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**IN FULL BLOOM...**Sandra Cepparulo, left, an AT&T employee and pre-kindergarten parent, and Bernadette Hoyer, a pre-kindergarten teacher at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains, complete their planting effort during a recent Garden Work Day at the school. For the event, parents spent the day helping children tend and plant Brunner's garden area. Please see a related story on Page 12.

### SP Council Delays Decision Until July On How to Handle Influx of Birds

By FRED ROSSI  
Specially Written for The Times

After hearing the concerns of a number of affected residents, the Scotch Plains Township Council on Tuesday, June 22, delayed a decision until July on what action to take regarding the annual influx of birds in the Golf Street-Wood Road neighborhood.

Every summer for the past several decades, thousands of starlings, blackbirds and grackles have made their homes in the large trees in the Scotch Plains neighborhood adjacent to Shackamaxon Country Club, lead-

ing to complaints from residents about the noise, the bird droppings and the relatively high number of bird carcasses in their yards.

Last summer, the township attempted, with limited success, to disperse the flock using pyrotechnics, but the noisy effort only drove the birds elsewhere in the neighborhood. This spring, with many residents urging a stronger effort, the council began considering a solution that involved fogging the neighborhood trees with a non-lethal mist that township officials hoped would disperse most of the birds.

Ten residents who were opposed to the fogging option expressed their concerns about the health and environmental risks of such an approach.

One Golf Street resident, noting that the fogging would drive away all the birds, not just those creating the problem, said this would lead to an increase in the insect population. He also said the fog could affect people with respiratory ailments.

A woman who lives adjacent to Golf Street read excerpts from literature distributed by the company that produces the fogging solution and raised a number of questions about

the health risks, including its toxicity, its effects on people's eyes and lungs, and its biodegradability.

Several residents, who have met with the council in prior months to urge a solution, described not being able to go outside with their children in the evenings because the streets and driveways are covered with bird droppings.

In addition, the flock leaves the neighborhood during the daylight hours and, during their daytime feeding, some are ingesting years-old lawn chemicals that eventually poison them. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 9**

### Building Is Demolished to Make Room for Apartments at Chelsea

By SUSAN M. DYCKMAN  
Specially Written for The Times

Monday's demolition of the broken-down house and garage that stood between The Chelsea of Fanwood and the Borough Post Office on South Avenue marks the first step in the construction of 31 modern apartments for senior citizens.

The Chelsea received municipal Planning Board approval for the project last August.

Described as a stately-looking building that complements the look of the neighboring assisted-living facility, the front of the L-shaped, four-story structure will run parallel to South Avenue. The longer section will extend back adjacent to the post office property.

The apartments will be connected to The Chelsea at the second, third and fourth floors. A community living room and club room will be located on the first floor along with some apartments. Additional apartments will be situated on the second and third floors.

The fourth floor of the new building will be an assisted-living area reserved for residents afflicted with dementia or Alzheimer's disease.

The Chelsea plans to relocate its 10-bed dementia unit, "Country Cottages," from the existing facility to the new building, according to Karen Ryan, Executive Director. In its new home, the unit will be able to accommodate 15 residents.

The space at The Chelsea will be converted into a "theater-like" movie room, with big-screen television, that is also suitable for lectures.

"We applied our sense of geriatrics to this new building," explained Ms. Ryan, in describing the facilities offered by the studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments. These will include full kitchens with dishwasher and disposal, plus a washer and dryer.

During hearings on the project, Fanwood's Planning Board asked that

an elevator, which could easily accommodate a stretcher be incorporated into plans for the new apartment building since the present elevator at The Chelsea does not.

In addition to the new construction, a second, bigger elevator will be added to the existing facility.

"We'll be the happy owners of three elevators, instead of one," said Ms. Ryan.

She noted the Fanwood Rescue

**"We applied our sense of geriatrics to this new building," explained Ms. Ryan, in describing the facilities offered by the studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments.**

Squad was "thrilled" with the improved elevator plans.

In the apartment building, the first-floor living room and club room will be open to use by all residents. Ms. Ryan indicated that the design of the club room, with a bar and tables and chairs, could lend itself to card games or a scheduled cocktail hour, depending upon the wants of the residents.

"We would like residents to have the opportunity to socialize if they want to. We offer what we think they want," said Ms. Ryan, chuckling, "then they tell us how off the mark we are."

The Chelsea's goal, in both buildings, is to facilitate a sense of "community living" for residents. Shopping expeditions, theater excursions and other trips are among the potential list of organized activities.

There are already 45-50 people on a waiting list for information about the rental units, most of whom currently live in the area.

"They don't want to leave their support group of friends, family and

church," explained Ms. Ryan.

The proximity to Fanwood's downtown "is nice for them and for the town," whose shops would reap the benefits of the residents' patronage, she added.

"It's really fun to go from concept to reality with a project like this," said Ms. Ryan. "It evolves by listening to what everybody wants."

Residents of The Chelsea appeared to be excited at the prospect of new neighbors as they gathered around the pastry table Monday morning to watch the dilapidated house come down — the first visible sign that the long-awaited construction project was about to begin.

The new apartments are scheduled to open in spring 2000.

### Councilman Jung Proposes Post Office Move As Part of Downtown Revitalization Plan

By SUZETTE F. STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

Just two weeks after winning the Republican nomination for Mayor of Fanwood, Councilman Louis C. Jung unveiled his vision for revitalizing the borough's downtown during a press conference Tuesday afternoon with Republican council nominee Thomas P. Ryan, Jr.

Mr. Jung captured the GOP nod on June 8 in Fanwood's first contested primary election in more than 40 years, beating back a challenge from newcomer Daniel P. Valentino, 3rd. He now faces Democratic Council President William E. Populus, Jr. in the race to succeed Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly, also a Democrat.

Standing in a lot near the corner of South Avenue and Second Street behind a group of stores, Councilman Jung discussed an ambitious plan for upgrading the section of Second Street between South and LaGrande Av-



**NATURE GIRLS...**Local Girl Scout troops recently did their part to upgrade the Fanwood Nature Center. Pictured are: Beth Zimmerman, Krystina Byron, Kelly Syring, Laura Schwahl, Stephanie Reed, Jessie Lieberman, Christina Roth, Christine Gillie, Arielle Feinstein, Kelly Zajac, Alex Fredas, Jennifer Zimmerman, Stephanie Fredas, Leigh Zebleckas, Samantha Loshavo, Alexandra Calamela, Cindy Galasso, Nicole DeDursa, Rachel Peterson, Becky Brand, Siika Merriman, Diamond Crane, Ashley Shubert, Allison Zimmerman, Nikki Appezzato, Stephanie Baliko, Remy Bernardo, Melissa Goldberg, Lauren Hirschhorn, Kim Many, Maggie Murad, Nicole Ostrowski, Kerry Pierce, Alexandara Price, Tina Quoi, Julia Ross and Laurel Trezoglou. Please see related story on Page 8.



**DOWNTOWN PLANS...**Fanwood Councilman and Republican Mayoral candidate Louis C. Jung, left, and GOP council candidate Thomas P. Ryan, Jr. review a plan for revitalizing the borough's downtown. Mr. Jung has proposed relocation of the Fanwood Post Office to the Second Street area between LaGrande and South Avenues, where he believes it would benefit the local economy by serving as an "anchor store" for businesses there.

enues. This half-block area includes the long-vacant Dean Oil site at the corner of LaGrande and Second.

The 1.3-acre Dean Oil property remains the focus of a controversy involving a development partnership which is eyeing the lot for apartments, and a citizens' group opposed to the idea.

Mr. Ryan described the Republicans' concept, however, as a "more encompassing plan" which extends beyond the Dean Oil lot to also include the surrounding area.

At the heart of Mr. Jung's downtown revitalization plan is a proposal to relocate the Fanwood Post Office from its present location near the intersection of South and Martine Avenues to the block between South and LaGrande.

He said he has contacted Republican Congressman Bob Franks' office regarding the proposal, and has requested a meeting with the North Jersey District Postmaster to explore the feasibility of relocating the Post Office.

The move would require Borough Council approval, and public opinion would also determine whether or not such a plan were to materialize, he added.

Relocation of the facility, Councilman Jung argued, would benefit retailers and customers alike, as well as the Post Office itself. He maintained that the current building — a fixture on South Avenue for 35 years — is no longer adequate for the high customer volume it serves.

Mr. Jung said the existing Post Office **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

### Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Class of '99 Prepares To Graduate Tomorrow; First Under Dr. Heisey's Tenure

By SUZETTE F. STALKER  
Specially Written for The Times

Approximately 240 graduates will pick up their diplomas and come away with memories tomorrow evening, June 25, during Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's (SPFHS) annual commencement exercises beginning at 6 p.m.

The ceremony will be held at the high school's Perry Tyson field. In the event of rain, the festivities will instead take place in the school's new gymnasium, school officials confirmed.

Valedictorian Celeste Coleman and salutatorian Gerald Kavinsky, along with Class President Scott Paterson, will address fellow members of the Class of 1999, as well as families and friends in attendance. All three have recently been awarded scholarships to pursue higher education.

Also scheduled to speak are Dr. David Heisey, SPFHS Principal; Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superinten-

dent of Schools Dr. Carol B. Choye, and Board of Education President Theresa Larkin.

Dr. Heisey, who took over as Principal of the high school in February, described 1998-1999 as a "transitional" year for the school, beginning with the retirement last year of former longtime Principal Dr. Terry K. Riegel after 26 years.

"It's been a pleasure just working with and getting to know many of the seniors," Dr. Heisey told *The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood*. "It's been a wonderful few months. I've enjoyed it."

He said the class collectively possesses "a great deal of talent," adding that he was "expecting great things" from the graduates-to-be. "They're just wonderful young people in this class."

In his address tomorrow, Dr. Heisey said he planned to share some advice and best wishes with the students — the first to graduate during his ad-

ministration — and pose some challenges to them as well.

He commended the three students who will share the dais with him at the ceremony, noting they have been "excellent" representatives of their class.

"I'm sure their messages are going to be great...going to be inspira-

tional," he commented.

The high school's Guidance Department reported on Monday that 202 students, or 86 percent of this year's graduating class, are planning to continue their education.

Of this group, 190 students (79 percent) intend to matriculate at four-year colleges, while 12 students (5

percent) plan to attend two-year institutions. Another four students (2 percent) will attend specialized schools.

Among the remaining members of the class, 13 (5 percent) expect to begin full-time employment; four (2 percent) intend to enter the military **CONTINUED ON PAGE 12**

### Gateway Institute, Freeholder Board Evaluate Needs of Region Served by Kean University

By MELISSA A. BETKOWSKI  
Specially Written for The Times

On Tuesday, the Gateway Institute for Regional Development, in partnership with the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, sponsored a program entitled "Community and School Planning: The Role of Citizens" at Kean University in Union.

The goal of the Gateway Institute, according to Executive Director Dr. Susan S. Lederman, is to enhance and improve the overall development of the region serviced by Kean Uni-

versity.

The collaborative planning promoted by the institute helps to harness the energy of the county's economy, according to Union County Freeholder and former Fanwood Mayor Linda d. Stender, presently Chairwoman of the Freeholder Board's Economic Development Committee. "It brings democracy to a more local level," she said, which in turn helps to strengthen communities.

Presenting a report on the activi-

ties of the Fanwood Community Assessment Committee were Fanwood Mayor Maryanne S. Connelly and Committee Chairman David Pickering.

The Community Assessment Committee is a "citizen-driven, action planning process," Mayor Connelly explained during a slide presentation. It was initiated by the Mayor and Borough Council in an effort to improve the quality of civic life in Fanwood.

Last year, the committee organized

four action groups to deal with areas of concern common to community stakeholders, including communication, volunteerism, downtown revitalization and long-range planning.

The stakeholders were a group of 100 local residents, business and professional people interviewed two years ago by a consultant for the committee to tap their feelings about the borough's strengths and weaknesses.

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## SP Council Delays Decision On Handling Influx of Birds

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carcasses dropping from the trees onto residents' properties.

Nearly all of the residents who spoke in favor of the fogging option called the situation a health hazard and a sanitary issue.

"We're not talking about a handful of birds," one Wood Road resident told the council. "We're talking about thousands." He said he once had to barbecue in his backyard while holding an umbrella to protect himself and his food from bird droppings.

Calling it "a severe problem," the resident said "if it were occurring in one of our parks, it would've been taken care of already."

After the residents spoke for more than an hour, Township Manager Thomas E. Atkins recommended to the council that it further discuss a proposed \$13,680 bid for fogging efforts at its July 6 agenda meeting.

The flock is expected to return to the neighborhood during the first week of July and remain until mid-October, and Mayor Geri M. Samuel said any dispersal efforts did not have to begin immediately upon the birds' arrival.

Instead, Andy Snyder, of the Township Health Department, will look into quickly answering the questions about health and other risks that were raised by the residents.

Separately, the council witnessed the promotion of Police Detective William Schultz, a 20-year veteran of the Township Police Department, to the rank of Sergeant.

In addition, Mayor Samuel proclaimed the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month, and the council congratulated Boy Scout Michael Anderson for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

The council's next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 13.

## Institute, Freeholder Board Evaluate Services to Region

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Committee has created a borough newsletter and is committed to providing more resources to TV-35, Fanwood's local access channel. Recently, the computer which used to put slides together for Channel 35's programming was upgraded.

The action group has also developed a "how-to" media kit, which helps organizations get their information out to the public. In addition, the committee has begun development of an Internet web site for Fanwood, to help improve local communication.

The website will be officially launched on Sunday, September 26, during the borough's fourth annual Fanny Wood Day celebration. Gateway Computer Corporation has agreed to allow the borough use of computers for demonstrating the web site on that day.

On April 24, the committee sponsored a Volunteer Job Fair in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, during which 20 new borough volunteers were recruited. In addition, the 1999 Kids as Volunteers summit was held in March.

According to Mayor Connelly, "We're planning for Fanwood's future, and you can't put a dollar value on that."

Presentations were also made by the City of Plainfield Strategic Planning, the Plainfield Board of Education, the Borough of Roselle, the City of Summit, the Summit Board of Education, Summit 2005 and the Union County Alliance.

Plainfield Strategic Planning was created with the City Council, city administration and citizens to reflect the needs of citizens throughout the municipality, according to Susan Olszewski, Chairwoman.

First, a vision, or core beliefs, was developed, and the working group focused on its goals for Plainfield. At city ward meetings, 976 issues of concern were discussed. Teams were also assigned to prioritize these issues.

While that seems like a lot, according to Plainfield Public Information Officer Dan Damon, "one person can move 100 people (by being active)."

Mr. Damon said it is important to realize that businesses and services are citizens in the same way that individuals are.

"Everybody has something to offer," Walter D. McNeil, Plainfield City Administrator, said. It has to begin from within, he said, by hiring the best people — those who are willing to get involved.

Plainfield has developed plans for technology and for zero-tolerance on crime. "We're proud of what we've accomplished, but we have more to do," Mr. McNeil said.

## Councilman Jung Proposes Relocation of Post Office

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Office parking lot frequently becomes overcrowded, compelling customers to park across South Avenue or in the Scotchwood Florist parking lot.

Mr. Jung maintained that moving the Post Office to the area between South and LaGrande would enable it to serve as an "anchor store," encouraging customers to patronize Fanwood merchants while out conducting postal transactions, and would ultimately be a catalyst for rejuvenating the entire area.

"Imagine retail stores on South Avenue, a central parking court in the middle of this block, and retail or office buildings on LaGrande," the councilman professed in a written overview distributed during the press conference.

If elected as Mayor in the Tuesday, November 2 General Election, Councilman Jung pledged to create a bipartisan "blue ribbon panel" charged with developing a comprehensive plan for relocating the Fanwood Post Office.

The panel, he proposed, would include elected officials from both parties, along with land transaction and development experts, merchants, members of the Fanwood Downtown Revitalization

Committee, and the public.

He explained that the group would be given a "specific mandate" involving improvements to the Second Street area, with a time frame of about six to eight months to complete a proposal. Councilman Jung remarked that he believes the area has "a big potential" for success.

Mr. Ryan, who is running with Councilman Stuart S. Kline on the GOP ticket for two council vacancies this year, concurred that "there are a lot of creative ways to develop and rehabilitate" the area, which he said is presently "underutilized and unattractive."

The future of the downtown has been a pivotal issue for both of Fanwood's Mayoral candidates.

Last month, Councilman Populus presented an ordinance supporting a non-binding referendum which would permit voters to tell Fanwood's governing body whether they feel the borough should pursue acquisition of the Dean Oil property through the right of eminent domain.

That ordinance, introduced on May 13, was adopted on second reading by the Borough Council June 10.

## High School Seniors Prepare For Graduation Tomorrow

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and another 18 (14 percent) are undecided.

Wrapping up tomorrow evening's festivities will be the district's 10th annual "Project Graduation" event, which will once again be held at the Mendham Health and Racquet Club.

The all-night bash was created as a way for the graduates to enjoy their special night together in a safe, fun and alcohol-free environment, according to Gail Moser, who co-chairs the event with Mary Cappio. She said "97 to 98 percent" of the graduates attend the celebration.

"We bill this as a party, and it is a party, but 'Project Graduation' is a gift to the students from all the community who care about them," she remarked.

"It's also a gift to the parents because it gives them peace of mind on what is statistically a very dangerous night for teens. They can go to bed knowing where their children are," Mrs. Moser continued.

As in other years, the event will feature an array of sports and other activities, along with music provided

throughout the night by a disk jockey. A hypnotist who was part of last year's celebration is also expected to make a return engagement, according to Mrs. Moser.

In addition, there will be games, an opportunity for students to make their own MTV-style video, a photo booth, basketball, indoor soccer, tennis, racquetball and outdoor swimming. Food, including sandwiches, hot fare and a dessert selection, will also be included.

Mrs. Moser described the food servers who work the party as "the real heroes and heroines," adding that they "really go above and beyond."

Students will be picked up at the high school at 10 p.m. by a bus donated by the Board of Education and returned there Saturday morning at 6 a.m. for breakfast.

Support for the annual celebration is additionally provided through funds from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Municipal Alliance Committee, as well as the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

## Students and Community Keep Brunner's Garden Growing

SCOTCH PLAINS — The pre-kindergarten classes at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains recently held a Donate-A-Plant Day to help the children's garden grow.

Through donations from Williams Nursery, Home Depot, the Brunner School Parent-Teacher Association, administrators, staff and pre-kindergarten families, the garden project was able to continue and to be expanded.

The garden plants allow the children to explore a variety of sizes, colors and textures. It was begun by pre-kindergarten teacher Bernadette Hoyer in 1996 with grant funds from the district.

Randall Miller, General Manager of Parker Greenhouses in Scotch Plains, was an important contributor of ideas, planning and garden expertise for the project, according to Mrs. Hoyer.

Sandra Cepparulo, an AT&T employee and pre-kindergarten parent, adopted the garden project through the AT&T Cares Program, which gives employees one day a year to work in the community on an approved project.

She coordinated a Garden Work

Day, during which she and parent volunteers helped the children dig, weed and plant in the garden area.

The response to the Donate-A-Plant-Day and the efforts of the volunteers made it possible for all children in each of the eight pre-kindergarten classes at Brunner School to participate.

### Chitra Kalyanaraman Takes Part in Program On Space Research

SCOTCH PLAINS — Chitra Kalyanaraman of Scotch Plains is participating in the Summer Opportunities and Research for Space (SOARS) program at Penn State's University Park campus through Friday, July 2.

She is the daughter of Santha and Palaiyur Kalyanaraman and attends Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

"The SOARS program is a multi-disciplinary research program for high school students who are interested in space and space-related careers," according to Jamal Berry, Executive Director of the SOARS program.

Students work on real NASA research projects at Penn State in engineering, the natural sciences, life sciences, or atmospheric/earth sciences.

The program is a cooperative venture of the Pennsylvania Space Grant Consortium and various Penn State University Colleges.

For more information on the program, please call Geraldine Russell at (814) 863-5957.

### Carnell Townes Reports For Naval Duty Aboard Aircraft Carrier in Va.

SCOTCH PLAINS — Navy Fireman Apprentice Carnell E. Townes, a 1998 graduate of Union County Vocational High School of Scotch Plains, recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier Precommissioning Unit *Harry S. Truman*, based at Newport News, Virginia.

## SCOTCH PLAINS POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

• A Mountain Avenue resident reported the theft of a wallet containing a small amount of cash. The incident occurred overnight.

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

• A resident reported the fraudulent use of a bank account number for checks being cashed in his name, causing debit to a legitimate account.

• Two 15-year-old Westfield boys were arrested and charged in connection with an incident in Brookside Park. The boys are alleged to have approached three Scotch Plains juveniles who were riding bicycles in the park, shooting BB rifles at them and then demanding money.

Westfield police apprehended the two boys and turned them over to Scotch Plains authorities. The youths were then remanded to the Union County Juvenile Detention Center in Elizabeth. One victim suffered minor injury and did not require treatment, Scotch Plains police

confirmed. • Three incidents of theft were reported at a Martine Avenue recreational facility, involving items taken from lockers. In each case, locks were pried open, according to police.

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

• An awning at a restaurant on North Avenue was apparently set on fire, causing minor damage, authorities said. There are no suspects.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

• A window was reported broken at a gasoline station on South Avenue.

• A window on a business was reported broken in the 800 block of Jerusalem Road.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

• Police received a report that a township bus was entered in the municipal lot on Senger Perry. Entry was gained by breaking a window. An undetermined amount of damage was also done to the inside of the bus.

## FANWOOD POLICE BLOTTER

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

• A bicycle belonging to a Fanwood youngster and valued at \$400 was reported stolen from Paterson Avenue. It had not been recovered at press time, police confirmed.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

• A window was discovered broken on a Morse Avenue building.

MONDAY, JUNE 21

• Three incidents involving items

taken from unlocked motor vehicles were reported. Authorities believe all the cases are related.

In the first case, a cellular telephone was taken from a vehicle parked in the rear of a residence on Paterson Avenue near Terrill Road. The second incident involved a compact disk player and sweatshirt taken from another vehicle on Paterson Avenue. In the third case, a label maker and sunglasses were taken.

## Recent Home Sales

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Edward E. Wentzheimer, 3rd, to Karen M. Wentzheimer, 3 Cray Terrace, \$136,000.

Ellen C. Langenfeld to Kathleen D. Timmons, 220 Second Street, \$245,000.

Nancy Lee A. Barrett to John P. and Dayna Palmieri, 15 Oak Court, \$222,600.

Anna Ventura to William J. Thiemann, Jr. and Cheryl Thiemann, 371 South Avenue, \$153,500.

Carol Lee Gugliuzzo to Guy M. and Jennifer Ann Kipp, 82 Beech Avenue, \$217,500.

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Noel Sanchez to Kevin Dixon and Michelle Perry, 2404 Richmond Street, \$128,000.

George G. Woody, 3rd to Jean J. and Claire Francoulet, 1181 Raritan Road, \$355,000.

Estate of Dominic Ciuffo to Thomas De Cuollo, 429 Springfield Avenue, \$30,000.

## Farmer's Market to Be Held In Scotch Plains on Saturdays

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Scotch Plains "Jersey Fresh" Farmers Market will be held every Saturday morning through October from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Municipal parking lot next to Town Hall on Park Avenue.

Free parking will be available and all products sold are New Jersey grown or bought from New Jersey farms by the farmers who participate.

The market is in its sixth year and is one of the town activities organized by the Scotch Plains Business & Profes-

sional Association (SPBPA), according to SPBPA President Ray Pardon.

The Scotch Plains Volunteer Fire Department will display their apparatus each week from 10 am until noon.

Mr. Pardon said the SPBPA encourages market shoppers to browse the Scotch Plains Towne Centre when visiting the market.

For more information, please call Mr. Pardon of Nuts n' Plenty at (908) 322-7388.

## Writer, Katherine Balch, Aids Scotch Plains Students

SCOTCH PLAINS- Local writer Katherine Balch has donated time throughout the year to McGinn Elementary School's third grade in Scotch Plains.

During her various visits, Ms. Balch shared with the students the "ins and outs" of writing, and answered their questions about her writing. She then spent time talking with individual classes about their writing projects.

During one visit, Ms. Balch presented a lesson on the skeleton of a story - the gathering of ideas and creating an outline - as well as how to "flesh out" the story with details.

During another visit Ms. Balch focused her attention to what each teacher felt was needed by her students. She discussed the revising process, use of dialogue, as well as being the "editor" for several finished pieces of work.

Ms. Balch's writing credits include "Anna's Tenth Summer" in *Cricket* magazine and additional feature articles in the *Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*, *The Record Press* and *Union County Family*. She has been an editor of the *Metropolitan Museum of Art*, Harper Collins and Harrison Wilson.



BUDDING WRITERS...Local writer Katherine Balch shares the "ins and outs" of writing with Joan Costello's third-grade class at McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains.

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## The Caring Box

The Westfield/Mountainside Chapter of the American Red Cross is collecting "Friendship Boxes" to be given to Kosovo Refugee families as they arrive at Fort Dix. We invite all area residents to participate. When boxes are completed, contact the Red Cross at 232-7090 for drop off instructions. Thank you in advance for your contribution. *A labeled, lidded cardboard shoebox should contain exactly the following:*

<b>Boys:</b>	<b>Girls:</b>	<b>Women:</b>	<b>Men:</b>
Shampoo	Shampoo	Shampoo	Shampoo
Soap	Soap	Soap	Soap
Comb	Brush	Brush	Comb
Washcloth	Washcloth	Washcloth	Washcloth
Toothbrush	Toothbrush	Toothbrush	Toothbrush
Toothpaste	Toothpaste	Toothpaste	Toothpaste
Band-aids	Band-aids	Hand Lotion	Deodorant
Socks	Socks	Deodorant	Razor
Crayons	Crayons	Hygienic Pads	Shaving Cream
Note Pad	Note Pad	<b>Plus 2 or 3 optional:</b>	<b>Plus 2 or 3 optional:</b>
<b>Plus 2 or 3 optional:</b>	<b>Plus 2 or 3 optional:</b>	Note Pad & Pens	Note Pad
Pencils	Pencils	Nail Clippers	Pen
Yo-yo	Sharpener	Hair Pins	Nail Clippers
Jacks	Jump Rope	Nail Polish	After Shave
Rubber Ball	Hand Puppet	Cologne	Handkerchiefs
Picture Books	Cuddle Toy	Handkerchiefs	
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Matchbox Cars	Jacks		
Spinning Tops	Beany Babies		
Sticker Books	Barrettes		

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## Fanwood TV-35 Weekly Schedule

**Thursday, June 24, 7:30 P.M.**  
*Freeholders' Forum*

**Thursday, June 24, 8:00 P.M.**  
*Council Meeting of June 10*

**Saturday, June 26, 8:00 P.M.**  
Fanwood's Nature Center  
Three Seasons in The Sun  
Fanwood Police Auction

**Saturday, June 26, 9:30 P.M.**  
Story of the Aircraft Carrier  
Intrepid - Part I

**Monday, June 28, 8:00 P.M.**  
*COP-TV DARE Poster Contest*

**Monday, June 28, 9:00 P.M.**  
*Memorial Day 1999*

**Wednesday, June 30, 8:00 P.M.**  
Fanwood's Nature Center  
Three Seasons in The Sun  
Fanwood Police Auction

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