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**DREAM DATE...** Scott Harvell, the Prince, fits the glass slipper onto Cinderella, played by Gretchen Nilson of Scotch Plains, for the Kean College of New Jersey presentation of Cinderella. Performance dates will be Friday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, March 12, at 3 and 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 13, at 3 p.m. in the college's Wilkins Theatre in Union.

## PRICE TAG OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ESTIMATED AT \$450,000 Fanwood Recreation Board Announces Plans to Renovate Forest Road, La Grande Parks

*Mindowaskin Park Campaign in Westfield Cited as Model for Fund-Raising;  
Borough Night at Devils Game Will Be One of First Events to Benefit Parks*

By SUZETTE STALKER  
Specialty Writer for The Times

The Fanwood Recreation Commission last Thursday announced plans to renovate the borough's two public parks with upgraded buildings, playground equipment and facilities beginning by spring of 1995.

A committee to coordinate the project is expected to be appointed during the commission's next meeting in March.

Guest speaker Mrs. Margaret C. Sur, a Westfield Councilwoman and the Chairman of the Westfield Town Council Public Works Committee, explained to the Fanwood commission last week how the Mindowaskin Park Committee waged a successful campaign to accomplish similar goals at the popular park on East Broad Street in Westfield.

Fanwood commission members hope to model their own efforts on those of the Westfield group, whose fund-raising strategies helped acquire \$188,000 for the installation of new playground equipment, benches, lights and landscaping at Mindowaskin Park.

Fanwood officials are seeking to upgrade the buildings at both Forest Road and La Grande Parks, including bathroom facilities and other general improvements, and to provide updated, handicapped-accessible playground equipment in accordance with the Americans and Disabilities Act.

Both parks frequently are used by local residents and athletic groups during the spring and summer.

Mrs. Sur told commissioners the Mindowaskin Park Committee, which began meeting

informally in 1990 and met monthly over the next two years to develop its goals, raised the necessary funds to upgrade the park through the support of the Town Council and various ex-

pers who donated their services to the campaign, as well as fund-raising.

She reported the Friends of Mindowaskin Park fund-raising

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## New Jersey Releases Terrill Survey Findings

*Readings in Township Are Not Considered Conclusive*

The New Jersey Board of Regulatory Commissioners on Friday released the results of a state-wide survey conducted to determine the levels of electromagnetic fields of those kindergartens through 12th-grade schools located adjacent to high-voltage transmission lines, including Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains.

Commissioner Carmen J. Armemi, who directed the survey, emphasized no conclusion can be reached from the survey results.

"Currently, there is no consensus in the scientific community as to the health impacts, if any, of the fields. There is, however, extensive research on the subject taking place throughout the world," Commissioner Armemi said. "The purpose of our survey was to collect data on levels of the fields around schools that are near high-voltage power lines. If scientific research ever judges exposure to the fields to be harmful and indicates a need to take action, this data bank will help us establish priorities and act accordingly."

The four utilities participating in the survey included Public Service Electric and Gas Company, which covers Scotch Plains.

Experts from each of the companies met with the board's staff in May and developed a technical "protocol" that provided the parameters of the survey.

This protocol included all public and private schools from kindergarten through 12th grade that have facilities within 100 feet of 69 kilovolt or higher electric power transmission lines.

Forty-nine schools were identified as meeting the criteria: 19 by Public

Service, at by Jersey Control Power & Light Co., 14 by Atlantic Electric and 1 by Rockland Electric.

In cooperation with each school superintendent's office, the most frequently-used school facilities, such as ball fields, playgrounds, and classrooms were identified.

On-site measurements were taken by utility personnel at various outdoor locations near these facilities. The companies then used computer models to predict the levels that would likely be experienced as a result of the transmission lines operating at typical, average current conditions as well as at peak current flow conditions.

After the measurements were taken and modeling was completed, the survey results were submitted to the regulatory board. Utility officials then met or spoke with the superintendents' offices of the schools in the survey to review and explain the results.

The survey results released Friday indicate a range of actual electromagnetic field measurement readings between 0.2 and 47.3 milligauss was found, with individual readings varying by school and at different points on individual school grounds depending on the configuration of the power lines, the current flows and proximity to lines, as well as other factors.

Milligauss is a standard measure used to express the strength of an electromagnetic field.

The measurements at Terrill School were taken during the summer when the loading of the transmission lines is not typical of average conditions throughout the school year.

The "calculated average" cited in the report most typifies the average magnetic field exposure which could be expected on an annual school-year basis.

Based on the above, the calculated average at the edge of the Public Service Metuchen transmission line right-of-way, which is adjacent to the school and includes two 138,000-volt lines on a single row of steel towers, is 5.31 milligauss at the edge of the right-of-way, 3.92 milligauss at the baseball field backstop 25 feet from the edge of the right-of-way, 3.45 milligauss at home plate 35 feet from the edge of the right-of-way, and 1.62 milligauss at third base 70 feet from the edge of the right-of-way.

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## Marketing Students Give Report On Study of the Downtown District

*More Variety in Businesses Seen as a Major Key to Revitalizing the Area*

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY  
Specialty Writer for The Times

Tuesday's meeting of the Scotch Plains Township Council was con-

## Seventy-Four Win Awards In Marketing

*Distributive Education Club  
Vying for State Honors*

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Distributive Education Clubs of America Chapter, an association of marketing students began its year of competitions winning 74 regional awards.

Seventy students were among nearly 1,000 students from 30 schools in Central New Jersey to take part in the competitions based on instructional areas of the students' marketing class.

The students engage in competitions in various occupational categories in marketing. The marketing instructional areas include advertising, selling, management, basic mathematics, human relations and communications skills.

The first-place winners for Scotch Plains-Fanwood were:

**SENIORS**  
Brian Hayeck, restaurant management  
Timothy McGeough, general marketing  
Gregory Atkins, retail merchandising  
Abbey Poynton, finance and credit

**JUNIORS**  
Shawn Meyerick in food marketing.

Second place winners were:  
Michael Di Matteo  
Jennifer Curtin  
Lori Baron  
Meredith Valenzano  
Krisell Kurek  
Susan Keller  
Jeffrey Gander  
Eric Howell.

Third-place winners were:  
Katie Kearna  
Christopher Passa  
Peter Vosaefer  
Brian Anglin.

The township-based group won a total of 33 trophies at the competitions held at Union College.

Seventy students now are eligible to compete in the State contests to be held in Cherry Hill next month.

## COUNCIL SLATES SPECIAL MEETINGS

The Scotch Plains Township Council has scheduled special meetings for Monday, March 14, and Tuesday, April 5.

The session next month will be a breakfast meeting with local businessmen and the Downtown Committee at 8:30 at Park Place Restaurant at the corner of Raritan Road and Martine Avenue. No action is anticipated.

April's meeting will begin with a town meeting with Representative Robert D. Franks at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building.

The work session of the council

ducted by marketing students from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. The students filled the following offices:

Gregory Atkins, Mayor William F. McClintock, Jr.  
Abbey Poynton, Mrs. Barbara Riepe, Township Clerk  
Daniel Hall, Thomas E. Atkins, Township Manager  
Jeffrey Gander, State Senator Donald T. DiFrancesco, Township Attorney  
Meredith Valenzano, Councilman Robert Johnson  
Michael Rebutth, Councilwoman, Mrs. Joan Papen  
Russell Frame, Councilwoman, Mrs. Irene Schmidt  
Douglas Roesser, Councilman, Alan M. Auguelio

Michael Rebutth delivered the students' report on the downtown business district.

Over 60 students and their advisor, high school marketing teacher, Donald Cababe, conducted an extensive survey of the downtown area.

Business owners and residents were surveyed, and over 1,500 responses received.

The primary conclusion was business leaders and owners want to see improvements made to downtown Scotch Plains.

The students also worked in conjunction with Michael Locasio, the Co-Chairman of the Downtown Committee.

The students, upon compiling the responses concluded, "The obvious problem in the district is there are not a variety of businesses and, therefore, it is not really a shopping district."

Criticisms were made about parking, the state of the sidewalks and the buildings themselves.

Residents do not want neon signs, since this is not in keeping with a

Colonial image. It also was felt something ought to be done about the condition of East Second Street. People felt this area has been neglected by the township. Residents suggested such amenities as benches, a fountain, landscaping and improved lighting and sidewalks for the district.

Business owners were in agreement with the residents, "and probably would agree to a one-time merchant fee for improvements," according to the report.

Business owners want to see the Municipal Building relocated so the business area can grow. Residents were not convinced, believing that any possible relocation of the Municipal Building would be too costly.

The marketing students have sounded out a developer regarding a land swap and possible relocation of the Municipal Building at no cost to the town.

However, it must be emphasized everything is just preliminary and

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## Fanwood's Board of Adjustment Gives Approval to Three Variances

*Home Expansion and Porch Conversion, Building on Substandard Lot Okayed*

By JOY LeFREE  
Specialty Writer for The Times

Applications for variances for two residences and one business were approved by the Fanwood Board of Adjustment on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cianciotta applied for a variance to expand the side of their home at 90 Hunter Avenue by four feet, which would extend slightly over the amount al-

lowed by business ordinances.

The home, which was built in 1923, is a single-family dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. Cianciotta are planning to build a 22-foot extension to the back of their home, which conforms with all ordinances, but, for aesthetic reasons, they would like to add four feet to the side of the home.

Board Attorney Charles H. Brandt asked why they didn't put two-foot additions on each side of the home, which also would balance the addition and conform with ordinances.

"There is a driveway on the side and if we come over on that side, we won't be able to get a car up the driveway. We went on the other side because there is more room," Mr. Cianciotta said.

The board said all concerned parties and commissions, including the Environmental Commission, the Police, the

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**FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE...** At last Thursday's Awards Night sponsored by Father John S. Neilligan Council No. 5730 of the Knights of Columbus, shown, left to right, are: Front, Scotch Plains Deputy Fire Chief Richard Reenthal, a presenter; Joseph Comer, the winner of a Scotch Plains Fire Department award; Fanwood Patrolman Joseph O'Neil and Fanwood Police Sergeant Thomas Jedic, winners of Fanwood Police Department awards; Miss Jean Lozowski, the winner of a Scotch Plains Rescue Squad award, and Robert Kruthers, the winner of a Fanwood Rescue Squad award; rear, Scotch Plains Patrolman Brian Mahoney, the winner of a Scotch Plains Police Department award. Please see a story

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