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**ON THE GREEN...** Strains of music will soon be heard on the Scotch Plains Village Green, on Park Avenue near the Municipal Building, as the summer music series, sponsored by the Scotch Plains Cultural Arts Committee, begins its 15th year on Thursday, August 18, at 8 p.m. with The Silk City Quartet. These four musicians blend a variety of styles including hard-driving bluegrass, wide-ranging ethnic music, original pieces and timeless audience favorites. Mandolinist Barry Mitterhoff coordinates the group; Daniel Weiss doubles as the singer and guitar picker; Martin Laster plays the fiddle and Lawrence Cohen plays the bass. Spectators are urged to bring chairs or blankets to sit on. In case of rain, the concert will be held in the Town Hall Court Room. For further information, please call the Recreation Department at 322-6700.

## Does Plan Offer Outcome Education? Two Sides See It Very Differently

Further Discussion Seen as Possible at August 22 Meeting

By ELLEN RADIN  
Specially Written for The Times

Controversy over the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Strategic Plan continues, with the debate now centering on whether the plan is Outcome-Based Education, whether there was enough community involvement in the plan and on whether the "action steps" of the plan were approved by the Board of Education at its May 26 meeting.

The Strategic Plan is, according to its own language, a blueprint for the district for the next five years. The plan has sec-

tions labeled "mission," "beliefs," "parameters," "objectives," "strategies," "action plans" and "action steps."

The "action plans" and "action steps" describe particular programs and teaching techniques. The plan was developed over eight months or so during the 1993-1994 academic year. In addition, each year the Superintendent of Schools must present and the board must approve an Implementation Plan for the next school year. The Implementation Plan for 1994-1995 has been approved.

### OUTCOME-BASED EDUCATION

There is no firm definition of exactly what Outcome-Based Education is, or whether any particular teaching technique comes under the heading of Outcome-Based Education. Literature favoring this sort of education and the literature opposing it, however, do say the theory holds that all children can learn given enough time and enough variety of teaching strategies.

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## Representative Franks Seeks Crackdown on Medicare Fraud

Proposes Five-Point Plan to Be Included in Health-Care Legislation

Representative Robert D. Franks, who represents the Seventh Congressional District which includes Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood, said this week an "all-out attack on Medicare fraud and abuse must be included in any health-care reform legislation passed by Congress."

At a press conference at the Kenilworth Senior Citizens Center, Representative Franks said, "Within the next two weeks, the House of Representatives is expected to vote on far-reaching health-care reform legislation that would establish a new federal program known as Medicare Part C. This program would provide health-care coverage to an esti-



Representative Robert D. Franks

mated 50 to 100 million Americans. Before the federal government takes the giant leap of dou-

bling or even tripling the Medicare program, it must be prepared to wage an all-out attack on fraud and abuse."

"Medicare, which now services 35 million Americans and accounts for 15 per cent of all the money spent on health care in the United States, has been plagued by a widespread and ever-increasing problem that is costing American taxpayers billions of dollars every year, fraud and abuse. The Government Accounting Office estimates that 10 per cent of all Medicare costs, or \$15 billion a year, are being ripped off by greedy health-care providers who have found some ingenious ways to illegally profit from the system," he said.

"With over 600 million claims to process a year, and a complex administrative structure involving more than 80 separate contractors processing and paying claims, Medicare is extremely vulnerable to fraud and abuse. It leaves the door wide open for overbilling, charging for services never rendered, providing inferior products to patients, paying kickbacks, over-utilization of supplies and duplicate billing," he said.

"It's essential that any expansion of the federal government's role under health-care reform include a tough and comprehensive program to combat waste, fraud

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### Counterfeit Bills Received by Township

The Scotch Plains Police has reported that 12 counterfeit bills have been received in the office of the township Tax Collector.

Police said the bills were mostly in the form of \$100 and \$50 dollar bills. In addition, several counterfeit \$20 bills have been received.

"Local businesses should check any large bills closely prior to accepting them," police warned this week.

## HELEN STREET RENOVATION PROJECT ADVANCES Borough Councilmen Considering Law to Allow for the Obtaining Of the Names of Convicted Molesters

Ard Appraisal Company of Clark Hired to Survey Dean Oil Site  
And Watson Road Location as Possible Senior Housing Areas

By GLENN R. KAPLINSKY  
Specially Written for The Times

The Helen Street renovation project, a possible borough law allowing for the obtaining of the names of convicted child molesters and paying for a survey for a potential site for a senior citizens housing project occupied the Fanwood Council when it met in the Borough Hall on August 3.

Council President Maryanne Connelly presided in the absence of Mayor Linda d. Stender. Councilman Donald S. Kolterjahn was also absent and Councilman Louis C. Jung arrived as the meeting was adjourned.

Borough Engineer Richard Marsden updated the council on the Helen Street renovation project. Meetings were held with concerned residents of Helen Street and Second Street on July 8 and 14 respectively. This two-block area will be affected. The borough is proposing that Helen Street be widened and sidewalks installed on both sides of the street. Mr. Marsden attended the meetings along with Mrs. Connelly.

Some residents oppose the plan to install sidewalks on both sides of Helen Street, which has been amended to include an island opposite Mindy Street in an effort to reduce a seeding problem which, according to residents, has existed since 1991.

The Borough Engineer continues to recommend the two sidewalk approach. Councilman Bruce Walsh suggested a survey be taken of Helen Street residents on the sidewalk question. Mr. Marsden reminded the council that "we are operating under time constraints from the State Department of Transportation."

In a letter dated July 14, Helen Street residents, Gregory Cummings, David Diken and Michael O'Connor, urged the council to address the speeding problem on Helen Street by building a traffic island and installing stop signs at Coriell Avenue. They recommended the 25-mile-per-hour speed limit be strictly enforced. "We would like to pursue the decertification of Helen Street as a through roadway with the New Jersey Department of Transportation."

Councilman Kevin McGonigle urged passage by a resolution which would enable the Chief of Police and Police Department to obtain the names and addresses of convicted sex offenders who live within the community. In this Councilman McGonigle was

joined by Councilman Andrew J. McDonald.

Mr. McDonald would go even further, since, he felt, the names and addresses should be available to anyone stating "these people pose a threat to the community at large and people have a right to know."

Mr. McDonald would not limit publication solely to convicted sex offenders but to "anyone in a halfway house."

Any resolution passed would

be sent to the State Legislative for its consideration. Borough Attorney Dennis Estis will look into the matter, saying, "While I understand the council's concern, we must not do anything not in accordance with the First Amendment and the right to privacy."

New Jersey has been rethinking its sexual offender laws and policies in the wake of 7-year-old Megan Kanka's murder on July 29 by a neighbor who was a con-

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**A TOUCH OF NATURE...** The Friends of the Fanwood Library recently sponsored "A Touch of Nature" to the delight of over 100 young residents. The children touched a dove, lizards, snakes, a tarantula, an alligator and a baby mouse no bigger than a finger tip. This was a return engagement for Jerry Zelenka.

## General Motors Donates Car for Use in Schools

Gift Is Part of 21-Year Program by Manufacturer

The Automotive Technology Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains has received a new 1993 Chevrolet Caprice, a donation from the Automotive Division of General Motors.

According to Paul Daly, Area Service Manager for General Motors, the contribution was made so the students would have the opportunity to become familiar with the latest in automotive technology.

The vehicle was presented to the Schools by Mr. Daly at Barnes Chevrolet in Summit. Accepting for the schools were Mrs. Gail Iammatteo, President of the Board of Education, and Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, Su-

perintendent.

In the past 21 years, General Motors has been providing educational institutions with a variety of cars and trucks, not suitable for sale, to be used in vocation and education programs. The donations also include engines, transmissions, tools and various major automotive components used for testing or design development.

Last year, the County Vocational-Technical Schools were the recipients of seven vehicles through the courtesy of General Motors.

The Automotive Technology Program at the schools has been cited for its quality and depth of instruction. A year ago, the schools became at the time the only one of their kind to offer the Automotive Service Excellence Certified Automotive Technology course and to be chosen as an official testing site.

The course prepares students for the Automotive Service Excellence Certification examinations.

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**THANK YOU, GENERAL MOTORS...** Mrs. Gail Iammatteo, President of the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools Board of Education, is shown behind the wheel of a new 1993 Chevrolet Caprice. The vehicle was donated to the schools in Scotch Plains by the Automotive Division of General Motors. It will be used by students in the Automotive Technology Program in becoming familiar with the latest in automotive construction, design and techniques. Making the presentation at Barnes Chevrolet in Summit was Paul Daly, left, Area Service Manager for General Motors. Joining in accepting the vehicle for the schools was Dr. Thomas J. Bistocchi, Superintendent.

### DEADLINES HELP PAPERS SERVE YOU

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Leader releases also may be mailed to Post Office Box 250, Westfield, 07091, and Times releases to Post Office Box 368, Scotch Plains, 07076, to meet the above requirements.

For events which happen the week-end prior to publication, press releases should reach the Editor by Monday of the week of publication at 10 a.m.

Obituaries will be taken until Tuesday at 5 p.m.

For events which are planned weeks or months in advance, we encourage submission of stories as early as possible prior to the event.

The above deadlines are meant to enable us to prepare your copy carefully.



**HE WAN THERE...** Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Grzankowski of Scotch Plains were among the 1,200 veterans and their families who participated in the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Guam during World War II. Mr. Grzankowski, who served with the 3rd Marine Division, was part of the United States amphibious force which invaded the island on July 21, 1944. The liberation returned Guam to the United States, ending two and a half years of occupation. Strategically located in the Western Pacific, Guam served as an essential base for American forces from its liberation until the war's end in 1945. It continues to provide important facilities for the United States military. When the invading forces landed on Guam, they found an island devastated by war. The veterans who returned for the commemoration saw a very different place. Today, Guam — with its beaches, hotels and multi-cultural character — is a popular visitor destination for vacationers from around the world. The week's events included memorial services, the dedication of monuments, a three-hour parade and fireworks. However, the highlights for most of the returning liberators were the opportunity to visit the places where they had fought 50 years ago and the warm reception they received from the grateful people of Guam.