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"Fanwood Bill" not applicable to Fanwood

Fanwood government is back to square one after a ruling by the state attorney general's office that the "Fanwood Bill" does not apply to Fanwood. In a decision cer-

tain to bring angry rebuttal from the Fanwood officials who have fought against high-density housing for so long, Deputy Attorney General Donald Palombi found that the

law only applies in cases where developers want to demolish existing homes for the purpose of building high-density housing which sets aside 20% of the units for affor-

dable housing. Assemblywoman Maureen Ogden (R) and Senator John Lynch (D) sponsored the bill in their respective legislative bodies and responded in

strong terms against the wisdom of the decision. They were unanimous in their opinion that this latest decision would further damage the credibility of the Council on Affordable Housing among the state's municipalities.

The Council on Affordable Housing was established under the Fair Housing Act of 1985 to

work with the municipalities to resolve affordable housing disputes out of the courts. Four sites in Fanwood have been designated by builders Robert Rau and Patrick Minogue and attorneys Robert Kraus and Joseph Murray. The sites are properties on Third Street, Terrill Road, Mid-Housing Act of 1985 to

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Telephone number updates air traffic situation

The telephone number 755-2933 has been set up as a Jet Noise Hotline to keep residents informed of the status on efforts to eliminate air traffic noise from Newark Airport. Residents calling this number will receive a 60 second taped update of the situation. They will be requested to leave their name, address and telephone number so that they can be contacted in the future. The information on the tape will be updated as events unfold.

The Scotch Plains Noise Committee reports that modest progress has been achieved but the township continues to receive all westbound flights departing from runway 22. Attempts to obtain actual data from the FAA regarding the number and altitudes of these flights has been unsuccessful. The FAA claims that such information is unavailable. A formal request has been filed under

the Freedom of Information Act, since the information is believed to be available.

It was recently reported that Representatives Rinaldo and Roukema met with the Department of Transportation's secretary and the head of the FAA resulting in agreement that the FAA would study the use of military airspace over the ocean with the objective of allowing commercial flights to attain higher altitudes before turning over populated areas.

Members of the Noise Committee took noise measurements at the south end of Scotch Plains last weekend and reported readings ranging from 60 to 105 decibels which is far in excess of acceptable levels.

Residents are urged to continue calling and write the FAA and elected officials to register their complaints. Following are

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Wicked Witch Winners



Pictured above is Meghan, our Wicked Witch winner in the age category 5 years and under, proudly displaying her winning entry and prize pumpkin.

The huge pumpkins were generously donated by Sprague Flower and Garden Center, North Avenue, in Fanwood.

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Child's temperament is set at birth

by Karen F. Oliver-Howell

A child is born with characteristics that make him or her temporarily easy, difficult or average, and there is nothing a parent can do to change them, said a leading child psychologist who spoke at a meeting last week of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Learning Disabilities Association.

Dr. Kenneth Schneider, a clinical psychologist and professor at Rutgers University, told parents and teachers attending the meeting at School One that mothers too often have been blamed for problems which really are inherent with the child.

"Freud placed blame on mothers, causing them enormous pain over the years. How many mothers were blamed for their child's autism? We know now that nothing a mother does can cause or change autism," said Dr. Schneider, adding that children have a greater impact on the lives of their parents than vice versa.

"We are taught that we have significant impact on our children as though they were like clay in the hands of a sculptor. Nothing could be further from the truth. A child is like a photograph in the hands of a developer. The picture has been taken and the developer can make it darker, lighter, or touch it up — but the picture can't be changed fundamentally.

"A child is not born tabula rasa — an empty slate for parents to fill. A

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Kaleidoscope

When Rose Runfolo-Tzerefos happened upon the store that she now occupies at 1828 East Second Street in Scotch Plains, she knew she was taking a large step with the custom sweatshirt business that

she had started in her home five years before. "I started by painting designs on a few shirts for my daughters," she stated. "The next thing I knew, people were asking me where I got them. So I started doing shirts and



ROSE RUNFOLO-TZEREFOS

Gourmet...

Woodfield's to open "Frugal Gourmet" shop. Page 9 has details.

Political...

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sweatshirts for friends." Kaleidoscope is a store filled with unique gifts with a personal touch. Tzerefos now carries

sweaters, Mexican pullovers, ceramic gift items and children's novelties as well as the

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THE FLIM FLAM ARTIST IS BACK!

Police are looking for a woman that has been going door-to-door in Scotch Plains soliciting for funds.

The actress was seen in the area of Pheasant Lane and Highlander Drive on mischief night. In an upset state, the woman goes from home to home asking for money to see a sick son or father in the hospital. She is described as being middle age and of Italian or hispanic origin.

The woman has been previously arrested in Scotch Plains and surrounding communities for various violations relating to this same situation. If anyone is approached by the flim-flam artist they should contact police headquarters at once - 322-7100.

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS PRODUCTS FOR ELIGIBLE RESIDENTS

Government surplus foods are available to Scotch Plains residents. Surplus foods may be picked up November 2 and 3 at the Scotch Plains Community Center on Morse Avenue between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm. Residents who receive AFDS, General Assistance, Food Stamps, SSI, and WIC, or whose income does not exceed the following, are eligible:

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$ 921.00
2	1,236.00
3	1,550.00
4	1,665.00

For each additional household member increase monthly income by \$292.92.