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**ENHANCING RAIDERS' SCHOOL SPIRIT...** These talented Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School art students, under the guidance of Gerry Mohr, recently designed and painted the new Raider logo on the back wall of the huge field house. Pictured, left to right, are bottom row, Cathy Halverson, Susan Tiedemann, Christie McPartlan, Jillian Cordes and Felicia Williams; middle row, Hanna Han, Yvon Sun Han, Nicole Fallo, Tim Pedersen, Michael Bligh, and Mrs. Mohr; back row, Joseph Fischblen, Caryn Elie, Meagan Keen, Jason Meehan, David Hassan and Chris Lee.

### SP-F High School Class Visits Whitney Museum in New York

On September 17, Gerry Mohr took her Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School painting class on a trip to The Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City to view the first retrospective in this country of Keith Haring's work.

works which include his landmark anti-drug "crack is wack" mural (1986) located on FDR Drive in New York.

chose the field house on the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School campus to create a public art piece that reflects school spirit.

### Adjustment Board Okays Three Appeals; Discusses Driveway Widening Petitions

The Fanwood Board of Adjustment approved three new applications, and memorialized six resolutions, during an hour-long meeting last Thursday.

their existing corner lot width, which is 85.30. The permitted width under the Borough Code is 90 feet.

are considering a proposal to increase the permitted driveway width from 10 to 20 feet under the borough's revised zoning ordinance.

#### Scotch Plains Day Schedule Announced

- The Scotch Plains Business & Professional Association and the Scotch Plains Lions Club have announced the schedule of events for Scotch Plains Day - StreetFest '97 to be held Saturday, October 25 on the Village Green from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Scheduled events include:
- Lions Club Flea Market 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Sidewalk Sales 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Health Fair/Pet Clinic 8 a.m. - Noon
- 5 Mile Road Race 9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
- Civic Awards Ceremony 10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Dance Exhibition 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.
- Marital Arts Demonstration Noon - 12:30 p.m.
- Fashion Show 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- Live Mid-Day Music 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The deck will be accessible via a sliding glass door which the couple plans to install, as well as by two sets of exterior stairs.



**SHOW OF FAITH...** Fourth graders from the Fanwood Presbyterian Church proudly display the Bibles they received in September. Pictured, left to right, are: front row, Christine Curran and Manuel Callan; second row, Richard Kickenwitz, Jeffrey Bell, Timothy Mathews, John Cox and their third-grade Sunday School teacher, Virginia Apellan. The Reverend Beth Anderson-Domer, Minister of Christian Education, presented the Bibles to the youngsters.

### MEETING ON FLOOD CONTROL ALSO SCHEDULED Scotch Plains Council Reacts With Caution Over Proposal For Long-Term Burner Lease

Scotch Plains Township Council members reacted with caution to the proposed 25-year leasing of the Union County Resource Recovery Facility in Rahway — otherwise known as the incinerator — during a conference meeting on Tuesday.

Joseph Spatola, Executive Director of the Union County Utilities Authority (UCUA), which is overseeing the facility, has said the lease agreement was developed with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Ogden Martin Systems, the company that built and operates the plant.

Recently, both Democratic and Republican Freeholders seemed to agree the leasing plan is the only way to salvage the \$35 million of Union County backed bonds on the facility that opened just several years ago.

Financial woes for the county incinerator operations surfaced last year after the courts struck down a 1975 state mandate that counties regulate waste flow.

According to Councilwoman Joan Papan, the proposed lease asks municipalities to sign on with the Rahway facility for waste disposal or otherwise pay a penalty for every ton short of its tonnage requirement.

Municipalities will be guaranteed a price of \$50 per ton for 25 years under the new agreement. Township

Council members balked at the idea of being locked into a long-term lease, speculating that recycling and waste flow management could change drastically over that length of time.

Council members also questioned the penalties for non-use of the county incinerator, since Scotch Plains is one of six municipalities in Union County which does not regulate waste flow, according to Mayor Irene T. Schmidt.

"How can we tell the (trash haulers) what to do?" Mrs. Papan asked. Some have said the haulers will absorb the penalty fees.

The UCUA is giving towns a Saturday, November 15, deadline to comply with the terms of the lease. Mayor Schmidt said the UCUA has asked for a resolution from the council by Sunday, November 30, to cement the deal.

"The Authority says municipalities should be thrilled to enter into this contract," Mayor Schmidt noted, while indicating she had many more questions about the proposal.

Following a telephone conversation with Mr. Palladino last week, Mayor Schmidt concluded that Berkeley Heights does not want to "stand

in the way" of flood control assistance for the lower floodplain regions — of which Scotch Plains and Fanwood are a part — but that the township has alternate ideas to the two proposed detention basins in the county-owned Watchung Reservation.

One of those ideas is the use of existing Scely's Pond for water detention, Mayor Schmidt said.

The council asked that Theodore Bassman, the Scotch Plains representative to the Green Brook Task Force, join the council for the meeting with Berkeley Heights residents.

On another matter, Mayor Schmidt said she met with state officials regarding heavy traffic flow in the township along state and county roads.

State Assemblyman Alan M. Augustine, who represents the 22nd Legislative District, has suggested forming a task force of affected neighboring towns.

The township has said it will reject a bid of \$24,667 for a new roof on the in favor of taking a new round of bids on Tuesday, October 28, at 3 p.m.

### Planning Board Okays Application For Antennas At Water Tower

The Scotch Plains Planning Board approved the application Monday of the Smart SMR of New York, Inc./Nextel Communications of New York to place nine new antennas on the water tanks on Jerusalem Road.

Adams said. "It's really a concern in our neighborhood."

Mr. Scaramuzzino said, "Tests done on the Jerusalem Road location show that proposed antennas will cover Route No. 22 near Scotch Plains. This system will not interfere with television."

Mr. Scaramuzzino added that the system will be monitored by remote control and that the area will have to be checked once a month.

"Have you given thought about how the water will be affected by the towers and to the people who will be exposed to all the radio waves?" Ms.

Mr. Garofalo said there have been studies done by Lucent Technologies that support the claim that these antennae are safe.

"The Elizabethtown Water Company is comfortable that antennas won't cause any problems," Mr. Garofalo said. "Lucent Technologies did a study that showed these types of facilities operate 200 to 300 times below state standards (for radio wave exposure)."

Mr. Garofalo promised Ms. Adams and the Planning Board that he would provide them with a copy of the study.

"I would just like to be reassured that this is not going to cause a problem for Scotch Plains' residents who use the water, and their children and grandchildren," Ms. Adams said.

Alternate board member Joseph Doyle said the board sympathized with Ms. Adams' concern, but does not have the authority to deny the request based on environmental issues.

"Our hands are tied when it comes to the health issue," said Mr. Doyle, referring to cases in which the courts ruled that Planning Boards have no jurisdiction in environmental issues.

"The courts have said that Planning Boards cannot use health factors for disapproving this (kind of application)," Dr. Martin Marks, the Township Council's representative on the board, said.

"Residents should know that we're not taking the applicant's word for it (environmental data) because there are organizations who have jurisdiction who are monitoring it," he added.

According to Peter Pappay of Pappay Engineering & Construction, Inc. of Ramsey, the antennas will be divided into three sets of three, facing different directions, similar to the antennas already on the tank. There also will be a barbed wire over it to deter possible vandals.

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