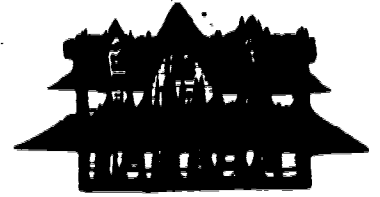


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Violin shop owner sues S.P. on charges of harassment



IRA B. KRAEMER

by Karen Oliver Howell

The owner of Ira B. Kraemer and Co., a local violin repair and sales business, has filed a Union County Superior Court suit charges the township and Zoning Officer Robert LaCosta with

harassment, impropriety, and negligence and is seeking punitive damages.

The township failed to answer the suit by the December 11 deadline. Officials of the township did not return phone calls and LaCosta declined comment on the case.

The business, owned by Ira B. Kraemer, was shut down last month on grounds that it was not in compliance with zoning regulations. However, Kraemer had operated the

business at the site, 467 Grant Avenue, for 16 years. Until August, 1988 Kraemer lived in the house with his wife and their four children, and operated the business from the garage.

Mr. Kraemer said he then moved the business into the house after he and his family moved to a larger home in North Plainfield in August 1988. Kraemer, who is music director and conductor of

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S.P. Council finds jet noise unabated

by Mark Makowski
The Scotch Plains Town Council meeting focused on the apparently unabated jet noise problem. During the summer, the

FAA promised to make changes in the air patterns of flights after complaints by the township. But monitoring has shown that the problem remains. Council member Alan

Augustine stated, "On June 1, 1989, the 'Hush 1' plan was put into effect. This expanded east coast plan changed departure patterns, and caused

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Santa extinguishes Rudolph as chief driver

For the sixteenth consecutive year, Santa Claus will tour the Borough of Fanwood via fire engine on Sunday, December 24th with the help of the Fanwood PBA and Fire Department.

Gifts will be distributed to children whose parents

have made early reservations with the North Pole. Santa once again would like to remind parents that presents should be small in size, wrapped and plainly marked with the child's name and address.

If you wish your

child to have a surprise visit from Santa, bring your packages to Police Headquarters today through December 24th.

The fire truck bearing Santa will start its round at 4:30 on Christmas Eve. Alert the children to be on

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M E R C H A N T

highlight

Annual Home Decorating contest sponsored by DECA

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School DECA Chapter announces its 10th annual Holiday Home Decoration Contest for residents of Fanwood and Scotch Plains. Anyone may enter the contest by calling the Scotch Plains Recreation Department at 322-6700 or Joyce Carraway at the Fanwood Borough Hall at 322-8236. Home Decorations may be of any type and may include house, door, lawn or window decorations. The criteria for judging the entries will be the decorations that best convey the spirit of the holiday season.

Many awards will be presented and separate

contests will be held for Fanwood and Scotch Plains. The awards will consist of trophies and framed certificates. "Last year we gave out over 40 awards," stated DECA President P.J. Hoeltje, "and each year more and more people participate."

DECA will judge the entries on December 26 and 27, so residents are asked to leave their lights on between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

FINALE...

Raider Show Band to perform at Meadowlands during Giants-Cowboys football game! For further details and additional pictures turn to page 6.

DECA urges all Fanwood and Scotch Plains residents to get into the holiday spirit by entering their own home and their neighbor's no later than December 22.



The Chap's Deli Family: Front row — Billy Wichert, Scott Chapman as Santa and Sandra Chapman. Back row — Laurel Wichert, Arthur Wichert and Connie Wichert.

Chap's

To Sandra and Scott Chapman, Chef/owners of Chap's Gourmet Deli at 42 South Martine Avenue in Fanwood, the motto "we cook with love" is reflected both in their personal lives and in the manner and commitment they make to provide the finest gourmet foods available in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood area.

Sandra and Scott met during Sandra's externship while she was attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. At the time, Scott, a graduate of Johnson & Wales College, was head

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