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PROUD PLANTERS...Each fifth-grade class at Coles Elementary School in Scotch Plains dug a corner of the Courtyard to plant a tree, some perennials and some annuals before mulching the area. They maintain and water their trees and gardens daily in hopes that the five trees planted will someday provide shade for the nearby classrooms. Pictured, above, are: fifth grade students from Joy Ognyemi's class behind their newly planted courtyard garden at Coles School.

Fogging to Eliminate Birds In SP Neighborhood Raises Residential, Legal Concerns

By FRED ROSSI
Specially Written for The Times

The push to use a fogging spray as a solution to the summer bird problem in the Golf Street-Wood Road neighborhood of Scotch Plains appears to have lost some momentum, as several legal issues have cropped up and residents' sentiments seem to be against such an alternative.

At its agenda meeting on Tuesday night, the Township Council was told by Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins that calls to the municipal authorities were "running two or three

to one against" the fogging option, which involves spraying the trees in the area with a fruit-based mist.

"The vast majority don't want fogging in their area," Mr. Atkins said.

The flock of thousands of starlings, grackles and blackbirds are expected to begin arriving in the neighborhood this week, as they have for a number of years. Last summer, the township attempted, with limited success, to disperse the flock through several nights of pyrotechnics.

After first going into an executive session, Township Attorney Andrew Baron reported to those attending Tuesday's council meeting that fogging the neighborhood could raise "significant" legal issues for the township government, although he did not elaborate. He added later that the specifics of the legal issues cannot be discussed at this point, but may be made public in the next few weeks.

Mr. Baron also pointed out at the council meeting that, "up until now, the situation has not been declared a health hazard," although he admitted some of the affected residents might think otherwise.

"There's a difference between a public nuisance and a health hazard," Mr. Baron said.

There was also some discussion about the difference between a public health hazard and a private one, since not all the residents in the Golf Street-Wood Road neighborhood are bothered by the birds.

Councilman Martin Marks made the analogy that having rats in one's home doesn't necessitate government intervention, whereas widespread rat infestation in a neighborhood could make government action necessary.

The council will discuss the matter again, and will likely take some action, at next Tuesday's regular meeting.

In other matters, Mayor Geri M.

Samuel announced that Scotch Plains has received a \$450,000 economic development grant from Union County that will be used for various improvements in the downtown business district.

Councilman Marks, who works with the Downtown Task Force, said the group's wish is to make improvements in as wide an area as possible instead of focusing on a smaller core area such as Park Avenue. He said

"There's a difference between a public nuisance and a health hazard," Mr. Baron said.

streets slated for upgrades should also include Westfield Road, East Second Street, Front Street and Bartle Avenue.

Among the projects planned are new brick pavers for the sidewalks, new pedestrian lighting and the burying of various overhead wires and cables.

Councilman Marks called the grant "a fantastic start" and hoped funding from other sources could be secured.

Separately, the Police Department has provided the council with a list of 44 new bus stops in Scotch Plains that are being proposed by NJ Transit. Presently, there are 15 such stops on local, county and state roads in the township.

Many of the proposed new stops are already used informally by the transit authority, but a formalization would permit signs and, perhaps at some locations, shelters to be placed at the stops. The council will ask the Police Department to inform those affected of the possibility that new bus stops will be located near their homes.

Azerbaijan Exchange Student Bids 'Goodbye' To Host Family in Scotch Plains, Life in U.S.

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Anar Akbarli's shining eyes speak volumes about how eager he is to go home, home to Azerbaijan, one of the 15 former states of the United Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR). Azerbaijan is situated east of Turkey, south of Russia and west of the Caspian Sea.

After a satisfying 10 months in the United States as an exchange student, 15-year-old Anar is ready to say good-bye to his host family, the Hetzels of Scotch Plains. The Reverend Kenneth Hetzel is pastor of Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

After the USSR states gained their independence in 1992, former Democratic Senator Bill Bradley sponsored the Freedom Support Act, which provides full-year scholarships to students in these 15 states to come to the United States.

According to Anar, who passed the scholarship test on the first try, his own family could not have afforded to give him the opportunity to come to this country. He is confident his 14-year old sister will take the test next year.

On August 19, 1998, Anar flew into Detroit, Michigan with five of his friends, not knowing where he would be living or with whom. In the Detroit airport, exchange program staff directed him to another gate that put him on a plane to Newark International Airport.

"I was set free. It was panic," recalled Anar. He spent several months with a family in East Orange.

At Christmas, Reverend Hetzel learned from members of his congregation that Anar needed a new host family. Once the Hetzels were accepted into the program, Anar came to live with them. One of the family's four children, Stephen, still lives at home. He, like Anar, is a high school sophomore.

"It was hard at the beginning. You can't express yourself. It's a different language, different thoughts, different culture," explained Anar.

He had difficulty understanding the American accent that was so different from the inflection of his British-accented teachers in Azerbaijan.

"I only spoke English at school at home," he said. "It wasn't practiced." He laughed, remembering how great he thought his English was before he actually had to speak it on a daily basis.

"For one month, I didn't know what 'gonna' or 'wanna' meant," he recalled.

"I understood about one in 20 words on television Now, I'm fine with it. I even dream in English now," Lately, Anar has found himself lapsing into English in letters home.

Friends came quickly to the young man. "People were interested in me and I didn't let it go," explained Anar, who actively pursued friendships when he began school. "It was hard for about two weeks, then I made friends."

He was equally warmly received by the Willow Grove congregation, with whom he participated in the high school youth group and a variety of church activities. Before com-



DISCOVERING THE UNITED STATES...Anar Akbarli, an exchange student from Azerbaijan, one of the 15 former states of the United Soviet Socialist Republic, stands aboard a replica of the *Mayflower* during his recent stay in the United States. During his stay, Anar resided with the family of the Reverend Kenneth Hetzel, Pastor of the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church in Scotch Plains.

BOE Cracks Down on Possession of Tobacco Products; New Electives for Grade Eight to be Offered for 1999-2000

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN
Specially Written for The Times

Among the year-end items approved by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education during its June 24 business meeting were revisions to the disciplinary procedures at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) associated with cigarette possession; transportation, food service and management services contracts; new electives for eighth-grade students and a series of agreements with the Union County Educational Services Commission (UCESC).

The board, which will not meet in

July, is scheduled to meet for an agenda meeting on Thursday, August 5, at 8 p.m.

During the June 24 meeting, the board approved a revision to the disciplinary procedure at SPFHS to prohibit any student—regardless of age—from carrying any tobacco product or smoking paraphernalia on school grounds.

As the board renewed its food service contract with Aramark Corporation for the upcoming school year, it was agreed that lunch prices for the upcoming school year would remain the same as in 1998-1999: elementary,

\$1.75; middle school, \$1.90; high school, à la carte; and staff, \$2.35. The cost of milk will remain constant at 35 cents.

The board also signed a two-year agreement with ServiceMaster Management Services Company, based in Downers Grove, Illinois, for custodial, grounds and maintenance management services.

Among the reasons cited by Business Administrator Matthew A. Clarke for the district's decision to contract with an outside firm were safer, cleaner sites for students and staff; a work order system that will

keep the administration updated on the need for maintenance, and reduced costs in purchasing supply items.

Of particular importance was ServiceMaster's staff training program, which will alleviate the need for the district to contract separately for that service.

"Supervision is also a factor," added Mr. Clarke.

Board Member August Ruggiero asked how the district would assess the success of the new contract, which will save the district approximately \$6,335 per year. ServiceMaster will

develop a baseline assessment that will include interviews with administrators and building principals and written observation of individual facilities, he was told.

Following that, the firm will submit monthly reports to Mr. Clarke's office that will enable the administration to evaluate the provider's service.

Furthermore, the board approved four new eighth-grade electives for the 1999-2000 school year: "Communications Through Debate," "The Newspaper and Your World," "The Unity and Diversity Among Living Things (genetics)" and "Web Page Design."

The school district's agreements with UCESC include such items as non-public school nursing services, environmental safety program, joint transportation and a cooperative pricing system.

In addition, the board accepted \$25,000 from the Miles Hodsdon Vernon Foundation for improvements and additions to the prototype classroom at Brunner Elementary School. This brings the foundation's contribution to the fourth-grade classroom, originally established last fall, to more than \$95,000.

One of the board's priority items for the evening was to approve the district's Strategic Plan 1999-2004 as the 1999-2000 school-year district priorities.

Among the priorities for the coming year include:

- Students/Academic Program — The district will emphasize improved student thinking and performance skills in reading, writing, speaking and listening across all content areas.

- The sixth-grade, heterogeneously-grouped language arts program will be consistently implemented, carefully monitored and thoroughly assessed at both middle schools.

- Begin the review and develop-

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Inspired by Successful Kidney Transplant, Fanwood Man Urges All to Sign Donor Cards

By MELISSA A. BETKOWSKI
Specially Written for The Times

According to Michael Giambalvo of Fanwood, "everybody benefits" from organ donation. The 49-year-old architect and father of two, who underwent his second kidney transplant on May 30, feels that it is very important for people to sign donor cards.

Mr. Giambalvo suffered from frequent strep infections as a child, which caused the onset of nephritis that damaged his kidneys. He classified the damaging effects as slow and progressive.

By the age of 34, Mr. Giambalvo was in need of dialysis treatments. He began receiving hemodialysis three times a week for four hours at a time.

Initially his treatments were administered in the hospital, but eventually he was able to have the treatment done in his home.

At the time of his first experience with dialysis, not only was Mr. Giambalvo working as an architect, but also as a builder, and he described the awful struggle of trying to survive on dialysis and run a business.

"When you're on dialysis," he said, "you have no energy and you always feel sick." Eventually he gave up being a builder and has since focused on his career as an architect.

He admitted that the illness affected his whole family.

"Everyone's depressed when you're on dialysis," he revealed. He did say, however, that his wife of 25 years, Barbara, and his two daughters, Jennifer, 23, and Michelle, 19, have sustained him throughout his ordeal. "They give me the strength to go through the fight, the drive to want to be better."

In May of 1987, he went on the transplant list for the first time, and by July had undergone his transplant. Now, Mr. Giambalvo said, it takes roughly three years to receive a transplant after going on the waiting list.

Mr. Giambalvo said that after be-

ing sick for two years, waking up after the surgery for the first kidney transplant "felt so good, it was like heaven."

While his initial transplant, in which he received the kidney of an 18-year-old who died in a motorcycle accident, was a success, the anti-rejection medications he was given were toxic to his kidneys. "The side effects were atrocious," he said.

The doctors predicted that he would only have the kidney for approximately seven years. However, by taking good care of himself, Mr. Giambalvo had that kidney for 11 years before it began failing. He said it is important to take the medications prescribed by doctors, to eat well, to exercise and not to smoke or drink alcohol.

His second kidney, which he received after a three-year wait, was from a 48-year-old woman. Doctors expect Mr. Giambalvo to have this kidney for 15 to 20 years due to the advances in anti-rejection medications and other treatment procedures.

Both transplant operations were

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ment of criteria for assessment of student progress.
•Staff Development and Support — A professional development plan to train all staff on how to better understand and use assessment data for instructional and program improvement will be implemented.
•Professional development opportunities, whenever possible, will be offered during the summer, on professional days and after school hours in order to reduce the numbers of times teachers are absent from teaching their classes.

•Elementary grade level meetings will focus on the implementation of the new reading program, Signatures (kindergarten through grade 6), and the University of Chicago Everyday Mathematics program (kindergarten through grade 5).

Clayton Pierce Establishes Recycling System for Old Mail

FANWOOD — Fanwood resident Clayton Pierce established a recycling method for old and discarded mail that has resulted in the recycling of more than 40,000 pounds of undeliverable letters and third class advertising fliers per month.

Mr. Pierce worked with Marcal to arrange for a 40-cubic-yard recycling container that is positioned at the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Recycling Center and scheduled the required monthly transportation of the recyclable paper to the Marcal facility.

"In theory, this recycling program is a very simple concept, however, the logistics and time involved in making people aware of the availability of this program and its benefits are another story," commented Mr. Pierce.

Mr. Pierce realized that the often discarded mail held valuable cellulose fibers for paper recycling and that by marketing this fiber, natural resources were preserved and waste disposal fees could be reduced. As a result, Mr. Pierce contacted Marcal Paper Mills in Elmwood Park, a manufacturer of tissue products that uses community-generated recyclable paper as its feed stock.

"It is most gratifying for me to know this and future recycling efforts can save mountains of potentially valuable paper from needlessly going to landfills at a tremendous cost to both local businesses and ultimately to the environment," he concluded.

Bruce Zehnle to Represent Archdiocese in Program

SCOTCH PLAINS — Bruce Zehnle, a Spanish teacher at Union Catholic (UC) High School in Scotch Plains, was selected as the 1999 Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year. In that role, he will represent the Archdiocese of Newark in the New Jersey Chapter of the Council For American Private Education (NJ CAPE) Nonpublic School Teacher of the Year Program.

Mr. Zehnle is representing all Catholic School teachers in the Archdiocese of Newark.

A three-member panel reviewed applications of teachers from pre-kindergarten through grade 12, who are providing classroom instruction and who will continue teaching in the coming year. This 31-year teaching veteran, who is also chair of the Foreign Language Department at UC, was rated outstanding by Sister Percy Lee Hart, UC principal.



Bruce Zehnle

Within the last year years, Mr. Zehnle pioneered the "Anytime, Anywhere Learning" with laptop computers and founded The Spanish Honor Society at UC 30 years ago.

Mr. Zehnle has taught Spanish from remedial classes to Advanced Placement and is continuing his involvement with the Project Acceleration Program with Seton Hall University that enables UC students to get college credit for their Spanish courses.

This summer, he received a grant from the Michigan State University's Center for Language Education and Research to attend a course called "The Internet in the Foreign Language Classroom: Introductory Techniques Institute."

In 1993, Mr. Zehnle was named Teacher of the Year at UC and an Outstanding Educator by the Newark Archdiocese. In 1980, 1986 and 1992, he was named State Director of the Year by The National Spanish Honor Society and in 1982 recognized as the Outstanding Foreign Language Teacher in New Jersey by the Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey. He was also listed four years in the Who's Who Among United States High School Teachers.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY EVENTS...Dr. Gerald J. Glasser from the Westfield Foundation presented checks to the Westfield Y to support its community activities. Pictured, left to right, are: Dr. Glasser, Julia Black, representing First Night Westfield; Susan Doubilet, accepting for the Westfield Y Lecture Series; Natalie Tyler, of the Black Achievers Program, and Stan Kaslusky, Executive Director of the Y.



RODEO RIDING FUN...Third, fourth and fifth graders at School One Elementary in Scotch Plains recently participated in an after-school Bicycle Rodeo. Students were able to have their bicycles registered with the Scotch Plains and Fanwood police departments. In addition, they received a bicycle and helmet inspection and learned about riding rules by using an obstacle course.

Kari Whitley to Participate In Medical Leadership Forum

SCOTCH PLAINS — Kari Whitley of Scotch Plains is scheduled to participate in the 1999 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine from Sunday, July 11, to Wednesday, July 14, in Washington, D.C.



Kari Whitley

Kari, who is a member of the Class of 1999 at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, will be among a select group of high school juniors and seniors from a cross America and around the world who have met the qualifications required to participate in the forum.

Kari was chosen because of her academic achievements and her interest in the profession of medicine.

Kari, who had served as the senior class secretary and was a two-sport varsity athlete, will enter Rutgers University in the fall as a biology major with the goal of becoming a doctor. She will join fellow participants at the forum in visiting medical institutions in the Washington area, such as The Georgetown University School of

Medicine, the National Library of Medicine, and Walter Reed Medical Center.

The students will examine state-of-the-art diagnostic tools and future medical specialties in detail. Medical leaders will address the students on recent medical advances in genetic research, cancer research, AIDS, sports medicine, neonatal and pediatric research, computers in medicine, public health, clinical decision-making, and bioethics.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is a non-profit educational organization which sponsors specialized, career-oriented programs in medicine, law, and intelligence and diplomacy for outstanding secondary youth with demonstrated leadership abilities.

SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

SUNDAY, JUNE 27
• Police responded to an alarm at a South Avenue business and found the front door ajar and the lock missing. A small amount of coins was taken.

MONDAY, JUNE 28
• Vandalism to a postal vehicle parked at the rear of the Park Avenue Post Office was reported. Inside the vehicle, the seat was removed from its track and turned upside down. The seat belt also had been set on fire, which caused the roof to scorch. The incident occurred over the weekend. An investigation is continuing.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29
• Police recovered a vehicle reported stolen in New York City on June 7 on Riverdale Court. An area resident reported seeing the 1988 Nissan parked on the street for several days.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30
• A report of bicycles stolen from residents on Forest Road and East Second Street was received by police. Both thefts occurred during the evening.

THURSDAY, JULY 1
• A Martine Avenue resident reported the theft of a bicycle from the backyard during the afternoon.

FRIDAY, JULY 2
• Clyde Cohen, 27, of Westfield was arrested and charged with criminal trespass after an investigation at a recreational facility on Martine Avenue.

SUNDAY, JULY 4
• Criminal mischief was reported, involving two vehicle windshields broken at a restaurant on North Avenue.

MONDAY, JULY 5
• Graffiti was found spray painted behind Park Middle School.

A rear door window was broken at Brunner Elementary School.

Michael Klaniecki Ends Coast Guard Patrol

SCOTCH PLAINS — Coast Guard Petty Officer First Class Michael A. Klaniecki, who graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Scotch Plains in 1982 and joined the Coast Guard in June 1984, recently completed an eight-week patrol while assigned to the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Tahoma, home-ported in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

While on patrol, Petty Officer Klaniecki and fellow crew members earned the Coast Guard Operational Readiness Award. The award was earned by compiling an overall average score of 90 percent during Tailored Ships Training Availability (TSTA).

His ship also received the Battle "E" Ribbon for their outstanding performance during TSTA. The award is given annually by the Commander, Coast Guard Atlantic Area, to ships that exhibit outstanding operational readiness.

Petty Officer Klaniecki's command conducted daily drills and exercises in navigation, seamanship, gunnery, damage control and engineering casualty control.

Park Middle School Grants Awards During Annual School Assembly

SCOTCH PLAINS — Park Middle School in Scotch Plains honored its eighth-grade students during the annual awards assembly. The following awards were given:

- All 'A's' in All Subjects: Eric Pratt, Edward Saridaki
All 'A's' in Academic Subjects: Alicia Cristiani, Jason Hipp, Laura Klastava, Monique Lemus, Diana Wilks, Jillian DeMair
President's Award for Academic Excellence: Lauren Baines, Schuyler Boyda, David Campbell, Steven Doremus, Sara Finkelstein, Danielle Hirschhorn, Elise Koerner, Catherine Madurski, Deanna Mustachio, Lindsey Pennella, Daniel Rosenkrantz, Christopher Seemann, Patrick Shevlin, Diana Wilks
Mingle Award: Eric Morgan
Continental Math League: Nicholas Sette, Robert Percocco, Patrick Shevlin, Eric Pratt, Lauren Baines, Daniel Rosenkrantz, Brian Faitoute, Arthur Silber
George Jackson Award: Jillian DeMair, Nicholas Sette
Ginny Mennuti Award: Yeojin Park
Dan O'Hara Award: Anthony Caruso
PTA Handbook: Leslie Argueta
VFW Writing Contest: David Campbell
Perfect Attendance: Jonathan Bezruczyk, Kevin Martins, Yeojin Park, Jessica Seto, Andrew Costello
American Mathematics Competitions: Patrick Shevlin, Nicholas Sette, Robert Percocco, Christopher Seemann, Alicia Cristiani, Jason Hipp, Eric Pratt

- Nicole Colon, Jessica DiFlore, Katie Downey, Jasmine Elliott, Andrew Ferguson, Elizabeth Ganley, Jamie Gold, Courtney Hannig, Lauren Hernandez, Nicole Impellizzeri, Aimee LaMastra, Joseph Lubinski, Kevin Martins, Caitlin McNelis, Heather Mills, Ashley Brown-Davis, Imani Waugh, Jennifer Ochsenr, Kim Pudlak, Chaela Roshetar, Angela Stanford, Melissa Wergland
English Award: Brian Campbell, Mary Cerchio, Katie Madurski, Alicia Cristiani, Katie Downey, Laura Klastava, Anthony Caruso, Christine Morris, Leslie Argueta, Sara Finkelstein, Elise Koerner
Yeojin Park, Adam Garrity, Nicholas Sette, Jason Hipp, Danielle Hirschhorn, Eric Pratt, Ryan Keogh, Joshua Sanders, Monique Lemus, Eve Donovan, Megan Reddington

- David Campbell, Monique Lemus, Eric Pratt, Harry Yang, Anthony Caruso, Elise Koerner, Leslie Argueta, Jillian DeMair, Elizabeth Ganley, Jason Hipp, Catherine Madurski, Robert Percocco, Edward Saridaki, Nicholas Sette, Patrick Shevlin, Arthur Silber, Lauren Bauman, Keith Costello, Courtney Hannig, Bruno Nunes, Daniel Heppert, Michael Zatorski, Ryan Keogh
Katie Downey, Eric Pratt, Andrew Biggs, Kristin Zelesnik, Aimee LaMastra, Alicia Cristiani, Steven Doremus, Stephanie Heath, Laura Klastava, Michelle Marr, Daniel Rosenkrantz, Jessica Seto, Patrick Shevlin, Diana Wilks, Anthony Bruno, Eve Donovan, Daniel Heppert, Michael Zatorski, Ryan Keogh
Leslie Argueta, Katie Downey, Nicholas Sette, Deanna Mustachio, Chris Seemann, Laura Wittish, Jason Hipp, Edward Saridaki, Monique Lemus, Jason Hipp, Ryan Keogh
Social Studies: Catherine Madurski, Monique Lemus, David Campbell, Alicia Cristiani, Elise Koerner, Yeojin Park, Edward Saridaki, Nicholas Sette, Melissa Wergland, Laura Wittish
Additional Awards in Math: Nickoy Findlater, Andrew Ferguson, Robert Lambertson, Terrell Williams, Nicole Candia, Nakim Jackson
Reading: Ashley Brown-Davis, Lisa Kress, Kelly McVey
Social Studies: James Barnes



AWARDED STUDENTS...Park Middle School in Scotch Plains honored its eighth-grade students during the annual awards assembly. Pictured, left to right, are: Edward Saridaki, who was honored for receiving all "A's" in all subjects; Theresa Elias, Assistant Principal; Eric Pratt, also recognized for all "A's" in all subjects, and Park Principal Rocco Colucci.

- Multicultural Club: Justine Pettifere, Ashley Brown-Davis, Syreeta Nelson, Adenike Tillman, Steven Moore, Kyle Adams, Kim Myers
Racquel Romans, Erin Davis, Shaunise Simpson, Brandice Flournoy, Rowland Adeyemo, Jasmine Elliott, Dwight Simms
Student Council: Katie Madurski, Monique Lemus, Jessica DiFlore, Lauren Hernandez, Megan Reddington, Jeffrey Hensal, David Campbell, Jamie Gold, Lindsay Pennella, Kevin Watson
School Store: Andrew Ferguson, Jason Hipp, Nicholas Sette, Katie Downey, Ray Moskal, Robert Percocco
Newspaper: Jason Hipp, Eric Pratt, Daniel Rosenkrantz, Elise Koerner, Deanna Mustachio
Photography Club: Jackie Barnes, Melissa Wergland, Elise Koerner, Aimee LaMastra, Jackie Bekiaris, Lauren Baines, Lauren Ziegler, Chaela Roshetar, Monique Lemus, Emily Caballero, Yeojin Park, Lauren Baines
Yearbook: Lauren Baines, Katie Benski, Jackie Barnes, Emily Caballero, Eve Donovan, Sara Finkelstein, Nicole Impellizzeri, Aimee LaMastra, Monique Lemus, Deanna Mustachio, Drew Miller, Adam Ortyl, Jessica Romano, Chris Seemann, Angela Stanford, Lauren Watson, Diana Wilks

- World Language: Alicia Cristiani, David Campbell, Ryan Keogh, Catherine Madurski, Monique Lemus, Melissa Wergland, Jackie Bekiaris, Yeojin Park, Brian Campbell, Syreeta Nelson, Eve Donovan, Laura Klastava, Daniel Rosenkrantz, Leslie Argueta, Jillian DeMair, Stephen Doremus, Jason Hipp, Robert Percocco, Edward Saridaki, Lauren Bianco, Arthur Silber, Mary Cerchio
Information Technologies: Katie Downey, Timothy Brodersen, Laura Klastava, Nicholas Sette, Jodi Sanders, Adenike Tillman, Jason Hipp, Anthony Bruno, Daniel Rosenkrantz, Melissa Wergland, Brian Faitoute, Joe Lubinski
Mathematics: Jacqueline Bekiaris, David Campbell, Caitlin McNelis, Robert Percocco, Lauren Baines, Jillian DeMair, Nicole Impellizzeri, Kimberly Myers, Yeojin Park, Syreeta Nelson, Kimberly Myers, Kathryn Benski, Stephanie Heath, Christine Morris, Philip Saraceno, Schuyler Boyda, Stephen Doremus, Jason Hipp, Robert Percocco, Edward Saridaki, Lauren Bianco, Arthur Silber

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WINNING ESSAYIST...Lauren Baines, 1999 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, has been named both the local and district winner in The Optimist Club's essay contest on the topic, "If I Could Give Freedom Away." To win the district prize, Lauren competed against winning entries from 12 other New Jersey Optimist chapters and was rated tops by the panel of judges. She received a first-place plaque and won a trip to the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Her entry will be submitted for consideration in the essay contest at the national level.

Fanwood's TV-35 Weekly Schedule. Thursday, July 8, 8:00 P.M. Freeholders' Forum. Thursday, July 8, 9:00 P.M. Fallen Flags a history of the Central Railroad of New Jersey. Saturday, July 10, 8:00 P.M. Then Came Fanwood & Removal of Fanwood's Oak Tree. Saturday, July 10, 9:00 P.M. Fanwood, A Reporter's Dream. Monday, July 12, 8:00 P.M. Contact We Care Race of '97. Monday, July 12, 9:00 P.M. FYI Fanwood - the Mayor's Show. Wednesday, July 14, 8:00 P.M. History of the Battleship NJ. Wednesday, July 14, 9:00 P.M. Bring Home the Battleship NJ. Thursday, July 15, 8:00 P.M. Monthly Council Meeting - Live Broadcast.