from builders.

In opposition to the bill,

Assemblyman David Schwartz charged assembly members voting for the bill with "a failure of courage"... "to see the Fair Housing Act carried out." Schwartz was the Assembly sponsor of the 1985 Fair Housing Act. The Senate sponsor of the Fair Housing Act, Senator John Lynch, was also the sponsor of the "Fanwood

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## Residents express concern at Scotch Plains Council meeting

by Patricia R. Mundth  
Residents of Richelieu Place and of their neighborhood gathered at the June 14th meeting of the Scotch Plains Town Council to voice their concerns over a proposed ordinance that would change the zoning on a neighborhood lot on Mountain Ave. from R2

to R3A, thus allowing the new owner to sub-divide the lot so that he may build two new houses on a space that, under the original zoning, would only accommodate one house. Currently, there exists on the lot a structurally sound 229-year old house that the Historical Society would like to see

preserved. It appears that the only way to save the house which, according to Mayor Joan Papen meets the strict criteria for an historical site, is to allow the builder to sub-divide and build two additional houses.

Charles Lamb, a resident of Richelieu Place objected to the fact that he

and his neighbors were not notified about the proposed change in zoning. He also stated that he, "can't see the need for urbanization in our town. When you consider the implications, you'll vote it down."

Various residents expressed concern that the

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## FIVE SELECTED AS 1989 GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS

Five students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School have been selected as 1989 Governor's Scholars. Juniors Thomas Beattie, Jennifer Perfilio, and Christine Zardecki will attend the Governor's School of the Arts at Trenton State College this summer. During the same time juniors Jennifer Ford and Michael Monson will participate respectively in the Governor's School in the Environment at Stockton State College and in the Governor's School of Public Issues and the Future of New Jersey at Monmouth College.

Only 100 young people from across the state are chosen for each of the Governor's Schools each year.



Scotch Plains-Fanwood's 1989 Governor's Scholars are: Front row - Thomas Beattie, Jennifer Ford, and Jennifer Perfilio; Second Row - Michael Monson and Christine Zardecki.